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TO: The Honorable Representative, Ryan I. Yamane
House Committee on Health, Human Services, and Homelessness

FROM: Cathy Betts, Director

SUBJECT: SCR 225 SD1 - 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.

HEARING: April 14, 2022, 9:00 a.m.
Via Videoconference & Conference Room 329, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) appreciates the intent of these resolutions and provides comments.

PURPOSE: This resolution requests the Department of Human Services to develop lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, plus (LGBTQ+) specific training guidelines for state agencies that serve and assist survivors of intimate partner violence; to obtain input for the training guidelines from relevant advocates and professionals; and requests state agencies that serve and assist survivors of intimate partner violence to receive and implement the training guidelines developed by the Department of Human Services to better address the needs of LGBTQ+ survivors.

The SD1 amended the measure by:

- (1) Amending its title for clarity; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

For the Legislature's information, several local and national organizations provide training to serve and assist LGBTQ+ survivors. For example, the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence recently completed a series entitled "Exercising Cultural Humility with the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Communities." The series included the following learning objectives: create safety plans that cater to survivors of LGBTQ+ abusive relationships with sexual violence components, describe how organizations can be trauma-informed, provide better environments to LGB&T survivors, and analyze resources and skills to help LGB&T survivors navigate social and judicial systems.

Another example is the Domestic Violence Action Center (DVAC)'a Teen Alert Program "TAP808." TAP808 is DVAC's teen dating violence prevention, education, and intervention program. It provides education, workshops, and training on healthy relationships, gender roles, dignified consent, and community intervention strategies to Hawai'i students, including LGBTQ+ teens and survivors, parents, and community organizations. TAP808 also provides one-on-one individualized advocacy support for youth experiencing teen dating violence in Hawai'i.

The Department will work with organizations interested in developing or compiling the relevant curriculum.

The Department will work with the Department of Human Resources & Development (DHRD) to add the training guidelines to the DHRD's learning management system available to executive branch employees.

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

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Testimony for HHH on 4/14/2022 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The goernment Has just verified just How Stupied they are and how Crooked thay can Be and we will not stand for this any longer!!!!