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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SEX TRAFFICKING PREVENTION.

**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 and the Hawaii state  
4 commission on the status of women, one of every eleven adult  
5 male residents of Hawaii are online sex shoppers. The report  
6 also estimated that there were 74,362 potential sex buyers in  
7 Hawaii. Moreover, during the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic,  
8 a service provider for sex trafficking victims in Hawaii  
9 reported seeing a three hundred per cent increase in demand for  
10 services, which included trauma-informed care.

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 sex trafficking, schools can equip students with the knowledge



1 and skills needed to prevent themselves from becoming victims of  
2 sexual exploitation, as minors and upon reaching adulthood.

3 The purpose of this Act is to protect Hawaii's public  
4 school students from sexual exploitation by requiring the  
5 department of education to offer training to teachers and school  
6 staff on how to prevent and respond to potential cases of sex  
7 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- Sex trafficking prevention training. (a) The  
12 department shall offer training for teachers, educational  
13 officers, school-based personnel including behavioral health  
14 specialists, security, custodial, and support staff on sex  
15 trafficking prevention and response, including:

- 16 (1) Methods used to lure children into sex trafficking;  
17 (2) Identifying victims of sex trafficking;  
18 (3) Effects of sex trafficking on a victim's social,  
19 mental, and physical health;



- 1        (4) Impact of sex trafficking on children of different  
2        racial and ethnic backgrounds, sexual orientations,  
3        and gender identities;
- 4        (5) Strategies to assist in the prevention of sex  
5        trafficking of children;
- 6        (6) Trauma-informed strategies for responding to victims  
7        of sex trafficking;
- 8        (7) Informational resources for victims of sex  
9        trafficking;
- 10       (8) Information on victim service providers that provide  
11       services to students who have been identified as  
12       victims of sex trafficking or who are at risk of  
13       victimization; and
- 14       (9) Information about the importance of enthusiastic  
15       consent in preventing sex trafficking and sexual  
16       violence.
- 17       (b) At the beginning of each school year, explanatory  
18       information about protocols that the department has approved for  
19       providing services to victims of sex trafficking shall be made  
20       available to teachers, educational officers, school-based



1 personnel including behavioral health specialists, security,  
2 custodial, and support staff.

3 (c) The department may coordinate and contract with any  
4 state or county department or agency, any victim service  
5 provider, or any other expert in the field of sex trafficking  
6 prevention and response to implement this section.

7 (d) As used in this section, "victim service provider"  
8 means any non-governmental organization that provides direct  
9 intervention, social, medical, mental health, legal, case  
10 management, educational, emergency, or housing services to  
11 victims of sex trafficking."

12 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 30, 2075.



**Report Title:**

Sex Trafficking Prevention Training; Department of Education

**Description:**

Requires the department of education to offer training for teachers, educational officers, school-based behavioral health specialists, security, custodial, and support staff on sex trafficking prevention and response. Takes effect 7/30/2075.  
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