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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO REDUCING THE HARMS IN THE SEX TRADE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

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PART I

2 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State should revisit current laws governing prostitution and find ways to 3 reduce harms. A review indicates that a number of these 4 5 statutes harm individuals without any rational public purpose. 6 Accordingly, those statutes violate the state constitution's guarantee of liberty. Although repealing a number of laws that 7 do not address these issues might not in and of itself 8 9 ameliorate them, that does not create a reason for the State to 10 actively create harm to consenting adults. Moreover, leading anti-trafficking organizations, such as the Global Alliance 11 Against Traffic in Women, and Amnesty International, recommend 12 13 an approach that decriminalizes adult consensual acts in the sex 14 trades. New Zealand has taken this path and shows little to no 15 evidence of sex trafficking since their reforms were passed 16 twenty years ago.

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Fifty years ago, the legislature rewrote the old Hawaii
 rules governing prostitution. The findings of that legislature
 were that:

History has proven that prostitution is not going 4 5 to be abolished either by penal legislation, nor the imposition of criminal sanctions, through the vigorous 6 enforcement of such legislation. Yet the trend of 7 modern thought on prostitution in this country is that 8 "public policy" demands that the criminal law go on 9 record against prostitution. [1] Defining this "public 10 policy" is a difficult task. Perhaps it more 11 correctly ought to be considered and termed "public 12 demand"--a widespread community attitude which the 13 penal law must take into account regardless of the 14 15 questionable rationales upon which it is based.

16 A number of reasons have been advanced for the 17 suppression of prostitution, the most often repeated 18 of which are: "the prevention of disease, the 19 protection of innocent girls from exploitation, and 20 the danger that more sinister activities may be 21 financed by the gains from prostitution."[2] These

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1 reasons are not convincing. Venereal disease is not 2 prevented by laws attempting to suppress prostitution. 3 If exploitation were a significant factor, the offense 4 could be dealt with solely in terms of coercion. 5 Legalizing prostitution would decrease the 6 prostitute's dependence upon and connection with the 7 criminal underworld and might decrease the danger that 8 "organized crime" might be financed in part by 9 criminally controlled prostitution. 10 Our study of public attitude in this area 11 revealed the widespread belief among those interviewed 12 that prostitution should be suppressed entirely or 13 that it should be so restricted as not to offend those 14 members of society who do not wish to consort with 15 prostitutes or to be affronted by them. Making prostitution a criminal offense is one method of 16 17 controlling the scope of prostitution and thereby 18 protecting those segments of society which are

offended by its open existence. This "abolitionist"
approach is not without its vociferous detractors.
There are those that contend that the only honest and

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1	workable approach to the problem is to legalize
2	prostitution and confine it to certain localities
3	within a given community. While such a proposal may
4	exhibit foresight and practicality, the fact remains
5	that a large segment of society is not presently
6	willing to accept such a liberal approach.
7	Recognizing this fact and the need for public order,
8	the Code makes prostitution and its associate
9	enterprises criminal offenses.
10	Since these words were written, many arguments countering
11	them have been put forward and the laws have been amended
12	numerous times. Yet, these earlier statements do not seem to
13	have been contradicted.
14	The purpose of this Act is to decriminalize prostitution.
15	SECTION 2. Section 663J-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16	amended by amending the definitions of "promoting prostitution",
17	"prostitution", and "sex trafficking" to read as follows:
18	""Promoting prostitution" means [promoting prostitution as
19	provided in section 712-1203.] knowingly advancing or profiting
20	from prostitution.

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1 "Prostitution" [has the same meaning as provided in section 2 712-1200.] means engaging in, or agreeing or offering to engage 3 in, sexual conduct with another person in return for a fee or 4 anything of value. 5 "Sex trafficking" has the same meaning as provided in 6 [section 712-1202.] title 22 United States Code Annotated 7 section 7102." 8 SECTION 3. Section 706-606.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 9 amended to read as follows: 10 "§706-606.6 Repeat violent and sexual offender; enhanced 11 **sentence.** (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to 12 the contrary, any person who is convicted of an offense under 13 section 707-701.5, 707-702, 707-730, 707-731, 707-732, 14 707-733.6, 707-750, 708-840, 712-1202, 712-1203, or 712-1209.1, 15 after having been convicted on at least three prior and separate 16 occasions of an offense under section 707-701.5, 707-702, 17 707-710, 707-711, 707-730, 707-731, 707-732, 707-733.6, 707-750, 18 708-840, 712-1202, [712-1203,] or 712-1209.1, or of an offense 19 under federal law or the laws of another state that is 20 comparable to an offense under section 707-701.5, 707-702, 21 707-710, 707-711, 707-730, 707-731, 707-732, 707-733.6, 707-750,

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708-840, 712-1202, [712-1203,] or 712-1209.1, shall be sentenced 1 to an extended term of imprisonment as provided in section 2 3 706-661. (2) A conviction shall not be considered a prior offense 4 5 unless the conviction occurred within the following time 6 periods: (a) For an offense under section 707-701.5, 707-702, 7 707-730, 707-733.6, 707-750, 708-840, 712-1202, 8 [712-1203,] or 712-1209.1, within the past twenty 9 years from the date of the instant offense; 10 (b) For an offense under section 707-710 or 707-731, 11 within the past ten years from the date of the instant 12 offense; 13 (c) For an offense under section 707-711 or 707-732, 14 within the past five years from the date of the 15 instant offense; or 16 For an offense under federal law or the laws of 17 (d) another state that is comparable to an offense under 18 section 707-701.5, 707-702, 707-710, 707-711, 707-730, 19 707-731, 707-732, 707-733.6, 707-750, 708-840, 20 712-1202, [712-1203,] or 712-1209.1, within the 21

