



April 7, 2021

Senate's Committees on Health; Human Services; & Education
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: House Concurrent Resolution 162 HD 1

Aloha Chairs Keohokalole, San Buenaventura, Kidani and Committee Members,

I am writing in support for House Concurrent Resolution 162 on behalf of the LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Hawai'i's oldest and largest policy and political LGBTQIA+ focused organization. HCR 162 HD 1 calls for REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES; DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, VIA THE BEHAVIORAL RISK FACTOR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM; AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, VIA THE YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM, TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON THE SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AND GENDER IDENTITY AND GENDER EXPRESSION OF RESPONDENTS, INCLUDING RESPONDENTS WHO ARE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE COURTS AND THE HAWAII YOUTH CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.

The LGBT Caucus appreciates and fully supports the goals of HCR 162 HD 1 to collect this much needed data for Hawai'i's LGBTQIA+ youth.

The LGBT Caucus knows that Hawai'i's LGBTQIA+ community needs this information. Far too often health professionals and advocates are asked for data on Hawai'i's LGBTQIA+ community and there are no local studies or the studies that there are available are incomplete or very out dated. We all end up relying on studies from the continent or other counties. With the invaluable data that this resolution seeks it will help you all make more informed decisions when it comes to the needs of Hawai'i's LGBTQIA+ youth and help strengthen Hawai'i's entire community.

Mahalo nui loa for your time and consideration,

Michael Golojuch, Jr.
Chair
LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i

HCR-162-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/6/2021 4:25:03 PM

Testimony for HTH on 4/9/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shayna Lonoaea Alexander	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chairs Keohokalole, San Buenaventura, Kidani, and Honorable Members,

HCR162 HD1 is a combination of two crucial data collection initiatives that would greatly benefit our community as a whole.

First, this resolution requests data collection and reporting via the BRFSS and YRBS from the Dept. of Health that remains LGBTQI+ inclusive. DOH is already doing fantastic and comprehensive data collection, and seeing published reports every three years would be beneficial for policies and advocacy going forward.

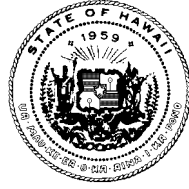
Second, data collection from the juvenile courts and the Department of Humans Services on LGBTQI+ youth under the juvenile system's supervision. Unfortunately, the juvenile courts and DHS have yet to collect LGBTQI+ data meaningfully, and this resolution could be such an opportunity.

Please **pass** this measure with clarifying the language of DOH and DHS/juvenile courts' separate responsibilities in data collection, so the State can best serve some of our most marginalized community members.

Mahalo,

Shayna Lonoanaea Alexander

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April 7, 2021

TO: The Honorable Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair
Senate Committee on Health

The Honorable Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services

The Honorable Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Chair
Senate Committee on Education

FROM: Cathy Betts, Director

SUBJECT: **HCR 162 HD1** - REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES;
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, VIA THE BEHAVIORAL RISK FACTOR SURVEILLANCE
SYSTEM; AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, VIA THE YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR
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ORIENTATION, AND GENDER IDENTITY AND GENDER EXPRESSION OF
RESPONDENTS, INCLUDING RESPONDENTS WHO ARE UNDER THE SUPERVISION
OF THE COURTS AND THE HAWAII YOUTH CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.

Hearing: April 9, 2021, 1:00 p.m.
Via Videoconference, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services appreciates the intent of this resolution and provides comments.

PURPOSE: This resolution requests the department of human services; department of health, via the behavioral risk factor surveillance system; and department of education, via the youth risk behavior surveillance system, to collect information on the sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity and gender expression of respondents, including respondents who are under the supervision of the courts and the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility.

DHS will work with the Department of Health, the Department of Education, the Office of Youth Services, the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility, and constituents to determine the best approach to begin collecting the requested data while respecting the minors' and youths' right to privacy.

However, DHS, the Office of Youth Services, and the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility must be appropriately resourced with staff and operational funds to do this additional and important work.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on these resolutions.



HCR162 HD1

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES; DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, VIA THE BEHAVIORAL RISK FACTOR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM; AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, VIA THE YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM, TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON THE SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AND GENDER IDENTITY AND GENDER EXPRESSION OF RESPONDENTS, INCLUDING RESPONDENTS WHO ARE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE COURTS AND THE HAWAII YOUTH CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

Ke Kōmike ‘Aha Kenekoa o ke Olakino
Senate Committee on Health

Ke Kōmike ‘Aha Kenekoa o ka Lawelawe Kānaka
Senate Committee on Human Services

Ke Kōmike ‘Aha Kenekoa o ka Ho‘ona‘auao
Senate Committee on Education

‘Apelila 9, 2021

1:00 p.m.

