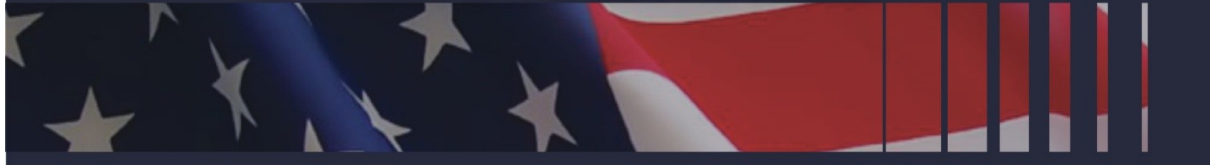


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Hawaii State Facts

Criminalization of DMST

1. Hawaii has not enacted a human trafficking law that includes the crime of sex trafficking, relying instead on laws criminalizing promoting prostitution and creating child pornography to reach the criminal actions of sex traffickers which carry sentences of up to 20 years imprisonment and a possible fine of \$50,000 and victim restitution.

Criminal Provisions Addressing Demand

2. Hawaii Attorney General David Louie was one of 51 Attorneys General who signed a letter to Backpage.com calling on the company to disclose its efforts to identify and delete advertisements that facilitate sex trafficking, specifically of minors.¹
3. In the absence of a sex trafficking law or any laws that specifically reaches the actions of a buyer of sex acts with a minor, a buyer may be charged with soliciting prostitution which fails to deter the crime of buying sex with a minor with its low penalties.

Criminal Provisions for Traffickers

4. In May 2010, Bronson Iseri, was sentenced to 5 years in federal prison for sex trafficking a 14 and a 16-year-old girl on the Internet—a low sentence resulting from the judge’s perception that Iseri “was probably dazzled by the lifestyle and the potential to make a lot of money quickly” when the victims allegedly asked him to serve as their pimp. Iseri was also charged in state court with rape and promoting prostitution for coercing a 17-year-old girl into sex and then advertising her on the Internet.²

Protective Provisions for Child Victims

5. Victims of domestic minor sex trafficking are not provided a mandatory protective response that removes them from culpability for prostitution and places them in a restorative program and even if determined to be eligible to apply for crime victims; compensation certain criteria may prevent them from receiving an award to help pay for the damages from their exploitation.

¹ <http://www.tn.gov/attorneygeneral/cases/backpage/backpageletter.pdf>

² <http://the.honoluluadvertiser.com/article/2010/May/10/br/hawaii100510042.html>
<http://www.kitv.com/news/22030285/detail.html#ixzz1dbw8g1Q5>

Criminal Justice Tools for investigation and Prosecution

6. Between August 2010 and April 2011, the Honolulu Police Department arrested only one pimp, a possible consequence of the lack of training on human trafficking required for law enforcement.³

³ <http://www.civilbeat.com/articles/2011/04/18/10307-selling-sex-in-honolulu-in-nine-months-police-dept-arrests-just-one-pimp/>