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March 21, 2022

TO: The Honorable Representative Mark M. Nakashima, Chair
Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs

FROM: Cathy Betts, Director

SUBJECT: **SB1347 SD1 HD1 – RELATING TO SEX TRAFFICKING PREVENTION.**

Hearing: March 22, 2022, 2:00 p.m.
Via Videoconference

POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the intent of this measure and defers to the Department of Education.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the bill allows the department of education to offer training for teachers, educational officers, school-based behavioral health specialists, security, custodial, and support staff on sex trafficking prevention and response. Effective 7/1/2051. (HD1)

The SD1 amended the measure by,

- (1) Clarifying that school-based personnel including security, custodial, and support staff shall also receive training on sex trafficking prevention and response;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 30, 2075, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

The HD1 amended the measure by

- (1) Authorizing, rather than requiring, the Department of Education to offer training to teachers and school staff on how to prevent and respond to potential cases of sex trafficking;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2051; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Act 16, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017, revised Hawaii's child abuse definition to include cases of sex trafficking and trafficking in persons as required by the federal Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015 (P.L. 114-22). From 6/9/2017 – 3/31/2021, DHS received 318 reports of trafficking. The majority of the human trafficking cases reported to CWS are on Oahu. The average age of the human trafficking victim is 16 years old, and 93% of the identified victims are female.

DHS supports efforts to increase education and training about human trafficking. DHS will work with the Department of Education and community providers to continue training and outreach efforts. Since May 2017, DHS co-chaired the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) Committee with the Family Court of the First Circuit. In collaboration, members have increased training in identifying and reporting suspected trafficking. With training and improved communication, DHS and community partners successfully recovered trafficking victims with state and federal law enforcement.

During these pandemic years, DHS has conducted virtual training and, with additional resources, will work with partners to develop online content.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



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Date: 03/22/2022

Time: 02:00 PM

Location: 325 Via Videoconference

Committee: House Judiciary & Hawaiian
Affairs

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Keith T. Hayashi, Interim Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 1347, SD1, HD1 RELATING TO SEX TRAFFICKING
PREVENTION.

Purpose of Bill: Allows the department of education to offer training for teachers, educational officers, school-based behavioral health specialists, security, custodial, and support staff on sex trafficking prevention and response. Effective 7/1/2051. (HD1)

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) supports the intent of SB 1347, SD1, HD1 and is a staunch advocate of preventing sexual exploitation and sex trafficking through our work with state partners and community organizations. The Department appreciates amendments made to HD1 that authorizes rather than mandates the Department to provide training. However, as the Department already provides training and resources for sex trafficking prevention and response, we do not feel that legislation is necessary at this time.

The purpose of the bill is aligned with the Department's existing efforts to disseminate information about sexual abuse and sex trafficking prevention and provide training that supports the health and welfare of all students.

Currently, the Department collaborates with the Susannah Wesley Community Center, Pacific Survivor Center, and Ho Ola Na Pua to deliver sex trafficking prevention and response education, resources, activities, strategies and workshops to students, faculty, complex area staff, and school communities. Commercially Sexually Exploited Children training/programming has been delivered at numerous middle/intermediate and high schools, complex areas, and district offices throughout the state with the goal of

delivering training and programming to all middle/intermediate and high schools. Although in-person program delivery has been disrupted as a result of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 pandemic, virtual programming continues to grow and in-person training will resume.

The Hawaii State Department of Human Services Child Welfare Services Program Development Office offers training to Department schools regarding mandatory reporting of suspected child abuse in addition to the Department's mandatory reporter training at the beginning of each school year.

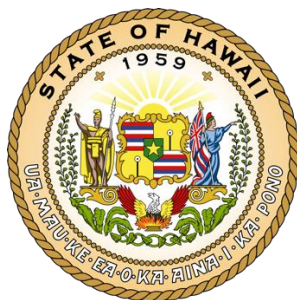
The Department participates in the Sexual Violence Prevention working group, a public/private sector group of community and child-serving organizations, which is convened to discuss issues around sexual violence prevention in Department school communities. This group includes membership from the following organizations:

- Sex Abuse Treatment Center at Kapiolani Medical Center;
- Pacific Survivor Center;
- Young Women's Christian Association;
- Hawaii Youth Services Network;
- Catholic Charities Hawaii;
- Hawaii State Department of Health;
- Hawaii State Department of Human Services; and
- Hawaii State Department of the Attorney General.

