
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO STUDY THE EFFECTIVENESS
OF SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING.

1 WHEREAS, suicide was the most common cause of fatal
2 injuries among Hawaii residents over the five-year period from
3 2010 to 2014, accounting for over one-quarter of all fatal
4 injuries; and

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6 WHEREAS, suicide was the leading cause of injury-related
7 death for most age groups, except for the very young and the
8 very old, outpacing car crashes, homicide, unintentional
9 poisoning, and drowning; and

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11 WHEREAS, one person dies by suicide in Hawaii every two
12 days; and

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14 WHEREAS, the Department of Health, Injury Prevention and
15 Control Section, EMS and Injury Prevention System Branch,
16 collaborates with partners across the State to address the
17 leading causes of injury that include drowning prevention, fall
18 prevention, poisoning prevention, suicide prevention, traffic
19 safety, and violence and abuse prevention; and

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21 WHEREAS, the EMS and Injury Prevention System Branch
22 sponsors suicide intervention trainings, such as ASIST, which is
23 a two-day interactive workshop designed to help caregivers
24 recognize risk and learn how to intervene to prevent the
25 immediate risk of suicide; CONNECT, which are workshops that
26 train professionals and communities in suicide prevention and
27 response; and safETALK, which provides training to recognize a
28 person at risk for suicide and to connect the person with a
29 person trained in suicide first aid intervention; and

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1 WHEREAS, a review of the foregoing programs and related
 2 activities should be conducted to evaluate the effectiveness of
 3 suicide prevention training; now, therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 6 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 7 of 2017, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Health is
 8 requested to study the effectiveness of suicide prevention
 9 training; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
 12 requested to submit a report of its findings and
 13 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
 14 Legislature not later than twenty days prior to the convening of
 15 the Regular Session of 2018; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
 18 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health.
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