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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,  
AND JUDICIARY TO PRIORITIZE ENSURING THAT CONTRACTS FOR  
GOVERNMENT SERVICES ARE ADEQUATELY RESOURCED TO COVER THE  
COSTS OF PROVIDING THOSE SERVICES.

1           WHEREAS, through contracts with community-based  
2 organizations, government agencies provide critical services to  
3 the State's vulnerable communities, such as support for victims  
4 of domestic violence, housing for foster care and at-risk youth,  
5 food for low-income households and the elderly, and services for  
6 homeless families and individuals; and

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8           WHEREAS, many government contract rates are set below the  
9 costs of providing services, and according to a recent survey of  
10 Hawaii community-based nonprofit organizations, ninety-one  
11 percent of these organizations engaged in contracts with  
12 government agencies were resourced below the full operating  
13 costs required to provide the contracted services; and

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15           WHEREAS, Hawaii's community-based organizations have been  
16 struggling to fill the gap between funding levels and demand for  
17 services; and

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19           WHEREAS, some community-based organizations have publicly  
20 stated that they may be forced to eliminate or reduce the  
21 services they provide; now, therefore,

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23           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
24 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
25 Session of 2024, that the Department of Human Services,  
26 Department of Health, and Judiciary are urged to prioritize  
27 ensuring that contracts for government services are adequately  
28 resourced to cover the costs of providing those services; and

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30           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
31 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Human Services,



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1 Director of Health, and Chief Justice of the Hawaii Supreme  
2 Court.

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