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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, VIA THE BEHAVIORAL RISK FACTOR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, VIA THE YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM, TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON THE SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AND GENDER IDENTITY AND GENDER EXPRESSION OF RESPONDENTS.

1 WHEREAS, major mental and physical health care professional
2 associations recognize that being lesbian, gay, bisexual,
3 transgender, queer or questioning, and intersex (LGBTQI) is part
4 of natural variations that occur in sex, sexual orientation, and
5 gender identity; and

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7 WHEREAS, the Department of Health published reports in 2018
8 and 2019 highlighting the issues facing lesbian, gay, bisexual,
9 transgender, or queer or questioning (LGBTQ) children and youth
10 in Hawaii, including higher rates of isolation, depression,
11 suicidal ideations or attempts, substance use and misuse,
12 homelessness, and sexual and intimate partner violence; and

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14 WHEREAS, to date, data collection efforts indicate a
15 significant population of indigenous lesbian, gay, bisexual,
16 transgender, and queer or questioning youth; and

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18 WHEREAS, the State relies on the Behavioral Risk Factor
19 Surveillance System as a critical resource for monitoring the
20 health of Hawaii's adult population; and

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22 WHEREAS, the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System is a
23 joint effort of the Hawaii Departments of Health and Education
24 for monitoring the health of Hawaii's youth population; now,
25 therefore,

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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021,
29 that the Department of Health is requested, via the Behavioral
30 Risk Factor Surveillance System, and the Department of Education



1 is requested, via the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System,
2 to collect information on the sex, sexual orientation, and
3 gender identity and gender expression of respondents; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
6 requested to participate in the Behavioral Risk Factor
7 Surveillance System; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
10 requested to publish a detailed report on the results of the
11 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System on its website every
12 three years; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
15 requested to include questions related to the sex, sexual
16 orientation, and gender identity and gender expression of
17 respondents in its Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System
18 questionnaire; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
21 requested to develop its own questions related to respondents'
22 sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity and gender
23 expression as part of the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance
24 System questionnaire; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
27 requested to publish a comprehensive report on the health of
28 Hawaii's LGBTQI community every three years; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
31 requested to include in this comprehensive report data collected
32 from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System; and
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
35 requested to compare, in each of these reports, the prevalence
36 of health-related risk behaviors, chronic health conditions, and
37 use of preventive services between the LGBTQI population, and
38 where possible LGBTQI sub-populations, and the general
39 population; and
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
42 requested to post each comprehensive report on its website; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Health,
3 Director of Human Services, Director of Public Safety,
4 Chairperson of the Board of Education, Superintendent of
5 Education, Chairperson of the Board of Regents of the University
6 of Hawaii, and President of the University of Hawaii.

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