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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs **SUPPORTS** HCR162 HD1, which requests the Department of Human Services, the Department of Health, and the Department of Education to collect information on sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity and gender expression, and for the Department of Health to regularly report on the health of Hawai‘i’s lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, or questioning (LGBTQ+) community. **Importantly, this effort will help inform decisionmakers of the unique challenges faced by the LGBTQ+ community, including the potential disproportionate impact of the criminal justice system on LGBTQ+ people.**

Gender and sexual orientation minorities have deep roots in traditional Hawaiian society. Hawaiian culture has a rich history of gender diversity and acceptance of those who would now be considered LGBTQ+. In pre-colonial Hawaiian culture and society, aikāne and māhū were even revered and maintained special roles in society and in certain cultural practices.¹

LGBTQ+ people remain a significant but often unacknowledged part of the Native Hawaiian and larger communities today. Currently, over 1 in 10 public high school students in Hawai‘i identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or queer (LGBQ) (including youth

¹ See, e.g., NOENOE SILVA, ALOHA BETRAYED: NATIVE HAWAIIAN RESISTANCE TO AMERICAN COLONIALISM (2004); Lilikalā Kame‘eleihiwa, *Le‘ale‘a o nā Kūpuna: Traditional Hawaiian Sexuality*, Ke Ola Mamo Conference (1999); Keith Bettinger, *Historically Speaking: A quick look at homosexuality and gender roles in pre-contact Hawai‘i*, HONOLULU WEEKLY, Jun. 20-26, 2007.

who are “questioning” their sexuality), with 22% of these youth being Native Hawaiian.² Over 3% of adults in Hawai‘i also identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual (LGB), with approximately 18% of the adult LGB population being Native Hawaiian.³ Moreover, Hawai‘i ranks first in the nation with the highest proportion of its population composed of transgender adults,⁴ and three percent of Hawai‘i’s high-school-aged youth identify as transgender, with 25% of these youth being Native Hawaiian.⁵

Unfortunately, despite their continued presence and contribution to our islands’ social fabric, LGBTQ+ people are not as consistently accepted and acknowledged as they have traditionally been, resulting in persistent socioeconomic and health disparities and challenges. Hawai‘i’s LGBTQ+ youth suffer from poor access to healthcare and health outcomes,⁶ a high incidence of substance abuse,⁷ a high incidence of sexual and emotional abuse by a partner,⁸ bullying in schools and poor educational outcomes,⁹ and poor mental health with high rates of self-harm and suicidal ideation.¹⁰ Despite a notable presence in Hawai‘i, nearly half of all transgender youth live in unstable housing situations compared to only six percent of cisgender youth.¹¹ Hawai‘i’s LGB adults report similarly dismal experiences.¹² Hawai‘i’s LGB adults, especially women, experience health disparities, particularly in rates of chronic diseases and conditions,¹³ poor mental health,¹⁴ high rates of physical and sexual violence,¹⁵ and a higher incidence of risky behavior.¹⁶ Although more than half of LGB adults have received higher education, they also earn much less than heterosexual adults overall.¹⁷

Furthermore, Native Hawaiian youth are disproportionately represented in the juvenile justice system, which may contribute significantly to Native Hawaiians’

² HAWAII STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, HAWAII SEXUAL & GENDER MINORITY HEALTH REPORT 2017 14 (2017), available at <https://health.hawaii.gov/surveillance/files/2017/05/HawaiiSexualandGenderMinorityHealthReport.pdf>. This report focused primarily on LGBQ youth; in 2018, the Department of Health published a study that focused specifically on transgender youth.

³ *Id.* at 26.

⁴ WILLIAMS INSTITUTE, HOW MANY ADULTS IDENTIFY AS TRANSGENDER IN THE UNITED STATES? 3 (2016).

⁵ HAWAII STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, HAWAII SEXUAL AND GENDER MINORITY HEALTH REPORT 2018: A FOCUS ON TRANSGENDER YOUTH, 24 (2018) available at

<https://health.hawaii.gov/surveillance/files/2018/09/HawaiiSexualandGenderMinorityHealthReport2018.pdf>.

