
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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,
4 stalking and psychological aggression by a current or former
5 intimate partner; and
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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 barriers specific to LGBTQ+ individuals
18 who are survivors of intimate partner violence that hinder them
19 from seeking help; and
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21 WHEREAS, there is limited understanding of LGBTQ+ intimate
22 partner violence, including the unique manipulation and control
23 tactics used by their abusers; and
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25 WHEREAS, many LGBTQ+ victims feel further victimized by
26 intimate partner violence shelters, first responders, and health
27 care providers due to ignorance, insensitivity, and bias; and
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29 WHEREAS, this translates into a large number of LGBTQ+
30 victims who are left without sources of support; now, therefore,



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

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

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

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

