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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PROSTITUTION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the current language
2 used to describe the offense of advancing prostitution is overly
3 broad. The purpose of this Act is to clarify that a person
4 advancing prostitution includes persons who harm or abuse a
5 prostitute but not persons offering help or assistance to
6 prostitutes facing harm or danger while engaging in
7 prostitution.

8 SECTION 2. Section 712-1201, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended by amending subsection (1) to read as follows:

10 "(1) A person "advances prostitution" if, acting other
11 than as a prostitute or a patron of a prostitute, the person
12 knowingly causes or aids a person to commit or engage in
13 prostitution, procures or solicits patrons for prostitution,
14 provides persons for prostitution purposes, permits premises to
15 be regularly used for prostitution purposes, operates or assists
16 in the operation of a house of prostitution or a prostitution
17 enterprise, or engages in any other conduct that is harmful or



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1 abusive to a prostitute and designed to institute, aid, or
2 facilitate an act or enterprise of prostitution. A person shall
3 not be deemed to be "advancing prostitution" if the person
4 assists or offers to assist a prostitute who is being subjected
5 to harm or abuse from another person."

6 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Prostitution; Harm; Abuse

Description:

Clarifies what constitutes "advancing prostitution".

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