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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, IN COORDINATION
WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, TO COLLECT DATA ON LESBIAN,
GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER OR QUESTIONING,
PANSEXUAL, ASEXUAL, GENDER NON-CONFORMING, AND INTERSEX
YOUTH WHO ARE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE COURTS AND THE
HAWAII YOUTH CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.

1 WHEREAS, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or
2 questioning, pansexual, asexual, and gender non-conforming
3 (LGBTQ+) youth are historically overrepresented in juvenile
4 detention and correctional facilities in the juvenile system;
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7 WHEREAS, intersex variation is rarely reported leading to
8 missed information about LGBTQ+ and intersex youth; and
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10 WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ youth, particularly LGBTQ+ youth of color,
11 face discrimination and stigma that leads to criminalization and
12 increased interactions with law enforcement and the criminal
13 justice system; and
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15 WHEREAS, for some LGBTQ+ youth, especially LGBTQ+ youth of
16 color and transgender and non-conforming youth, these factors
17 play a large role in increasing their interactions with law
18 enforcement and ultimately their overrepresentation in the
19 juvenile and criminal justice systems; and
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21 WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ youth in Hawaii experience stark physical
22 and mental health disparities, as reported in the Hawaii
23 Department of Health's 2017 and 2018 Sexual and Gender
24 Minorities Health Data reports; and



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1 WHEREAS, the primary objective of the Kawaiiloa Youth and
2 Family Wellness Center, housed within the Hawaii Youth
3 Correctional Facility, is to prevent delinquency; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Kawaiiloa Youth and Family Wellness Center
6 provides services and programs to meet the needs of youth or
7 young adults within the criminal justice system in addition to
8 at risk youth outside the criminal justice system; and
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10 WHEREAS, specific data collected on sexual orientation,
11 gender identity, gender expression, and intersex variation
12 intersects with the statewide anti-discrimination work and could
13 inform decision-making processes such as identifying the
14 possible disproportionate impact of the criminal justice system
15 and evaluating the efficacy of work done to alleviate obstacles
16 unique to LGBTQ+ and intersex youth populations; now, therefore,
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
19 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, the
20 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
21 Human Services, in coordination with the Department of Health,
22 is requested to collect data on lesbian, gay, bisexual,
23 transgender, queer or questioning, pansexual, asexual, gender
24 non-conforming, and intersex youth who are under the supervision
25 of the courts and the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety
28 shall work with the Sexual and Gender Minority Workgroup within
29 the Department of Health to ensure that the data collection is
30 administered in accordance with LGBTQ+ and intersex data
31 collection best practices; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
34 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director
35 of Public Safety, Director of Health, and Director of Human
36 Services.
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