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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

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

1       SECTION 1. Chapter 28, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
2 by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and to read  
3 as follows:

4                               **"PART**

5                               **CENTER TO COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

6       **"§28- Center to combat human trafficking.** (a) There  
7 is established within the department of the attorney general a  
8 program to be known as the center to combat human trafficking to  
9 assist in the implementation of federal and state laws relating  
10 to human trafficking.

11       (b) The department shall oversee programs to coordinate  
12 the efforts of state and county agencies with those of federal  
13 agencies in locating, recovering, and protecting victims of  
14 human trafficking and promote community awareness of the problem  
15 of human trafficking.

16       (c) The department of the attorney general shall employ,  
17 without regard to chapter 76, a coordinator and an assistant to



1 the coordinator who shall coordinate existing public and private  
2 resources and further define and develop, to the extent of  
3 available resources, the most appropriate system for addressing  
4 the problem of human trafficking, which may include the  
5 following:

6 (1) A communication network among state and county law  
7 enforcement agencies and the National Crime  
8 Information Center in Washington, D.C.;

9 (2) A standardized reporting system in all counties  
10 developed in conjunction with federal, state, and  
11 county law enforcement officials;

12 (3) Assistance in the establishment of trained teams that  
13 can be activated in each county;

14 (4) Educational programs designed to prevent child  
15 abduction, enhance child safety, and raise public  
16 awareness about ways to prevent child abduction,  
17 molestation, sexual exploitation, and human  
18 trafficking;

19 (5) A directory of resources to assist in locating victims  
20 of human trafficking, including names, addresses, and



1 services provided by public and private organizations;

2 and

3 (6) A statewide centralized, uniform, and computerized  
4 information database relating to human trafficking."

5 SECTION 2. Section 712-1202, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
6 amended by amending subsection (1) to read as follows:

7 "(1) A person commits the offense of sex trafficking if  
8 the person knowingly:

9 (a) Advances prostitution by compelling or inducing a  
10 person by force, threat, fraud, or intimidation to  
11 engage in prostitution, or profits from such conduct  
12 by another; or

13 (b) Advances or profits from prostitution of a minor;  
14 provided that ~~[with respect to the victim's age, the~~  
15 ~~prosecution shall be required to prove only that the~~  
16 ~~person committing the offense acted negligently.]~~ the  
17 state of mind requirement for this offense is not  
18 applicable to the fact that the victim was a minor. A  
19 person is strictly liable with respect to the  
20 attendant circumstance that the victim was a minor."



1       SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                   or so  
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2021-2022 and  
4 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
5 year 2022-2023 for the center to combat human trafficking  
6 established pursuant to section 1 of this Act.

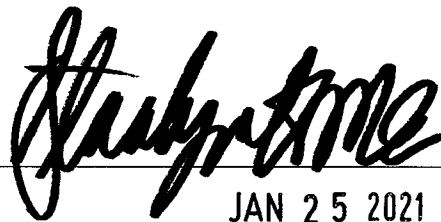
7       The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
8 of the attorney general for the purposes of this Act.

9       SECTION 4. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
10 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
11 begun before its effective date.

12       SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

14       SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;  
15 provided that section 1 of this Act shall take effect on  
16 July 1, 2021.

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INTRODUCED BY:

  
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# H.B. NO. 695

**Report Title:**

Human Trafficking; Center to Combat Human Trafficking; Attorney General; Sex Trafficking; Minors; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes the center to combat human trafficking, including a centralized database, within the department of the attorney general. Makes the solicitation of a minor for sex a strict liability offense of sex trafficking. Appropriates funds for the establishment of the center to combat human trafficking.

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