⁶ *Supra* note 2, at 15-16.

⁷ *Id.* at 18.

⁸ *Id.* at 20.

⁹ *Id.* at 20 & 25.

¹⁰ *Id.* at 22.

¹¹ *Id.*

¹² This DOH study limited its adult aggregated data to LGB adults, indicating that the adult transgender population and sample size was so small as to be insufficient to support reporting the data collected by the Department of Health. *Supra* note 5, at 23.

¹³ *Supra* note 2, at 30.

¹⁴ *Id.* at 36.

¹⁵ *Id.* at 35.

¹⁶ *Id.* at 34.

¹⁷ *Id.* at 26.

disproportionate representation in the criminal justice system as a whole. In 2010, OHA produced a comprehensive report detailing the overrepresentation and disparate treatment of Native Hawaiians in the criminal justice system. This report found that Native Hawaiian youth are disproportionately represented in the juvenile justice system and are also the most frequently arrested ethnic group in all offense categories.¹⁸ In 2012, the Native Hawaiian Justice Task Force (NHJTF) was tasked by the Legislature to address the issues raised in OHA's 2010 report; in its report, the NHJTF further acknowledged that "an individual's contact with the criminal justice system . . . often begins at youth."¹⁹

Accordingly, OHA believes that the regular data collection and reporting on LGBTQ+ youth, including youth within our juvenile justice system, may be an important first step toward better understanding and supporting the needs of this segment of our community, thereby improving their lives while strengthening our overall society.

Therefore, OHA respectfully asks the Committees to please **PASS** HCR162 HD1. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

¹⁸ THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS, THE DISPARATE TREATMENT OF NATIVE HAWAIIANS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM 10 (2010), available at http://www.oha.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/ir_final_web_rev.pdf.

¹⁹ THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS, NATIVE HAWAIIAN JUSTICE TASK FORCE REPORT 23 N. 28 (2012), available at http://www.oha.org/wp-content/uploads/2012NHJTF_REPORT_FINAL_0.pdf.

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hawaii

Big Island Substance Abuse Council

Bobby Benson Center

Child and Family Service

Coalition for a Drug Free Hawaii

Collins Consulting, LLC

Domestic Violence Action Center

EPIC, Inc.

Family Programs Hawaii

Family Support Hawaii

Friends of the Children of West Hawaii

Friends of the Children's Justice Center of Maui

Hale Kipa, Inc.

Hale 'Opio Kauai, Inc.

Hawaii Children's Action Network

Hawaii Health & Harm Reduction Center

Ho'ola Na Pua

Kahi Mohala

Kokua Kalihi Valley

Kokua Ohana Aloha (KOA)

Maui Youth and Family Services

Na Pu'uwai Molokai Native Hawaiian Health Care

Systems

P.A.R.E.N.T.S., Inc.

Parents and Children Together (PACT)

PHOCUSED

PFLAG - Kona Big Island

Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest and Hawaiian Islands

Residential Youth Services & Empowerment (RYSE)

Salvation Army Family Intervention Services

Sex Abuse Treatment Center

Susannah Wesley Community Center

The Catalyst Group

April 6, 2021

To: Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair
And members of the Committee on Health

Senator Joy San Buenaventura, Chair
And members of the Committee on Human Services

Senator Michelle Kidani, Chair
And members of the Committee on Education

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HCR 162 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES; DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, VIA THE BEHAVIORAL RISK FACTOR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM; AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, VIA THE YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM, TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON THE SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AND GENDER IDENTITY AND GENDER EXPRESSION OF RESPONDENTS, INCLUDING RESPONDENTS WHO ARE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE COURTS AND THE HAWAII YOUTH CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.

Hawaii Youth Services Network, a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, supports HCR 162 Requesting the Department of Human Services; Department of Health, Via the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System; and Department Of Education, Via the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System, to Collect Information on the Sex, Sexual Orientation, and Gender Identity and Gender Expression of Respondents, Including Respondents Who are Under the Supervision of the Courts and the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility.

The Youth Risk Behavior Survey is a valuable data tool to track youth behavior that promotes good health and safety as well as risky behavior in which they may engage. It informs policies and programs for children and adolescents in areas such as tobacco, nutrition, sexual health, and substance use.

