STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1133-26

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 06, 2026

RE: H.B. No. 1960
H.D. 2

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1960, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require:

(1) The Department of the Attorney General to develop a human trafficking awareness training program for workers in the transient accommodations sector; and

(2) Transient accommodations employers and third-party contractors to provide the human trafficking awareness training and establish human trafficking prevention policies.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women; Imua Alliance; and eight individuals.

Your Committee finds that human trafficking is a deeply harmful form of exploitation that disproportionately impacts the State's most vulnerable populations, including Native Hawaiians. Your Committee further finds that victims of human trafficking are

often hidden in plain sight and that the transient accommodation sector can be a critical point of identification of these victims. This measure ensures that employees in the transient accommodation sector have the training necessary to help identify human trafficking.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1960, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1960, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary &
Hawaiian Affairs,

DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair

State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date:
HB 1960 HD1	TOU, LAB, JHA	2/24/2026

☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to: ☐ Pass, unamended (as is) ☒ Pass, with amendments (HD) ☐ Hold
☐ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)

JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TARNAS, David A. (C)	✓			
2. POEPOE, Mahina (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
4. COCHRAN, Elle	✓			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.				✓
6. KAHALOA, Kirstin	✓			
7. SAYAMA, Jackson D.	✓			
8. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
9. GARCIA, Diamond				✓
10. SHIMIZU, Garner M.	✓			
TOTAL (10)	8	0	0	2

The recommendation is: ☒ Adopted ☐ Not Adopted
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.
committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____

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