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## SENATE 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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26           WHEREAS, the primary objective of the Kawaiiloa Youth and  
27 Family Wellness Center, housed within the Hawaii Youth  
28 Correctional Facility, is to prevent delinquency; and



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1 WHEREAS, the Kawaiiloa Youth and Family Wellness Center  
2 provides services and programs to meet the needs of youth or  
3 young adults within the criminal justice system in addition to  
4 at risk youth outside the criminal justice system; and

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6 WHEREAS, specific data collected on sexual orientation,  
7 gender identity, gender expression, and intersex variation  
8 intersects with the statewide anti-discrimination work and could  
9 inform decision-making processes such as identifying the  
10 possible disproportionate impact of the criminal justice system  
11 and evaluating the efficacy of work done to alleviate obstacles  
12 unique to LGBTQ+ and intersex youth populations; now, therefore,  
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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
15 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021,  
16 that the Department of Human Services, in coordination with the  
17 Department of Health, is requested to collect data on lesbian,  
18 gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, pansexual,  
19 asexual, gender non-conforming, and intersex youth who are under  
20 the supervision of the courts and the Hawaii Youth Correctional  
21 Facility; and  
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety  
24 shall work with the Sexual and Gender Minority Workgroup within  
25 the Department of Health to ensure that the data collection is  
26 administered in accordance with LGBTQ+ and intersex data  
27 collection best practices; and  
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
30 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Public  
31 Safety, Director of Health, and Director of Human Services.  
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