
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS TO ENSURE GENDER EQUALITY IN THEIR
LEADERSHIP POSITIONS.

1 WHEREAS, equality between men and women is essential to the
2 progress, sustainable development, and effective governance of
3 the State, the nation, and society, and is of fundamental and
4 unequalled importance; and
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6 WHEREAS, gender equality is the cornerstone of a cohesive
7 society and both government and private organizations have
8 acknowledged the detriment to society incurred by the previous
9 exclusion of women from education, business, and government
10 activities; and
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12 WHEREAS, over the last century, many have fought to remedy
13 past wrongs and provide opportunities for women to participate
14 in and lead private and public institutions; and
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16 WHEREAS, the late Patsy Mink championed such efforts by co-
17 authoring and shepherding the passage of Title IX, which secured
18 equal opportunities for women in education and athletics; and
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20 WHEREAS, the State is dedicated to ensuring equality in all
21 areas of public and private life; and
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23 WHEREAS, the continued unfair treatment and exclusion of
24 women from leadership roles in private institutions,
25 particularly those institutions impacting the social and moral
26 development of the people, are inconsistent with these efforts
27 and the fundamental principles of the State and the nation; and
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29 WHEREAS, those making decisions affecting the direction of
30 these influential organizations should be representative of
31 those for whom the decisions are made; and



1 WHEREAS, for the continued progress and stability of our
 2 society, equality must be instilled in all private institutions,
 3 and women should be allowed to assume both secular and non-
 4 secular leadership roles; now, therefore,
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 7 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 8 of 2011, that all private organizations, including faith-based
 9 organizations, are urged to open leadership roles and positions
 10 of influence to women; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 13 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the American Civil
 14 Liberties Union, Executive Director of the Hawaii Civil Rights
 15 Commission, Executive Director of the Hawaii State Commission on
 16 the Status of Women, and President of Interfaith Alliance
 17 Hawaii.
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