
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY
GENERAL TO MAINTAIN A DATABASE ON SEX TRAFFICKING OFFENSES.

1 WHEREAS, the State is in need of increased data about sex
2 trafficking; and
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4 WHEREAS, at the present time, there is neither a method for
5 statewide data collection, nor a clear mandate for the
6 collection, reporting, and analysis of important metrics of sex
7 trafficking; and
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9 WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2016-2017, a total of eighty-three
10 cases of sex trafficking were reported to the Department of
11 Human Services' child trafficking hotline, and the youngest
12 reported victim was six years old; and
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14 WHEREAS, no other prevalence data on victims are readily
15 available, and both the State and non-state actors struggle to
16 provide adequate care, shelter, and support to the current
17 number of sex trafficking victims in the State; and
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19 WHEREAS, men, boys, and transgender individuals are
20 victimized by sex trafficking, but the majority of victims are
21 cisgender women and girls; and
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23 WHEREAS, cisgender girls accounted for ninety-eight percent
24 of minor victims in all sex trafficking cases in the country
25 from 2010 to 2015; and
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27 WHEREAS, due to the enduringly gendered nature of the
28 crime, the State Commission on the Status of Women produced a
29 report that points to sex trafficking as a significant problem
30 in Hawaii; and
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1 WHEREAS, it is necessary to improve the State's efforts to
2 stop sex trafficking; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Youth Services Network distinguishes
5 sex trafficking and survival sex; now, therefore,

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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
8 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
9 2019, the Senate concurring, that the State of Hawaii Department
10 of the Attorney General is requested to maintain a database on
11 sex trafficking offenses, which include offenses under section
12 712-1202 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purpose of the database is
15 requested to be to:

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- 17 (1) Collect and maintain relevant statewide sex
- 18 trafficking data; provided that all data submission is
- 19 compliant with the applicable privacy laws governing
- 20 the source of the data; provided further that all data
- 21 on the database shall be made accessible to each
- 22 governmental entity if disclosure and use is
- 23 consistent with the privacy laws governing the source
- 24 of the data; and
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- 26 (2) Annually review data collection practices within
- 27 government to ensure agencies are providing data
- 28 necessary for the database; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is requested that the
31 database include data on the:

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- 33 (1) Total number of all sex trafficking cases in Hawaii
- 34 reported to national and local trafficking hotlines;
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- 36 (2) Total number of sex trafficking cases reported to and
- 37 handled by governmental agencies and private
- 38 organizations receiving state funding;
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- 40 (3) Total number of arrests, prosecutions, and convictions
- 41 under sections 712-1202, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
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- 43 (4) The age range and average age of victims, offenders,
- 44 and traffickers;



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- 2 (5) The sex and gender identity of victims, offenders, and
- 3 traffickers;
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- 5 (6) The race and ethnicity of victims, offenders, and
- 6 traffickers;
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- 8 (7) The total number of native Hawaiian victims;
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- 10 (8) The total number of immigrant victims; and
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- 12 (9) The total amount of annual federal and state funds
- 13 available to address sex trafficking; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Judiciary, the chiefs of
16 police, and prosecuting attorneys of the several counties are
17 requested to provide to State of Hawaii Department of the
18 Attorney General data necessary for the purposes of the
19 database; and

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Hawaii Department
22 of the Attorney General is requested to submit a report to the
23 Legislature on the sex trafficking statistics, and any proposed
24 legislation, no later than twenty days before the convening of
25 the Regular Session of 2021, and every year thereafter; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
28 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Hawaii State
29 Commission on the Status of Women; the Chief Justice of the
30 Supreme Court of Hawaii; and the chiefs of police and
31 prosecuting attorneys of the several counties.

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