These agencies offer developmentally appropriate sexual violence prevention resources which may include information, counseling, consultation services, educational sessions, training and workshops for students, parent(s)/legal guardian(s), Department staff, and the community. The working group developed an online resource repository, "Sexual Violence Prevention Resource for Schools," that is easily accessible and houses sexual violence prevention resources and supports for schools and school communities (<https://sites.google.com/k12.hi.us/hidoe-svp>).

The Department is also a member of the Hawaii State Commercially Sexually Exploited Children Steering Committee, Inter agency Advisory Council, The Hawaii Children's Trust Fund, and numerous other groups focused on child safety. The Department remains committed to its ongoing collaborative partnerships to provide sex trafficking prevention and response training to employees and does not feel legislation is necessary to accomplish this goal. With the restoration of the funding for positions and basic services that were reduced for fiscal year 2023 due to the impact of COVID-19 and the stabilization of funding, the Department will continue to enhance its work in ensuring the safety and well-being of all students.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.



‘O kēia ‘ōlelo hō’ike no ke
Komikina Kūlana Olakino o Nā Wāhine

Testimony on behalf of the
Hawai‘i State Commission on the Status of Women

Prepared for the H. Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs

In Support of S.B.1347

Dear Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Matayoshi, and Honorable Members:

The Hawai‘i State Commission on the Status of Women strongly supports S.B. 1347, S.D. 2, H.D.1, which allows the department of education to offer training for teachers, educational officers, school-based behavioral health specialists, security, custodial, and support staff on sex trafficking prevention and response.

The end to sex trafficking begin in our schools.

A 2019 study that focused on learning from sex trafficking victims in Hawai‘i how their trafficking happens found that 41% of victims were in special education school programs. In addition, 72% of victims were suspended or expelled from school. Clearly, educators and administrators are a key point of intervention in sex trafficking and arguably spend more time with victims and potential victims than any other sector.

Accordingly, we ask that this Committee pass S.B. 1347, S.D. 2, H.D.1.

Mahalo,

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Thirty-first State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawai'i

March 22, 2022

RE: S.B. 1347, S.D. 1, H.D. 1; RELATING TO SEX TRAFFICKING PREVENTION.

Chair Nakashima, Vice-Chair Matayoshi and members of the House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu ("Department") submits the following testimony in support of S.B. 1347, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

The purpose of S.B. 1347, S.D. 1, H.D. 1 is to require training--regarding sex trafficking prevention--for various personnel within the Department of Education. By equipping our school staff and faculty to better identify and understand sex trafficking and sexual violence, they ultimately become better guides to assist and empower Hawaii's students. The proposed training would include strategies for identification and prevention, trauma-informed responses to victims, and information about available resources and service providers for victims.

The Department strongly agrees that commercial sexual exploitation of children ("CSEC") is a dire problem in Hawaii, which could be better addressed by increased awareness and training within our State's various agencies. While the Department defers to our local educators and community advocates regarding the specific details of the training program, we do welcome any opportunity for discussion or participation in multiagency efforts to address this serious problem. Our Department also has victim witness counselors who specialize in assisting victims of sex trafficking or CSEC, who are available to provide input as needed.

For all the reasons above, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu supports the passage of S.B. 1347, S.D. 1, H.D. 1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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Salvation Army Family

Intervention Services

Sex Abuse Treatment Center

Susannah Wesley Community

Center

The Catalyst Group

March 18, 2022

To: Representative Mark Nakashima, Chair,
And members of the Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 1347 SD 1 HD 1 RELATED TO SEX TRAFFICKING PREVENTION

Hawaii Youth Services Network, a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, support SB 1347 SD 1 HD 1 Related to Sex Trafficking Prevention.

At the 2022 Hawaii Children and Youth Summit, training for teachers on sex trafficking prevention and recognition was one of the top five recommendations for legislative action.

Youth and young adults are targeted for recruitment into sexual exploitation, including prostitution, exotic massage, erotic dancing, and more. Young people are enticed with through seduction, promises of easy work for big pay, and even sold to pimps by family members.

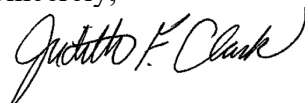
When children and youth have problems, teachers and other school personnel are often the trusted adults to whom they turn for help. School personnel are the number one reporters of child abuse and neglect according to the Hawaii Dept. of Human Services.

