STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1664-22

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 01 ' 2022

RE: H.R. No. 137 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 Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, to which was referred H.R. No. 137 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO ESTABLISH OR CONTRACT WITH A VICTIM SERVICE PROVIDER TO MAINTAIN AN EMERGENCY SHELTER FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE SURVIVORS OF SEX TRAFFICKING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Human Services to establish or contract with a victim service provider to operate and maintain an emergency shelter for children who are survivors of sex trafficking.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that although Hawaii provides services for young victims of sex trafficking, neither the assessment center and shelter located at the Kawailoa Youth and Family Wellness Center nor the residential treatment program operated by Hoʻōla Nā Pua serve as an emergency shelter for child survivors of sex trafficking. Your Committee further finds that the only emergency shelter for child survivors of sex trafficking in the State temporarily ceased its operations in 2021 because of unexpected budget shortfalls. This measure improves the State's

effectiveness in responding to sexual exploitation of children by urging the Department of Human Services to establish or contract with a victim service provider to operate and maintain an emergency shelter for child survivors of sex trafficking.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Making a technical amendment to its title; and
- (2) 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 Health, Human Services, & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 137, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 137, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness,

RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair

## State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-first Legislature

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## Record of Votes of the Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date:	-
HR 137	HHH	03-29-2022	
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)			
HHH Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays Excused
1. YAMANE, Ryan I. (C)			
2. TAM, Adrian K. (VC)			
3. GATES, Cedric Asuega			
4. HAR, Sharon E.			
5 VADELA Januar			
5. KAPELA, Jeanne			
6. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.			
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7. WARD, Gene			
TOTAL (7)	7		
The recommendation is:  Adopted  If joint referral,  complittee acronym(s)  Not Adopted  did not support recommendation.			
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:			
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