

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2361**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 14 2024**

RE: S.B. No. 2602

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Labor and Technology and Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 2602 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIM SERVICES FUND,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to transfer the administration of the Human Trafficking Victim Services Fund from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Attorney General, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations' Office of Community Services, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Rainbow Family 808, and three individuals.

Your Committees find that when the Human Trafficking Victim Services Fund was created in 2014, it was placed in the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. Your Committees also find that in 2022 and 2023, the Legislature created within the Department of the Attorney General a new Special Investigations and Prosecution Division that serves as the State's primary prosecutorial unit responsible for prosecuting human trafficking and sex trafficking, and a statewide Human Trafficking Prevention Program to provide services and assistance to victims of human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of children. This measure will allow the Special Investigation and Prosecution Division to use



the Human Trafficking Victims Services Fund to supplement programs, grants, or purchase of service contracts that support or provide comprehensive services to these victims.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Labor and Technology and Judiciary that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2602 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Labor and Technology and Judiciary,



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KARL RHOADS, Chair



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HENRY J.C. AQUINO, Chair



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**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Labor and Technology**  
**LBT**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>5B2402</b>	Committee Referral: <b>LBT/JDC, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/8/24</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
AQUINO, Henry J.C. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
IHARA, Jr., Les				X
LEE, Chris	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; margin-top:10px;"> </div>				
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**JDC**

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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)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	5	—	—	—

Recommendation:  Adopted     Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: 

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