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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO PROSTITUTION.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1       SECTION 1. Chapter 712, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately  
3 designated and to read as follows:

4       "§712-       Massage parlors and similar prostitution  
5 establishments; property managers and owners; liability. (a)  
6 If any massage parlor or similar prostitution establishment is  
7 searched by law enforcement, pursuant to a warrant or an  
8 exception to the warrant clause, and any person is charged with  
9 the offense of commercial sexual exploitation under section 712-  
10 1200.5, sex trafficking under section 712-1202, or promoting  
11 prostitution under section 712-1203 as a result of the search,  
12 the property manager and owner of the real property on or in  
13 which the massage parlor or similar prostitution establishment  
14 is located may be charged with complicity in the offenses  
15 charged.

16       (b) If compelling evidence is presented proving complicity  
17 or inaction to address a massage parlor or similar prostitution



1 establishment, both the property manager and owner of the real  
2 property on or in which the massage parlor or similar  
3 prostitution establishment is located shall be fined \$100,000,  
4 in addition to any other penalties.

5 (c) Any worker of the massage parlor or similar  
6 prostitution establishment or any person, against whom the  
7 offense of commercial sexual exploitation under section 712-  
8 1200.5, sex trafficking under section 712-1202, or promoting  
9 prostitution under section 712-1203 has been committed, shall be  
10 treated as a victim and offered resources to determine the  
11 nature of their involvement and the potential for reunification  
12 with family if the worker or person is trafficked."

13 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
15 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and  
16 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
17 year 2026-2027 to enforce this Act, to be allocated as follows:

18 (1) \$ to the city and county of Honolulu;  
19 (2) \$ to the county of Hawaii;  
20 (3) \$ to the county of Maui; and  
21 (4) \$ to the county of Kauai.



1       The sums appropriated shall be expended by each county for  
2 the purposes of this Act.

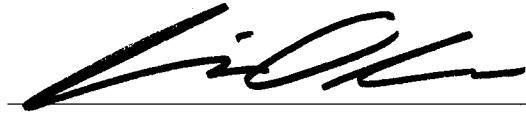
3       SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
4 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
5 begun before its effective date.

6       SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

7       SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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# H.B. NO. 1485

**Report Title:**

Penal Code; Massage Parlors; Prostitution Establishments;  
Property Managers; Property Owners; Liability; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes penalties for property managers and owners of real property on or in which massage parlors or similar prostitution establishments are located. Requires workers to be treated as victims and offered resources. Appropriates funds.

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