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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO DEVELOP LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER, PLUS SPECIFIC TRAINING GUIDELINES FOR INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE AGENCIES THAT SERVE AND ASSIST LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER, PLUS SURVIVORS.

1 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
2 describes intimate partner violence as a serious, preventable  
3 problem that includes physical violence, sexual violence, or  
4 psychological violence by a current or former intimate partner;  
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7 WHEREAS, many survivors of intimate partner violence  
8 experience long-term physical and psychological health effects,  
9 including depression, anxiety, substance abuse, sexually  
10 transmitted infections, and pregnancy; and

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12 WHEREAS, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, plus  
13 (LGBTQ+) individuals experience physical and sexual intimate  
14 partner violence at a higher rate than heterosexual individuals  
15 but are less likely to report it; and

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17 WHEREAS, there are help seeking barriers specific to LGBTQ+  
18 survivors; and

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20 WHEREAS, there is limited understanding of LGBTQ+ intimate  
21 partner violence such as unique manipulation and control tactics  
22 from their abusers; and

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24 WHEREAS, many LGBTQ+ victims feel further victimized by  
25 intimate partner violence shelters, first responders, and health  
26 care providers due to ignorance, insensitivity, and bias; and

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28 WHEREAS, this translates into a large number of LGBTQ+  
29 victims who are left without sources of support; now, therefore,  
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## S.C.R. NO. 225

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the  
3 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
4 Human Services is requested to develop LGBTQ+ specific training  
5 guidelines for intimate partner violence agencies that serve and  
6 assist LGBTQ+ survivors; and

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Human Service  
9 is requested to obtain input for the training guidelines from  
10 relevant advocates and professionals; and

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the intimate partner violence  
13 agencies that serve and assist LGBTQ+ survivors are requested to  
14 receive the training guidelines developed by the Department of  
15 Human Services so as to better address the needs of LGBTQ+  
16 survivors; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Human  
20 Services, Director of Health, Attorney General, Chief Justice of  
21 the Hawaii Supreme Court, Chief of the Honolulu Police  
22 Department, Chief of the Maui Police Department, Chief of the  
23 Kauai Police Department, and Chief of the Hawaii Police  
24 Department.

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