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1 maximum term of imprisonment possible under the 2 appropriate jurisdiction." 3 SECTION 4. Section 712-1200, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 4 amended to read as follows: 5 "§712-1200 Prostitution. (1) A [person] minor commits 6 the offense of prostitution if the [person] minor engages in, or agrees or offers to engage in, sexual conduct with another 7 8 person in return for a fee or anything of value. 9 [(2) As used in this section: 10 "Minor" means a person who is less than eighteen years of 11 age. 12 "Sexual conduct" means "sexual penetration", "deviate sexual intercourse", or "sexual contact", as those terms are 13 defined in section 707-700, or "sadomasochistic abuse" as 14 15 defined in section 707-752. 16 (3) Prostitution is a petty misdemeanor; provided that if 17 the person who commits the offense under subsection (1) is a 18 minor, prostitution is a violation. 19 (4) A person convicted of committing the offense of 20 prostitution as a petty misdemeanor shall be sentenced as 21 follows:

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1	(a)	For the first offense, when the court has not deferred
2		further proceedings pursuant to chapter 853, a fine of
3		no less than \$500 but no more than \$1,000 and the
4		person may be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of
5		no more than thirty days or probation; provided that
6		in the event the convicted person defaults in payment
7		of the fine, and the default was not contumacious, the
8		court may make an order converting the unpaid portion
9		of the fine to community service as authorized by
10		section 706-605(1);
11	(b)	For any subsequent offense, a fine of no less than
12		\$500 but no more than \$1,000 and a term of
13		imprisonment of thirty days or probation, without
14		possibility of deferral of further proceedings
15		pursuant to chapter 853 and without possibility of
16		suspension of sentence; and
17	(c)	For the purpose of this subsection, if the court has
18		deferred further proceedings pursuant to chapter 853,
19		and notwithstanding any provision of chapter 853 to
20		the contrary, the defendant shall not be eligible to
21		apply for expungement pursuant to section 831-3.2

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1	until three years following discharge. A plea
2	previously entered by a defendant under section 853-1
3	for a violation of this section shall be considered a
4	prior offense.
5	(5) This section shall not apply to any member of a police
6	department, a sheriff, or a law enforcement officer acting in
7	the course and scope of duties; provided that the member of a
8	police department, sheriff, or law enforcement officer is
9	engaging in undercover operations; provided further that under
10	no circumstances shall sexual contact initiated by a member of a
11	police department, sheriff, or law enforcement officer; sexual
12	penetration; or sadomasochistic abuse be considered to fall
13	within the course and scope of duties.
14	(6) <u>(2)</u> A minor may be taken into custody by any police
15	officer without order of the judge when there are reasonable
16	grounds to believe that the minor has violated subsection (1).
17	The minor shall be released, referred, or transported pursuant
18	to section 571-31(b). The minor shall be subject to the
19	jurisdiction of the family court pursuant to section 571-11(1),
20	including for the purposes of custody, detention, diversion, and
21	access to services and resources."

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1	SECTION 5. Section 712-1201, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is		
2	amended t	o read as follows:	
3	"§712-1201 Advancing prostitution; profiting from		
4	prostitut	ion; definition of terms. In [sections] section	
5	712-1202	[and 712-1203]:	
6	(1)	A person engages in prostitution if the person engages	
7		in, or agrees or offers to engage in, sexual conduct	
8		with another person in return for a fee or anything of	
9		value.	
10	(2)	As used in this section:	
11		(A) "Minor" means a person who is less than eighteen	
12		years of age; and	
13		(B) "Sexual conduct" means "sexual penetration",	
14		"deviate sexual intercourse", or "sexual	
15		contact", as those terms are defined in section	
16		707-700, or "sadomasochistic abuse" as defined in	
17		section 707-752.	
18	[(1)]	(3) A person "advances prostitution" if the person	
19		knowingly causes or aids a person to commit or engage	
20		in prostitution, procures or solicits patrons for	
21		prostitution, provides persons for prostitution	

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1 purposes, permits premises to be regularly used for prostitution purposes, operates or assists in the 2 3 operation of a house of prostitution or a prostitution 4 enterprise, or engages in any other conduct designed to institute, aid, or facilitate an act or enterprise 5 6 of prostitution; 7 $\left[\frac{1}{2}\right]$ (4) A person "profits from prostitution" if the 8 person accepts or receives money, anything of value, 9 or other property pursuant to an agreement or 10 understanding with any person whereby the person 11 participates or is to participate in the proceeds of 12 prostitution activity; and 13 [(3)] (5) The definitions in subsections [(1)] (3) and 14 [(2)] (4) shall not include those engaged in conduct 15 outlined in [section 712-1200 as the prostituted 16 person or section 712-1200.5 as the person engaged in 17 commercial sexual exploitation.] subsections (1) 18 and (2)." 19 SECTION 6. Section 712-1209.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (7) to read as follows: 20 21 "(7) For purposes of this section:

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1	"Minor" means a person who is less than eighteen years of
2	age.
3	"Sexual conduct" [has the same meaning as in section
4	712-1200(2).] means "sexual penetration", "deviate sexual
5	intercourse", or "sexual contact", as those terms are defined in
6	section 707-700, or "sadomasochistic abuse" as defined in
7	section 707-752."
8	SECTION 7. Section 804-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9	amended to read as follows:
10	"§804-4 When a matter of right. (a) If the charge is for
11	an offense for which bail is allowable under section 804-3, the
12	defendant may be admitted to bail before conviction as a matter
13	of right and under the least restrictive conditions required to
14	ensure the defendant's appearance and to protect the public.
15	[Except for section 712-1207(7), bail shall be allowed for any
16	person-charged under section 712-1207 only subject to the
17	mandatory condition that the person observe geographic
18	restrictions that prohibit the defendant from entering or
19	remaining on public property, in Waikiki and other areas in the
20	State designated by county ordinance during the hours from 6
21	p.m. to 6 a.m.; and provided further that nothing contained in

