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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE AND MANAGEMENT  
AUDIT OF EACH CONTRACT THAT EXCEEDS \$1,000,000 AND HAS BEEN  
ENTERED INTO DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS BETWEEN THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND ANY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.

1           WHEREAS, domestic violence, or the willful intimidation,  
2 physical assault, battery, sexual assault, or other abusive  
3 behavior that is part of a systematic pattern of power and  
4 control perpetrated in a domestic setting, includes physical  
5 violence, sexual violence, threats, and emotional abuse; and  
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7           WHEREAS, the frequency and threat of domestic violence can  
8 vary dramatically, but all levels of domestic violence in the  
9 State are a matter of public concern; and  
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11           WHEREAS, in a twenty-four hour period, four hundred forty-  
12 seven victims received assistance from domestic violence  
13 programs in the State; and  
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15           WHEREAS, in Hawaii, domestic violence programs provide many  
16 services for the benefit of domestic violence victims, including  
17 emergency shelter, homicide reduction, and individual, child,  
18 housing, court, and legal advocacy; and  
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20           WHEREAS, the State provides millions of dollars to  
21 nonprofit organizations to address domestic violence awareness,  
22 education, and support services for victims; and  
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24           WHEREAS, the State has a direct and vested interest in  
25 ensuring that its contracts are performed efficiently and with  
26 accountability and that programs supported by State contracts  
27 are achieving the desired results; now, therefore,  
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29           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
30 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of



1 2019, that the Auditor is requested to conduct a comprehensive  
2 and management audit of each contract between the Department of  
3 Human Services and a domestic violence nonprofit organization  
4 that:

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6 (1) Exceeds \$1,000,000; and  
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8 (2) Has been entered into during the past five years; and  
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each comprehensive and  
11 management audit shall focus on accountability and oversight of  
12 State funding expended pursuant to each contract, including:

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14 (1) The percentage of total expenditures under each  
15 contract allocated for staff and administrative costs  
16 compared to the expenditures for providing services  
17 directly to domestic violence victims;  
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19 (2) Recommendations regarding department contracting  
20 practices to improve comprehensive care for domestic  
21 violence victims; and  
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23 (3) Recommendations regarding best contracting practices  
24 to increase efficiency by reducing staff and  
25 administrative expenditures so that more funds may be  
26 expended for the direct benefit of domestic violence  
27 victims; and  
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
30 specify recommendations that will provide greater efficiency and  
31 support for victims of domestic violence; and  
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
34 submit a report to the Legislature of findings and  
35 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, no later  
36 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
37 of 2020; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and the Director of  
3 Human Services.  
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