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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DROP-IN CENTERS FOR UNACCOMPANIED  
HOMELESS YOUTH.

1           WHEREAS, the National Conference of State Legislatures  
2 reports that forty-six percent of runaway and homeless youth  
3 reported being physically abused, thirty-eight percent reported  
4 being emotionally abused, and seventeen percent reported being  
5 forced into unwanted sexual activity by a family or household  
6 member; and

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8           WHEREAS, state licensing laws require that youth under the  
9 age of eighteen must be accompanied by an adult to be admitted  
10 to any shelter where an adult is present; and

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12           WHEREAS, unaccompanied homeless youth ages ten to eighteen  
13 need the protection of a drop-in center that is available  
14 twenty-four hours a day and seven days a week; now, therefore,

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16           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth  
17 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the  
18 House of Representatives concurring, that the counties are urged  
19 to work in collaboration with the State to open a twenty-four  
20 hour a day, seven day a week drop-in center for unaccompanied  
21 homeless youth in each county no later than July 1, 2018; and

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23           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges the opening of  
24 a second drop-in center in the County of Hawaii and the City and  
25 County of Honolulu no later than January 1, 2019; and

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27           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
28 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Lieutenant  
29 Governor, and the members of all County Councils.

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32 OFFERED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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