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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO CONSOLIDATE DATA AND INFORMATION REGARDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN INTO A COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL REPORT TO STRENGTHEN THE STATE'S OVERALL RESPONSE TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN.

WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that intimate partner
 violence, domestic violence, and sexual violence remains an
 ongoing concern to the safety, health, and well-being of women;
 and

6 WHEREAS, violence against women is a complex societal issue 7 that negatively impacts women's physical, mental, sexual, and 8 reproductive health causing detrimental risk factors such as 9 engaging in binge drinking, drug use and unsafe sexual risk: 10 all behaviors likely to affect women's access to education, 11 ability to work, and contribute to loss of wages that can lead 12 to mental health problems such as depression; and 13

14 WHEREAS, the devastating impact of violence can lead to the 15 inability of women to care for themselves and their children; 16 and

18 WHEREAS, children who grow up in families where there is 19 violence may also suffer behavioral and emotional trauma that 20 can lead to the perpetration of violence or becoming a victim of 21 violence; and

WHEREAS, on a state level, the average annual number of cases in the Department of Health's Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention System Branch Pre-Hospital Medical Record system from 2013 through 2015 that involved intimate partner violence against females ages twelve to fifty years was 718 in the City and County of Honolulu, 116 in Hawaii county, 105 in Maui county, and 26 in Kauai county; and 30



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1 WHEREAS, according to a 2017 report by the Centers for 2 Disease Control and Prevention, in the killing of women 3 nationally where the circumstances were known, more than fifty 4 percent of the victims of intimate partner violence-related homicide had reported experiencing prior acts of violence in the 5 6 month preceding death; and 7 8 WHEREAS, when the cumulative impacts on mortality and 9 morbidity are assessed, the health burden from evidence against women is often higher than for other public health priorities; 10 11 and 12 13 WHEREAS, there is a need for a comprehensive report in 14 order to ensure all information is considered when finding how 15 best to address public health issues relating to violence against women; and 16 17 18 WHEREAS, Hawaii lacks any such comprehensive report and 19 instead addresses the issues of domestic violence, sexual 20 assault, harassment, and sex trafficking largely in isolation; 21 now, therefore, 22 23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature 24 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of Health is 25 requested to convene a task force to create a format for a 26 27 comprehensive annual report to identify the best policy approach 28 to reduce violence against women; and 29 30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to include the following members: 31 32 33 (1)The Director of Health, or the Director's designee, who is requested to serve as the chair of the task 34 force; 35 36 37 (2) The Director of Human Services, or the Director's designee; 38 39 (3) The Administrator of the Judiciary, or the 40 41 Administrator's designee; 42



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1 2 3	(4)	The Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee;
4 5 6	(5)	The Prosecuting Attorney from each respective county, or the Prosecuting Attorney's designee;
7 8 9	(6)	The Chief of Police from each respective county, or the Chief of Police's designee;
9 10 11 12	(7)	The Executive Director of the Sex Abuse Treatment Center, or the Executive Director's designee;
12 13 14 15 16 17	(8)	A representative from the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, or a similar victim advocacy organization invited by the chair of the task force; and
18 19 20	(9)	A representative from Hoʻōla Nā Pua invited by the chair of the task force; and
21 22 23	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force may invite additional organizations or agencies to participate in the task force; and	
24 25 26 27 28	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall consider the following concepts when researching and reviewing current data and information and making recommendations for the establishment of an annual report;	
 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 	(1)	Each agency or organization's existing databases and information regarding different forms of violence against women, including the number of entities holding such data, and the ability to share information or metadata;
36 37	(2)	Existing gaps in data regarding violence against women;
38 39 40 41	(3)	Updates to laws or policies needed, if any, to permit the consolidation of such data; and



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guidance to improve programs, outcomes, and the reduction of violence against women; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is requested to provide administrative support for the task force; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed

The framework of an annual report that can provide

11 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior 12 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2021, and a follow-up 13 report, including any additional proposed legislation, no later 14 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session 15 of 2022; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 17 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health; 18 Director of Human Services; Administrator of the Judiciary; 19 Executive Director of the Hawaii State Coalition Against 20 Domestic Violence; Prosecuting Attorney for the City and County 21 of Honolulu and the Counties of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui; 22 Attorney General; Chief of Police of the City and County of 23 Honolulu and the Counties of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui; Executive 24 Director of the Sex Abuse Treatment Center; Hawaii State 25 Coalition Against Domestic Violence; and Ho'ola Nā Pua. 26

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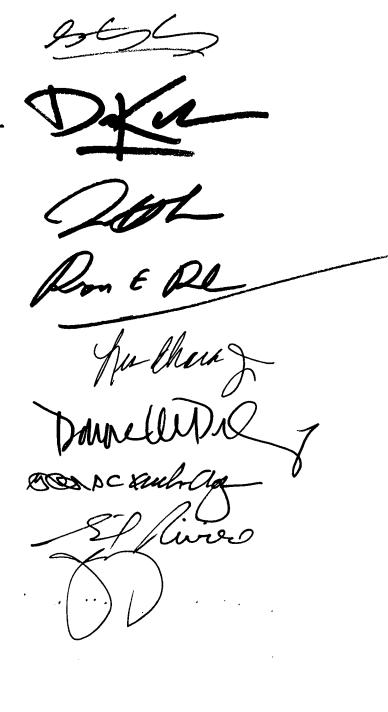
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