
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF AN EARLY CHILDHOOD SEXUAL ABUSE
WORKING GROUP TO ADDRESS AND REDUCE CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IN
HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, while child sexual abuse statistics vary, most
2 research studies show between seventeen and twenty-five percent
3 of girls and between seven and sixteen percent of boys will
4 experience sexual abuse before the age of eighteen; and
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6 WHEREAS, the emotional and physical pain suffered in
7 childhood often results in depression, drug addiction, suicide,
8 teenage pregnancy, and juvenile delinquency; and
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10 WHEREAS, child sexual abuse crosses the boundaries of every
11 economic level and ethnic and religious group; and
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13 WHEREAS, an early childhood sexual abuse working group
14 should be convened to identify the means of addressing early
15 childhood sexual abuse and create strategies for reducing child
16 sexual abuse in Hawaii; now, therefore,
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
19 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
20 Session of 2016, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
21 Human Services is requested to convene an early childhood sexual
22 abuse working group to identify the means of addressing early
23 childhood sexual abuse and create strategies for reducing child
24 sexual abuse in Hawaii; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the early childhood sexual
27 abuse working group be comprised of the following members:
28 Chair of the Senate Committee on Human Services; Chair of the
29 House Committee on Human Services; Director of Health or the
30 Director's designee; Director of Human Services, or the
31 Director's designee; Superintendent of Education, or the
32 Superintendent's designee; a representative from the Early



1 Intervention Section of the Department of Health; and a
2 representative from Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in devising strategies to
5 reduce child sexual abuse, it is requested that the working
6 group:

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- 8 (1) Gather information concerning child sexual abuse
- 9 throughout the State;
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- 11 (2) Hold public meetings to receive or discuss reports and
- 12 testimony from individuals, state and local agencies,
- 13 community-based organizations, and other public and
- 14 private organizations; and
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- 16 (3) Create goals for a state policy that would prevent
- 17 child sexual abuse; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the early childhood sexual
20 abuse working group is requested to report its findings and
21 recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days
22 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2017; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the Senate
26 Committee on Human Services, Chair of the House Committee on
27 Human Services, Director of Health, Director of Human Services,
28 Superintendent of Education, and Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii.

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