
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE PREVENT SUICIDE HAWAII TASK FORCE TO RECOMMEND A
STRATEGIC PLAN TO REDUCE SUICIDES IN HAWAII BY AT LEAST
TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT BY 2025.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that suicide is a major
2 health concern that claims approximately one million lives
3 worldwide each year; and
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5 WHEREAS, in Hawaii, suicide was the most common cause of
6 fatal injuries between 2010 and 2014, accounting for one out of
7 every four fatal injuries; and
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9 WHEREAS, every two days, one person in Hawaii falls victim
10 to suicide; and
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12 WHEREAS, the Prevent Suicide Hawaii Task Force is a
13 partnership of state, public, and private agencies and community
14 groups working in collaboration to provide leadership, develop
15 strategies, coordinate activities, and monitor progress of
16 suicide prevention efforts in the State; and
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18 WHEREAS, the Prevent Suicide Hawaii Task Force includes the
19 Department of Health's Injury Prevention and Control Section in
20 planning and implementing these activities; and
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22 WHEREAS, the Prevent Suicide Hawaii Task Force provides
23 leadership for suicide prevention activities statewide,
24 including National Suicide Prevention Week and suicide
25 prevention conferences; and
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27 WHEREAS, the Prevent Suicide Hawaii Task Force meets bi-
28 monthly to address suicide prevention issues statewide; and



1 WHEREAS, the Prevent Suicide Hawaii Task Force is a
2 valuable ally in the effort to save lives from suicide; and
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4 WHEREAS, the Legislature is concerned about the health,
5 safety, and welfare of all the people of Hawaii, including
6 military personnel, veterans, and visitors; now, therefore,
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
9 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
10 Session of 2016, the Senate concurring, that the Prevent Suicide
11 Hawaii Task Force is requested to recommend a strategic plan to
12 reduce suicides in Hawaii by at least twenty-five per cent by
13 2025; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prevent Suicide Hawaii Task
16 Force, in the course of developing its recommendations, is
17 requested to examine, evaluate, and determine methods to improve
18 education, awareness, support services, and outreach to best
19 prevent suicides in Hawaii; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prevent Suicide Hawaii Task
22 Force is requested to form a temporary subcommittee to assist in
23 the development of its recommendations; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee is requested
26 to include individuals who have expertise or experience in
27 fields or disciplines related to suicide prevention and
28 education or awareness of suicide prevention; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, at minimum, the following
31 individuals are requested to serve and be included on the
32 subcommittee:
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- 34 (1) Three members to be appointed by the Governor, one of
35 whom is requested to be a survivor of attempted
36 suicide and one of whom is requested to be a suicide
37 loss survivor;
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- 39 (2) One member from the Adult Mental Health Division and
40 one member from the Child and Adolescent Mental Health
41 Division, to be appointed by the Director of Health;
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- 43 (3) One member from the Hawaii Chapter of the Veterans
44 Administration;



- 1 (4) The Suicide Prevention Program Manager for the Army
2 Suicide Prevention Task Force or the Program Manager's
3 designee;
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- 5 (5) One member from the Pacific Regional Behavioral Health
6 Alliance;
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- 8 (6) One member from the Prevent Suicide Hawaii Task Force,
9 to be appointed by the Director of Health;
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- 11 (7) One member to be appointed by the Dean of the John A.
12 Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawaii
13 at Manoa, from its Department of Psychiatry;
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- 15 (8) One member from the Hawaii Youth Leadership Council
16 for Suicide Prevention, to be appointed by the
17 President of the Senate;
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- 19 (9) One member from the Hawaii Youth Leadership Council
20 for Suicide Prevention, to be appointed by the Speaker
21 of the House of Representatives;
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- 23 (10) The Chair of the Board of the American Foundation for
24 Suicide Prevention Hawaii Chapter or the Chair's
25 designee;
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- 27 (11) The President of the American Foundation for Suicide
28 Prevention Hawaii Chapter or the President's designee;
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- 30 (12) The Community Liaison of the American Foundation for
31 Suicide Prevention Hawaii Chapter; and
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- 33 (13) The President of the Board of Directors of Mental
34 Health America of Hawaii or the President's designee;
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the subcommittee
38 are requested to elect a chair, a vice chair, and any other
39 necessary officers from among its members; and
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee is requested
42 to meet as often as necessary during 2016 through 2017 to assist
43 the Prevent Suicide Hawaii Task Force develop its
44 recommendations; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prevent Suicide Hawaii Task
2 Force is requested to submit a report of its findings and
3 recommendations to the Legislature, including any proposed
4 legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
5 the Regular Session of 2018; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
8 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health,
9 who in turn is requested to transmit copies to the Governor; the
10 Administrator of the Hawaii Chapter of the Veterans
11 Administration; the Suicide Prevention Program Manager for the
12 Army Suicide Prevention Task Force; the Executive Director of
13 the Pacific Regional Behavioral Health Alliance; the Dean of the
14 John A. Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawaii at
15 Manoa; the Chair of the Prevent Suicide Hawaii Task Force; the
16 Chair of the Hawaii Youth Leadership Council for Suicide
17 Prevention; the Chair of the Board, the President, and the
18 Community Liaison of the American Foundation for Suicide
19 Prevention Hawaii Chapter; and the President of the Board of
20 Directors of Mental Health America of Hawaii.

