

### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that between 8,900 and 2 10,500 children, ages 13 to 17, are commercially exploited each 3 year in the United States. Researchers at the University of Massachusetts in Boston performed a Google trend analysis on the 4 5 topic of "teen porn" and results showed that searches for "teen 6 porn" tripled between 2005-2013. In March 2013, total searches 7 for teen-related porn reached an estimated 500,000 hits daily, 8 which was the equivalent of about one-third of total daily porn 9 searches. The demand and exposure to child pornography has been 10 proven to put individuals at increased risk of committing 11 illicit sexual offenses against children. 12 The legislature finds that child pornography is a public 13 health risk that contributes to increases in child sex 14 trafficking and abuse. The purpose of this Act is to mitigate **15** child exploitation on the internet by providing additional funds **16** to the Hawaii Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force to

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- 1 strengthen the Department of the Attorney General's ability to
- 2 combat child pornography and exploitation on the internet.
- 3 There is appropriated out of the general SECTION 2.
- 4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
- 5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the
- same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 6
- 2020-2021 for four full-time equivalent (4.0 FTE) permanent 7
- 8 level 5 investigators and three full-time equivalent (3.0 FTE)
- 9 permanent investigative analysts positions within the internet
- 10 crimes against children task force.
- 11 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
- 12 of the attorney general for the purposes of this Act.
- SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019. 13

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### Report Title:

Child Pornography; Online Safety; Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force; Attorney General; Appropriation

### Description:

Appropriates funds for the establishment of four full-time equivalent (4.0 FTE) permanent level 5 investigators and three full-time equivalent (3.0 FTE) permanent investigative analyst positions within the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force in the Department of the Attorney General.

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