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## Senate Resolution 57, S.D.1 (2016) Task Force Report Submitted to the Hawaii State Legislature, 2017 Regular Session December 2016

Senate Resolution 57, S.D.1 (2016) requested the convening of a paid family leave task force to examine the benefits and costs of a potential paid family leave program in Hawaii. The Executive Director of the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women (HSCSW) was listed as a participant on the task force.

The task force did not convene. On June 5, 2016, the HSCSW applied for a competitive paid family leave analysis grant with the United States Department of Labor, Women's Bureau. On August 1, 2016, the HSCSW was notified that it was one of six recipients of a United States Department of Labor grant to study paid family leave.

Federal funds in the amount of \$240,000 will be used to study the benefits and costs of a potential paid family leave program in Hawaii. In lieu of convening the Senate Resolution 57 task force, the work of the grant serves similar purposes as the previously envisioned task force. The HSCSW has convened a working group and advisory board with broad community stakeholders to oversee and provide input on the grant projects. All research reports from this federal grant will be completed by September 30, 2017. Reports shall be the intellectual property of the United States Department of Labor. However, the reports and all research shall be available publicly and will be widely shared with members of the Hawaii State Legislature.