Teachers need training to recognize signs of sexual exploitation and know how to respond appropriately.

Please honor the voice of Hawaii's youth by addressing their concerns about sex trafficking.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY &
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

RE: SB 1347, SD1, HD1 - RELATING TO SEX TRAFFICKING PREVENTION

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022

OSA TUI, JR., PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Nakashima, and Members of the Committee:

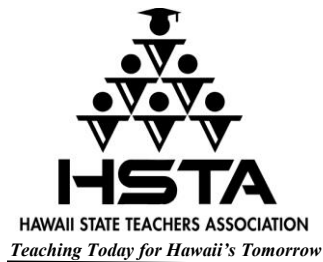
The Hawaii State Teachers Association **supports SB 1347, SD1, HD1**, relating to sex trafficking prevention. This bill allows the department of education to offer training for teachers, educational officers, school-based behavioral health specialists, security, custodial, and support staff on sex trafficking prevention and response.

Schools are, perhaps, the main social institution outside of the family in which children have constant contact with adults and their peers. It is an optimal place, then, to identify children in danger of sexual maltreatment.

Teachers are naturally empathetic toward their students. Yet, studies have shown that up to 81 percent of teachers receive little pre-service information about abuse and neglect and only 66 percent have been given in-service (on the job) information. While programs currently exist to train teachers and staff in handling sexual trauma that often accompanies abuse and neglect, implementation of these programs is woefully inconsistent.

It is important for teachers to be informed on how to prevent sexual trauma and handle related incidents on campus. At a time when the number of sex trafficking victims being identified in our state's childcare and education systems is on the rise, sex abuse prevention lessons are especially crucial to combat student exploitation and effectively implement new protocols coordinated by the Hawaii Department of Education, Department of Human Service's Child Welfare System, and Family Courts.

Sex trafficking is differentially defined as the use of "force, fraud, or coercion" to compel someone into the commercial sex trade. Public school students—or children who should be in school, but are instead sexually enslaved—can and have been found



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working as prostitutes at local massage parlors, strip clubs, hostess bars, and the streets of high-risk areas, and are advertised daily on websites like Backpage.com.

The average age of a victim's entry into sexual exploitation is in the early to middle teenage years, with vulnerability to exploitation heightened by prior traumatic incidents, including physical, emotional, or sexual abuse. Since schools are primary gathering locations for children, they are also targets for pimps, johns, and traffickers, so much so that in 2011, lawmakers added the crime of "solicitation of prostitution near schools or public parks" (HRS 712-1209) to our criminal code. As we increase departmental capacity for intervening in cases sexual abuse, so must we safeguard against the related crime of sex trafficking and provide educators with the tools needed to provide trauma-informed care in their classrooms.

To protect our keiki from sexual abuse, exploitation, and sex trafficking, the Hawaii State Teachers Association asks your committee to **support** this bill.

SB-1347-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2022 9:06:50 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/22/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alec Marentic	Hawai'i Association of School Psychologists	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

HASP supports the intent of this bill.

TESTIMONY

Harm Reduction Hawaii
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RE: SB1347, HD 1 to be heard on Tuesday, March 22, at 2:00PM, in room 325 and by video conference

Comments

To the House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

We support the HD 1, that changed this bill from a mandate to an authorization. However, **the bill remains unnecessary** since the DOE has already adopted a plan and the trainings have been ongoing for some time.

I understand the desire of legislators, and the many testifiers who will support this, to show they support sex trafficking prevention for our youth. No one is against it. However, it should be left to the DOE and local NGO's to put together the best possible approach with a minimum of political interference.

In discussions with the DOE, and one of the current service providers, I have found **critically important people have not been involved in, or even aware of, the trainings now going on**. I have been told, but have no conformation, that there were objections to some aspects of this from principals and parents in various parts of the state. I don't believe the legislature is aware of these facts.

The drafting and proposing of this bill does not seem to have included the DOE or any of the stakeholders involved. Harm Reduction Hawaii is now attempting to resolve these problems so that the best result can be achieved.

The first section of the preamble is problematic as it asserts the validity of a highly dubious report issued by the HSCSW and ASU.

