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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, VIA THE BEHAVIORAL RISK FACTOR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, VIA THE YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM, TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON THE SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AND GENDER IDENTITY AND GENDER EXPRESSION OF RESPONDENTS.

1           WHEREAS, major mental and physical health care professional  
2 associations recognize that being lesbian, gay, bisexual,  
3 transgender, queer or questioning, and intersex (LGBTQI) is part  
4 of natural variations that occur in sex, sexual orientation, and  
5 gender identity; and

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7           WHEREAS, the Department of Health published reports in 2018  
8 and 2019 highlighting the issues facing lesbian, gay, bisexual,  
9 transgender, or queer or questioning (LGBTQ) children and youth  
10 in Hawaii, including higher rates of isolation, depression,  
11 suicidal ideations or attempts, substance use and misuse,  
12 homelessness, and sexual and intimate partner violence; and

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14           WHEREAS, to date, data collection efforts indicate a  
15 significant population of indigenous lesbian, gay, bisexual,  
16 transgender, and queer or questioning youth; and

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18           WHEREAS, the State relies on the Behavioral Risk Factor  
19 Surveillance System as a critical resource for monitoring the  
20 health of Hawaii's adult population; and

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22           WHEREAS, the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System is a  
23 joint effort of the Hawaii Departments of Health and Education  
24 for monitoring the health of Hawaii's youth population; now,  
25 therefore,

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27           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
28 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
29 of 2021, that the Department of Health is requested, via the  
30 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, and the Department



1 of Education is requested, via the Youth Risk Behavior  
2 Surveillance System, to collect information on the sex, sexual  
3 orientation, and gender identity and gender expression of  
4 respondents; and  
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is  
7 requested to participate in the Behavioral Risk Factor  
8 Surveillance System; and  
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is  
11 requested to publish a detailed report on the results of the  
12 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System on its website every  
13 three years; and  
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is  
16 requested to include questions related to the sex, sexual  
17 orientation, and gender identity and gender expression of  
18 respondents in its Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System  
19 questionnaire; and  
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is  
22 requested to develop its own questions related to respondents'  
23 sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity and gender  
24 expression as part of the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance  
25 System questionnaire; and  
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is  
28 requested to publish a comprehensive report on the health of  
29 Hawaii's LGBTQI community every three years; and  
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is  
32 requested to include in this comprehensive report data collected  
33 from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System; and  
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is  
36 requested to compare, in each of these reports, the prevalence  
37 of health-related risk behaviors, chronic health conditions, and  
38 use of preventive services between the LGBTQI population, and  
39 where possible LGBTQI sub-populations, and the general  
40 population; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is  
2 requested to post each comprehensive report on its website; and  
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
5 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Health,  
6 Director of Human Services, Director of Public Safety,  
7 Chairperson of the Board of Education, Superintendent of  
8 Education, Chairperson of the Board of Regents of the University  
9 of Hawaii, and President of the University of Hawaii.  
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