

# HAWAII FAMILY FORUM

## LEGISLATIVE ALERT

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### SUPPORT STIFFER PENALTIES FOR INTERNET ENTICEMENT OF A CHILD! MAKE A CALL TODAY AND SUPPORT OUR KEIKI!

SUPPORT [HB 2302 RELATING TO CRIMES AGAINST MINORS!](#) Parents across the islands are rightly concerned about the very dangerous aspects of internet crimes against children. Law enforcement, schools, community groups, faith-based organizations and parent-teacher alliances warn parents about the dangers posed by perpetrators who use the internet to lure minor children into having sex with them. In fact, there is a whole task force within the Department of the Attorney General devoted to protecting children from internet predators.

The Attorney General's office reports that there have been many instances of successful intervention where perpetrators have been caught attempting to having sex with anonymous minor children enticed on-line. Unfortunately, the sentences for these perpetrators have been far too lenient, with many of these perpetrators receiving probation and little to no jail time. THIS IS NOT AN ACCEPTABLE STANDARD OF PROTECTION FOR HAWAII'S CHILDREN.

Unfortunately, internet predators realize the likelihood of getting caught is slight. Resources for enforcement and interception are limited. Add to that a nearly inconsequential criminal consequence and we have collectively created a public policy climate that encourages this continued criminal conduct.

#### ACTION:

- Contact members of the House Committee on the Judiciary and urge them to pass HB 2302. Ask them to consider a tougher minimum sentence than the 1-year proposed by this legislation. These perpetrators are every parent's nightmare.

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- Show up at the capitol on February 2, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. in room #325 and show your support for our keiki.
- Ask your families and friends to do the same.

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