
SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A VOLUNTEER DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
ASSESSMENT AND CASE MANAGEMENT UNIT.

1 WHEREAS, the co-occurrence of domestic violence and child
2 abuse is well documented in clinical research and literature;
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5 WHEREAS, overlooking domestic violence in child welfare
6 cases can result in catastrophic consequences for the child and
7 victims that survive domestic violence; and
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9 WHEREAS, inaccurately diagnosing domestic violence dynamics
10 in child welfare cases can result in potentially life-
11 threatening consequences for the child and victims that survive
12 domestic violence; and
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14 WHEREAS, existing domestic violence service agencies and
15 Child Welfare Services need to enhance working collaborations in
16 cases where domestic violence issues are raised or identified;
17 now, therefore,
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
20 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011,
21 that the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, in
22 partnership with the Department of Human Services, Department of
23 Health, and Judiciary, is requested to convene a working group
24 to develop a volunteer domestic violence assessment and case
25 management unit; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the volunteer domestic violence
28 assessment and case management unit address and appropriately
29 respond to cases where allegations or a history of domestic
30 violence has been raised or identified; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii State Coalition
33 Against Domestic Violence submit a report of its findings and
34 recommendations regarding the status, challenges, and
35 opportunities for the establishment of the volunteer domestic
36 violence assessment and case management unit to the Legislature,



1 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
2 Session of 2012; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Human Services,
6 Administrator of Child Welfare Services, Director of Health,
7 Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and Hawaii State Coalition
8 Against Domestic Violence.

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