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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII STATE LGBTQ+ COMMISSION AND HAWAII STATE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN TO COLLABORATE AND CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE HAWAII REVISED STATUTES AND RECOMMEND AMENDMENTS TO INCORPORATE GENDER-NEUTRAL TERMINOLOGY.

1           WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii is committed to fostering  
2 inclusivity, equality, and respect for all individuals,  
3 regardless of gender identity or expression; and  
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5           WHEREAS, many existing statutes within the Hawaii Revised  
6 Statutes contain binary, gendered language that may not reflect  
7 the diverse identities of Hawaii's residents; and  
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9           WHEREAS, the use of gender-neutral language in legislation  
10 promotes inclusivity and ensures that all individuals are  
11 equally recognized and protected under state law; and  
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13           WHEREAS, in 2013, the Hawaii State Legislature passed  
14 marriage equality, ensuring that same-sex couples have the right  
15 to marry, and the rest of the Hawaii Revised Statutes should  
16 reflect this legal recognition when addressing married couples;  
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19           WHEREAS, in 2019, the Hawaii State Legislature expanded  
20 gender markers from the false narrative of the gender binary  
21 that utilizes "F" for female and "M" for male on state  
22 identification cards and driver's licenses; and  
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24           WHEREAS, now, forms of state identification also include  
25 the marker "X" for those who do not identify within the gender  
26 binary; and  
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28           WHEREAS, other jurisdictions have undertaken similar  
29 efforts to modernize statutory language to be more inclusive,



1 and Hawaii should also ensure that state laws reflect the values  
2 of respect and aloha for all; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
5 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
6 of 2025, that the Hawaii State LGBTQ+ Commission and Hawaii  
7 State Commission on the Status of Women are requested to  
8 collaborate and conduct a comprehensive review of the Hawaii  
9 Revised Statutes and recommend amendments to incorporate gender-  
10 neutral terminology; and

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii State LGBTQ+  
13 Commission and Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women  
14 are requested to:

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16 (1) Draft recommended legislation to incorporate gender-  
17 neutral terminology in the Hawaii Revised Statutes;  
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19 (2) Draft a recommendation for bill review to ensure  
20 future legislation incorporates gender-neutral  
21 terminology; and  
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23 (3) Submit a report of their findings and recommendations,  
24 including proposed legislation containing the  
25 suggested statutory amendments, to the Legislature no  
26 later than December 31, 2026; and  
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of the Attorney  
29 General is requested to assist the Hawaii State LGBTQ+  
30 Commission and Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women in  
31 fulfilling these endeavors; and  
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii State LGBTQ+  
34 Commission and Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women  
35 are requested to engage with civil rights experts that  
36 specialize in gender identity and non-binary issues, such as the  
37 Lambda Law Student Association, in fulfilling these endeavors;  
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
41 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Chairperson of the  
42 Hawaii State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Plus



1 Commission; Chairperson of the Hawaii State Commission on the  
2 Status of Women; and Chair of the Lambda Law Student Association  
3 at the University of Hawaii at Manoa William S. Richardson  
4 School of Law.

