

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

813

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 27 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 994  
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 994 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF PROMOTING  
PORNOGRAPHY FOR MINORS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the offense of promoting pornography for minors to be instituted by written information.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Hawai'i; Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that existing law does not permit the offense of promoting pornography for minors to be charged by written information, unlike other related offenses such as electronic enticement of a child and commercial sexual exploitation of a minor. This measure allows written information charging for this offense, ensuring prosecutors can act swiftly during undercover operations and strengthening law enforcement's ability to protect children from online exploitation.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 994, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 994, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary &  
Hawaiian Affairs,



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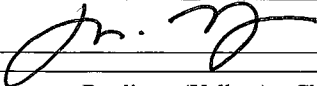
DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



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The Thirty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 994	Committee Referral: JHA	Date: 02/19/2025		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TARNAS, David A. (C)	✓			
2. POEPOE, Mahina (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
4. COCHRAN, Elle				✓
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
6. KAHALOA, Kirstin	✓			
7. PERRUSO, Amy A.	✓			
8. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
9. TODD, Chris	✓			
10. GARCIA, Diamond	✓			
11. SHIMIZU, Garner M.	✓			
TOTAL (11)	10	0	0	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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