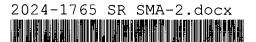
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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, the use of gender-affirming language, such as 1 chosen names and pronouns, fosters an inclusive and equitable 2 environment, and signals respect; and 3 4 WHEREAS, gender-affirming language is associated with 5 better mental health outcomes including reduced depression and 6 suicide risk: and 7 8 9 WHEREAS, gender-affirming language supports one of our most underrepresented communities; and 10 11 WHEREAS, gender-inclusive language recognizes and values 12 the diversity of our community, including diversity in gender 13 identity and expression, encompassing trans, non-binary, and 14 agender identities; and 15 16 WHEREAS, there are psychological, social, and cultural 17 implications associated with the usage of gender-affirming 18 19 language, recognizing diverse pronouns and identities across different cultures; and 20 21 22 WHEREAS, there are also legal and policy considerations regarding pronoun recognition in various contexts; and 23 24 25 WHEREAS, pronouns and gender-affirming language convey vital aspects of identity and are fundamental to safety, 26 27 respect, inclusion, diversity, and care for others; now, therefore. 28 29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second 30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, 31 that this body recognizes the importance of using pronouns and 32 33 gender-affirming language; and 34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 35 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, President of the 36



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