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# HOUSE 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: 1-88-TO-CUDDLE; and  
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10           WHEREAS, when a crisis call is received, Project Cuddle  
11 institutes various 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 operates on a day-to-day basis with the  
20 assistance of volunteers and a minimal-paid staff; and  
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22           WHEREAS, statistics indicate that 57 babies are abandoned  
23 every day, and these are only the ones that are found; and  
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25           WHEREAS, approximately 20,000 babies are abandoned every  
26 year; and  
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28           WHEREAS, since its founding, Project Cuddle has  
29 successfully saved hundreds of babies from being abandoned; and



1 WHEREAS, approximately 60 percent of the girls and women  
2 raise their babies with the help of Project Cuddle, which works  
3 with the parents of the mothers and finds them shelter; and  
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5 WHEREAS, Project Cuddle is based in Orange County,  
6 California and has volunteers all over the United States and  
7 Canada that help publicize its toll-free number; and  
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9 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that it is a noble and  
10 appropriate alternative to abandonment to support Project  
11 Cuddle; now, therefore,  
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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
14 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
15 Session of 2007, that the Department of Human Services (DHS) is  
16 urged to support Project Cuddle and to assess the feasibility of  
17 advertising its toll-free number to provide an alternative to  
18 women, and friends and relatives of women, who are considering  
19 abandoning a baby; and  
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DHS is requested to report its  
22 findings and recommendations, including proposed legislation, to  
23 the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of  
24 the Regular Session of 2008; and  
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
27 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Human Services.