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1	this subsection shall be construed as prohibiting the imposition					
2	of-stricter geographic restrictions under-section-804-7.1.] The					
3	right to	bail shall continue after conviction of a misdemeanor,				
4	petty mis	demeanor, or violation, and release on bail may				
5	continue,	in the discretion of the court, after conviction of a				
6	felony un	til the final determination of any motion for a new				
7	trial, ap	peal, habeas corpus, or other proceedings that are				
8	made, taken, issued, or allowed for the purpose of securing a					
9	review of the rulings, verdict, judgment, sentence, or other					
10	proceedings of any court or jury in or by which the defendant					
11	has been arraigned, tried, convicted, or sentenced; provided					
12	that:					
13	(1)	No bail shall be allowed after conviction and prior to				
14		sentencing in cases where bail was not available under				
15		section 804-3, or where bail was denied or revoked				
16		before conviction; <u>and</u>				
17	(2)	No bail shall be allowed pending appeal of a felony				
18		conviction where a sentence of imprisonment has been				
19		imposed [; and				
20	(3)	No bail shall be allowed pending appeal of a				
21		conviction for a violation of section 712-1207, unless				



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1	the court finds, based on the defendant's record, that
2	the defendant may be admitted to bail subject to the
3	mandatory condition that the person observe geographic
4	restrictions that prohibit the defendant from entering
5	or walking along the public streets or sidewalks of
6	Waikiki or other areas in the State designated by
7	county ordinance pursuant to section 712-1207 during
8	the hours from 6 p.m. to 6-a.m].
9	Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any
10	person who violates these bail restrictions shall have the
11	person's bail revoked after hearing and shall be imprisoned
12	forthwith.
13	(b) The court shall order that a person who has been found

14 guilty of an offense and sentenced to a term of imprisonment, 15 and who has filed an appeal or a petition for a writ of 16 certiorari, be detained, unless the court finds:

17 (1) By clear and convincing evidence that the person is
18 not likely to flee or pose a danger to the safety of
19 any other person or the community if released; and

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1 (2) That the appeal is not for purpose of delay and raises 2 a substantial question of law or fact likely to result 3 in reversal or an order for a new trial. 4 If the court makes these findings, the court shall order the 5 release of the person in accordance with section 804-7.1 under 6 the least restrictive conditions required to ensure the 7 defendant's appearance and to protect the public. No defendant 8 entitled to bail, whether bailed or not, shall be subject, 9 without the defendant's written consent, to the operation of any 10 sentence passed upon the defendant, while any proceedings to 11 procure a review of any action of the trial court or jury in the 12 premises are pending and undetermined, except as provided in 13 section 641-14(a) [or section 712-1207]." 14 SECTION 8. Section 804-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 15 amended to read as follows:

16 "\$804-5 By whom allowed. In cases where the punishment 17 for the offense charged may be imprisonment for life not subject 18 to parole, or imprisonment for a term more than ten years with 19 or without fine, a judge or justice of a court of record, 20 including a district judge, shall be competent to admit the 21 accused to bail, in conformity with sections 804-3 to 804-6. In

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1 all other cases, the accused may be so admitted to bail by any 2 judge or justice of a court of record, including a district 3 judge, and in cases [, except under section $712-1207_{r}$] where the 4 punishment for the offense charged may not exceed two years' 5 imprisonment with or without fine, the sheriff, the sheriff's 6 deputy, the chief of police or any person named by the chief of 7 police, or the sheriff of Kalawao, regardless of the circuit within which the alleged offense was committed, may admit the 8 9 accused person to bail. The court shall impose conditions of 10 release or bail that are the least restrictive conditions 11 required to ensure the accused's appearance and to protect the 12 public."

SECTION 9. Section 806-83, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows: "(a) Criminal charges may be instituted by written information for a felony when the charge is a class C felony, except under:

18 (1) Section 159-28 (bribery related to the Hawaii Meat
19 Inspection Act);

20 (2) Section 161-28 (bribery related to the Hawaii Poultry
21 Inspection Act);

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1	(3)	Section 707-712.5 (assault against a law enforcement
2		officer in the first degree);
3	(4)	Section 707-716 (terroristic threatening in the first
4		degree);
5	(5)	Section 707-732 (sexual assault in the third degree);
6	(6)	Section 707-741 (incest);
7	(7)	Section 707-752 (promoting child abuse in the third
8		degree);
9	(8)	Section 708-880 (commercial bribery);
10	(9)	Section 709-904.5 (compensation by an adult of
11		juveniles for crimes);
12	(10)	Section 710-1026.9 (resisting an order to stop a motor
13		vehicle in the first degree);
14	(11)	Section 710-1070 (bribery of or by a witness);
15	(12)	Section 710-1071 (intimidating a witness);
16	(13)	Section 710-1072.2 (retaliating against a witness);
17	(14)	Section 710-1073 (bribery of or by a juror);
18	(15)	Section 710-1075 (jury tampering);
19	(16)	Section 710-1075.5 (retaliating against a juror);
20	(17)	Section 711-1106.4 (aggravated harassment by
21		<pre>stalking);</pre>



