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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR TO STRIVE TO ACHIEVE OR MAINTAIN GENDER  
EQUITY IN THE NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS TO  
STATE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

1           WHEREAS, this body finds that there is a lack of gender  
2 equity on boards and commissions across the State; and  
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4           WHEREAS, boards and commissions can benefit from balanced  
5 perspectives and can minimize biases that may occur with  
6 memberships that lack gender equity; and  
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8           WHEREAS, service on some boards and commissions can serve  
9 as stepping stones to more influential political posts, in which  
10 case equal opportunities should be provided to all qualified  
11 individuals to serve on boards and commissions; and  
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13           WHEREAS, this body finds that the Governor can assist in  
14 promoting this cause, as the Governor has the power to appoint  
15 members of many boards and commissions; now, therefore,  
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17           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh  
18 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, the  
19 House of Representatives concurring, that the Governor, in  
20 making nominations and appointments to boards and commissions,  
21 is requested to strive to achieve and maintain gender equity in  
22 the composition of state boards and commissions; and  
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24           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor.  
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OFFERED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

