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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO
EVALUATE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE DESIGN,
ESTABLISHMENT, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ACCREDITED POST-
DOCTORAL FORENSIC TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR PSYCHIATRISTS AND
PSYCHOLOGISTS.

1 WHEREAS, this body finds that the forensic mental health
2 system provides essential and critically important services to
3 the Judiciary, public mental health system, legal community, and
4 general public; and
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6 WHEREAS, as outlined in chapter 704, Hawaii Revised
7 Statutes, forensic mental health evaluators perform evaluations
8 on defendants charged with criminal conduct in order to
9 determine if defendants are competent to stand trial, bear
10 criminal responsibility, or can be considered for post-acquittal
11 conditional release; and
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13 WHEREAS, forensic mental health evaluators conduct
14 evaluations in the state hospitals, jails and prisons, and the
15 community which are utilized by the courts in the administration
16 and disposition of individuals with mental illness involved with
17 the judicial system; and
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19 WHEREAS, Hawaii needs ongoing availability of educated and
20 specially trained licensed forensic mental health professionals
21 in psychology and psychiatry to remain consistent with state
22 statutes including chapter 704, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
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24 WHEREAS, education and training of forensic mental health
25 evaluators is necessary to ensure the quality and
26 professionalism of those who conduct forensic mental health
27 evaluations; and
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29 WHEREAS, the needs of the forensic mental health system and
30 defendants with mental health issues require the ongoing



1 availability of educated and specially trained licensed forensic
2 mental health professionals in psychology and psychiatry; and
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4 WHEREAS, this body finds it essential to establish
5 accredited post-doctoral forensic training programs for
6 psychologists and psychiatrists, with training and service
7 components in various mental health and public safety agencies
8 and educational institutions in the community; now, therefore,
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
11 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016, the
12 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
13 Health is requested to convene a task force composed of
14 government agencies and other stakeholders to evaluate and make
15 recommendations for designing, establishing, and implementing
16 accredited post-doctoral forensic training programs for
17 psychiatrists and psychologists, with training and service
18 components in various mental health and public safety agencies
19 and educational institutions in the community; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force consider but not
22 be limited to the following issues:
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- 24 (1) The training, education, professional experience, and
25 direct supervision to be delivered in post-doctoral
26 forensic training programs that will meet certain
27 requirements for licensure in psychology and the
28 requirements for board certification by the American
29 Board of Forensic Psychology and the American Board of
30 Psychiatry and Neurology certification in Forensic
31 Psychiatry;
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- 33 (2) The accreditation requirements of the Accreditation
34 Council on Graduate Medical Education and Association
35 for Psychology Postdoctoral and Internships Centers
36 that the post-doctoral forensic training programs
37 should meet;
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- 39 (3) Collaborative engagements that the post-doctoral
40 forensic training programs will have with the
41 Department of Health, Department of Public Safety, and
42 the Judiciary to provide supervised training



1 experiences for post-doctoral psychiatry and
2 psychology fellows; and
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- 4 (4) Recommending the most effective model for achieving
5 educational, training, and workforce development goals
6 including where the programs will be based and how the
7 programs will be administered; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force members be
10 selected by the head of the following state departments or
11 agencies and be composed of representatives from:

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13 (1) Department of Health;
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15 (2) Department of the Attorney General;
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17 (3) Department of Public Safety;
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19 (4) Judiciary;
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21 (5) William S. Richardson School of Law;
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23 (6) John A. Burns School of Medicine - Department of
24 Psychiatry;
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26 (7) University of Hawaii at Manoa - Department of
27 Psychology;
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29 (8) A community forensic psychologist, selected by the
30 Director of Health, who serves as an independent
31 community-based examiner for the Judiciary; and
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33 (9) A forensic psychiatrist, selected by the Director of
34 Health, who serves as an independent community-based
35 examiner for the Judiciary; and
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health or the
38 Director's designee, chair the task force; and
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
41 Bureau is requested to assist the task force in drafting its
42 final report and any proposed legislation; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to meet at least monthly from July 2016 through December 2016, and is requested to submit a final report with any recommendations regarding the issues reviewed, including any proposed legislation and requests for funding no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health, Attorney General, Director of Public Safety, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Hawaii, President of the University of Hawaii, Dean of the William S. Richardson School of Law, Dean of the John A. Burns School of Medicine, and Chair of the Department of Psychology of the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

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