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1	(18)	Section 711-1110.9 (violation of privacy in the first
2		degree);
3	[(19)	Section 712-1208 (promoting travel for prostitution);
4	(20) -	Section 712-1209.5 (habitual commercial sexual
5		<pre>exploitation);</pre>
6	(21)]	(19) Section 712-1215 (promoting pornography for
7		minors);
8	[(22)]	(20) Section 712-1218 (failure to maintain age
9		verification records of sexual performers);
10	[(23)]	(21) Section 712-1218.5 (failure to maintain age
11		verification records of sexually exploited
12		individuals); and
13	[(24)]	(22) Section 712-1219 (failure to affix information
14		disclosing location of age verification records of
15		sexual performers).
16	(b)	Criminal charges may be instituted by written
17	informatio	on for a felony when the charge is a class B felony,
18	except und	der:
19	(1)	Section 707-720 (kidnapping);
20	(2)	Section 707-731 (sexual assault in the second degree);

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1	(3)	Section 707-751 (promoting child abuse in the second	
2		degree);	
3	(4)	Section 708-841 (robbery in the second degree);	
4	(5)	Section 709-904.5 (compensation by an adult of	
5		juveniles for crimes; grade or class of offense	
6		<pre>increased);</pre>	
7	(6)	Section 710-1031 (intimidating a correctional worker);	
8	(7)	Section 710-1040 (bribery); and	
9	(8)	Section 710-1074 (intimidating a juror)[; and	
10	(9) -	Section 712-1203 (promoting prostitution)]."	
11	SECTION 10. Section 846E-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is		
12	amended by amending the definition of "sexual offense" to read		
13	as follow:	S:	
14	""Se:	xual offense" means an offense that is:	
15	(1)	Set forth in section 707-730(1), 707-731(1),	
16		707-732(1), 707-733(1)(a), 707-733.6, [712-1200.5(4),]	
17		<u>or</u> 712-1202(1), [or 712-1203(1),] but excludes conduct	
18		that is criminal only because of the age of the	
19		victim, as provided in section 707-730(1)(b), or	
20		section 707-732(1)(b) if the perpetrator is under the	
21		age of eighteen;	

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1	(2)	An a	ct defined in section 707-720 if the charging
2		docu	ment for the offense for which there has been a
3		conv	iction alleged intent to subject the victim to a
4		sexu	al offense;
5	(3)	An a	ct that consists of:
6		(A)	Criminal sexual conduct toward a minor, including
7			but not limited to an offense set forth in
8			section 707-759;
9		(B)	Solicitation of a minor who is less than fourteen
10			years old to engage in sexual conduct;
11		(C)	Use of a minor in a sexual performance;
12		(D)	Production, distribution, or possession of child
13			pornography chargeable as a felony under section
14			707-750, 707-751, or 707-752;
15		(E)	Electronic enticement of a child chargeable under
16			section 707-756 or 707-757 if the offense was
17			committed with the intent to promote or
18			facilitate the commission of another covered
19			offense as defined in this section; or
20		(F)	Commercial sexual exploitation of a minor in
21			violation of section 712-1209.1;

1	(4)	A violation of privacy under section 711-1110.9;
2	(5)	An act, as described in chapter 705, that is an
3		attempt, criminal solicitation, or criminal conspiracy
4		to commit one of the offenses designated in paragraphs
5		(1) through (4);
6	(6)	A criminal offense that is comparable to or that
7		exceeds a sexual offense as defined in paragraphs (1)
8		through (5); or
9	(7)	Any federal, military, out-of-state, tribal, or
10		foreign conviction for any offense that under the laws
11		of this State would be a sexual offense as defined in
12		paragraphs (1) through (6)."
13	SECT	ION 11. Section 846E-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14	amended b	y amending subsections (c) and (d) to read as follows:
15	"(C)	Tier 2 offenses. A covered offender who has
16	maintaine	d a clean record for the previous twenty-five years,
17	excluding	any time the offender was in custody or civilly
18	committed	, and who has substantially complied with the
19	registrat.	ion requirements of this chapter for the previous
20	twenty-fi	ve years, or for the portion of that twenty-five years
21	that this	chapter has been applicable, and who is not a repeat

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1 covered offender may petition the court, in a civil proceeding, 2 for termination of registration requirements; provided that the 3 covered offender's most serious covered offense is one of the 4 following: 5 (1)Any offense set forth in section 707-730(1)(c), 6 707-731(1)(c), 707-732(1)(c), 707-750, 707-751, or 7 712-1202[, or 712-1203(1)(b), as section 712-8 1203(1)(b) read before its amendment pursuant to 9 section 9 of Act 147, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008]; 10 (2) An offense set forth in section 707-720; provided that 11 the charging document for the offense for which there 12 has been a conviction alleged intent to subject the 13 victim to a sexual offense; 14 (3) An offense set forth in section 707-756 that includes 15 an intent to promote or facilitate the commission of 16 another felony covered offense as defined in section 17 846E-1; 18 (4) An offense that is an attempt, criminal solicitation, 19 or criminal conspiracy to commit any of the offenses 20 in paragraph (1), (2), or (3);

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1	(5) Any criminal offense that is comparable to one of the
2	offenses in paragraph (1), (2), (3), or (4); or
3	(6) Any federal, military, out-of-state, tribal, or
4	foreign offense that is comparable to one of the
5	offenses in paragraph (1) , (2) , (3) , or (4) .
6	(d) Tier 1 offenses. A covered offender who has
7	maintained a clean record for the previous ten years, excluding
8	any time the offender was in custody or civilly committed, and
9	who has substantially complied with the registration
10	requirements of this chapter for the previous ten years, or for
11	the portion of that ten years that this chapter has been
12	applicable, and who is not a repeat covered offender may
13	petition the court, in a civil proceeding, for termination of
14	registration requirements; provided that the covered offender's
15	most serious covered offense is one of the following:
16	(1) Any offense set forth in section 707-732(1)(d), (e),
17	or (f); 707-733(1)(a); 707-752; 707-759; 711-1110.9;
18	[712-1203(1);] or 712-1209.1;
19	(2) An offense set forth in section 707-721 or 707-722;
20	provided that the offense involves unlawful