Very Truly Yours;



Tracy Ryan
Executive Director, Harm Reduction Hawaii
March 20, 2022

cc. DOE
cc. The YO Project
cc. UH Professor Meda Chesney-Lind



H a w a i i
Children's Action Network Speaks!
Building a unified voice for Hawaii's children

Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks! is a nonpartisan 501c4 nonprofit committed to advocating for children and their families. Our core issues are safety, health, and education.

To: House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Re: **SB 1347, SD1, HD1 - Relating to Sex Trafficking Prevention**
Hawai'i State Capitol, via Videoconference, Conference Room 325
March 22, 2022, 2:00 PM

Dear Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Matayoshi, and Committee Members,

On behalf of Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!, I am submitting COMMENTS on SB 1347, SD1, HD1 relating to sex trafficking prevention. This bill would allow the department of education (DOE) to offer training for teachers, educational officers, and school-based behavioral health specialists, security, custodial, and support staff on sex trafficking prevention and response.

At the most recent Hawaii Children and Youth Summit,¹ the participating youth from across the state proposed and chose training for teachers and school personnel on sex trafficking prevention as one of their top five recommendations for legislative action in 2022. During the summit, the youth expressed their concerns that they are targeted for recruitment into sexual exploitation, and that they are often enticed with false promises or through family members.

School personnel are among the mandated reporters of child abuse and neglect in Hawaii,² but they need training to recognize signs of sexual trafficking and learn how to respond appropriately. That's why a strong bill is needed.

The original version of this bill would ensure that our children and youth are better protected from sex trafficking. However, the amendments in the current version significantly undermine the bill's effectiveness. **Therefore, we respectfully request that you restore this bill's prior language**, specifically to **require**, rather than allow, the DOE to offer sex trafficking prevention and response training.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide this testimony. Please strengthen this bill.

Thank you,
Nicole Woo, Director of Research and Economic Policy

¹ <https://www.hawaiicys.org/>

² <https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/ssd/files/2021/03/GUIDE-FOR-MANDATED-REPORTERS-Rev.-12-2-2020-new-logo-final0021.pdf>



SENATE BILL 1347, SD 1, HD 1, RELATING TO SEX TRAFFICKING PREVENTION

MARCH 22, 2022 · HOUSE JUDICIARY AND
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE · CHAIR REP.
MARK NAKASHIMA

POSITION: Support.

RATIONALE: The Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus **supports SB 1347, SD 1, HD 1**, relating to sex trafficking prevention, which allows the Department of Education to offer training for teachers, educational officers, school-based behavioral health specialists, security, custodial, and support staff on sex trafficking prevention and response.

Sex trafficking is a profoundly violent crime. At least 23 percent of trafficking victims in Hawai'i report being first exploited before turning 18, according to a recent report, with the average age of trafficked keiki's initial exposure to exploitation being 11. Based on regular outreach and monitoring, Imua Alliance, a nonprofit victim service provider for survivors of sex trafficking and sexual violence, estimates that approximately 150 high-risk sex trafficking establishments operate in Hawai'i. In a recent report conducted by the State Commission on the Status of Women, researchers from Arizona State University found that 1 in every 11 adult males living in our state buys sex online. When visitors are also counted, that number worsens to 1 in every 7 men walking the streets of our island home and a daily online sex buyer market of 18,614 for O'ahu and a total sex buyer population for the island of 74,362, including both tourists and residents.

ASU's findings are grim, but not surprising to local organizations that provide services to survivors of sex trafficking. More than 80 percent of runaway youth report being approached for sexual exploitation while on the run, over 30 percent of whom are targeted within the first 48 hours of leaving home. With regard to mental health, sex trafficking victims are twice as likely to suffer from PTSD as a soldier in a war zone. Greater than 80 percent of victims report being repeatedly raped and 95 percent report being physically assaulted, numbers that are underreported, according to the United States Department of State and numerous trauma specialists, because of the inability of many victims to recognize sexual violence. As one underage survivor told Imua Alliance prior to being rescued, "I can't be raped. Only good girls can be raped. I'm a bad girl. If I *want* to be raped, I have to *earn* it."