The 2018 compilation of data on LGBTQ youth provided critically needed data on this subpopulation. Youth-serving organizations need this type of data to identify needs, and plan and implement evidence-informed programs.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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Judith F. Clark, MPH
Executive Director

HCR-162-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2021 3:51:31 PM

Testimony for HTH on 4/9/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jungha Kim	Testifying for LGBTQ+ Rainbow Alliance	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chairs Keohokalole, San Buenaventura, Kidani, and Honorable Members,

The expansion of meaningful LGBTQI+ data collection would not only be beneficial in terms of advocacy and policy. It would further the academic pursuits of scholars and students alike, in conjunction with our recently approved queer studies certificate.

The LGBTQ+ Rainbow Alliance, a collection of students at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, urges you to pass this measure with clarifications to separate the data collection responsibilities of the DOH and DHS/Juvenile Courts.

Mahalo,

Jungha Kim
President
LGBTQ+ Rainbow Alliance

HCR-162-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2021 10:58:15 AM

Testimony for HTH on 4/9/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laurie Field	Testifying for Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates	Support	No

Comments:

Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates supports HCR 162, HD1. Thank you!

HCR-162-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2021 8:53:21 AM

Testimony for HTH on 4/9/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pride at Work - Hawaii	Testifying for Pride @ Work - Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

Pride at Work - Hawai'i, the state-wide chapter of Pride At Work (a constituency group of the national AFL-CIO) and an affiliate of the Hawai'i State AFL-CIO, fully supports HCR 162 HD 1.

Mahalo nui loa,

Pride at Work - Hawai'i

HCR-162-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/8/2021 7:01:45 AM

Testimony for HTH on 4/9/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mike Golojuch, Sr.	Testifying for Rainbow Family 808	Support	No

Comments:

Rainbow Family 808 strongly supports HCR162. Please pass this resolution so we can have more accurate information concerning gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression. Thank you for letting us express our position.

Mike Golojuch, Sr., Secretary/Board Member, Rainbow Family 808



April 8, 2021

Chair Jarrett Keohokalole
415 South Beretania St
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Support for HCR 162 HD1 - Collection of Sex, Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and Gender Expression Data

Dear Chair Keohokalole,

The Trevor Project wishes to express its strong support of HCR 162 HD1, which would request the Department of Health, via the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System and the Department of Education, via the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System to collect information on the sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression of respondents.

The Trevor Project is the world's largest suicide prevention and crisis intervention organization for LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Questioning) young people. We work every day to save young lives by providing support through free and confidential suicide prevention through our 24/7 phone lifeline, chat, and text. We also run TrevorSpace, the world's largest safe space social networking site for LGBTQ youth, and operate innovative education, research, and advocacy programs.

Currently, there is only limited information about LGBTQI youth, particularly transgender, nonbinary, gender nonconforming, and/or intersex youth, because surveys that gather this data do not always ask these important demographic questions. Research has shown that transgender and gender nonconforming youth report higher rates of violence, substance use, suicide risk, and sexual risk behaviors. HCR 162 HD1 would help ensure that the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System and the Youth Risk Behavior Survey are collecting this important demographic data to identify areas of issue, track trends, and ultimately help allocate appropriate resources.

The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the need for mental health care and suicide prevention, especially as social isolation has increased due to physical distancing and other preventative measures. Recent polling by the Trevor Project also shows that 35% of LGBTQ youth report have felt more lonely during the COVID-19 pandemic compared to 22% of their cisgender/straight peers. A higher baseline of vulnerability means that when a stressor occurs, such as COVID-19, those people who are already at higher risk are more likely to find themselves in crisis. Therefore, it is more important than ever for collected data to be



comprehensive in order to understand the full nature of youth behaviors as they relate to various populations, and to ensure that especially vulnerable populations receive the resources and policy attention they need and deserve.

For these reasons and on behalf of the youth who depend upon our services, The Trevor Project strongly supports HCR 162 HD1. Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation, and I would be happy to answer any questions.

Thank you,

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Keygan Miller
(They/Them)
Senior Advocacy Associate
The Trevor Project

HCR-162-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/6/2021 3:04:29 PM

Testimony for HTH on 4/9/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Linda Kim	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HCR162 HD1 is a combination of two crucial data collection initiatives that would greatly benefit our community as a whole.

