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SENATE RESOLUTION

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

1 WHEREAS, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) are a
2 group of conditions that result from prenatal alcohol exposure
3 and can lead to lifelong physical, behavioral, and functional
4 challenges; and
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6 WHEREAS, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders affect families
7 and communities across Hawaii, contributing to health care
8 needs, educational challenges, and the utilization of social
9 services; and
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11 WHEREAS, early detection, prevention, and coordinated
12 interventions are critical to improving outcomes for individuals
13 affected by Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders and their families;
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16 WHEREAS, the Department of Health offers existing resources
17 that may be leveraged to improve statewide coordination,
18 awareness, screening and diagnostic capacity, and support for
19 individuals affected by Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders; and
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21 WHEREAS, enhanced state-based coordination including the
22 coordination of public education, professional training,
23 integrated services, and data collection, will ensure a more
24 effective and efficient response to Fetal Alcohol Spectrum
25 Disorders; now, therefore,
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026,
29 that the Department of Health is requested to lead the statewide
30 coordination of services and support for individuals with Fetal
31 Alcohol Spectrum Disorders, by utilizing its current resources
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- 1 (1) Increase public and professional awareness of Fetal
2 Alcohol Spectrum Disorders through targeted
3 educational campaigns;
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- 5 (2) Support the integration of screening for Fetal Alcohol
6 Spectrum Disorders and referral protocols into
7 existing health, behavioral, and social services
8 programs;
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- 10 (3) Coordinate training for health care professionals,
11 educators, and multidisciplinary service providers on
12 the identification, diagnosis, and management of Fetal
13 Alcohol Spectrum Disorders;
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- 15 (4) Promote inter-agency collaboration to ensure
16 comprehensive support for individuals and families
17 affected by Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders,
18 including collaborations among the:
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 - 20 (A) Department of Human Services;
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 - 22 (B) Department of Education;
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 - 24 (C) Office of Wellness and Resilience; and
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 - 26 (D) Council on Developmental Disabilities; and
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- 28 (5) Support data collection and reporting to monitor the
29 prevalence of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders,
30 patient outcomes, and program effectiveness within the
31 State; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
34 urged to consult with relevant stakeholders, including families,
35 advocacy groups, service providers, and other state agencies to
36 ensure a coordinated and inclusive approach to assisting persons
37 with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
40 requested to submit a report of its findings and
41 recommendations, including any proposed legislation and any



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1 necessary appropriations, to the Legislature at least twenty
2 days prior to the Regular Session of 2027; and

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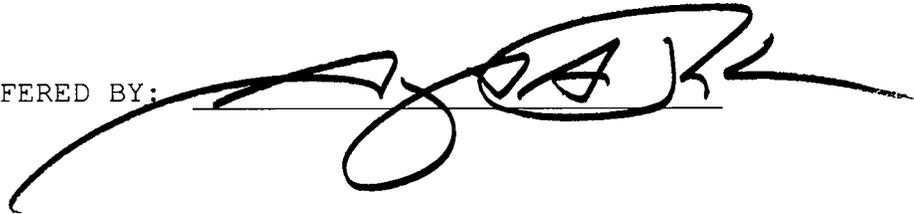
4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Health,
6 Director of Human Services, Superintendent of Education,
7 Director of the Office of Wellness and Resilience, and
8 Chairperson of the Hawaii State Council on Developmental
9 Disabilities.

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