

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3349

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 2022

RE: H.B. No. 1777
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 1777, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of the Attorney General to provide annual reports to the Legislature on available data pertaining to the commercial sexual exploitation of children; and
- (2) Appropriate moneys.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Attorney General, Department of Human Services, Sex Abuse Treatment Center, Hawaii Youth Services Network, Imua Alliance, and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that, during the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic, demand for services for survivors of sex trafficking in the State increased significantly. Obtaining



quality data about children and youth who are survivors of commercial sexual exploitation is a critical tool for understanding their needs and increasing professional and community awareness. Reports to the Legislature containing pertinent data will assist in assessing and improving the State's response to the trafficking of minors.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Establishing the requirement that the Department of the Attorney General collect, share, and report data pertaining to the commercial sexual exploitation of children as a five-year pilot program;
- (2) Specifying that the Department of the Attorney General shall consult with the Department of Human Services to develop guidelines for the collection, sharing, and reporting of data pertaining to the commercial sexual exploitation of children;
- (3) Clarifying that entities other than state and county departments and agencies are encouraged but not required to collect specific data;
- (4) Specifying that the required reports pertaining to the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Data Pilot Program be submitted to the Legislature no later than forty days prior to the convening of each regular session;
- (5) Specifying that the Department of the Attorney General shall post its annual reports on its website;
- (6) Amending section 1 to reflect its amended purpose; and
- (7) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1777, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1777,



H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,



KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes
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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	/			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)	/			
ACASIO, Laura	/			
GABBARD, Mike	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
LEE, Chris	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	7	/	/	/

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: *Karl Rhoads*

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