
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING FAMILIES THAT EXPERIENCE BULLYING IN THE HOME TO SEEK
COUNSELING AND THE JUDICIARY TO REQUIRE COUNSELING FOR
THOSE CONVICTED OF A CRIME WHOSE FACTS SUGGEST BULLYING.

1 WHEREAS, bullying has serious and lasting effects; and

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3 WHEREAS, research has found that bullying has significant
4 effects for those who are bullied, those who bully others, and
5 those who witness bullying; and

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7 WHEREAS, bullying increases the risk of depression and
8 anxiety for victims and witnesses of bullying, and increases the
9 likelihood of criminal convictions for those who bully; and

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11 WHEREAS, although less publicized, bullying often occurs in
12 the home between family members, and has the same debilitating
13 effects as bullying in school; and

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15 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that counseling is an
16 effective and common sense approach to addressing the issue of
17 bullying in the home; now, therefore,

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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
20 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
21 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature urges
22 families that experience bullying in the home to seek counseling
23 to address the causes and adverse effects of bullying; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Judiciary is urged to
26 require counseling for any person convicted of a crime whose
27 facts suggest bullying, regardless of where the bullying occurs;
28 and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
31 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Justice of the



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1 Hawaii Supreme Court, the Senior Judge of the Hawaii Family
2 Court, and the Director of Human Services, who is in turn
3 requested to distribute copies to families in need.
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