
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE
REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT 1, SESSION LAWS OF
HAWAII 2011.

1 WHEREAS, Act 1, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011, which extends
2 the same rights, benefits, protections, and responsibilities of
3 spouses in a marriage to partners in a civil union, takes effect
4 on January 1, 2012; and

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6 WHEREAS, the Department of Health has less than one year to
7 implement the requirements of Act 1, Session Laws of Hawaii
8 2011, including but not limited to:

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- 10 (1) Prescribing the form and contents of the application
11 for a license for an agent to perform a solemnization;
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13 (2) Prescribing the form and contents of the license for
14 an agent to perform a solemnization;
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16 (3) Prescribing the form and contents of an application
17 for a license for persons to enter into a civil union;
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19 (4) Prescribing the form and contents of the license for
20 persons to enter into a civil union;
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22 (5) Receiving an application for a license for an agent to
23 perform a solemnization;
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25 (6) Issuing the license for an agent to perform a
26 solemnization;
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28 (7) Receiving an application for a license for persons to
29 enter into a civil union;
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- 1 (8) Issuing the license for persons to enter into a civil
2 union;
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- 4 (9) Prescribing the form and contents of a brochure and
5 information pertaining to public health matters; and
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- 7 (10) Issuing the brochure and information pertaining to
8 public health matters to persons applying for a
9 license to enter into a civil union; and
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11 WHEREAS, the Department of Health faces a potentially large
12 and voluminous logistical challenge in meeting the requirements
13 of Act 1, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011, especially upon the first
14 few days following the January 1, 2012, effective date of the
15 Act; and
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17 WHEREAS, the creation of a task force may be beneficial in
18 assisting the Department of Health in meeting its statutory
19 mandate in a timely and expeditious manner; now, therefore,
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
22 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
23 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Health is
24 requested to establish a task force regarding the implementation
25 of Act 1, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is specifically
28 requested to review the experiences of other states in managing,
29 within the first few days of the effective date of a law that
30 recognizes a civil union, the volume of applications for a
31 license for persons to enter into a civil union; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
34 consider pre-filing, pre-screening, and the authorization of
35 temporary agents who agree to waive fees for civil union
36 licenses; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health is
39 requested to serve as the chairperson and to establish the size
40 and composition of the task force in order to represent
41 interested stakeholders, including but not limited to
42 representatives from the Department of the Attorney General, the
43 Hawaii Tourism Authority, and interested community
44 organizations; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health is requested to convene the task force immediately upon the adoption of this measure and to terminate its proceedings on June 30, 2012; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health is requested to complete the task force's review in time to enable the Department of Health to implement its recommendations by January 1, 2012; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health is requested to submit a report of the task force's findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature not less than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2012; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health, the Attorney General, and the Chairperson of the Board of the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

OFFERED BY:  _____

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