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## HOUSE 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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27 WHEREAS, the Domestic Violence Action Center is a nonprofit  
28 corporation committed to addressing domestic violence and other  
29 forms of harm through leadership, unique services, legal



1 representation, survivor and system advocacy, community  
2 education, and social change work; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Domestic Violence Action Center has staff who  
5 are specifically trained in and have knowledge of various  
6 cultures, including Filipino, Korean, and Japanese cultures, and  
7 cultures of the Compacts of Free Association freely associated  
8 states, as well as the unique needs of the LGBTQ+ community, and  
9 can also provide culturally-sensitive services, including  
10 translation and creation of posters and signage in various  
11 languages; and

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13 WHEREAS, members of the Filipino Chamber of Commerce of  
14 Hawai'i can assist in informing domestic violence victims of the  
15 means in which they can receive help, including placing posters  
16 and signage in discreet areas including restrooms; now,  
17 therefore,

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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
20 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
21 of 2022, that the State Commission on the Status of Women is  
22 urged to work with the Domestic Violence Action Center, Filipino  
23 Chamber of Commerce of Hawai'i, and other chambers of commerce in  
24 Hawaii, as appropriate, to develop and implement an outreach  
25 program aimed at informing domestic violence victims of  
26 available resources for assistance, including placement of  
27 posters and signage in various languages in discreet areas; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Commission on the  
30 Status of Women is requested to submit a report of its progress  
31 in the development and implementation of the outreach program,  
32 findings and recommendations, and proposed legislation, if any,  
33 to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the  
34 convening of the Regular Session of 2023; and

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
37 Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of the State  
38 Commission on the Status of Women, Chief Executive Officer of  
39 the Domestic Violence Action Center, and President of the  
40 Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawai'i.

