Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 11 , 2022

RE: H.B. No. 1777

H.D. 1 "

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-First State Legislature Regular Session of 2022 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1777 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require and appropriate funds for the Department of the Attorney General to provide annual reports to the Legislature on specified data pertaining to the commercial sexual exploitation of children.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women, Hawaii Youth Services Network, The Sex Abuse Treatment Center, and four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance, Department of Human Services, and Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that children, particularly foster, runaway, LGBTQ+, immigrant, and undocumented children and children suffering from mental illnesses and substance abuse issues, are vulnerable to sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation. This measure will help assess the scope of the problem and improve the State's response.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the report must contain available data, rather than specific data, from entities that collect and are willing to provide data pertaining to the commercial sexual exploitation of children to the Department of the Attorney General;
- (2) Clarifying that entities are encouraged but not required to collect specific data for the report; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1777, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1777, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs,

MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair

## State of Hawaii



## Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1777	Committee Referral: JHA, FIN		Date: 2-3-22		
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to:  Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD)  Hold  Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)					
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused	
1. NAKASHIMA, Mark M. (C)					
2. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z. (VC)	V-				
3. ICHIYAMA, Linda					
4. KOBAYASHI, Dale T.					
5. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.			<u> </u>		
6. LOWEN, Nicole E.					
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.					
8. NAKAMURA, Nadine K.					
9. TAKUMI, Roy M.					
10. TODD, Chris					
11. TOKIOKA, James Kunane					
12. WARD, Gene			elabera af europea e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e		
TOTAL (40)	a	K	h	7	
The recommendation is:  Adopted  If joint referral,					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:					
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