



1 that incidents of sex-based discrimination and sex-based  
2 harassment go largely unreported when compared to the data from  
3 self-reported surveys; and

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5 WHEREAS, unaddressed sex-based discrimination and  
6 harassment create a hostile learning environment which  
7 negatively impacts students' academic success, mental and  
8 physical well-being, and ability to pursue further education;  
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11 WHEREAS, stronger state protections are needed to ensure  
12 that all students are equally entitled to educational  
13 opportunities, free from discrimination based on sex; now,  
14 therefore,

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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
17 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
18 of 2025, the Senate concurring, that the Hawaii State Commission  
19 on the Status of Women is requested to convene a working group  
20 to develop measures to strengthen protections under Title IX;  
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
24 to consist of the following members or their designees:

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26 (1) The Executive Director of the Hawaii State Commission  
27 on the Status of Women, who is to serve as chairperson  
28 of the working group for the purposes of convening the  
29 working group;  
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31 (2) The Attorney General;  
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33 (3) The Superintendent of Education;  
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35 (4) The President of the University of Hawaii;  
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37 (5) A member of the House of Representatives, to be  
38 appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
39 Representatives;  
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41 (6) A member of the Senate, to be appointed by the  
42 President of the Senate;



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- 1           (7) A representative from a nonprofit, public interest
- 2           organization that specializes in providing services to
- 3           survivors of gender violence or discrimination;
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- 5           (8) A representative from a nonprofit, public interest
- 6           organization that specializes in advocating for
- 7           policies to prevent campus-based sexual violence; and
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- 9           (9) A representative from a nonprofit, public interest
- 10          organization that specializes in advocating for civil
- 11          rights for sexual and gender minorities; and
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13           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested

14 to submit a report of its findings and recommendations,

15 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later

16 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session

17 of 2026; and

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19           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this

20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Attorney

21 General; Superintendent of Education; President of the

22 University of Hawaii; and Executive Director of the Hawaii State

23 Commission on the Status of Women.

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