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Second, data collection from the juvenile courts and the Department of Humans Services on LGBTQI+ youth under the juvenile system's supervision. Unfortunately, the juvenile courts and DHS have yet to collect LGBTQI+ data meaningfully, and this resolution could be such an opportunity. We know that LGBTQI+ youth are disproportionately represented in the courts and in youth corrections and detention. We need to do better in our data collection so we can work to do better in our services to these youths and their families.

Thank you.

Please **pass** this measure with clarifying the language of DOH and DHS/juvenile courts' separate responsibilities in data collection, so the State can best serve some of our most marginalized community members.

HCR-162-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2021 8:08:44 AM

Testimony for HTH on 4/9/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Thaddeus Pham	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chairs Keohokalole, San Buenaventura, Kidani, and Honorable Members,

As a concerned community member and public health professional, I write in support of HCR162 HD1, which is a combination of two crucial data collection initiatives that would greatly benefit our community as a whole.

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Mahalo,

Thaddeus Pham (he/him)

HCR-162-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2021 12:18:55 PM

Testimony for HTH on 4/9/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kamuela Werner	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha:

I strongly support HCR162 HD1.

Me ke aloha,

Kamuela Werner, MPH

HCR-162-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/8/2021 5:41:42 AM

Testimony for HTH on 4/9/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nikki-Ann Yee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Mahalo,

Nikki-Ann Yee

HCR-162-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/8/2021 9:36:58 AM

Testimony for HTH on 4/9/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sheena Galutira	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha e Chairs Keohokalole, San Buenaventura, Kidani, a me Honorable Members,

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Mahalo,

Sheena

HCR-162-HD-1

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Testimony for HTH on 4/9/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eileen McKee	Individual	Support	No

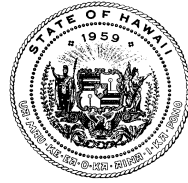
Comments:

I support HCR162 HD1.

Mahalo for considering my testimony.

Eileen McKee

Kihei



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Testimony COMMENTING on H.C.R. 162, H.D. 1

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES; DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, VIA THE BEHAVIORAL RISK FACTOR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM; AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, VIA THE YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM, TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON THE SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AND GENDER IDENTITY AND GENDER EXPRESSION OF RESPONDENTS, INCLUDING RESPONDENTS WHO ARE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE COURTS AND THE HAWAII YOUTH CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

SENATOR JARRETT KEOHOKALO, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

SENATOR JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE HUMAN SERVICES

SENATOR MICHELLE N. KIDANI, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Hearing Date: April 9, 2021

Room Number: Videoconference

1 **Fiscal Implications:** The concurrent resolution requests additional activities that are not
2 part of the regular structure of the surveillance systems, and are not budgeted activities per the
3 requests of the Executive Biennium Budget request.

4 The Department of Health (DOH) recommends holding the concurrent resolution and
5 offers to meet with the requestors of the resolution to better learn their need for information. We
6 are committed to collaborating as members of the Sexual and Gender Minority Working Group,
7 and to inviting other agencies who may have the desired information to inform program and
8 resource decisions.

1 The Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) and the Youth Risk Behavior
2 Survey (YRBS) do not collect data on people under the supervision of the courts and the Hawaii
3 Youth Correctional Facility, so is not the appropriate means of getting the desired data on this
4 group of people. The BRFSS is an annual phone-based survey of adults, and the YRBS is
5 conducted every other school year in selected Department of Education middle and high schools.
6 Respondents are randomly selected to be able to report on the overall health status for adults and
7 youth in Hawaii. Data results are published online through the Hawaii Health Data Warehouse
8 and can be queried by indicator on the following site: <http://ibis.hhdw.org/ibisph-view/>. The
9 DOH published the following two reports, “[Hawaii Sexual and Gender Minority Health Report](#),”
10 and “[Hawaii Sexual and Gender Minority Health Report 2018, A Focus on Transgender Report](#),”
11 since the data had never before been provided in context. Population-based data will not change
12 drastically from year to year, and the DOH does not find it necessary to publish comprehensive
13 reports every three years since the data is available online.

14 The DOH is a key partner in reducing health disparities for sexual and gender minorities,
15 and remains committed to increasing awareness, institutionalizing interventions to eliminate
16 disparities, and systematizing data collection and reporting of data on sexual and gender
17 minorities. Improving the health, safety, and well-being of sexual and gender minorities and
18 expanding the number of population-based data systems used to identify and monitor sexual and
19 gender minority people are specific national Healthy People 2030 goals.

20 Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.