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1		imprisonment of a minor by someone other than a
2		parent;
3	(3)	An offense set forth in section 707-757 that includes
4		an intent to promote or facilitate the commission of
5		another covered offense as defined in section 846E-1;
6	(4)	An offense that is an attempt, criminal solicitation,
7		or criminal conspiracy to commit any of the offenses
8		in paragraph (1), (2), or (3);
9	(5)	Any criminal offense that is comparable to one of the
10		offenses in paragraph (1) , (2) , (3) , or (4) ;
11	(6)	Any federal, military, out-of-state, tribal, or
12		foreign offense that is comparable to one of the
13		offenses in paragraph (1), (2), (3), or (4); or
14	(7)	Any other covered offense that is not specified in
15		subsection (a) or (c) or paragraph (1), (2), (3), (4),
16		(5), or (6)."
17	SECT	ION 12. Section 853-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
18	amended b	y amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
19	"(a)	This chapter shall not apply when:
20	(1)	The offense charged involves the intentional, knowing,
21		reckless, or negligent killing of another person;

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1	(2)	The offense charged is:
2		(A) A felony that involves the intentional, knowing,
3		or reckless bodily injury, substantial bodily
4		injury, or serious bodily injury of another
5		person; or
6		(B) A misdemeanor or petty misdemeanor that carries a
7		mandatory minimum sentence and that involves the
8		intentional, knowing, or reckless bodily injury,
9		substantial bodily injury, or serious bodily
10		injury of another person;
11		provided that the prohibition in this paragraph shall
12		not apply to offenses described in section
13		709-906(18);
14	(3)	The offense charged involves a conspiracy or
15		solicitation to intentionally, knowingly, or
16		recklessly kill another person or to cause serious
17		bodily injury to another person;
18	(4)	The offense charged is a class A felony;
19	(5)	The offense charged is nonprobationable;
20	(6)	The defendant has been convicted of any offense
21		defined as a felony by the Hawaii Penal Code or has

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1		been convicted for any conduct that if perpetrated in
2		this State would be punishable as a felony;
3	(7)	The defendant is found to be a law violator or
4		delinquent child for the commission of any offense
5		defined as a felony by the Hawaii Penal Code or for
6		any conduct that if perpetrated in this State would
7		constitute a felony;
8	(8)	The defendant has a prior conviction for a felony
9		committed in any state, federal, or foreign
10		jurisdiction;
11	(9)	A firearm was used in the commission of the offense
12		charged;
13	(10)	The defendant is charged with the distribution of a
14		dangerous, harmful, or detrimental drug to a minor;
15	(11)	The defendant has been charged with a felony offense
16		and has been previously granted deferred acceptance of
17		guilty plea or no contest plea for a prior offense,
18		regardless of whether the period of deferral has
19		already expired;
20	(12)	The defendant has been charged with a misdemeanor
21		offense and has been previously granted deferred

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1		acceptance of guilty plea or no contest plea for a
2		prior felony, misdemeanor, or petty misdemeanor for
3		which the period of deferral has not yet expired;
4	(13)	The offense charged is:
5		(A) Escape in the first degree;
6		(B) Escape in the second degree;
7		(C) Promoting prison contraband in the first degree;
8		(D) Promoting prison contraband in the second degree;
9		(E) Bail jumping in the first degree;
10		(F) Bail jumping in the second degree;
11		(G) Bribery;
12		(H) Bribery of or by a witness;
13		(I) Intimidating a witness;
14		(J) Bribery of or by a juror;
15		(K) Intimidating a juror;
16		(L) Jury tampering;
17		(M) Promoting prostitution;
18		(N) Abuse of family or household member except as
19		provided in paragraph (2) and section
20		709-906(18);
21		(O) Sexual assault in the second degree;



1	(P)	Sexual assault in the third degree;
2	(Q)	A violation of an order issued pursuant to
3		chapter 586;
4	(R)	Promoting child abuse in the second degree;
5	(S)	Promoting child abuse in the third degree;
6	(T)	Electronic enticement of a child in the first
7		degree;
8	(U)	Electronic enticement of a child in the second
9		degree;
10	[(V)	Commercial sexual-exploitation pursuant to
11		section 712-1200.5;
12	-(W)-	Street prostitution and commercial sexual
13		exploitation under section 712-1207(1)(b) or
14		-(2) (b);
15	-(X) -	Commercial sexual exploitation near schools or
16		public parks under section 712-1209;
17	(Y)]	(V) Commercial sexual exploitation of a minor
18		under section 712-1209.1;
19	[(Z)	Habitual commercial sexual exploitation under
20		section 712-1209.5;

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1	(AA)] (W) Violation of privacy in the first degree
2	under section 711-1110.9;
3	[(BB)] (X) Violation of privacy in the second degree
4	under section 711-1111(1)(d), (e), (f), (g), or
5	(h);
6	[(CC)] (Y) Habitually operating a vehicle under the
7	influence of an intoxicant under section
8	291E-61.5(a);
9	[(DD)] (2) Promoting gambling in the first degree; or
10	[(EE)] <u>(AA)</u> Promoting gambling in the second degree;
11	(14) The defendant has been charged with:
12	(A) Knowingly or intentionally falsifying any report
13	required under part XIII of chapter 11, with the
14	intent to circumvent the law or deceive the
15	campaign spending commission; or
16	(B) Violating section 11-352 or 11-353; or
17	(15) The defendant holds a commercial driver's license and
18	has been charged with violating a traffic control law,
19	other than a parking law, in connection with the
20	operation of any type of motor vehicle."

