
HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE HAWAII STATE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF
WOMEN FOR ITS 50 YEARS OF COMMITMENT TO CREATING EQUALITY
FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS IN THE STATE OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, women in the State of Hawaii continue to be
2 underrepresented in various aspects of life, including
3 employment, education, politics, and healthcare; and
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5 WHEREAS, these women's voices are embodied and heard by an
6 entity that strives to provide resources, equal opportunities,
7 and legislative advocacy to women; and
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9 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women
10 has served as this entity since its creation by the Governor by
11 executive order in 1964; and
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13 WHEREAS, the Commission aids as a catalyst dedicated to
14 improving the status of and quality of life for women who are
15 affected by gender inequality through advocacy, education, and
16 program development; and
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18 WHEREAS, the Commission is committed to increasing public
19 awareness of issues pertaining to women and encourages women to
20 pursue their political, educational, and employment rights; and
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22 WHEREAS, over the past 50 years, the Commission has
23 successfully advocated for many pieces of legislation, including
24 the passage of Title IX "Women's Education Act of 1972", which
25 barred discrimination based upon sex in educational programs
26 receiving federal funding; and
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28 WHEREAS, the Commission has also been involved in
29 legislative advocacy efforts pertaining to increasing workplace
30 protections for breastfeeding women, prohibiting workplace
31 discrimination against domestic violence and sexual violence



1 victims, and ensuring that sexual assault victims are provided
2 information about and access to emergency contraception when
3 receiving emergency medical care at Hawaii's hospitals; and
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5 WHEREAS, additionally, the Commission initiated the Hawaii
6 Women's Coalition and created the Hawaii Family Economic Self-
7 Sufficiency Standard Advisory Committee and several programs
8 aimed at improving the quality of life for women, including a
9 statewide program for Women's Health Month and Women's History
10 Month; and
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12 WHEREAS, through all of its efforts and accomplishments,
13 the Commission has served as a staunch advocate for the women of
14 Hawaii to help them advance towards attaining gender equality;
15 now, therefore,
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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
18 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
19 Session of 2014, that this body hereby congratulates the Hawaii
20 State Commission on the Status of Women for its 50 years of
21 commitment to creating equality for women and girls in the State
22 of Hawaii and expresses to the Commission its warmest aloha and
23 best wishes for success for many years to come.
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