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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PRESERVE FUNDING PROGRAMS FOR LGBTQ+ HEALTH CARE SERVICES, INCLUDING THE HAWAII ISLAND HIV/AIDS FOUNDATION, AND TO ASSIST THE HAWAII ISLAND HIV/AIDS FOUNDATION IN APPLYING FOR FUNDING TO MAINTAIN ITS WEST HAWAII OPERATIONS LOCATED IN KAILUA-KONA.

1 WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Island HIV/AIDS Foundation (HIHAF) is a
2 registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation that provides
3 coordination of services to all persons on the island of Hawai'i
4 affected by HIV/AIDS through two offices located on the eastside
5 and westside of the island; and

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7 WHEREAS, the mission of HIHAF is to assist those affected
8 by HIV/AIDS with maximizing their quality of life, ending the
9 spread of HIV, and caring and advocating for others in the fight
10 against related diseases; and

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12 WHEREAS, a currently proposed sixty-four percent cut to
13 HIHAF's budget will result in the closure of the HIHAF west
14 Hawai'i operation located in Kailua-Kona; now, therefore,

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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
17 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, the
18 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
19 Health is requested to preserve funding for LGBTQ+ health care
20 services, including the HIHAF, and to assist the HIHAF in
21 applying for funding to maintain its west Hawai'i operations
22 located in Kailua-Kona; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health.

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