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1	SECTION 13. Section 712-1200.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
2	is repealed.
3	[" [§712-1200.5] Commercial sexual exploitation. (1) A
4	person commits the offense of commercial sexual exploitation if
5	the person provides, agrees to provide, or offers to provide a
6	fee or anything of value to another to engage in sexual conduct.
7	(2) As used in this section, "sexual conduct" has the same
8	meaning as in section 712-1200(2).
9	(3) Except as provided in subsection (4), commercial
10	sexual exploitation is a petty misdemeanor.
11	(4)- Commercial sexual exploitation is a class C-felony-if
12	the person who commits the offense under subsection (1) does so
13	in reckless disregard of the fact that the person exploited is a
14	victim of sex trafficking.
15	(5) A person convicted of committing the offense of
16	commercial sexual exploitation as a petty misdemeanor shall be
17	sentenced-as follows:
18	(a) For the first offense, a fine of no less than \$500 but
19	no more than \$1,000 and the person may be sentenced to
20	a term of imprisonment of no more than thirty days or
21	probation; provided that in the event the convicted



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1		person defaults in payment of the fine, and the
2		default was not contumacious, the court may order
3		conversion of the unpaid portion of the fine to
4		<pre>community service as authorized by section 706-605(1);</pre>
5	- (b) -	For any subsequent offense, a fine of no less than
6		\$500 but no more-than \$1,000 and-a term of
7		imprisonment or probation of no more than thirty days,
8		without possibility of suspension of sentence; and
9	(c)	For purposes of this subsection, the court may impose
10		as a condition of probation that the defendant
11		complete a course of exploitation intervention
12		classes; provided that the court shall only impose the
13		condition for one term of probation.
14	.(6)	This section shall not apply to any member of a police
15	department	t, a sheriff, or a law enforcement officer acting in
16	the course	e and scope of-duties; provided that the member of a
17	police de p	partment, sheriff, or law enforcement officer is
18	engaging :	in undercover operations; provided further that under
19	no circuma	stances-shall sexual contact initiated by a member of a
20	police de r	partment, sheriff, or law enforcement officer; sexual

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1	penetration; or sadomasochistic abuse be considered to fall
2	within the course and scope of duties."]
3	SECTION 14. Section 712-1203, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4	repealed.
5	[" \$712-1203 Promoting prostitution(1) A person commits
6	the offense of promoting prostitution if the person knowingly
7	advances or profits from prostitution.
8	(2) Promoting prostitution is a class B felony."]
9	SECTION 15. Section 712-1206, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10	repealed.
11	[" [§712-1206] Loitering for the purpose of engaging in or
12	advancing prostitution. (1) For the purposes of this-section,
13	"public place" means any street, sidewalk, bridge, alley or
14	alleyway, plaza, park, driveway, parking lot or transportation
15	facility or the doorways and entrance ways to any building which
16	fronts on any of the aforesaid places, or a motor vehicle in or
17	on any such place.
18	(2)—Any-person who-remains or wanders-about in a public
19	place and repeatedly beckons to or repeatedly stops, or
20	repeatedly attempts to stop, or repeatedly attempts to engage
21	passers-by in conversation, or repeatedly stops or attempts to

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1	stop motor vehicles, or repeatedly interferes with the free
2	passage of other persons for the purpose of committing the crime
3	of prostitution as that term is defined in section 712-1200,
4	shall be guilty of a violation.
5	(3) Any person who remains or wanders about in a public
6	place and repeatedly beckons to, or repeatedly stops, or
7	repeatedly-attempts to engage passers-by in conversation, or
8	repeatedly stops or attempts to stop motor vehicles, or
9	repeatedly interferes with the free passage of other persons for
10	the purpose of committing the crime of advancing prostitution as
11	that term is defined in section 712-1201(1) is guilty of a petty
12	<pre>misdemeanor."]</pre>
13	SECTION 16. Section 712-1207, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14	repealed.
15	["S712-1207 Street prostitution and commercial sexual
16	exploitation; designated areas. (1) It shall be unlawful for
17	any-person within the boundaries of Waikiki and while on any
18	public property to:
19	(a) Offer or agree to engage in sexual conduct with
20	another person in return for a fee or anything of
21	value; or



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1	(b)	Provide, agree to provide, or offer to provide a fee
2		or anything of value to another person to engage in
3		sexual-conduct.
4	(2) -	It shall be unlawful for any person within the
5	boundari e	s of other areas in this State designated by county
6	ordinance	pursuant to subsection (3), and while on any public
7	property-	to:
8	(a)	Offer or agree to engage in sexual conduct with
9		another person in return for a fee or anything of
10		value; or
11	(d)	Provide, agree to provide, or offer to provide a fee
12		or anything of value to another person to engage in
13		sexual conduct.
14	(3)	Upon-a recommendation of the chief of police of a
15	county, t	hat county-may enact an ordinance that:
16	(a)	Designates areas, each no larger than three square
17		miles, as zones of significant prostitution-related
18		activity that is detrimental to the health, safety, or
19		welfare-of-the-general-public; or
20	(b)	Alters the boundaries of any existing area under
21		paragraph (a);

