
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO LEAD A COORDINATED
INTERDEPARTMENTAL EFFORT TO REDUCE THE IMPACT OF FETAL
ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS IN THE STATE, INCLUDING
DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAN FOR INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION TO
ENSURE THE COORDINATION OF SUPPORT SERVICES.

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 including 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



1 effective and efficient response to Fetal Alcohol Spectrum
2 Disorders; and

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

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

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

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20 (1) Develop a plan, using the results and findings from
21 the three-year pilot program established pursuant to
22 Act 192, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, for interagency
23 collaboration to ensure the coordination of support
24 services for individuals and families affected by
25 Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders, including services
26 offered by the:
- 27 (A) Department of Health;
 - 28 (B) Department of Human Services;
 - 29 (C) Department of Education; and
 - 30 (D) Any other applicable agencies of the State;
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35 (2) Leverage resources by connecting local expertise and
36 national efforts to maximize impact;
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38 (3) Continue efforts to increase awareness of Fetal
39 Alcohol Spectrum Disorders by supporting statewide
40 education and public awareness campaigns that increase
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1 community-based knowledge, reduce shame and stigma,
2 and provide higher-quality intervention services; and
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- 4 (4) Build capacity by developing and coordinating training
5 for health care professionals, educators, and
6 multidisciplinary service providers on the screening,
7 detection, diagnosis, and management of Fetal Alcohol
8 Spectrum Disorders; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
11 urged to consult with relevant stakeholders, including families,
12 advocacy groups, service providers, and other state agencies, to
13 ensure a coordinated and inclusive approach to assisting persons
14 who have Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
17 requested to submit its plan for interagency collaboration,
18 along with its findings and recommendations, including any
19 proposed legislation and any necessary appropriations, to the
20 Legislature at least twenty days prior to the Regular Session of
21 2030; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director
25 of Health, Director of Human Services, Superintendent of
26 Education, Executive Director of the Office of Wellness and
27 Resilience, and Chairperson of the State Council on
28 Developmental Disabilities.

