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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING ALCOHOL RETAILERS AND LICENSED PREMISES UNDER CHAPTER 281, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, TO POST A SIGN IN OR ABOUT THE PREMISES WARNING WOMEN NOT TO DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DURING PREGNANCY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO PROVIDE STATEWIDE TRAINING ON FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER PREVENTION, IDENTIFICATION, AND INTERVENTIONS.

1 WHEREAS, this body finds that according to the findings of
2 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Behavioral Risk
3 Factor Surveillance System surveys from 1991 to 2005,
4 approximately one in eight women drank alcohol while pregnant;
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7 WHEREAS, based on the study, the highest percentages of
8 pregnant women reporting any alcohol use were aged thirty-five
9 to forty-four years (17.7 percent), college graduates (14.4
10 percent), employed (13.7 percent), and unmarried (13.4 percent);
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13 WHEREAS, alcohol consumption during pregnancy is a risk
14 factor for poor birth outcomes and fetal alcohol spectrum
15 disorder, which describes the conditions that can occur in an
16 individual whose mother drank alcohol during pregnancy,
17 including fetal alcohol syndrome, birth defects, and low birth
18 weight; and
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20 WHEREAS, more than 40,000 babies are born with fetal
21 alcohol spectrum disorder every year, which is higher than the
22 rates of those with Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, cystic
23 fibrosis, spina bifida, and sudden infant death syndrome; and
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25 WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and
26 Prevention, fetal alcohol spectrum disorders are 100 percent
27 preventable if a woman does not drink alcohol during pregnancy;
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 2 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
 3 estimated in 2002 that the lifetime costs for an individual
 4 affected with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder average
 5 \$2,000,000; and
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7 WHEREAS, the federal government has mandated that alcohol
 8 beverage containers include warnings of the effects of drinking
 9 while pregnant but has not mandated that alcohol retailers post
 10 warnings about the risk of drinking during pregnancy; and
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12 WHEREAS, House Concurrent Resolution No. 141, Regular
 13 Session of 2004, requested the Department of Health to establish
 14 a coordinated statewide effort to address fetal alcohol spectrum
 15 disorder; and
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17 WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 2606, Regular Session of 2012, was
 18 introduced to require premises licensed under chapter 281,
 19 Hawaii Revised Statutes, to have an advertisement or sign posted
 20 on or about the premises that provides customers with a warning
 21 that women should not drink alcoholic beverages during
 22 pregnancy; and
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24 WHEREAS, twenty-three states have passed laws that require
 25 signs be posted at locations where alcohol is served and sold to
 26 warn women of the dangers of drinking alcohol while pregnant;
 27 now, therefore,
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
 30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the
 31 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature urges
 32 alcohol retailers and premises licensed under chapter 281,
 33 Hawaii Revised Statutes, to post a sign in or about the premises
 34 that reads:
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36 "WARNING: Women should not drink alcoholic beverages
 37 during pregnancy because of the risk of birth defects and
 38 fetal alcohol spectrum disorder. Conditions associated
 39 with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder include physical,
 40 mental, behavioral, and learning disabilities."; and
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42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health
 43 continue its efforts to provide statewide training on fetal



1 alcohol spectrum disorder prevention, identification, and
2 interventions; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health,
6 the mayor of each of the counties, and The Chamber of Commerce
7 of Hawaii.
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