Accordingly, we support measures to advance our state's ability to stop sexual slavery, including this measure's effort to increase school-based sex trafficking prevention by requiring the DOE to offer trauma-informed training to school staff about sexual exploitation. **The training called for by this measure could be performed by victim service providers, moreover, many of whom would gladly provide the training at no charge to the department.**

We note that the training criteria called for in section 2 of this measure are evidence-based, informed by best practices, and encapsulate key elements of trauma prevention that experts believe are important components of any modern trauma prevention program, such as the impact of trauma on different genders, sexual orientations, and racial demographics, and an emphasis on enthusiastic consent, along with strategies to provide a trauma-informed response when students are identified as being victims or at risk of exploitation. Given that school communities are often targeted by traffickers and are places in which behavioral changes caused by sexual violence in children are likely to be observed, it is critical that we provide adequate training to school personnel to ensure that our keiki are safe from sexual servitude.

Slavery has no place in paradise. Together, we can end exploitation on our shores.

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SB 1347, SD 1, HD 1, RELATING TO SEX TRAFFICKING PREVENTION

MARCH 22, 2022 · HOUSE JUDICIARY AND
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE · CHAIR REP.
MARK NAKASHIMA

POSITION: Strong support.

RATIONALE: Imua Alliance **strongly supports SB 1347, SD 1, HD 1**, relating to sex trafficking prevention, which allows the Department of Education to offer training for teachers, educational officers, school-based behavioral health specialists, security, custodial, and support staff on sex trafficking prevention and response.

Imua Alliance is one of the state's largest victim service providers for survivors of sex trafficking. Over the past 10 years, we have provided comprehensive direct intervention (victim rescue) services to 160 victims, successfully emancipating them from slavery and assisting in their restoration, while providing a range of targeted services to over 1,000 victims and individuals at risk of sexual exploitation. **During the pandemic, demand for victim services to our organization has skyrocketed by 330 percent, driven in part by a fivefold increase in direct crisis calls from potential trafficking victims.**

We are also a leading provider of anti-sexual-exploitation education, teaching over 10,000 students each year about the perils of sex trafficking and the commercial sex trade. **When we provide anti-trafficking instruction in the Department of Education schools, students report that themselves or someone they know are being or at risk of being trafficking at a 2:1 ratio—two victims for every class we teach.** Teachers, in turn, frequently request

information and assistance in meeting the needs of traumatized students and preventing their children from being ensnared by our state's prolific slave trade.

Each of the victims we have assisted has suffered from complex and overlapping trauma, including post-traumatic stress disorder, depression and anxiety, dissociation, parasuicidal behavior, and substance abuse. Trafficking-related trauma can lead to a complete loss of identity. A victim we cared for in 2016, for example, had become so heavily trauma bonded to her pimp that while under his grasp, she couldn't remember her own name. Yet, sadly, many of the victims with whom we work are misidentified as so-called "voluntary prostitutes" and are subsequently arrested and incarcerated, with no financial resources from which to pay for their release.

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SB-1347-HD-1

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Testimony for JHA on 3/22/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ashley Galacgac	AF3IRM Hawaii	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Pass SB1347. Children who have been victims of sex trafficking deserve more. Train DOE Staff to identify and protect, not punish sex trafficking victims. DOE staff play a vital role in the intervention and education to stop the violence of sex trafficking in our communities.

SB-1347-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2022 3:22:31 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/22/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dana Keawe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support

Written Testimony to
the House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs
in support of SB1347 SD1 HD1, relating to Sex Trafficking Prevention

Akiko Tamura

March 22nd, 2022. 2PM, House Conference Room 325 & Videoconference.

In Support of SB1347 SD1 HD1

Dear Chair Rep. Nakashima, Vice-Chair Rep. Matayoshi, and the members of the Committee,

My name is Akiko Tamura, a concerned citizen residing in Honolulu, Hawaii. I'm also a graduate student at UH Manoa, MSW (Master's of Social Work) program. I appreciate the opportunity to submit this testimony in favor of SB1347 SD1 HD1, which allows the department of education to offer training for teachers, educational officers, school-based behavioral health specialists, security, custodial, and support staff on sex trafficking prevention and response.

I strongly support SB1347 SD1 HD1 because this bill will allow educators and school staff in Hawaii to have the sense of urgency that children around us are sexually exploited and the knowledge base of how to prevent and respond the sexual trafficking cases with a trauma-informed approach in a safe manner.

