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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO LEAD THE STATEWIDE  
COORDINATION OF SERVICES AND SUPPORTS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH  
FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS.

1           WHEREAS, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders are a group of  
2 conditions that result from prenatal alcohol exposure and can  
3 lead to lifelong physical, behavioral, and functional  
4 challenges; and

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6           WHEREAS, national data indicates that in the United States,  
7 one in seven pregnancies involves alcohol exposure, and one in  
8 twenty people lives with a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder; and  
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10           WHEREAS, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders affect families  
11 and communities across the State, contributing to increased  
12 health care needs, educational challenges, and social services  
13 utilization; and

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15           WHEREAS, early detection, prevention, and coordinated  
16 interventions are critical to improving outcomes for individuals  
17 affected by Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders and their families;  
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20           WHEREAS, due to the complexity of diagnosing the spectrum  
21 of conditions associated with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders,  
22 along with a combination of issues involving shame and stigma,  
23 many individuals living with a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder  
24 in Hawaii struggle to obtain treatment; and

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26           WHEREAS, enhanced state-based coordination, including the  
27 coordination of public education, professional training,  
28 integrated services, and data collection, will ensure a more  
29 effective and efficient response to Fetal Alcohol Spectrum  
30 Disorders; and

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1 WHEREAS, Act 192, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, required the  
2 Department of Health to establish and administer a three-year  
3 pilot program to implement a co-management system of care for  
4 the diagnosis and treatment of individuals having a Fetal  
5 Alcohol Spectrum Disorder; now, therefore,

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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
8 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026, the  
9 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
10 Health is urged to lead a coordinated interdepartmental effort  
11 to reduce the impact of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders in  
12 Hawaii; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health, in  
15 its coordinated effort, is requested to:

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17 (1) Develop a plan for interagency collaboration to ensure  
18 the coordination of support services for individuals  
19 and families affected by Fetal Alcohol Spectrum  
20 Disorders, including services offered by the:  
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22 (A) Department of Health;  
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24 (B) Department of Human Services;  
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26 (C) Department of Education;  
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28 (D) Judiciary; and  
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30 (E) Any other applicable agencies of the State;  
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32 (2) Leverage resources by connecting local expertise and  
33 national efforts to maximize impact;  
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35 (3) Continue efforts to increase awareness of Fetal  
36 Alcohol Spectrum Disorders by supporting statewide  
37 education and public awareness campaigns that increase  
38 community-based knowledge, reduce shame and stigma,  
39 and provide higher-quality intervention services; and  
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41 (4) Build capacity by developing and coordinating training  
42 for healthcare professionals, educators, and



1 multidisciplinary service providers on the screening,  
2 detection, diagnosis, and management of Fetal Alcohol  
3 Spectrum Disorders; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is  
6 urged to consult with relevant stakeholders, including families,  
7 advocacy groups, service providers, and other state agencies to  
8 ensure a coordinated and inclusive approach to assisting persons  
9 who have Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders; and  
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is  
12 requested to submit its plan for interagency collaboration,  
13 along with its findings and recommendations, including any  
14 proposed legislation and any necessary appropriations, to the  
15 Legislature at least twenty days prior to the Regular Session of  
16 2027; and  
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Governor, Director of  
20 Health, Superintendent of Education, Executive Director of the  
21 Office of Wellness and Resilience, and Chairperson of the State  
22 Council on Developmental Disabilities.  
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