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## SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR TO TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT TRANSGENDER  
MEMBERS OF THE HAWAI'I NATIONAL GUARD FROM DISCRIMINATORY  
FEDERAL POLICY AND PERMIT QUALIFIED TRANSGENDER SERVICE  
MEMBERS TO CONTINUE THEIR SERVICE.

1 WHEREAS, the Trump administration has imposed a sweeping  
2 and unnecessary ban on transgender service members in the United  
3 States military through Executive Order 14163, titled  
4 "Prioritizing Military Excellence and Readiness"; and

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6 WHEREAS, under the ban, individuals with a history of  
7 gender dysphoria or who have undergone medical transitions are  
8 barred from military service; and

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10 WHEREAS, in addition to discharging service members, the  
11 executive order paused all gender-affirming medical procedures  
12 and hormone therapies for active-duty members; and

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14 WHEREAS, despite numerous challenges from civil rights  
15 groups, the Supreme Court has allowed the ban to remain in  
16 effect; and

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18 WHEREAS, this policy undermines force readiness,  
19 destabilizes unit cohesion, and fuels longstanding waste, fraud,  
20 and abuse within the Department of Defense by expending time and  
21 resources purging qualified personnel; and

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23 WHEREAS, the ban is inherently discriminatory and  
24 inconsistent with Hawai'i's values and needs; and

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26 WHEREAS, the State must take action to protect Hawai'i's  
27 valued transgender service members from the Trump  
28 administration's discriminatory policies; now, therefore,

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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026,



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1 that this body urges the Governor to take action to protect  
2 transgender members of the Hawai'i National Guard from  
3 discriminatory federal policy and permit qualified transgender  
4 service members to continue their service; and  
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
7 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and Adjutant General  
8 of the Hawai'i National Guard.  
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OFFERED BY:

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