

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 391

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 17, 2011

RE: H.B. No. 497

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2011  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 497 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SEXUAL OFFENSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to establish sex trafficking as a felony offense and to protect victims of sex trafficking by:

- (1) Establishing class A and class B felony sex trafficking offenses;
- (2) Establishing the affirmative defense to any prosecution for prostitution that the sexual conduct occurred through force, fraud, or coercion; and
- (3) Requiring the Attorney General to give priority to providing protection or funds to witnesses in any official proceeding or investigation involving sex trafficking.

The Office of Community Services of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Hawaii Family Forum, Hawaii Catholic Conference, and several concerned individuals testified in support of this bill.

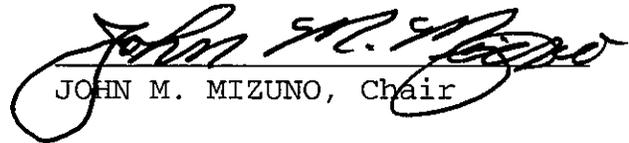
As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 497

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and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Human Services,

  
JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



