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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

CALLING ON THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO CONVENE A TASK  
FORCE TO ESTABLISH A PROTOCOL AND TRAINING PROGRAM FOR  
FIRST RESPONDERS IN CHILD PROTECTIVE AWARENESS SKILLS.

1           WHEREAS, according to Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii, nearly  
2 6,000 suspected cases of child abuse are reported in Hawaii each  
3 year; and  
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5           WHEREAS, child abuse can take the form of physical injury,  
6 sexual abuse, neglect, and emotional maltreatment; and  
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8           WHEREAS, first responders including police officers,  
9 members of the fire department, and emergency medical personnel  
10 have the unique duty of responding to a wide variety of  
11 situations in which children may be found who are the victims of  
12 or who are at risk for child abuse; and  
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14           WHEREAS, all first responders must be able to identify  
15 children who may be victims or who are at risk for abuse in  
16 order to be prepared to set the proper protective protocols in  
17 motion; now, therefore,  
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19           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
20 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the  
21 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
22 Human Services shall convene a task force to establish protocols  
23 and training programs for first responders, including the county  
24 police departments, the sheriffs and other law enforcement  
25 agencies, the fire department, and emergency medical personnel,  
26 to use when coming into contact with children who may be victims  
27 of or who are at risk for child abuse; and  
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29           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such training and protocols may  
30 include a mechanism through which confidential information from  
31 child protective services may be accessed by a first responder



1 if necessary and appropriate to ensure a child's safety and  
2 well-being; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such training and protocols  
5 shall be developed in collaboration with the respective first  
6 responder groups; and

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Human  
9 Services shall report back to the Legislature on the status of  
10 development and implementation of the protocols and training  
11 programs no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the  
12 Regular Session of 2009, and each year thereafter for three  
13 years; and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
16 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the  
17 Director of Health, the Director of Human Services, the  
18 Administrator of Child Protective Services, the Chief of Police  
19 of each county, the state Sheriff, the Fire Chief of each  
20 county, the Chief of the Harbor Police, and the Director of the  
21 Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement.

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