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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND ALL AGENCIES WITH  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES' CONTRACTS TO UPHOLD THEIR  
NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY FOR GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, AND  
TRANSGENDERED PERSONS

1       WHEREAS, in recent years, the number of hate crimes against  
2 gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered persons have risen;  
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5       WHEREAS, hate crimes against gay, lesbian, bisexual, and  
6 transgendered persons now constitute the third-highest category  
7 of hate crimes reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
8 and represent almost fourteen per cent of all hate crimes; and  
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10       WHEREAS, hate crimes based on the victim's real or  
11 perceived gender, sexual preference, gender identity, or  
12 disability, hurts the community; and  
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14       WHEREAS, only a minority of states include sexual  
15 orientation in their hate crimes statutes; and  
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17       WHEREAS, it is important for the Department of Human  
18 Services and the service providers with contracts under the  
19 Department to urge its workers and recipients that it is not  
20 acceptable to discriminate against individuals because of their  
21 actual or perceived gender, sexual orientation, gender identity,  
22 or disability, in addition to an individual's actual or  
23 perceived race, color, religion, or national origin; and  
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25       BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
26 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
27 of 2010, that the Department of Human Services is urged to  
28 provide information to its workers and agencies under contract  
29 regarding discrimination based on gender, sexual preference,  
30 gender identity, or disability; and  
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32       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
33 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the Senate,  
34 Speaker of the House, Governor of Hawaii, the Director of the



1 Department of Human Services, the President of Pride at Work  
2 Hawaii, the Executive Director of Life Foundation, the Executive  
3 Director of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW),  
4 the Chairman of the Family Equality Coalition, the President of  
5 the Gregory House Programs, and the Coordinator of the Lesbian,  
6 Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Student Services Office at  
7 the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

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