
HOUSE 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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30 WHEREAS, the Prevent Suicide Hawaii Task Force is a
31 valuable ally in the effort to save lives from suicide; and
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1 WHEREAS, the Legislature is concerned about the health,
2 safety, and welfare of all the people of Hawaii, including
3 military personnel, veterans, and visitors; now, therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
6 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
7 Session of 2016, that the Prevent Suicide Hawaii Task Force is
8 requested to recommend a strategic plan to reduce suicides in
9 Hawaii by at least twenty-five per cent by 2025; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prevent Suicide Hawaii Task
12 Force, in the course of developing its recommendations, is
13 requested to examine, evaluate, and determine methods to improve
14 education, awareness, support services, and outreach to best
15 prevent suicides in Hawaii; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prevent Suicide Hawaii Task
18 Force is requested to form a temporary subcommittee to assist in
19 the development of its recommendations; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee is requested
22 to include individuals who have expertise or experience in
23 fields or disciplines related to suicide prevention and
24 education or awareness of suicide prevention; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, at minimum, the following
27 individuals are requested to serve and be included on the
28 subcommittee:
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- 30 (1) Three members to be appointed by the Governor, two of
31 whom are requested to be survivors of attempted
32 suicide;
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- 34 (2) One member to be appointed by the President of the
35 Senate;
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- 37 (3) One member to be appointed by the Speaker of the House
38 of Representatives;
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- 40 (4) One member to be appointed by the Administrator of the
41 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services



- 1 Administration of the United States Department of
2 Health and Human Services;
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- 4 (5) The Suicide Prevention Program Managers for the United
5 States Reserves in Hawaii, or their designees;
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- 7 (6) The Suicide Prevention Coordinator for the Department
8 of Health;
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- 10 (7) One member from the Injury Prevention and Control
11 Section, to be appointed by the Director of Health;
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- 13 (8) One member from the Prevent Suicide Hawaii Task Force;
14 to be appointed by the Director of Health;
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- 16 (9) One member to be appointed by the Dean of the John A.
17 Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawaii
18 at Manoa, from its Department of Psychiatry;
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- 20 (10) One member from the Hawaii Youth Leadership Council
21 for Suicide Prevention, to be appointed by the
22 President of the Senate;
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- 24 (11) One member from the Hawaii Youth Leadership Council
25 for Suicide Prevention, to be appointed by the Speaker
26 of the House of Representatives;
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- 28 (12) The Chair of the Board of the American Foundation for
29 Suicide Prevention Hawaii Chapter, or the Chair's
30 designee;
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- 32 (13) The President of the American Foundation for Suicide
33 Prevention Hawaii Chapter, or the President's
34 designee;
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- 36 (14) The Community Liaison of the American Foundation for
37 Suicide Prevention Hawaii Chapter; and
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- 39 (15) The President of the Board of Directors of Mental
40 Health America of Hawaii, or the President's designee;
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the subcommittee
 2 are requested to elect a chair, a vice chair, and any other
 3 necessary officers from among its members; and

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 5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee is requested
 6 to meet as often as necessary during the 2016 interim to assist
 7 the Prevent Suicide Hawaii Task Force develop its
 8 recommendations; and

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 10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prevent Suicide Hawaii Task
 11 Force is requested to submit a report of its findings and
 12 recommendations to the Legislature, including any proposed
 13 legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
 14 the Regular Session of 2017; and

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 16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 17 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health, who in turn
 18 is requested to transmit copies to the Governor; the
 19 Administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
 20 Administration of the United States Department of Health and
 21 Human Services; the Suicide Prevention Program Managers for the
 22 United States Reserves in Hawaii; the Dean of the John A. Burns
 23 School of Medicine at the University of Hawaii at Manoa; the
 24 Chair of the Prevent Suicide Hawaii Task Force; the Suicide
 25 Prevention Coordinator for the Department of Health; the Chair
 26 of the Hawaii Youth Leadership Council for Suicide Prevention;
 27 the Chair, the President, and the Community Liaison of the Board
 28 of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Hawaii
 29 Chapter; and the President of the Board of Directors of Mental
 30 Health America of Hawaii.

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