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REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LABOR TRAFFICKING LAWS OF ACT 146 (2011)

Pursuant to Section 5 of Act 146, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011

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Section 5 of Act 146, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011, provides that "[t]he department of the attorney general shall submit a report regarding the implementation of this Act, including findings, recommendations, and any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2014." Act 146 established felony labor trafficking offenses, a nonpayment of wages offense, and an unlawful conduct with respect to documents offense.

The Department of the Attorney General (Department) consulted with the county police and prosecutors of all four counties. The Department and all of the county agencies have not initiated any criminal cases based on the new offenses established by Act 146 of 2011. The Department notes that it has been only two years since the laws were enacted.

At this time, the Department does not have any recommendations to make regarding Act 146.