
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN TO ESTABLISH
A TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT AN OUTREACH PROGRAM
AIMED AT INFORMING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS OF AVAILABLE
SOURCES OF ASSISTANCE.

1 WHEREAS, domestic violence is often an undetected problem
2 that can have deadly consequences; and
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4 WHEREAS, in Hawaii, one in three women and one in four men
5 are subject to some form of physical abuse by their partner; and
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7 WHEREAS, the number of reported domestic violence cases in
8 Hawaii spiked during the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic and
9 is expected to continue growing as the State recovers from the
10 economic effects of the pandemic; and
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12 WHEREAS, according to the National Coalition Against
13 Domestic Violence, Asian and Pacific Islander communities
14 experience domestic violence at much higher rates than the
15 general population; and
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17 WHEREAS, Filipinos and part-Filipinos, who represent
18 approximately twenty-five percent of Hawaii's population,
19 constitute thirty percent of reported victims of domestic abuse
20 in the State, and are therefore overrepresented as domestic
21 violence victims in Hawaii; and
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23 WHEREAS, the State Commission on the Status of Women acts
24 as a coordinating body for governmental and nongovernmental
25 activities and information relating to the status of women; and
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27 WHEREAS, the Domestic Violence Action Center is a nonprofit
28 corporation committed to addressing domestic violence and other
29 forms of harm through leadership, unique services, legal



1 representation, survivor and system advocacy, community
2 education, and social change work; and
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4 WHEREAS, the Domestic Violence Action Center has staff who
5 are specifically trained in and have knowledge of various
6 cultures, including Filipino, Compacts of Free Association
7 freely associated states, Korean, and Japanese cultures, as well
8 as the unique needs of the LGBTQ+ community, and can also
9 provide culturally-sensitive services, including translation and
10 creation of posters and signage in various languages; and
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12 WHEREAS, members of the Filipino Chamber of Commerce of
13 Hawai'i can assist in informing domestic violence victims of the
14 means by which they can receive help, including placing posters
15 and signage in discreet areas including restrooms; now,
16 therefore,
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
19 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the
20 House of Representatives concurring, that the State Commission
21 on the Status of Women is urged to establish a task force with
22 representatives from the Domestic Violence Action Center,
23 Filipino Chamber of Commerce, Department of Health, Hawaii
24 Immigrant Justice Center - Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i, The
25 Legal Clinic, and Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic
26 Violence, to develop and implement an outreach program aimed at
27 informing domestic violence victims of available sources of
28 assistance, including placement of posters and signage in
29 various languages in discreet areas; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Commission on the
32 Status of Women is requested to submit a report of the task
33 force's progress in the development and implementation of the
34 outreach program, findings and recommendations, and proposed
35 legislation if any, to the Legislature no later than twenty days
36 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2024; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
39 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
40 State Commission on the Status of Women, Director of Health,
41 Chief Executive Officer of the Domestic Violence Action Center,
42 President of the Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawai'i,



1 President of the Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i, Executive Director
2 of The Legal Clinic, and Executive Director of the Hawai'i State
3 Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

