
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE RIGHT TO EXIT THE SEX TRADE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to establish within
2 the department of human services a one-year pilot program to
3 provide a basic monthly income of \$2,000 for a period of up to
4 one year to qualified adults who are verified victims of sex
5 trafficking and are seeking to exit the sex trade.

6 SECTION 2. (a) There is established within the department
7 of human services a one-year pilot program to provide a basic
8 income to qualified adults who are verified victims of sex
9 trafficking and are seeking to exit the sex trade.

10 (b) The department shall administer the pilot program in
11 the following manner:

12 (1) The target number of program participants shall be two
13 hundred fifty;

14 (2) An applicant shall:

15 (A) Be a Hawaii resident who is eighteen years of age
16 or older;



1 (B) Demonstrate the status as a victim of sex
2 trafficking seeking to exit the sex trade; and
3 (C) Provide documentation, from a nonprofit
4 organization, community-based program, or other
5 organization that provides housing, shelter,
6 education, substance abuse counseling, or support
7 for victims of sex trafficking or prostitution,
8 that attests to the applicant's status in
9 subparagraph (B); and

10 (3) The personal information of applicants and program
11 participants, including name, age, date of birth, and
12 contact information, shall be kept confidential within
13 the department and shall not be disclosed to any
14 member of the public.

15 (c) Applicants shall not be required to seek employment or
16 further education to be eligible to participate in the pilot
17 program.

18 (d) The department shall provide to each qualified
19 applicant a basic monthly income of \$2,000 for a period of up to
20 one year; provided that the basic monthly income provided by the
21 pilot program shall be exempt from state income taxes and, to



1 the extent permissible under federal law, shall be exempt from
2 being considered income for the purposes of determining
3 eligibility and benefit amounts under relevant public
4 assistance, social services, and financial aid programs.

5 (e) The pilot program shall terminate after one year of
6 operation.

7 (f) The department shall submit a report of its findings
8 and recommendations relating to the pilot program established
9 pursuant to this Act, including any proposed legislation, to the
10 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
11 the regular session of 2023.

12 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$6,000,000 or so much
14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 to
15 administer and fund the pilot program established by section 2
16 of this Act.

17 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
18 human services for the purposes of this Act.

19 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on December 31,
20 2050.



Report Title:

Prostitution; Sex Trafficking; Victims; Basic Income; Pilot Program; DHS; Report; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes within the Department of Human Services a one-year pilot program to provide a basic monthly income of \$2,000 for a period of up to one year to qualified adults who are verified victims of sex trafficking and are seeking to exit the sex trade. Requires report to the Legislature before Regular Session of 2023. Appropriates funds. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD1)

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