

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 30, 2006

RE: H.C.R. No. 35

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2006  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred  
H.C.R. No. 35 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF  
HUMAN SERVICES TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO DETERMINE THE  
FEASIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING PROCEDURES FOR PLACING A CHILD IN  
TEMPORARY FOSTER CUSTODY WITH KIN OR NON-KIN FOSTER PARENTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to develop a  
working group via the Department of Human Services (DHS) to  
convene a working group to study the feasibility of implementing  
procedures in making future foster custody placement decisions.  
Specifically, the measure seeks to study through the working  
group:

- (1) What "attachment" is as it pertains to the relationship  
between a foster child and a caregiver, and how  
attachment can be considered when determining placement  
of a child;
- (2) Circumstances under which siblings may be separated, and  
finding solutions to keep siblings together whenever  
possible;
- (3) The length of time children should remain in the foster  
care system and finding solutions to minimize their time

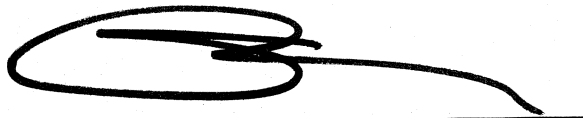
in the system, without jeopardizing the children's health or welfare; and

- (4) Whether changes are needed to improve the present model of foster placement, or whether the methods of foster placement require further review and analysis.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs supported this measure. The Hawaii Foster Parent Association supported with amendments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 35 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Human Services,



ALEX M. SONSON, Chair

