
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR TO SIGN THE CHARTER FOR COMPASSION AND TO
PROCLAIM HAWAII TO BE AN OFFICIAL COMPASSIONATE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, the principle of compassion lies at the heart of
2 all religious, ethical, and spiritual traditions, calling us
3 always to treat all others as we wish to be treated ourselves,
4 to honor the inherent worth and dignity of every person, and to
5 treat everybody, without exception, with absolute justice and
6 equity; and
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8 WHEREAS, over 100 religious leaders of the Progressive
9 Interfaith 'Ohana for Hawaii (PI'O) commit to Meeting Basic Needs
10 Now throughout Hawaii Nei, including:
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- 12 (1) Mālama 'āina;
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- 14 (2) Healthy and local food production;
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- 16 (3) Affordable housing;
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- 18 (4) Quality accessible healthcare;
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- 20 (5) Quality education;
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- 22 (6) Personal safety and stable 'ohana;
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- 24 (7) Responsible and effective governance; and
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- 26 (8) Economic equity; and
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28 WHEREAS, ensuring economic equity and basic needs
29 respectfully throughout Hawaii Nei requires a just society with
30 responsible, effective, and compassionate governance; and



1 WHEREAS, the U.S. Conference of Mayors declares that being
2 part of a compassionate city, region, or nation empowers
3 citizens to develop a sense of cooperation and reinvigorated
4 hope; and

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6 WHEREAS, the U.S. Conference of Mayors also declares that
7 early intervention with compassionate policies creates positive
8 change for at risk youth and saves money otherwise spent dealing
9 with social problems, in effect converting resources from
10 mitigating negatives to promoting positives; and

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12 WHEREAS, Chapter 226, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the Hawaii
13 State Planning Act, identifies the principles or values that are
14 an integral part of Hawaii society and the underlying theme of
15 the State Plan, including Section 226-3(3), Hawaii Revised
16 Statutes, which reads:

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18 *"Community or social well-being is a value that*
19 *encompasses many things. In essence, it refers to*
20 *healthy social, economic, and physical environments*
21 *that benefit the community as a whole. A sense of*
22 *social responsibility, of caring for others and for*
23 *the well-being of our community and of participating*
24 *in social and political life, are important aspects of*
25 *this concept. It further implies the aloha spirit--*
26 *attitudes of tolerance, respect, cooperation and*
27 *unselfish giving, within which Hawaii's society can*
28 *progress.";* and

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30 WHEREAS, the International Campaign to sign the Charter for
31 Compassion is a global campaign inspired by the Golden Rule to
32 encourage public leadership to increase compassion through local
33 initiatives, policy, and projects; now, therefore,

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35 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
36 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
37 Session of 2014, that this body urges the Governor to sign the
38 Charter for Compassion and to proclaim the State of Hawaii to be
39 an official Compassionate State; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body and the Governor
 2 commit to work together to make compassion a standard for State
 3 governance to realize the transformational physical, spiritual,
 4 social, and economic benefits that flow from compassionate
 5 governance; and

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 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 8 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and Lieutenant
 9 Governor.

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