
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS LEGISLATION TO AMEND THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964 TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AND GENDER IDENTITY IN EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING, PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS, EDUCATION, FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAMS, CREDIT, AND JURY SERVICE.

1 WHEREAS, sexual and gender minorities have been
2 criminalized, marginalized, and subject to discrimination over
3 the course of United States history; and

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5 WHEREAS, prior to Western contact, Native Hawaiian society
6 accepted same-sex relationships and gender fluidity and
7 recognized māhū as a distinct third gender; and

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9 WHEREAS, Hawaii law currently provides protection to
10 individuals on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity,
11 and gender expression in the context of housing, public
12 accommodations, and employment; and

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14 WHEREAS, these protections were enacted over time, with the
15 most recent law (Act 40, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022)
16 prohibiting juror exclusion on the basis of gender identity or
17 expression; and

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19 WHEREAS, many sexual and gender minorities across the
20 United States are not protected under the laws of the states in
21 which they reside; and

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23 WHEREAS, federal law still does not prohibit discrimination
24 against sexual and gender minorities in a variety of contexts,
25 including public accommodations and facilities, education,
26 federally funded programs, employment, housing, credit, and jury
27 service; and

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1 WHEREAS, prior versions of the federal Equality Act have
2 been introduced since 1974, with the United States House of
3 Representatives passing H.R. 5 in 2019 and 2021; and

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5 WHEREAS, the current United States House of
6 Representatives' version of the federal Equality Act, H.R. 15,
7 is sponsored by Representative Mark Takano of California and co-
8 sponsored by two hundred fifteen members, including
9 Representatives Ed Case and Jill Tokuda of Hawaii; and

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11 WHEREAS, the current United States Senate version of the
12 federal Equality Act, S. 1503, is sponsored by Senators Jeff
13 Merkeley of Oregon, Tammy Baldwin of Wisconsin, and Cory Booker
14 of New Jersey and co-sponsored by forty-six members, including
15 Senators Mazie Hirono and Brian Schatz of Hawaii; and

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17 WHEREAS, according to the Human Rights Campaign, over six
18 hundred organizations have publicly endorsed the federal
19 Equality Act; now, therefore,

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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
22 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
23 of 2026, that this body hereby requests the United States
24 Congress to pass legislation to amend the Civil Rights Act of
25 1964 to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, sexual
26 orientation, and gender identity in employment, housing, public
27 accommodations, education, federally funded programs, credit,
28 and jury service; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body respectfully requests
31 that the full and complete text of this Resolution be printed in
32 the Congressional Record; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
35 Resolution be transmitted to President of the United States,
36 Vice President of the United States, President Pro Tempore of
37 the United States Senate, Speaker of the United States House of
38 Representatives, Majority Leaders and Minority Leaders of the
39 United States Senate and United States House of Representatives,
40 and members of Hawaii's Congressional delegation.

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