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1	provided that not more than four areas may be designated within
2	the State.
3	(4) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, any person
4	violating this section shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor
5	and shall be sentenced to a mandatory term of thirty days
6	imprisonment. The term of imprisonment shall be imposed
7	immediately, regardless of whether the defendant appeals the
8	conviction, except as provided in subsection (5).
9	(5) As an option to the mandatory-term of thirty days
10	imprisonment, if the court finds the option is warranted based
11	upon the defendant's record, the court may place the defendant
12	on probation for a period not to exceed six months, subject to
13	the mandatory condition that the defendant observe geographic
14	restrictions that prohibit the defendant from entering or
15	remaining on public property, in Waikiki and other areas in the
16	State-designated by-county-ordinance during-the hours from 6
17	p.m. to 6 a.m. Upon any violation of the geographic
18	restrictions by the defendant, the court, after hearing, shall
19	revoke the defendant's probation and immediately impose the
20	mandatory thirty-day term of imprisonment. Nothing contained in

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1	this subsection shall be construed as prohibiting the imposition
2	of stricter geographic restrictions under section 706-624(2)(h).
3	(6) Any person charged under this section may be admitted
4	to bail, pursuant to section 804-4, subject to the mandatory
5	condition that the person observe geographic restrictions that
6	prohibit the defendant from entering or remaining on public
7	property, in Waikiki and other areas in the State designated by
8	county ordinance during the hours from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.
9	Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any
10	person who violates these bail restrictions shall have the
11	person's bail revoked after hearing and shall be imprisoned
12	forthwith. Nothing contained in this subsection shall be
13	construed as prohibiting the imposition of stricter geographic
14	restrictions under section 804-7.1.
15	(7) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, a
16	police officer, without warrant, may arrest any person when the
17	officer has probable cause to believe that the person has
18	committed a violation of subsection (5) or (6), and the person
19	shall be detained, without bail, until the hearing under the
20	appropriate subsection can be held, which hearing shall be held
21	as soon as reasonably practicable.

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1	(8) For purposes of this section:
2	"Area" means any zone within a county that is defined with
3	specific boundaries and designated as a zone of significant
4	prostitution by this section or a county ordinance.
5	"Public property" includes any street, highway, road,
6	sidewalk, alley, lane, bridge, parking lot, park, or other
7	property owned or under the jurisdiction of any~governmental
8	entity or otherwise open to the public.
9	"Sexual conduct" has the same meaning as in section
10	712-1200(2) .
11	"Waikiki" means that area of Oahu bounded by the Ala Wai
12	canal, the occan, and Kapahulu avenue.
13	(9) This section shall apply to all counties; provided
14	that if a county enacts an ordinance to regulate street
15	prostitution and commercial sexual exploitation, other than an
16	ordinance designating an area as a zone of significant
17	prostitution-related activity, the county ordinance shall
18	supersede this section and no person shall be convicted under
19	this section in that county."]
20	SECTION 17. Section 712-1208, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
21	repealed.

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1	[" [§712-1208] Promoting travel for prostitution. (1) A
2	person-commits the offense of promoting travel for prostitution
3	if the person knowingly sells or offers to sell-travel services
4	that include or facilitate travel for the purpose of engaging in
5	what would be prostitution if occurring in the State.
6	(2) "Travel services" has the same meaning as in section
7	468L-1.
8	(3) Promoting travel for prostitution is a class C
9	felony."]
10	SECTION 18. Section 712-1209, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11	repealed.
12	[" \$712-1209 Commercial sexual exploitation near schools or
13	public parks. (1) A person commits the offense of commercial
14	sexual exploitation near schools or public parks if, within
15	seven hundred fifty feet of a school or public park, the person
16	provides, agrees to provide, or offers to provide a fee or
17	anything of value to another person to engage in sexual conduct.
18	(2) Commercial sexual exploitation near schools or public
19	parks is a misdemeanor.
20	(3) For purposes of this section:
21	"School" has the same meaning as in section 712-1249.6(6).



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1	"Sexual conduct" has the same meaning as in-section
2	712-1200(2). "]
3	SECTION 19. Section 712-1209.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
4	is repealed.
5	[" §712-1209.5 Habitual commercial sexual exploitation.
6	(1) A person commits the offense of habitual commercial sexual
7	exploitation if the person-is a habitual commercial-sexual
8	exploitation offender and provides, agrees to provide, or offers
9	to provide a fee or anything of value to another person to
10	engage-in-sexual-conduct.
11	(2) For the purposes of this section, a person has the
12	status of a "habitual commercial sexual exploitation offender"
13	if the person, at the time of the conduct for which the person
14	is charged, had two or more convictions within ten years of the
15	instant offense for:
16	(a) Commercial-sexual-exploitation, in violation of
17	section 712-1200.5;
18	(b) Street-prostitution and commercial sexual
19	exploitation,-in-violation_of-section-712-1207(1)(b)
20	or (2)(b);

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1	(c)	Habitual commercial sexual exploitation, in violation
2		of this section;
3	(d)	An offense of this jurisdiction or any other
4		jurisdiction that is comparable to one of the offenses
5		in paragraph (a), (b), or (c); or
6	(e)	Any combination of the offenses in paragraph (a), (b),
7		(c), or (d).
8	A convict	ion for purposes of this section is a judgment on the
9	verdict o	r a finding of guilt, or a plea of guilty or nolo
10	contender	e. The convictions shall have occurred on separate
11	dates and	be for separate incidents on separate dates. At the
12	time of t	he instant offense, the conviction shall not have been
13	expunged	oy pardon, reversed, or set aside.
14	- (3)	Habitual commercial sexual exploitation is a class C
15	felony."]	
16	SECT	ION 20. Section 712-1209.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
17	is repeale	ed.
18	[" §7 :	12-1209.6 Prostitution; motion to vacate conviction.
19	(1) A-pe :	rson-convicted of committing the offense of
20	prostitut :	ion under section 712-1200, loitering for the purpose
21	of engagi i	ng in or advancing prostitution under section

