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SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF USING PRONOUNS AND GENDER-AFFIRMING LANGUAGE.

1 WHEREAS, the use of gender-affirming language, such as
2 chosen names and pronouns, fosters an inclusive and equitable
3 environment, and signals respect; and
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5 WHEREAS, gender-affirming language is associated with
6 better mental health outcomes including reduced depression and
7 suicide risk; and
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9 WHEREAS, gender-affirming language supports one of our most
10 underrepresented communities; and
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12 WHEREAS, gender-inclusive language recognizes and values
13 the diversity of our community, including diversity in gender
14 identity and expression, encompassing trans, non-binary, and
15 agender identities; and
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17 WHEREAS, there are psychological, social, and cultural
18 implications associated with the usage of gender-affirming
19 language, recognizing diverse pronouns and identities across
20 different cultures; and
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22 WHEREAS, there are also legal and policy considerations
23 regarding pronoun recognition in various contexts; and
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25 WHEREAS, pronouns and gender-affirming language convey
26 vital aspects of identity and are fundamental to safety,
27 respect, inclusion, diversity, and care for others; now,
28 therefore,
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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024,
32 that this body recognizes the importance of using pronouns and
33 gender-affirming language; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
36 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, President of the



1 Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Director of
2 Human Services.

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OFFERED BY:

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