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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PRESERVE FUNDING PROGRAMS FOR LGBTQ+ HEALTH CARE SERVICES, INCLUDING THE HAWAII ISLAND HIV/AIDS FOUNDATION, AND TO ASSIST THE HAWAII ISLAND HIV/AIDS FOUNDATION IN APPLYING FOR FUNDING TO MAINTAIN ITS WEST HAWAII OPERATIONS LOCATED IN KAILUA-KONA.

1 WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Island HIV/AIDS Foundation (HIHAF) is a
2 registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation that provides
3 coordination of services to all persons on the island of Hawai'i
4 affected by HIV/AIDS through two offices located on the eastside
5 and westside of the island; and
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7 WHEREAS, the mission of HIHAF is to assist those affected
8 by HIV/AIDS with maximizing their quality of life, ending the
9 spread of HIV, and caring and advocating for others in the fight
10 against related diseases; and
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12 WHEREAS, a currently proposed sixty-four percent cut to
13 HIHAF's budget will result in the closure of the HIHAF west
14 Hawai'i operation located in Kailua-Kona; now, therefore,
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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
17 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021,
18 that the Department of Health is requested to preserve funding
19 for LGBTQ+ health care services, including the HIHAF, and to
20 assist the HIHAF in applying for funding to maintain its west
21 Hawai'i operations located in Kailua-Kona; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
24 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health.
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OFFERED BY: 

