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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE OFFICE OF YOUTH SERVICES TO DEVELOP A LIST AND  
INVENTORY OF PROGRAMS THAT WORK WITH PACIFIC ISLANDER YOUTH  
AND THEIR FAMILIES.

1           WHEREAS, the Office of Youth Services of the Department of  
2 Human Services provides and coordinates a continuum of services  
3 and programs for at-risk youth to prevent delinquency and reduce  
4 the incidence of recidivism; and

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6           WHEREAS, although a core responsibility of the Office of  
7 Youth Services is to manage and operate the Hawaii Youth  
8 Correctional Facility, the agency also provides and supports  
9 other prevention, diversion, and intervention services; and

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11           WHEREAS, the Office of Youth Services supports the Hawaii  
12 Juvenile Justice State Advisory Council, which advises  
13 government and local communities on effective service provisions  
14 and policies that improve the juvenile justice system and  
15 advocates for delinquency prevention, and Hawaii State Youth  
16 Commission, which advises the Governor and Legislature on the  
17 effects of legislative policies, needs, assessments, priorities,  
18 programs, and budgets concerning the youth of the State; and

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20           WHEREAS, Pacific Islander youth are overrepresented within  
21 the State's social, behavioral, and health systems, including  
22 the juvenile justice system and the Hawaii Youth Correctional  
23 Facility; and

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25           WHEREAS, in light of youth suicide rates, dropout rates,  
26 and interactions with the criminal justice system, especially  
27 for youth originating from the Pacific Islands, the youth of  
28 Hawaii would benefit from the myriad of Pacific Islander youth  
29 programs offered to assist at-risk youth; and

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31           WHEREAS, in 2019, to address the lack of awareness of  
32 existing programs for Pacific Islander youth, the Office of



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1 Youth Services procured a contract for a statewide youth  
2 services directory; and

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4 WHEREAS, however, due to budgets cuts, this contract was  
5 terminated in 2020; and

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7 WHEREAS, there is a lack of awareness of and coordination  
8 for programs and services in the State, especially for programs  
9 that work with Pacific Islander youth and their families; now,  
10 therefore,

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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
13 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
14 Session of 2023, that the Office of Youth Services is urged to  
15 develop a list and inventory of programs that work with Pacific  
16 Islander youth and their families; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Youth Services is  
19 requested to submit a report of its findings and  
20 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
21 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
22 the Regular Session of 2024; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
25 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Human Services and  
26 Executive Director of the Office of Youth Services.

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OFFERED BY:



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