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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

CONVENING AN INTERNATIONAL NETWORK ADDRESSING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
AND SEX ASSAULT.

1 WHEREAS, domestic violence and sex assault is an  
2 international issue that permeates all levels of society,  
3 affecting people regardless of age, income, education, religion,  
4 or culture; and

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6 WHEREAS, organizations in countries around the world look  
7 to their counterpart organizations in the United States for  
8 leadership and methodologies to treat and prevent the occurrence  
9 of domestic violence and sex assault; and

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11 WHEREAS, Hawaii is the gateway between the United States  
12 and its Asian neighbors, making Hawaii-based organizations  
13 addressing domestic violence and sex assault natural conduits  
14 for international cooperation on this issue; and

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16 WHEREAS, the State Commission on the Status of Women  
17 (Commission) is mandated to act as a central clearinghouse and  
18 coordinating body for governmental and nongovernmental  
19 activities and information relating to the status of women; and

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21 WHEREAS, the Commission is further mandated to create  
22 public awareness and understanding of the responsibilities,  
23 needs, potentials, and contributions of women and their roles in  
24 the changing society; and

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26 WHEREAS, the Commission is further mandated to maintain  
27 contacts with appropriate federal, state, local, and  
28 international agencies concerned with the status of women; and

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30 WHEREAS, the Commission was instrumental in laying the  
31 foundation for essential organizations dedicated to treating and  
32 preventing domestic violence and sex assault throughout the  
33 State through the Na Wahine initiative, including the Domestic



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

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