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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO SUPPORT PROJECT  
CUDDLE AND ASSESS THE FEASIBILITY OF ADVERTISING ITS  
HOTLINE.

1           WHEREAS, Project Cuddle is recognized as a successful,  
2 safe, and legal alternative to abandonment of babies; and  
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4           WHEREAS, Project Cuddle is the result of one woman's  
5 crusade to help prevent infants from being abandoned; and  
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7           WHEREAS, Project Cuddle instituted a 24-hour toll-free  
8 crisis hotline; and  
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10          WHEREAS, when a crisis call is received, Project Cuddle  
11 institutes means of helping the baby such as finding an  
12 attorney, a family wanting to rescue and adopt the baby, as well  
13 as an obstetrician, hospital and social counselor; and  
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15          WHEREAS, Project Cuddle was incorporated as a 501 (c) (3)  
16 non-profit charity in 1994; and  
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18          WHEREAS, a volunteer Board of Directors oversees the  
19 organization, which Debbe Magnusen runs on a day-to-day basis  
20 with the assistance of volunteers and a minimal paid staff; and  
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22          WHEREAS, statistics indicate that fifty-seven children are  
23 abandoned everyday, and these are only the ones that are found;  
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26          WHEREAS, since its founding, Project Cuddle has  
27 successfully saved hundreds of babies from being abandoned; and  
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29          WHEREAS, approximately 60 percent of the girls and women  
30 raise their babies with the help of Project Cuddle who works  
31 with the parents of the mothers and find them shelter; and



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WHEREAS, Project Cuddle is based in Orange County, California and has volunteers all over the United States and Canada that help publicize its toll-free number in that area; and

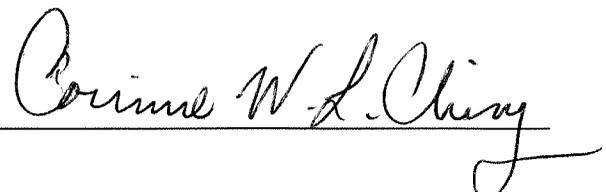
WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that it is a noble and appropriate alternative to abandonment to support Project Cuddle; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Human Services is urged to support Project Cuddle and to assess the feasibility of advertising its toll-free number so that women and friends and relatives of women who are considering abandoning a baby may have an alternative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department is requested to report findings and recommendations, including proposed legislation, to the Legislature twenty days before the start of the Regular Session of 2008; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Human Services, the Speaker of the House, and the President of the Senate.

OFFERED BY:



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