STAND. COM. REP. NO. 34

Honolulu, Hawaii FEB 0 8 2021

S.B. No. 409 RE:

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 409 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

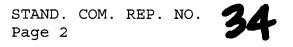
The purpose and intent of this measure is to expressly include "coercion" as a means by which to advance prostitution in the commission of the offense of sex trafficking.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Attorney General, Maui Police Department, City and County of Honolulu Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, IMUAlliance, The Sex Abuse Treatment Center, and six individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Public Defender.

Your Committee finds that the use of coercion is a common factor in sex trafficking, which is on the increase throughout the This measure provides an expanded definition of State. "coercion", which will provide additional means for law enforcement to protect victims and hold traffickers accountable. Your Committee also finds that adding "coercion" to the statute reflects the realistic means by which traffickers compel victims into prostitution.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your





Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 409 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,

JOY A Chair ENTURA,



The Senate Thirty-First Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

Record of Votes Committee on Human Services HMS

	Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:			Date:		
	SB 409	HMS, JDC			02/02/2021		
	The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: The Recommendation is:						
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	Members		Aye	Aye (WR) Nay	Excused	
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