
SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN TO ESTABLISH
A TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT AN OUTREACH PROGRAM
AIMED AT INFORMING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS OF AVAILABLE
SOURCES OF 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 are subject to some form of physical abuse by their 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
30 representation, survivor and system advocacy, community
31 education, and social change work; and
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1 WHEREAS, the Domestic Violence Action Center has staff who
2 are specifically trained in and have knowledge of various
3 cultures, including Filipino, Compacts of Free Association
4 freely associated states, Korean, and Japanese cultures, as well
5 as the unique needs of the LGBTQ+ community, and can also
6 provide culturally-sensitive services, including translation and
7 creation of posters and signage in various languages; and
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9 WHEREAS, members of the Filipino Chamber of Commerce of
10 Hawai'i can assist in informing domestic violence victims of the
11 means by which they can receive help, including placing posters
12 and signage in discreet areas including restrooms; now,
13 therefore,
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
16 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,
17 that the State Commission on the Status of Women is urged to
18 establish a task force with representatives from the Domestic
19 Violence Action Center, Filipino Chamber of Commerce, Department
20 of Health, Hawaii Immigrant Justice Center - Legal Aid Society
21 of Hawai'i, The Legal Clinic, and Hawai'i State Coalition Against
22 Domestic Violence, to develop and implement an outreach program
23 aimed at informing domestic violence victims of available
24 sources of assistance, including placement of posters and
25 signage in various languages in discreet areas; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Commission on the
28 Status of Women is requested to submit a report of the task
29 force's progress in the development and implementation of the
30 outreach program, findings and recommendations, and proposed
31 legislation if any, to the Legislature no later than twenty days
32 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2024; and
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
35 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the State
36 Commission on the Status of Women, Director of Health, Chief
37 Executive Officer of the Domestic Violence Action Center,
38 President of the Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawai'i,
39 President of the Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i, Executive Director
40 of The Legal Clinic, and Executive Director of the Hawai'i State
41 Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

