THE SENATE THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE, 2020 STATE OF HAWAII

S.C.R. NO.9

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING VARIOUS APPOINTING AUTHORITIES TO DEDICATE THEMSELVES TO ACHIEVE GENDER PARITY ON STATE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND CIRCUIT COURT.

1 WHEREAS, August 2020 commemorates the one-hundredth anniversary of women getting the right to vote in the United 2 3 States; and 4 5 WHEREAS, since that time, women have made great strides in 6 and contributions to society; and 7 8 WHEREAS, despite this progress, women in Hawaii today are 9 woefully underrepresented on Hawaii's major state boards and commissions and as judges, with sixty-three percent of those 10 seats held by men; and 11 12 WHEREAS, women are more than qualified to fill these seats, 13 as the Supreme, Appellate, and District Courts are close to 14 equal percentages of men and women; and 15 16 17 WHEREAS, the need is for the various appointing authorities to consciously attempt to correct this imbalance and strive for 18 parity in state governance and policy-making bodies; now, 19 20 therefore, 21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature 22 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, the House of 23 Representatives concurring, that the various appointing 24 25 authorities are requested to dedicate themselves to achieve gender parity on state departments, boards, commissions, and 26 Circuit Court judges; and 27 28 29



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chief Justice, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives.



