Honolulu, Hawaii

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S.B. No. 292 RE: S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2025 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 292 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SEXUAL EXPLOITATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish safe harbor protections for survivors of sexual exploitation who seek medical or law enforcement assistance.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Honolulu Police Department, Imua Alliance, and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that sex trafficking is a profoundly prevalent crime in the State. Additionally, the COVID-19 pandemic saw demand for sex exploitation victim services in the State increase by more than three hundred percent. Your Committee further finds that over thirty states have existing safe harbor protections for sex trafficking victims. This measure will support survivors of sexual exploitation by providing legal protections when those survivors seek emergency services.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

(1)Inserting an effective date of April 23, 2057, to encourage further discussion; and



(2) 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 S.B. No. 292, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 292, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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

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KARL RHOADS, Chair

The Senate Thirty-Third Legislature State of Hawai'i

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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 Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)		×			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)					×
CHANG, Stanley					\times
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.		*			
AWA, Brenton		×		<u>-</u>	
					
				 	
					
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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