
SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF AN EARLY CHILDHOOD SEXUAL ABUSE
WORKING GROUP TO ADDRESS AND REDUCE CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IN
HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, while child sexual abuse statistics vary, most
2 research studies show between seventeen and twenty-five percent
3 of girls and between seven and sixteen percent of boys will
4 experience sexual abuse before the age of eighteen; and
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6 WHEREAS, the emotional and physical pain suffered in
7 childhood often results in depression, drug addiction, suicide,
8 teenage pregnancy, and juvenile delinquency; and
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10 WHEREAS, child sexual abuse crosses the boundaries of every
11 economic level and ethnic and religious group; and
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13 WHEREAS, an early childhood sexual abuse working group
14 should be convened to identify the means of addressing early
15 childhood sexual abuse and create strategies for reducing child
16 sexual abuse in Hawaii; now, therefore,
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
19 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016,
20 that the Department of Human Services is requested to convene an
21 early childhood sexual abuse working group to identify the means
22 of addressing early childhood sexual abuse and create strategies
23 for reducing child sexual abuse in Hawaii; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the early childhood sexual
26 abuse working group be comprised of the following members:
27 Chair of the Senate Committee on Human Services; Chair of the
28 House Committee on Human Services; Director of Health or the
29 Director's designee; Director of Human Services, or the
30 Director's designee; Superintendent of Education, or the
31 Superintendent's designee; a representative from the Early
32 Intervention Section of the Department of Health; and a
33 representative from Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in devising strategies to
 2 reduce child sexual abuse, it is requested that the working
 3 group:

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- 5 (1) Gather information concerning child sexual abuse
 6 throughout the State;
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- 8 (2) Hold public meetings to receive or discuss reports and
 9 testimony from individuals, state and local agencies,
 10 community-based organizations, and other public and
 11 private organizations; and
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- 13 (3) Create goals for a state policy that would prevent
 14 child sexual abuse; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the early childhood sexual
 17 abuse working group is requested to report its findings and
 18 recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days
 19 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2017; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 22 Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the Senate Committee
 23 on Human Services, Chair of the House Committee on Human
 24 Services, Director of Health, Director of Human Services,
 25 Superintendent of Education, and Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii.
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