
HOUSE 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 Hawaii 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 a 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
34 Violence Clearinghouse, Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic
35 Violence, Sex Abuse Treatment Center, and Child and Family



1 Services' Domestic Violence Shelter and Developing Option to
2 Violence; and
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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
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10 WHEREAS, the Na Wahine initiative, provided a valuable
11 forum for organizations addressing domestic violence and sex
12 assault to coordinate, network, and share resources, but is no
13 longer in existence; now, therefore,
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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, that the Commission convene a network of
18 organizations for the support and development of local and
19 international organizations addressing domestic violence and sex
20 assault issues; and
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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 Domestic Violence Shelter and Developing Option to Violence, All
27 Japan DV Hotline Coalition, and the Korean Women's Hotline
28 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 20 days prior to the convening of the 2008 Regular Session;
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of the
3 Commission on the Status of Women.