According to Sex Trafficking in Hawaii 2020 Executive Summary from DHS: Sex Trafficking Experiences in Hawaii (Roe-Sepowitz & Jabola-Carolus, 2020), **25.8 % of commercial sex exploitation child victims are trafficked by family members**, 24.7% are by friends, 24.7% are by friends. **The age of the first experience of sex trafficking is as early as 11 years old.** The younger the children are, the harder they get out of the sex trafficking situation. The Executive Summary also reveals that **64% of sex trafficking survivors are Native Hawaiian youth**, reflecting the historical trauma that the native Hawaiian communities encompass. That said, **school teachers and staff are valuable frontline community resources who can prevent students from experiencing sex trafficking and running away from home, increasing the danger of them facing sex trafficking.**

I also learned that prosecuting traffickers is very challenging despite the law enforcements' relentless hard work under the new reform of sex trafficking laws in Hawaii. Therefore, I believe the prevention of sex trafficking is another powerful approach under the collaboration of school educators and organizations advocating sex trafficking survivors. These are the reasons why I am in favor of SB1347 SD1 HD1, relating to Sex Trafficking Prevention.

Thank you for your time.

Akiko Tamura

SB-1347-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2022 7:05:05 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/22/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brent Underwood	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

March 19, 2022

To:

Representative Mark M. Nakashima, Chair,

Representative Scot Z. Matayoshi, Vice Chair, and

Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs

From: Brent Underwood

Subject: Support of Senate Bill 1347 SD1 HD1, relating to sex trafficking prevention

I am writing to you on behalf of SB1347 SD1 HD1 and strongly ask for your support of this bill.

Sex trafficking is a horrible crime that plagues many places in America. Many children that are in sex trafficking still go to school. School is the only time that a child can be away from the sex trafficker. If teachers or other school staff are trained to recognize the signs, they could help the child be free from trafficking. Once a teacher has gotten through to a child, they will be able to find the trafficker that was abusing the child. The trafficker could

then be arrested and the child would be free. I request that an amendment be made to this bill. Teachers should be able to use their training to teach students in their classrooms about the dangers of sex trafficking.

Thank you for your time and consideration of SB1347 SD1 HD1, relating to sex trafficking prevention.

SB-1347-HD-1

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Testimony for JHA on 3/22/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kawehi Bringas	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Kawehi Bringas. I am a senior at Kalaheo High School and the president of our school's student council. I strongly support SB1347 SD1, which provides training for school staff on sex traffic prevention and response.

Human trafficking is a significant concern on a national level. It has been found that "4.8 million people are trafficked for forced sexual exploitation" (safehorizon.org). In Hawai'i, the Child & Family Service discovered that of 363 participants, 26.7% reported sex trafficking. So despite being away from the mainland, our islands are still being affected by this issue. They also found that 64% of the victims identified as Hawaiian. In order to decrease these statistics, education on the topic needs to be prioritized by the government and within our communities. An efficient method to do so is starting at the educational level.

This can and has been a true problem here in our state. Khon2 news released a story of a local girl's experience with sex trafficking on February 22, 2022. Maha told reporters that she was seventeen years old when she was exploited in Waikiki. The saddest part is that she believed it was normal and that it was due to the idea that she was "just a really bad kid". If she had support from her school by the teacher's sex traffic prevention training, then she may have never been involved in such a horrible situation. In addition, Deputy Cabral-DeArmas stated that "the average age throughout the United States is 14, but for us, it's 11", which is very scary for families with young children. Since it's affecting children at a young age, it would be beneficial to start at a facility they are at consistently.

SB1347 SD1 will greatly improve the safety of the people of Hawai'i. As well as, giving comfort to the community by implementing sex trafficking training to school staff. I hope that the Judiciary & Hawaiians Affairs Committee will consider passing this bill. Mahalo for your time and opportunity to testify.

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Testimony for JHA on 3/22/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andraya Duldulao	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB1347 Testimony- Andraya Duldulao

Date: Friday February 4, 2022

To: Chair Rhoads, Vice-Chair Keohokalole and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County

From: Andraya Duldulao

Subject: Support of SB1347, relating to the preventon of sex trafficking.

Aloha Everyone! My name is Andraya Duldulao and I am a sophomore (10th grader) at Kalaheo High School this year. And I feel very passionate about SB1347, and I would like to ask for your support.

With sex trafficking being one the Senate's major priorities for a long time now, we can most definitely see that if we go back to when it started. According to a 2018 report published by Arizona state university and the Hawaii state commission on the status of women, one of every eleven adult male residents of Hawaii are online sex shoppers. We can see that sex trafficking is being used as a modern day slavery. Looking at the number of potential sex buyers as 74,362 the probelm is contimunung to grow. With this information present we can see that sex trafficking is and has been one of the many things being prioritized by the Senate.

