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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING ALCOHOL RETAILERS AND LICENSED PREMISES UNDER CHAPTER 281, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, TO POST A SIGN IN OR ABOUT THE PREMISES WARNING WOMEN NOT TO DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DURING PREGNANCY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO PROVIDE STATEWIDE TRAINING ON FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER PREVENTION, IDENTIFICATION, AND INTERVENTIONS.

1           WHEREAS, this body finds that according to the findings of  
2 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Behavioral Risk  
3 Factor Surveillance System surveys from 1991 to 2005,  
4 approximately one in eight women drank alcohol while pregnant;  
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7           WHEREAS, based on the study, the highest percentages of  
8 pregnant women reporting any alcohol use were aged thirty-five  
9 to forty-four years (17.7 percent), college graduates (14.4  
10 percent), employed (13.7 percent), and unmarried (13.4 percent);  
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13           WHEREAS, alcohol consumption during pregnancy is a risk  
14 factor for poor birth outcomes and fetal alcohol spectrum  
15 disorder, which describes the conditions that can occur in an  
16 individual whose mother drank alcohol during pregnancy,  
17 including fetal alcohol syndrome, birth defects, and low birth  
18 weight; and

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20           WHEREAS, more than 40,000 babies are born with fetal  
21 alcohol spectrum disorder every year, which is higher than the  
22 rates of those with Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, cystic  
23 fibrosis, spina bifida, and sudden infant death syndrome; and

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25           WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and  
26 Prevention, fetal alcohol spectrum disorders are 100 percent  
27 preventable if a woman does not drink alcohol during pregnancy;  
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 2 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
 3 estimated in 2002 that the lifetime costs for an individual  
 4 affected with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder average  
 5 \$2,000,000; and

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 7 WHEREAS, the federal government has mandated that alcohol  
 8 beverage containers include warnings of the effects of drinking  
 9 while pregnant but has not mandated that alcohol retailers post  
 10 warnings about the risk of drinking during pregnancy; and

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 12 WHEREAS, House Concurrent Resolution No. 141, Regular  
 13 Session of 2004, requested the Department of Health to establish  
 14 a coordinated statewide effort to address fetal alcohol spectrum  
 15 disorder; and

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 17 WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 2606, Regular Session of 2012, was  
 18 introduced to require premises licensed under chapter 281,  
 19 Hawaii Revised Statutes, to have an advertisement or sign posted  
 20 on or about the premises that provides customers with a warning  
 21 that women should not drink alcoholic beverages during  
 22 pregnancy; and

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 24 WHEREAS, twenty-three states have passed laws that require  
 25 signs be posted at locations where alcohol is served and sold to  
 26 warn women of the dangers of drinking alcohol while pregnant;  
 27 now, therefore,

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 29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 30 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
 31 of 2012, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature urges  
 32 alcohol retailers and premises licensed under chapter 281,  
 33 Hawaii Revised Statutes, to post a sign in or about the premises  
 34 that reads:

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 36 "WARNING: Women should not drink alcoholic beverages  
 37 during pregnancy because of the risk of birth defects and  
 38 fetal alcohol spectrum disorder. Conditions associated  
 39 with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder include physical,  
 40 mental, behavioral, and learning disabilities."; and

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 42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health  
 43 continue its efforts to provide statewide training on fetal



1 alcohol spectrum disorder prevention, identification, and  
2 interventions; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health,  
6 the mayor of each of the counties, and The Chamber of Commerce  
7 of Hawaii.

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