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SENATE 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
34 Violence Clearinghouse, Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic
35 Violence, Sex Abuse Treatment Center, and Child and Family
36 Services' Hale 'Ohana shelter; and



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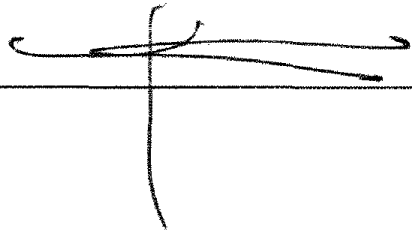
33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission report back to
34 this body on the success of the network and the international
35 training conference, including recommendations for further
36 training and international networking opportunities to address
37 issues of domestic violence and sex assault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



1 Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of the
2 Commission on the Status of Women.
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