
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND ALL AGENCIES WITH
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES' CONTRACTS TO UPHOLD THEIR
NONDISCRIMINATION 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, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Human
28 Services is urged to provide information to its workers and
29 agencies under contract regarding discrimination based on
30 gender, sexual preference, gender identity, or disability; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
3 Senate, Speaker of the House, Governor of Hawaii, the Director
4 of the Department of Human Services, the President of Pride at
5 Work Hawaii, the Executive Director of Life Foundation, the
6 Executive Director of the National Association of Social Workers
7 (NASW), the Chairman of the Family Equality Coalition, the
8 President of the Gregory House Programs, and the Coordinator of
9 the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Student
10 Services Office at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

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