
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO SUPPORT PROJECT
CUDDLE AND ASSESS THE FEASIBILITY OF ADVERTISING ITS
HOTLINE.

1 WHEREAS, Project Cuddle is recognized as a successful,
2 safe, and legal alternative to abandonment of babies; and
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4 WHEREAS, Project Cuddle is the result of one woman's
5 crusade to help prevent infants from being abandoned; and
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7 WHEREAS, Project Cuddle instituted a 24-hour toll-free
8 crisis hotline; and
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10 WHEREAS, when a crisis call is received, Project Cuddle
11 institutes means of helping the baby such as finding an
12 attorney, a family wanting to rescue and adopt the baby, as well
13 as an obstetrician, hospital and social counselor; and
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15 WHEREAS, Project Cuddle was incorporated as a 501 (c)(3)
16 non-profit charity in 1994; and
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18 WHEREAS, a volunteer Board of Directors oversees the
19 organization, which Debbe Magnusen runs on a day-to-day basis
20 with the assistance of volunteers and a minimal paid staff; and
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22 WHEREAS, statistics indicate that fifty-seven children are
23 abandoned everyday, and these are only the ones that are found;
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26 WHEREAS, since its founding, Project Cuddle has
27 successfully saved hundreds of babies from being abandoned; and
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29 WHEREAS, approximately 60 percent of the girls and women
30 raise their babies with the help of Project Cuddle who works
31 with the parents of the mothers and find them shelter; and



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2 WHEREAS, Project Cuddle is based in Orange County,
3 California and has volunteers all over the United States and
4 Canada that help publicize its toll-free number in that area;
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7 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that it is a noble and
8 appropriate alternative to abandonment to support Project
9 Cuddle; now, therefore,
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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
12 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
13 Session of 2007, that the Department of Human Services is urged
14 to support Project Cuddle and to assess the feasibility of
15 advertising its toll-free number so that women and friends and
16 relatives of women who are considering abandoning a baby may
17 have an alternative; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department is requested to
20 report findings and recommendations, including proposed
21 legislation, to the Legislature twenty days before the start of
22 the Regular Session of 2008; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
25 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Human Services, the
26 Speaker of the House, and the President of the Senate.
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OFFERED BY: _____

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