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1	712-1206(2), street prostitution and commercial sexual
2	exploitation in designated areas under section 712-1207(1)(a) or
3	(2)(a), or convicted of a lesser offense when originally charged
4	with a violation of section 712-1200, 712-1206(2), or 712-
5	1207(1)(a) or (2)(a), may file a motion to vacate the conviction
6	if the defendant is not-subsequently convicted of any offense
7	under the Hawaii Penal Code within three years after the date of
8	the original conviction.
9	(2) The court shall hold a hearing on a motion filed under
10	this section to review the defendant's record over the three
11	years after the date of the original conviction under section
12	712-1200, 712-1206(2), or 712-1207(1)(a) or (2)(a) or conviction
13	of a lesser offense when originally charged with a violation of
14	any of those sections, and if the court finds that the defendant
15	has not been-convicted of any offense under the Hawaii Penal
16	Code within this three year period, the court shall vacate the
17	conviction."]
18	PART II
19	SECTION 21. The purpose of this part is to increase the
20	civil remedies of sex trafficking victims.

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1	SECTION 22. Section 663J-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2	amended to read as follows:
3	"§663J-3 Cause of action for coercion into prostitution or
4	sex trafficking. (a) An individual has a cause of action
5	against a person who:
6	(1) Coerced the individual into prostitution or to remain
7	in prostitution, or subjected the individual to sex
8	trafficking;
9	(2) Used coercion to collect or receive any of the
10	 individual's earnings derived from prostitution or
11	from being the subject of sex trafficking; or
12	(3) Hired, or attempted to hire the individual to engage
13	in prostitution, when a reasonable person would
14	believe that the individual was coerced into
15	prostitution by another person or was being subjected
16	to sex trafficking.
17	(b) The attorney general may assist or represent an
18	individual in a cause of pursuant to this chapter."
19	SECTION 23. Section 663J-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
20	amended to read as follows:

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1	"§66	3J-5 Damages. (a) An individual entitled to bring an
2	action un	der section 663J-3 may recover all of the following
3	damages:	
4	(1)	Economic damages proximately caused by coercion into
5		prostitution or being the subject of sex trafficking;
6	(2)	Noneconomic damages proximately caused by coercion
7		into prostitution or being the subject of sex
8		trafficking;
9	(3)	Exemplary damages;
10	(4)	Reasonable attorney's fees; and
11	(5)	Costs of suit, including reasonable expenses for
12		expert testimony.
13	(b)	Subject to agreement by the attorney general, the
14	court may	order that any monetary damages awarded pursuant to
15	this sect	ion be paid from the general fund in an amount not to
16	exceed th	e criminal fines paid by the defendant for any criminal
17	convictio	n of the defendant who trafficked the individual
18	entitled	to bring action under section 663J-3 if the individual
19	entitled	to bring action under section 663J-3 previously agreed
20	to provid	e evidence leading to the conviction of the defendant.

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1	(b) Subject to agreement by the attorney general, the
2	court may order that any assets of the defendant seized by the
3	State related to any criminal conviction of the defendant who
4	trafficked the individual entitled to bring action under section
5	663J-3 be awarded to the individual entitled to bring action
6	under section 663J-3."
7	SECTION 24. Section 663J-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8	amended to read as follows:
9	"§663J-7 Statute of limitations. [(a)] A claim under
10	this chapter may [not] be brought against a person [more than
11	six years] at any time after an act of promoting prostitution by
12	coercion or sex trafficking by that person.
13	[(b) The limitation period provided for in this chapter is
14	tolled:
15	(1) During the minority of the individual who engages in
16	prostitution; or
17	(2) Any time there is a criminal offense investigation
18	being actively conducted against the defendant by a
19	governmental agency or there is a criminal offense
20	charge, information, or indictment pending against the
21	defendant.]"

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1	PART III
2	SECTION 25. The attorney general shall require the
3	prosecutor of the applicable county to file a written motion or
4	application with the court of competent jurisdiction requesting
5	the court to expunge the conviction of each currently living
6	person previously convicted under section 712-1200, 712-1200.5,
7	712-1203, 712-1206, 712-1207, 712-1208, 712-1209, or 712-1209.5,
8	Hawaii Revised Statutes.
9	SECTION 26. There is appropriated out of the general
10	revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
11	thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the
12	same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
13	2024-2025 for the county prosecutors to file written motions or
14	applications pursuant to this part. The sums appropriated shall
15	be distributed as follows:
16	County of Hawaii \$
17	County of Kauai \$
18	County of Maui \$
19	City and county of Honolulu \$
20	The sums appropriated shall be expended by the respective
21	counties for the purposes of this part.

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1	PART IV
2	SECTION 27. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
3	and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
4	SECTION 28. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
5	provided that:
6	(1) The amendments made to section 853-4, Hawaii Revised
7	Statutes, shall not be repealed when that section is
8	repealed and reenacted on June 30, 2026, by Act 19,
9	Session Laws of Hawaii 2020; and
10	(2) Section 26 of this Act shall take effect on July 1,
11	2023.
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Description:

Decriminalizes prostitution. Increases the rights for victims of sex trafficking. Requires the county prosecutors to file motions or applications to expunge certain prostitution convictions. Appropriates moneys.

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