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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING VARIOUS APPOINTING AUTHORITIES TO DEDICATE THEMSELVES  
TO ACHIEVE GENDER PARITY ON STATE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS  
AND CIRCUIT COURT.

1           WHEREAS, August 2020 commemorates the one-hundredth  
2 anniversary of women getting the right to vote in the United  
3 States; and

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5           WHEREAS, since that time, women have made great strides in  
6 and contributions to society; and

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8           WHEREAS, despite this progress, women in Hawaii today are  
9 woefully underrepresented on Hawaii's major state boards and  
10 commissions and as judges, with sixty-three percent of those  
11 seats held by men; and

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13           WHEREAS, women are more than qualified to fill these seats,  
14 as the Supreme, Appellate, and District Courts are close to  
15 equal percentages of men and women; and

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17           WHEREAS, the need is for the various appointing authorities  
18 to consciously attempt to correct this imbalance and strive for  
19 parity in state governance and policy-making bodies; now,  
20 therefore,

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22           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
23 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of  
24 2020, the Senate concurring, that the various appointing  
25 authorities are requested to dedicate themselves to achieve  
26 gender parity on state departments, boards, commissions, and  
27 Circuit Court judges; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chief  
 3 Justice, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of  
 4 Representatives.  
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