
SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO DEVELOP LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER, PLUS SPECIFIC TRAINING GUIDELINES FOR STATE AGENCIES THAT SERVE AND ASSIST SURVIVORS OF INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE.

1 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
2 describes intimate partner violence as a serious, preventable
3 problem that includes physical violence, sexual violence,
4 stalking and psychological aggression by a current or former
5 intimate partner; and

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7 WHEREAS, many survivors of intimate partner violence
8 experience long-term physical and psychological health effects,
9 including depression, anxiety, substance abuse, sexually
10 transmitted infections, and pregnancy; and

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12 WHEREAS, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, plus
13 (LGBTQ+) individuals experience physical and sexual intimate
14 partner violence at a higher rate than heterosexual individuals
15 but are less likely to report it; and

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17 WHEREAS, there are barriers specific to LGBTQ+ individuals
18 who are survivors of intimate partner violence that hinder them
19 from seeking help; and

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21 WHEREAS, there is limited understanding of LGBTQ+ intimate
22 partner violence, including the unique manipulation and control
23 tactics used by their abusers; and

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25 WHEREAS, many LGBTQ+ victims feel further victimized by
26 intimate partner violence shelters, first responders, and health
27 care providers due to ignorance, insensitivity, and bias; and

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29 WHEREAS, this translates into a large number of LGBTQ+
30 victims who are left without sources of support; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,
3 that the Department of Human Services is requested to develop
4 LGBTQ+ specific training guidelines for state agencies that
5 serve and assist survivors of intimate partner violence; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Human Service
8 is requested to obtain input for the training guidelines from
9 relevant advocates and professionals; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that state agencies that serve and
12 assist survivors of intimate partner violence are requested to
13 receive and implement the training guidelines developed by the
14 Department of Human Services to better address the needs of
15 LGBTQ+ survivors; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
18 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Human Services,
19 Director of Health, Attorney General, Chief Justice of the
20 Hawaii Supreme Court, Chief of the Honolulu Police Department,
21 Chief of the Maui Police Department, Chief of the Kauai Police
22 Department, and Chief of the Hawaii Police Department.

