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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL CONVENE A
SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF MINORS STEERING COMMITTEE TO
IDENTIFY ISSUES RELATING TO THE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF
MINORS IN THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, children throughout the State are vulnerable to
2 sexual exploitation, with foster children, runaways, LGBTQ+
3 youth, immigrants, undocumented workers, and youth suffering
4 from mental illnesses and substance abuse issues being
5 particularly vulnerable; and
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7 WHEREAS, sexually exploited minors are often coerced into
8 sexual exploitation through emotional manipulation, control,
9 force, fraud, and threats; and
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11 WHEREAS, these minors are often unable to escape sexual
12 exploitation; and
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14 WHEREAS, although the sexual exploitation of minors has
15 garnered greater attention throughout the United States over the
16 past decade, it remains difficult to accurately understand the
17 scope of the problem; now, therefore,
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
20 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023,
21 that the Department of the Attorney General is requested to
22 convene a sexual exploitation of minors steering committee to
23 identify issues relating to the sexual exploitation of minors in
24 the State; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of the Attorney
27 General is requested to include the following individuals, or
28 their designees, as members of the steering committee:
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30 (1) The Attorney General;

31 (2) The Superintendent of Education;
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1 (3) The Branch Chief of the Harm Reduction Services Branch
2 of the Department of Health;

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4 (4) The Administrator of the Child Welfare Services Branch
5 of the Social Services Division of the Department of
6 Human Services;

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8 (5) The Prosecuting Attorney for the City and County of
9 Honolulu; and

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11 (6) The Chief of the Honolulu Police Department; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the steering committee is
14 requested to invite the following persons to participate on the
15 steering committee:

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17 (1) One representative of the Community Alliance on
18 Prisons;

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20 (2) One representative of the Hawaii Health and Harm
21 Reduction Center;

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23 (3) One representative of Hawaii Youth Services Network;

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25 (4) One representative of Hoola Na Mamo;

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27 (5) One representative of Kulia Na Mamo;

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29 (6) One representative of Sister 2 Sister Hawaii;

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31 (7) One representative of Youth Outreach Project;

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33 (8) Representatives from the juvenile justice system; and

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35 (9) Others as recommended by the steering committee; and
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the steering committee is
38 requested to:



- 1 (1) Identify and analyze the following:
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 - 3 (A) Factors that contribute to a minor's
 - 4 vulnerability to sexual exploitation;
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 - 6 (B) Experiences of sexually exploited minors; and
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 - 8 (C) Issues faced by sexually exploited minors;
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- 10 (2) Compile and categorize the information gathered
- 11 pursuant to paragraph (1) by age, gender, degree of
- 12 agency and autonomy, and background;
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- 14 (3) Submit a preliminary report of its findings and
- 15 recommendations, including any proposed legislation,
- 16 to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to
- 17 the convening of the Regular Session of 2024; and
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- 19 (4) Submit a final report of its findings and
- 20 recommendations, including any proposed legislation,
- 21 to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to
- 22 the convening of the Regular Session of 2025; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of the Attorney
25 General is requested to take any actions necessary to authorize
26 the steering committee to discuss specific cases, individuals,
27 and other confidential information to the extent permitted by
28 law and exempt the steering committee from Part I of Chapter 92,
29 Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the steering committee be
32 dissolved on June 30, 2025; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
35 Resolution be transmitted to the Attorney General;
36 Superintendent of Education; Branch Chief of the Harm Reduction
37 Services Branch of the Department of Health; Administrator of
38 the Child Welfare Services Branch of the Social Services
39 Division of the Department of Human Services; Prosecuting
40 Attorney for the City and County of Honolulu; Chief of the
41 Honolulu Police Department; Coordinator of the Community
42 Alliance on Prisons; Executive Director of the Hawaii Health and



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- 1 Harm Reduction Center; Owner of Sister 2 Sister Hawaii; and
- 2 Executive Director of the Hawaii Youth Services Network.
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