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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SEX TRAFFICKING AND SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION
TRAINING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that sex trafficking is a
2 form of modern-day slavery. According to a 2018 report
3 published by Arizona State University, one in every eleven men
4 over the age of eighteen in Hawaii is an online sex shopper.
5 When nonresidents are included, the report estimated that 74,362
6 sex shoppers are potentially active in the islands. Moreover,
7 IMUAlliance, a local victim service provider for survivors of
8 sexual servitude, estimates that one hundred fifty
9 establishments participate in the commercial sex trade in the
10 State, placing them at a high risk for sex trafficking.

11 The legislature further finds that education ends
12 exploitation. By empowering students to protect themselves from
13 harm and build healthy relationships; training school staff in
14 how to respond to at-risk youth in a trauma-informed manner; and
15 creating sexual health programs that include information about
16 sexual abuse, sex trafficking, and consent, schools can equip



1 students with the knowledge and skills needed to prevent
2 themselves from becoming victims of sexual exploitation, both as
3 minors and upon reaching adulthood.

4 The purpose of this Act is to protect Hawaii's children
5 from sexual exploitation by authorizing the department of
6 education to provide voluntary training to teachers and school
7 staff on sexual abuse and sex trafficking.

8 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
10 and to read as follows:

11 "§302A- Sexual abuse and sex trafficking prevention

12 training. (a) The department may offer voluntary training for
13 teachers, educational officers, and school-based behavioral
14 health specialists on sexual abuse and sex trafficking
15 prevention and response, including:

16 (1) Methods used to lure children into sexual abuse and
17 sex trafficking;

18 (2) Identifying victims of sexual abuse and sex
19 trafficking;

20 (3) Effects of sexual abuse and sex trafficking on a
21 victim's social, mental, and physical health;



1 (4) Strategies to assist in the prevention of sexual abuse
2 and sex trafficking of children;

3 (5) Trauma-informed strategies for responding to victims
4 of sexual abuse and sex trafficking;

5 (6) Informational resources for victims of sexual abuse
6 and sex trafficking; and

7 (7) Information on agencies that provide services to
8 students who have been identified as victims of sexual
9 abuse and sex trafficking or who are at risk of
10 victimization.

11 (b) At the beginning of each school year, explanatory
12 information about protocols that the department has approved for
13 providing services to victims of sexual abuse and sex
14 trafficking shall be made available to teachers, educational
15 officers, and school-based behavioral health specialists.

16 (c) The department may coordinate and contract with any
17 state or county department or agency, any victim services
18 provider, or any other expert in the field of sexual abuse or
19 sex trafficking prevention and response to implement this
20 section.



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1 (d) As used in this section, "victim services provider"
 2 means any non-governmental organization that provides social,
 3 medical, mental health, legal, case management, educational,
 4 emergency, or housing services to victims of sex trafficking or
 5 sexual abuse."

6 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Sexual Abuse and Sex Trafficking Prevention Training; DOE

Description:

Authorizes DOE to provide sexual abuse and sex trafficking prevention training to certain staff. Requires DOE to make available to certain staff explanatory information about protocols that DOE has approved for providing services to victims of sexual abuse and sex trafficking.

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