
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE
REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT 1, SESSION LAWS OF
HAWAII 2011.

1 WHEREAS, Act 1, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011, which extends
2 the same rights, benefits, protections, and responsibilities of
3 spouses in a marriage to partners in a civil union, takes effect
4 on January 1, 2012; and

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6 WHEREAS, the Department of Health has less than one year to
7 implement the requirements of Act 1, Session Laws of Hawaii
8 2011, including but not limited to:

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- 10 (1) Prescribing the form and contents of the application
11 for a license for an agent to perform a solemnization;
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 - 13 (2) Prescribing the form and contents of the license for
14 an agent to perform a solemnization;
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 - 16 (3) Prescribing the form and contents of an application
17 for a license for persons to enter into a civil union;
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 - 19 (4) Prescribing the form and contents of the license for
20 persons to enter into a civil union;
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 - 22 (5) Receiving an application for a license for an agent to
23 perform a solemnization;
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 - 25 (6) Issuing the license for an agent to perform a
26 solemnization;
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 - 28 (7) Receiving an application for a license for persons to
29 enter into a civil union;
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 - 31 (8) Issuing the license for persons to enter into a civil
32 union;
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- 1 (9) Prescribing the form and contents of a brochure and
2 information pertaining to public health matters; and
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- 4 (10) Issuing the brochure and information pertaining to
5 public health matters to persons applying for a
6 license to enter into a civil union; and
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8 WHEREAS, the Department of Health faces a potentially large
9 and voluminous logistical challenge in meeting the requirements
10 of Act 1, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011, especially upon the first
11 few days following the January 1, 2012, effective date of the
12 Act; and
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14 WHEREAS, the creation of a task force may be beneficial in
15 assisting the Department of Health in meeting its statutory
16 mandate in a timely and expeditious manner; now, therefore,
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
19 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
20 of 2011, that the Department of Health is requested to establish
21 a task force regarding the implementation of Act 1, Session Laws
22 of Hawaii 2011; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is specifically
25 requested to review the experiences of other states in managing,
26 within the first few days of the effective date of a law that
27 recognizes a civil union, the volume of applications for a
28 license for persons to enter into a civil union; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
31 consider pre-filing, pre-screening, and the authorization of
32 temporary agents who agree to waive fees for civil union
33 licenses; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health is
36 requested to serve as the chairperson and to establish the size
37 and composition of the task force in order to represent
38 interested stakeholders, including but not limited to
39 representatives from the Department of the Attorney General, the
40 Hawaii Tourism Authority, and interested community
41 organizations; and
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43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health is
44 requested to convene the task force immediately upon the



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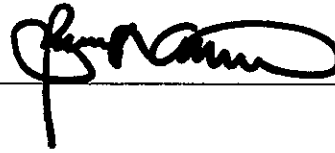
1 adoption of this measure and to terminate its proceedings on
2 June 30, 2012; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health is
5 requested to complete the task force's review in time to enable
6 the Department of Health to implement its recommendations by
7 January 1, 2012; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health is
10 requested to submit a report of the task force's findings and
11 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
12 Legislature not less than twenty days prior to the convening of
13 the Regular Session of 2012; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
16 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health, the
17 Attorney General, and the Chairperson of the Board of the Hawaii
18 Tourism Authority.
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