

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2613

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 13 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2846

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 2846 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SEX TRAFFICKING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to remove the statute of limitations for sex trafficking offenses.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Attorney General, Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women, Honolulu Police Department, IMUAlliance, and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that there is no statute of limitations for sexual assault of a minor, yet sex trafficking of a minor cannot be prosecuted after six years. Your Committee also finds that there is no statute of limitation for sexual assault of an adult by strong compulsion, but sex trafficking of an adult by forcing the person to engage in prostitution cannot be prosecuted after six years.

Your Committee notes that federal trafficking law, section 1591 of Title 18 of the United States Code, criminalizing sex trafficking by force, fraud, coercion, or sex trafficking of a minor, does not have a statute of limitation. Your Committee recognizes that by removing the statute of limitations, this allows the victims time to receive trauma counseling or services



to develop the strength and courage to understand and address the trauma of their abuse with a person of authority.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2846 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services,

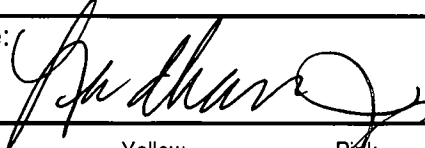


RUSSELL E. RUDERMAN, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Human Services
HMS

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2846	Committee Referral: HMS, JDC	Date: 2.10.2020		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (C)	✓			
RHOADS, Karl (VC)				✓
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
TOTAL	3			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes