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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO CREATE A TASK FORCE  
TO ENCOURAGE COMMUNICATION AND ADDRESS CONCERNS OF FOSTER  
PARENTS.

1 WHEREAS, the foster care system plays an important role in  
2 the lives of more than 400,000 children nationwide; and  
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4 WHEREAS, according to the Children's Bureau of the United  
5 States Department of Health and Human Services, approximately  
6 1,221 children were in foster care in Hawaii in fiscal year  
7 2014; and  
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9 WHEREAS, there are many difficulties faced by children and  
10 foster parents in the foster care system for which resolution  
11 requires a commitment to improve foster care programs; and  
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13 WHEREAS, a discussion between foster parents and government  
14 agencies can help to improve foster care for children; now,  
15 therefore,  
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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
18 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
19 Session of 2016, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
20 Human Services is urged to establish a task force with foster  
21 parents to encourage communication and address any upcoming  
22 concerns foster parents may have; and  
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be comprised of  
25 the following members:  
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- 27 (1) The Director of Human Services or the Director's  
28 designee;



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1           (2) A representative from the Catholic Charities Hawaii  
2           Hale Malama Program;

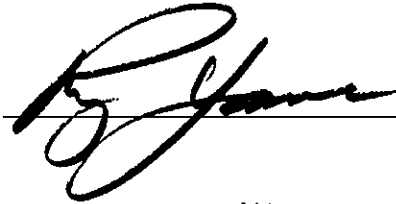
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4           (3) A representative from Hui Ho'omalua; and

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6           (4) A representative from Partners in Development; and  
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8           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
9 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including  
10 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than 20  
11 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2017; and  
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13           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Human  
15 Services, the President of Catholic Charities Hawaii, the  
16 Project Director of Hui Ho'omalua, and the President of Partners  
17 in Development.  
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