

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

231

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 , 2021

RE: H.B. No. 722
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, to which was referred H.B. No. 722 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a statewide coordinator and program within the Department of the Attorney General to address the needs of victims of human trafficking;
- (2) Require the Department of the Attorney General to provide reports to the Legislature on the State's efforts to address human trafficking and the commercial sexual exploitation of children; and
- (3) Require the Children's Justice Program to coordinate the investigation and case management of child human trafficking cases, including cases involving the sexual exploitation of children.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary, Department of the Attorney General, Office of the Public Defender, Harm Reduction Hawaii, Imua Alliance, and

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four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that over the past decade, the Department of Human Services has received an increasing number of calls on its hotline from witnesses or victims of child sex trafficking. Your Committee further finds that due to the covert nature of child sex trafficking, it is difficult to accurately measure the scope of the problem in the State.

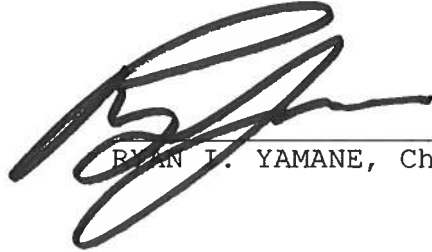
Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the statewide coordinator position;
- (2) Requiring an annual report to the Legislature by the Department of the Attorney General on the State's efforts to address human trafficking and the commercial sexual exploitation of children;
- (3) Clarifying the definition of "human trafficking";
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2060, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) 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 Health, Human Services, & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 722, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 722, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health, Human
Services, & Homelessness,



RYAN T. YAMANE, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-first Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>HB 722</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HHH, JHA, FIN</i>	Date: <i>02/09/2021</i>		
<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)				
HHH Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMANE, Ryan I. (C)	✓			
2. TAM, Adrian K. (VC)	✓			
3. GATES, Cedric Asuega	✓			
4. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
5. KAPELA, Jeanne	✓			
6. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.				✓
7. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
8. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (8)	<i>7</i>			<i>1</i>
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: <i>[Signature]</i>				
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