
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING ALL STATE AND COUNTY AGENCIES TO INCLUDE INTERSEX AND
NONBINARY AS OPTIONS ON OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS THAT IDENTIFY
GENDER.

1 WHEREAS, both the United States Constitution and the Hawaii
2 State Constitution guarantee equal protection of the law
3 regardless of sex; and
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5 WHEREAS, Western culture has long dictated a socially-
6 constructed binary system of gender options that forces
7 individuals to align with one of two genders; and
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9 WHEREAS, a variety of cultures from across the globe,
10 including Native Hawaiian, recognize more than the two genders
11 recognized by traditional Western cultures; and
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13 WHEREAS, intersex individuals are born with any of several
14 variations in physical sex characteristics, and according to the
15 Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights,
16 "do not fit typical binary notions of male or female bodies";
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19 WHEREAS, Hawaii has a long history of being an equal,
20 inclusive, and genuinely welcoming place to individuals of all
21 identities, cultures, and backgrounds; and
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23 WHEREAS, other states, such as California, Washington, and
24 Oregon, and other nations, such as Canada, Germany, and
25 Australia, have already given legal recognition to intersex and
26 nonbinary persons on government-issued identification documents;
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29 WHEREAS, intersex and nonbinary individuals deserve to have
30 full legal recognition and equal treatment under the law and
31 government-issued identification documents that provide full



1 legal recognition of their accurate gender identity; now,
2 therefore,
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
5 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
6 of 2018, that all state and county agencies are urged to include
7 intersex and nonbinary as options on official documents that
8 identify gender; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
11 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Comptroller; Chair of
12 the Board of Agriculture; Attorney General; Director of Finance;
13 Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism;
14 Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Adjutant General;
15 Superintendent of Education; Chair of the Hawaiian Homes
16 Commission; Director of Health; Director of Human Resources
17 Development; Director of Human Services; Director of Labor and
18 Industrial Relations; Chair of the Board of Land and Natural
19 Resources; Director of Public Safety; Director of Taxation;
20 Director of Transportation; Chair of the Board of Regents of the
21 University of Hawaii; President of the University of Hawaii; and
22 mayor of each county.
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