With increasing the education of how to prevent as well as help the current sex trafficking issue we will help Hawaii's saftey by giving students, teachers, ect. greater education on how to be safe in everyday life. This is because when we make sex trafficking prevention more accesible this means that the number of slaves and sex trafficking will reduce do to the prevention messures.

I thank you for your time and your thought, and I truly hope that you will support SB1347, which is relating to the prevention of sex trafficking.

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Testimony for JHA on 3/22/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Addison Rice	Individual	Comments	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Mark Nakashima, Chair,

Scot Matayoshi, Vice Chair,

Members of Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs Committee,

Aloha, My name is Addison Rice and I am currently a tenth grader at Kalaheo High School. I am asking for your support for SB1347 SD1 HD1, in relation to sex trafficking prevention.

Sex trafficking has been increasing all over the world and this bill can help with the prevention of it. According to Safe Horizons in a 2017 study, 4.8 million people are sex trafficked a year across the world. These people were used for sexual exploitation. Hawaii specifically, is facing problems with sex trafficking. In a survey conducted across Hawaii by Child and Family service, 26.7% of participants responded they had been involved in some form of sex trafficking. Out of the 26.7%, 64% of them reported being Native Hawaiiin. This shows that the sex trafficking business is truly affecting Hawaii and native Hawaiians across the islands. Giving Hawaii students and residents access and education regarding how sex trafficking works, we can decrease the amount of people who are involved in the process as a whole while informing people. SB1347 will help residents across Hawaii everyday be safer and well informed.

Thank you for your time, and I hope you will support SB1347, in relation to sex trafficking prevention and my request for a hearing.

Addison Rice

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Submitted on: 3/21/2022 1:41:16 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/22/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
liliana	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

SB1347 Testimony

March 21, 2022

Chair Rhoads, Vice-Chair Keohokalole and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County

Liliana pace

Support of SB1347, relating to the prevention of sex trafficking.

Hi, My name is Liliana pace And I have confidence about SB1347, and I would like to ask for your support.

Sex trafficking being a big problem for a long time, we can tell according to a 2018 report published by Arizona state university one of every eleven. adult male residents of Hawaii are online sex shoppers. Sex trafficking is used as a modern-day hate crime. Looking at the number of sex buyers as 74,362and this number will continue to grow as time goes on. With this information present, we can see that sex trafficking is and has been one of the many things being prioritized by the Senate. We can help Hawaii's safety by giving students, teachers, etc by educating them on this topic and having a meeting about it.

thank you for listening and I hope you support SB1347

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Submitted on: 3/21/2022 3:50:59 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/22/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Erica Yamauchi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a mother of two children in our public schools, I strongly support this legislation.

Erica Yamauchi, Kaimukī/Wilhelmina Rise

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Testimony for JHA on 3/22/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Renee Goff	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Hawai'i Legislators,

I am Renee Goff, a educator in the HIDOE, specifically in Iroquois Point Elementary School (IPES), who is for SB1347. This school year I have had the privilege of teaching 6th graders, or your 11 and 12 year old students, they are some of your younger constituents/residents of this district. First off I want to say thank you and recognize the dedication, commitment to detail and thriving of our district that endeavor to represent and advocate for.

I have seen and have been faced with the perils of how biases can negatively impact our students who are victims, resulting in consequences such as expulsion and or suspension. Sadly, I have been faced with the tension of how to advocate for both victims and perpetrators, as they are my students, in sexual allegations. I recognize that this share is not sex trafficking per say, but I share this to recognize that it would be valuable to me personally as an HIDOE to have these tools and practical steps rather than find myself/other punishing children who are victims of sex trafficking. Honestly, I recognize I am not currently equipped to support my students this way. Although I have not yet knowingly worked with a child who has been a victim of sex trafficking, I am requesting your support of this bill so that myself and other HIDOE staff and faculty may receive training to identify and protect our students.

Currently, HIDOE and specifically IPES, my school, have an opening school year packet that includes Chapter 19 and reminders of our duties as mandated reporters, I think we are in need of more training. Please consider supporting SB1347.

Again, thank you for your time, commitment, and consideration.

Ms. Renee Goff

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Testimony for JHA on 3/22/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jen Jenkins	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please pass this bill.