
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN TO WORK WITH THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACTION CENTER, THE FILIPINO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF HAWAI'I, AND OTHER CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE IN HAWAII, AS APPROPRIATE, TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT AN OUTREACH PROGRAM AIMED AT INFORMING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS OF AVAILABLE RESOURCES FOR ASSISTANCE.

1 WHEREAS, domestic violence is often an undetected problem
2 that can have deadly consequences; and

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4 WHEREAS, in Hawaii, one in three women and one in four men
5 have had some form of physical abuse by a partner; and

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7 WHEREAS, the number of reported domestic violence cases in
8 Hawaii spiked during the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic and
9 is expected to continue growing as the State recovers from the
10 economic effects of the pandemic; and

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12 WHEREAS, according to the National Coalition Against
13 Domestic Violence, Asian and Pacific Islander communities
14 experience domestic violence at much higher rates than the
15 general population; and

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17 WHEREAS, Filipinos and part-Filipinos, who represent
18 approximately twenty-five percent of Hawaii's population,
19 constitute thirty percent of reported victims of domestic abuse
20 in the State, and are therefore overrepresented as domestic
21 violence victims in Hawaii; and

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23 WHEREAS, the State Commission on the Status of Women acts
24 as a coordinating body for governmental and nongovernmental
25 activities and information relating to the status of women; and

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1 WHEREAS, the Domestic Violence Action Center is a nonprofit
2 corporation committed to addressing domestic violence and other
3 forms of harm through leadership, unique services, legal
4 representation, survivor and system advocacy, community
5 education, and social change work; and
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7 WHEREAS, the Domestic Violence Action Center has staff who
8 are specifically trained in and have knowledge of various
9 cultures, including Filipino, Korean, and Japanese cultures, and
10 cultures of the Compacts of Free Association freely associated
11 states, as well as the unique needs of the LGBTQ+ community, and
12 can also provide culturally-sensitive services, including
13 translation and creation of posters and signage in various
14 languages; and
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16 WHEREAS, members of the Filipino Chamber of Commerce of
17 Hawai'i can assist in informing domestic violence victims of the
18 means in which they can receive help, including placing posters
19 and signage in discreet areas including restrooms; now,
20 therefore,
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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
23 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
24 of 2022, the Senate concurring, that the State Commission on the
25 Status of Women is urged to work with the Domestic Violence
26 Action Center, Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawai'i, and other
27 chambers of commerce in Hawaii, as appropriate, to develop and
28 implement an outreach program aimed at informing domestic
29 violence victims of available resources for assistance,
30 including placement of posters and signage in various languages
31 in discreet areas; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Commission on the
34 Status of Women is requested to submit a report of its progress
35 in the development and implementation of the outreach program,
36 findings and recommendations, and proposed legislation, if any,
37 to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
38 convening of the Regular Session of 2023; and
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
41 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director
42 of the State Commission on the Status of Women, Chief Executive



- 1 Officer of the Domestic Violence Action Center, and President of
- 2 the Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawai'i.

