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## HOUSE 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, that the Legislature urges families that experience  
22 bullying in the home to seek counseling to address the causes  
23 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;  
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30           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
31 Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Justice of the Hawaii  
32 Supreme Court, the Senior Judge of the Hawaii Family Court, and  
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1 the Director of Human Services, who is in turn requested to  
2 distribute copies to families in need.

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