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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

CONVENING AN INTERNATIONAL NETWORK ADDRESSING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEX ASSAULT.

WHEREAS, domestic violence and sex assault is an 1 international issue that permeates all levels of society, 2 affecting people regardless of age, income, education, religion, 3 or culture; and 4 5 WHEREAS, organizations in countries around the world look 6 to their counterpart organizations in the United States for 7 leadership and methodologies to treat and prevent the occurrence 8 of domestic violence and sex assault; and 9 10 WHEREAS, Hawaii is the gateway between the United States 11 and its Asian neighbors, making Hawaii-based organizations 12 addressing domestic violence and sex assault natural conduits 13 for international cooperation on this issue; and 14 15 WHEREAS, the State Commission on the Status of Women 16 (Commission) is mandated to act as a central clearinghouse and 17 coordinating body for governmental and nongovernmental 18 activities and information relating to the status of women; and 19 20 WHEREAS, the Commission is further mandated to create 21 public awareness and understanding of the responsibilities, 22 needs, potentials, and contributions of women and their roles in 23 24 the changing society; and 25 WHEREAS, the Commission is further mandated to maintain 26 contacts with appropriate federal, state, local, and 27 international agencies concerned with the status of women; and 28 29 WHEREAS, the Commission was instrumental in laying the 30 foundation for essential organizations dedicated to treating and 31 preventing domestic violence and sex assault throughout the 32 State through the Na Wahine initiative, including the Domestic 33



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Violence Clearinghouse, Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic 1 2 Violence, Sex Abuse Treatment Center, and Child and Family Services' Hale 'Ohana shelter; and 3 4 WHEREAS, the Commission has facilitated visits from 5 international organizations dealing with domestic violence and 6 sex assault issues and has received requests from the All Japan 7 DV Hotline Coalition and the Korean Women's Hotline Union to 8 facilitate training to their staff and members; and 9 10 WHEREAS, the Na Wahine initiative, provided a valuable 11 12 forum for organizations addressing domestic violence and sex assault to coordinate, network, and share resources, but is no 13 longer in existence; now, therefore, 14 15 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 16 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular 17 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Commission on 18 the Status of Women convene a network of organizations for the 19 20 support and development of local and international organizations addressing domestic violence and sex assault issues; and 21 22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the network consist of 23 organizations including, but not limited to, the Domestic 24 Violence Clearinghouse, Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic 25 Violence, Sex Abuse Treatment Center, Child and Family Services' 26 Hale 'Ohana shelter, All Japan DV Hotline Coalition, and the 27 Korean Women's Hotline Union; and 28 29 30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the network develop, prepare, and facilitate a training conference in the summer of 2007 for 31 visiting international organizations addressing domestic 32 violence and sex assault, including the All Japan DV Hotline 33 34 Coalition, and the Korean Women's Hotline Union; and 35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission report back to 36 the Legislature on the success of the network and the 37 international training conference, including recommendations for 38 further training and international networking opportunities to 39 address issues of domestic violence and sex assault no later 40 than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2008 Regular 41 42 Session; and 43

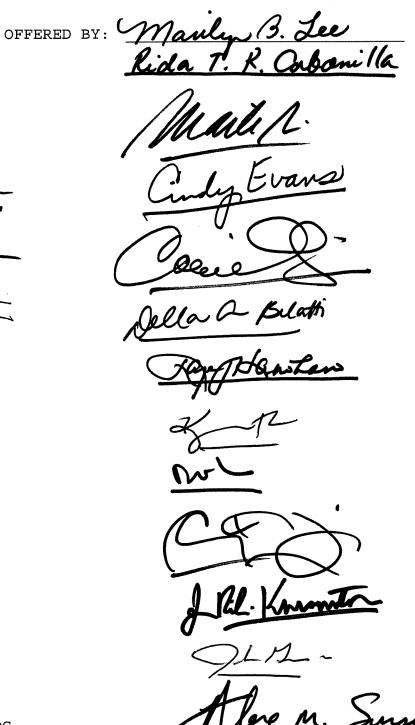




BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this 1 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director 2 of the Commission on the Status of Women. 3

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