

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

372

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 2021

RE: S.B. No. 1347

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Education and Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 1347 entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Department of Education to offer training for teachers, educational officers, and school-based behavioral health specialists on sex trafficking prevention and response.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney for the City and County of Honolulu, Hawaii State Teachers Association, Democratic Party of Hawai'i Hawaiian Affairs Caucus, Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus, Imua Alliance, Susannah Wesley Community Center, Pacific Survivor Center, Hawaii Association of School Psychologists, and six individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from Harm Reduction Hawaii. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

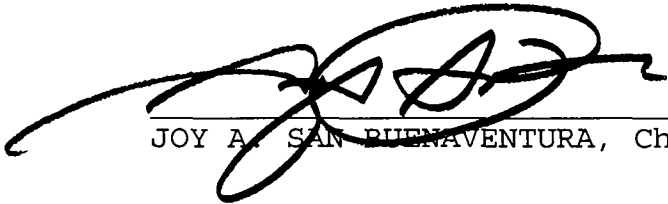
Your Committees find that sexual violence is a serious and ongoing threat to the safety, health, and well-being of children and young people in Hawaii. Recognizing and identifying indicators, such as social isolation, removal from the home, and cultivation of dependency, are key in providing greater protection for children who are being exploited or who may be at risk for



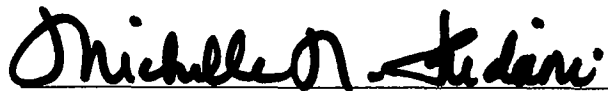
future sexual exploitation. Because of the amount of time students spend at school, sexual abuse and sex trafficking prevention training for educators and other school staff can facilitate interventions with students who may be at risk of sex trafficking or exploitation or experiencing sexual abuse. This measure will assist teachers and educational officers with resources to better protect Hawaii's children and young people from sexual abuse and sex trafficking throughout the State.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Education and Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1347 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Education and
Human Services,



JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair




MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Education
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 1347	EDU/HMS, JDC	02/12/2021		
<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"/> Reccommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado (VC)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	/			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	5			
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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