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# SENATE 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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32           WHEREAS, Act 192, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, required the  
33 Department of Health to establish and administer a three-year  
34 pilot program to implement a co-management system of care for



1 the diagnosis and treatment of individuals having a Fetal  
2 Alcohol Spectrum Disorder; now, therefore,

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

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

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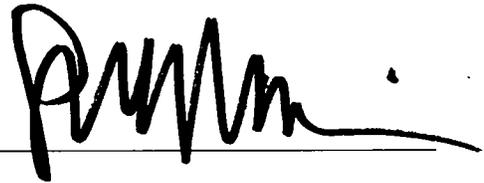
- (1) Develop a plan for interagency collaboration to ensure the coordination of support services for individuals and families affected by Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders, including services offered by the:
  - (A) Department of Health;
  - (B) Department of Human Services;
  - (C) Department of Education;
  - (D) Judiciary; and
  - (E) Any other applicable agencies of the State;
- (2) Leverage resources by connecting local expertise and national efforts to maximize impact;
- (3) Continue efforts to increase awareness of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders by supporting statewide education and public awareness campaigns that increase community-based knowledge, reduce shame and stigma, and provide higher-quality intervention services; and
- (4) Build capacity by developing and coordinating training for healthcare professionals, educators, and multidisciplinary service providers on the screening, detection, diagnosis, and management of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders; and

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