
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



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, one of
31 whom is requested to be a survivor of attempted
32 suicide and one of whom is requested to be a suicide
33 loss survivor;
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- 35 (2) One member from the Adult Mental Health Division and
36 one member from the Child and Adolescent Mental Health
37 Division, to be appointed by the Director of Health;
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- 39 (3) One member from the Hawaii Chapter of the Veterans
40 Administration;
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- 42 (4) The Suicide Prevention Program Manager for the Army
43 Suicide Prevention Task Force or the Program Manager's
44 designee;



- 1 (5) One member from the Pacific Regional Behavioral Health
2 Alliance;
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- 4 (6) One member from the Prevent Suicide Hawaii Task Force,
5 to be appointed by the Director of Health;
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- 7 (7) One member to be appointed by the Dean of the John A.
8 Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawaii
9 at Manoa, from its Department of Psychiatry;
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- 11 (8) One member from the Hawaii Youth Leadership Council
12 for Suicide Prevention, to be appointed by the
13 President of the Senate;
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- 15 (9) One member from the Hawaii Youth Leadership Council
16 for Suicide Prevention, to be appointed by the Speaker
17 of the House of Representatives;
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- 19 (10) The Chair of the Board of the American Foundation for
20 Suicide Prevention Hawaii Chapter or the Chair's
21 designee;
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- 23 (11) The President of the American Foundation for Suicide
24 Prevention Hawaii Chapter or the President's designee;
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- 26 (12) The Community Liaison of the American Foundation for
27 Suicide Prevention Hawaii Chapter; and
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- 29 (13) The President of the Board of Directors of Mental
30 Health America of Hawaii or the President's designee;
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the subcommittee
34 are requested to elect a chair, a vice chair, and any other
35 necessary officers from among its members; and

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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee is requested
38 to meet as often as necessary during 2016 through 2017 to assist
39 the Prevent Suicide Hawaii Task Force develop its
40 recommendations; and

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42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prevent Suicide Hawaii Task
43 Force is requested to submit a report of its findings and
44 recommendations to the Legislature, including any proposed



1 legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
2 the Regular Session of 2018; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health, who in turn
6 is requested to transmit copies to the Governor; the
7 Administrator of the Hawaii Chapter of the Veterans
8 Administration; the Suicide Prevention Program Manager for the
9 Army Suicide Prevention Task Force; the Executive Director of
10 the Pacific Regional Behavioral Health Alliance; the Dean of the
11 John A. Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawaii at
12 Manoa; the Chair of the Prevent Suicide Hawaii Task Force; the
13 Chair of the Hawaii Youth Leadership Council for Suicide
14 Prevention; the Chair of the Board, the President, and the
15 Community Liaison of the American Foundation for Suicide
16 Prevention Hawaii Chapter; and the President of the Board of
17 Directors of Mental Health America of Hawaii.

