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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF AN EARLY CHILDHOOD SEXUAL ABUSE  
WORKING GROUP TO ADDRESS AND REDUCE CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IN  
HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, while child sexual abuse statistics vary, most  
2 research studies show between seventeen and twenty-five percent  
3 of girls and between seven and sixteen percent of boys will  
4 experience sexual abuse before the age of eighteen; and  
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6 WHEREAS, the emotional and physical pain suffered in  
7 childhood often results in depression, drug addiction, suicide,  
8 teenage pregnancy, and juvenile delinquency; and  
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10 WHEREAS, child sexual abuse crosses the boundaries of every  
11 economic level and ethnic and religious group; and  
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13 WHEREAS, an early childhood sexual abuse working group  
14 should be convened to identify the means of addressing early  
15 childhood sexual abuse and create strategies for reducing child  
16 sexual abuse in Hawaii; now, therefore,  
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
19 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
20 Session of 2016, that the Department of Human Services is  
21 requested to convene an early childhood sexual abuse working  
22 group to identify the means of addressing early childhood sexual  
23 abuse and create strategies for reducing child sexual abuse in  
24 Hawaii; and  
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the early childhood sexual  
27 abuse working group be comprised of the following members:  
28 Chair of the Senate Committee on Human Services; Chair of the  
29 House Committee on Human Services; Director of Health or the  
30 Director's designee; Director of Human Services, or the  
31 Director's designee; Superintendent of Education, or the  
32 Superintendent's designee; a representative from the Early  
33 Intervention Section of the Department of Health; and a  
34 representative from Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in devising strategies to  
2 reduce child sexual abuse, it is requested that the working  
3 group:

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- 5 (1) Gather information concerning child sexual abuse
- 6 throughout the State;
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- 8 (2) Hold public meetings to receive or discuss reports and
- 9 testimony from individuals, state and local agencies,
- 10 community-based organizations, and other public and
- 11 private organizations; and
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- 13 (3) Create goals for a state policy that would prevent
- 14 child sexual abuse; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the early childhood sexual  
17 abuse working group is requested to report its findings and  
18 recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days  
19 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2017; and  
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
22 Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the Senate Committee  
23 on Human Services, Chair of the House Committee on Human  
24 Services, Director of Health, Director of Human Services,  
25 Superintendent of Education, and Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii.  
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