

Report Cards on Child & Youth Sex Trafficking

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The Report Cards on Child & Youth Sex Trafficking Advanced Legislative Framework builds on the original Protected Innocence Challenge Framework, preserving the most fundamental components while including new policy priorities that reflect feedback and research from the field—particularly in the area of victim protections. The advanced framework will be used to grade the states next fall when we release the inaugural Report Cards on Child & Youth Sex Trafficking. As such, the 2021 legislative session is a critical time for your state to strengthen its laws before report cards and corresponding grades are issued.

So what is **HAWAII**'s current score and what changes are needed? As of August 1, 2019, **HAWAII HAD RAISED ITS GRADE FROM F TO C:**

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| 2019 | SCORE | GRADE | 10 | 17.5 | 15 | 9.5 | 12 | 11.5 |
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| | 75.5 | C | 10 | 25 | 15 | 10 | 27.5 | 15 |
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| 2011 | SCORE | GRADE | 2.5 | 4 | 10.5 | 5 | 11.5 | 7 |
| | 40.5 | F | 10 | 25 | 15 | 10 | 27.5 | 15 |

Hawaii criminalizes child sex trafficking without requiring proof of force, fraud, or coercion, but demand is expressly excluded under the sex trafficking law. Instead,

buyers of sex with minors face penalties that do not reflect the seriousness of the offense. While child sex trafficking is identified as a form of child abuse and neglect regardless of the child's relationship to the perpetrator of the abuse, Hawaii law does not provide victims with a non-punitive avenue to specialized services or eliminate a minor's criminal liability for prostitution.

To support implementation of the Report Cards on Child & Youth Sex Trafficking Advanced Legislative Framework, our Policy Team will remain available to provide rapid, technical assistance to support legislators, advocates, and state agencies; technical assistance requests can be submitted [here](#).



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