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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE PREVENT SUICIDE HAWAII TASK FORCE TO RECOMMEND A  
STRATEGIC PLAN TO REDUCE SUICIDES IN HAWAII BY AT LEAST  
TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT BY 2025.

1           WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that suicide is a major  
2 health concern that claims approximately one million lives  
3 worldwide each year; and  
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5           WHEREAS, in Hawaii, suicide was the most common cause of  
6 fatal injuries between 2010 and 2014, accounting for one out of  
7 every four fatal injuries; and  
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9           WHEREAS, every two days, one person in Hawaii falls victim  
10 to suicide; and  
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12           WHEREAS, the Prevent Suicide Hawaii Task Force is a  
13 partnership of state, public, and private agencies and community  
14 groups working in collaboration to provide leadership, develop  
15 strategies, coordinate activities, and monitor progress of  
16 suicide prevention efforts in the State; and  
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18           WHEREAS, the Prevent Suicide Hawaii Task Force includes the  
19 Department of Health's Injury Prevention and Control Section in  
20 planning and implementing these activities; and  
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22           WHEREAS, the Prevent Suicide Hawaii Task Force provides  
23 leadership for suicide prevention activities statewide,  
24 including National Suicide Prevention Week and suicide  
25 prevention conferences; and  
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27           WHEREAS, the Prevent Suicide Hawaii Task Force meets bi-  
28 monthly to address suicide prevention issues statewide; and  
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1 WHEREAS, the Prevent Suicide Hawaii Task Force is a  
2 valuable ally in the effort to save lives from suicide; and  
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4 WHEREAS, the Legislature is concerned about the health,  
5 safety, and welfare of all the people of Hawaii, including  
6 military personnel, veterans, and visitors; now, therefore,  
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
9 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
10 Session of 2016, the Senate concurring, that the Prevent Suicide  
11 Hawaii Task Force is requested to recommend a strategic plan to  
12 reduce suicides in Hawaii by at least twenty-five per cent by  
13 2025; and  
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prevent Suicide Hawaii Task  
16 Force, in the course of developing its recommendations, is  
17 requested to examine, evaluate, and determine methods to improve  
18 education, awareness, support services, and outreach to best  
19 prevent suicides in Hawaii; and  
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prevent Suicide Hawaii Task  
22 Force is requested to form a temporary subcommittee to assist in  
23 the development of its recommendations; and  
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee is requested  
26 to include individuals who have expertise or experience in  
27 fields or disciplines related to suicide prevention and  
28 education or awareness of suicide prevention; and  
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, at minimum, the following  
31 individuals are requested to serve and be included on the  
32 subcommittee:  
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- 34 (1) Three members to be appointed by the Governor, two of  
35 whom are requested to be survivors of attempted  
36 suicide;  
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- 38 (2) One member to be appointed by the President of the  
39 Senate;  
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- 41 (3) One member to be appointed by the Speaker of the House  
42 of Representatives;



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- 2 (4) One member to be appointed by the Administrator of the
- 3 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
- 4 Administration of the United States Department of
- 5 Health and Human Services;
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- 7 (5) The Suicide Prevention Program Managers for the United
- 8 States Reserves in Hawaii, or their designees;
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- 10 (6) The Suicide Prevention Coordinator for the Department
- 11 of Health;
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- 13 (7) One member from the Injury Prevention and Control
- 14 Section, to be appointed by the Director of Health;
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- 16 (8) One member from the Prevent Suicide Hawaii Task Force;
- 17 to be appointed by the Director of Health;
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- 19 (9) One member to be appointed by the Dean of the John A.
- 20 Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawaii
- 21 at Manoa, from its Department of Psychiatry;
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- 23 (10) One member from the Hawaii Youth Leadership Council
- 24 for Suicide Prevention, to be appointed by the
- 25 President of the Senate;
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- 27 (11) One member from the Hawaii Youth Leadership Council
- 28 for Suicide Prevention, to be appointed by the Speaker
- 29 of the House of Representatives;
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- 31 (12) The Chair of the Board of the American Foundation for
- 32 Suicide Prevention Hawaii Chapter, or the Chair's
- 33 designee;
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- 35 (13) The President of the American Foundation for Suicide
- 36 Prevention Hawaii Chapter, or the President's
- 37 designee;
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- 39 (14) The Community Liaison of the American Foundation for
- 40 Suicide Prevention Hawaii Chapter; and
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1 (15) The President of the Board of Directors of Mental  
 2 Health America of Hawaii, or the President's designee;  
 3 and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the subcommittee  
 6 are requested to elect a chair, a vice chair, and any other  
 7 necessary officers from among its members; and  
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee is requested  
 10 to meet as often as necessary during the 2016 interim to assist  
 11 the Prevent Suicide Hawaii Task Force develop its  
 12 recommendations; and  
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prevent Suicide Hawaii Task  
 15 Force is requested to submit a report of its findings and  
 16 recommendations to the Legislature, including any proposed  
 17 legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
 18 the Regular Session of 2017; and  
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 21 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health,  
 22 who in turn is requested to transmit copies to the Governor; the  
 23 Administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services  
 24 Administration of the United States Department of Health and  
 25 Human Services; the Suicide Prevention Program Managers for the  
 26 United States Reserves in Hawaii; the Dean of the John A. Burns  
 27 School of Medicine at the University of Hawaii at Manoa; the  
 28 Chair of the Prevent Suicide Hawaii Task Force; the Suicide  
 29 Prevention Coordinator for the Department of Health; the Chair  
 30 of the Hawaii Youth Leadership Council for Suicide Prevention;  
 31 the Chair, the President, and the Community Liaison of the Board  
 32 of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Hawaii  
 33 Chapter; and the President of the Board of Directors of Mental  
 34 Health America of Hawaii.  
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