
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 is requested to
16 convene a network of organizations for the support and
17 development of local and international organizations addressing
18 domestic violence and sex 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 Domestic Violence Shelter and Developing Options to Violence,
25 All Japan DV Hotline Coalition, and the Korean Women's Hotline
26 Union; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the network develop, prepare,
29 and facilitate training opportunities for visiting international
30 organizations addressing domestic violence and sex assault,
31 including the All Japan DV Hotline Coalition, and the Korean
32 Women's Hotline Union; and
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission report back to
35 the Legislature on the success of the network and the
36 international training, including recommendations for further
37 training and international networking opportunities to address
38 issues of domestic violence and sex assault no later than twenty
39 days prior to the convening of the 2008 Regular Session; and
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
42 Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of the
43 Commission on the Status of Women.

