

OPPORTUNITY YOUTH ACTION HUI

POLICY PRIORITIES

March 18, 2022

The second cohort of college student advocates has been engaged by members of the Opportunity Youth Action Hui to advance initiatives in support of the hui member organizations, including Native Hawaiian equity in the criminal justice system, workforce training and development, trauma-informed care, and the education, mental health and well-being of youth.

WHAT IS A RESOLUTION?

A legislative resolution is a statement expressing the opinion of the chamber; similar to bills, they originate from either the House or Senate. However, unlike bills, they may be limited in effect to the Congress or its chambers. There are three types or resolutions: joint, concurrent and simple.

A joint resolution is similar to a bill in terms of procedure, as both become laws in the same matter. However, the difference is when it is proposing an amendment to the Constitution. These resolutions will be stated as "HJRes" or "SJRes", depending if it is in the House or Senate followed by its individual number.

Concurrent resolutions are matters that affect the operations of both the House and Senate, usually initiated by means of concurrent resolutions. These resolutions will be stated as "HCR" or "SCR" followed by its individual number.

Simple resolutions are matters concerning the operation of either the House or Senate alone. These resolutions are designated as "HR" or "SR" followed by its individual number.

CIVIL BEAT ARTICLE

On March 16th, our first article was published in Civil Beat, titled: "Working Toward Native Hawaiian Equity In Our Justice System." This article speaks of Leah and Lyla's work and experiences with OYAH thus far, and community voices; specifically touching on Native Hawaiian equity in the criminal justice system. To read more about this article and how OYAH is reaching communities in Hawai'i, check it out on the Civil Beat Website!

RESOLUTIONS OF INTEREST TO OYAH

HCR 137-2022: Urges The Department Of Human Services to Establish or contract with a victim service provider to maintain an emergency shelter for children who are survivors of sex trafficking.

HCR 150-2022: Requesting The Department Of Customer Services Of The City And County Of Honolulu To Fully Staff Its Driver Licensing Centers And Expedite The Process Of Obtaining A State Identification Card For Individuals Experiencing Homelessness.

HCR 64-2022: Requesting The Judiciary Conduct A Study On The Necessity Of Mandatory Referrals To The Department Of Human Services For Investigation Or Intervention In All Cases Of Alleged Domestic Abuse Involving A Family Or Household Member Who Is A Minor Or Incapacitated Person.

HCR 58-2022: Requesting The Department Of Human Services To Establish A One-Year Pilot Program To Provide A Basic Income To Qualified Adults Who Are Verified Victims Of Sex Trafficking Or Who Are Female Or Sexual And Gender Minority Individuals Seeking To Exit The Sex Trade.

SCR 117-2022: Urging The Department Of Education, State Public Charter School Commission, And Each County'S Police Commission To Collaborate And Develop Governing Protocols Regarding Student Discipline And Police Involvement On School Campuses.

SCR 222-2022: Requesting The Department Of Public Safety, The Office Of Youth Services, And The Department Of Budget And Finance To Convene A Task Force To Recommend How To Create An Efficient Funding Mechanism To Allow The Office Of Youth Services To Generate Income To Support Its Vocational Programs.

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MORE RESOLUTIONS:

SCR 223-2022: Urging The Department Of Human Services To Establish Or Contract With A Victim Service Provider To Maintain An Emergency Shelter For Children Who Are Survivors Of Sex Trafficking.

SCR 70-2022: Requesting The Department Of Human Services To Establish A One-Year Pilot Program To Provide A Basic Income To Qualified Adults Who Are Verified Victims Of Sex Trafficking Or Who Are Female Or Sexual And Gender Minority Individuals Seeking To Exit The Sex Trade.

SCR 71-2022: Requesting The Judiciary Conduct A Study On The Necessity Of Mandatory Referrals To The Department Of Human Services For Investigation Or Intervention In All Cases Of Alleged Domestic Abuse Involving A Family Or Household Member Who Is A Minor Or Incapacitated Person.

HCR 41-2022: Requesting The Department Of Health To Conduct A Study Into The Feasibility Of Permitting Minors Sixteen Years Of Age Or Older To Consent To Receive A Covid-19 Vaccination Without Consent From The Minor'S Parent Or Guardian.

HR 13-2022: Supporting The Advocacy Against Childhood Bullying And For Adolescent Health Within The State Of Hawaii.

HCR 12-2022: Urging The Judiciary To Assign One Judge For The Hope Probation Program.

HR 10-2022: Urging The Judiciary To Assign One Judge For The Hope Probation Program.

HCR 181-2022: Requesting The Judiciary To Convene A Working Group To Reevaluate The Current Family Court Juvenile Justice Model And Consider Other Models That Provide More Alternatives To Incarceration, More Effectively Rehabilitate Juvenile Offenders, And Reduce Recidivism.

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