

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1814 -06

Honolulu, Hawaii

Ag: 121, 2006

RE: S.C.R. No. 52
S.D. 1

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
S.C.R. No. 52, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COMMITTEES ON
HUMAN SERVICES OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO
CONVENE INTERIM HEARINGS ON THE USE OF LEGAL INTERVENTIONS
AVAILABLE TO THE FAMILY COURT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Senate and
House Committees on Human Services to convene and conduct interim
hearings on the use of legal interventions available to the Family
Court, including an assessment of the caseload, the long-term use
of such interventions such as temporary restraining orders (TROs),
the selection, use, and accountability of custody guardians ad
litem, factfinders, parenting coordinators, and other court
appointed personnel, an evaluation of definitions of the best
interests of the child, an examination of other issues that may
impact the timely and fair resolution of cases, and identification
of practices that meet an acceptable national standard of care for
the children and families before the Family Court.

Blueprint For Change, Children's Rights Council, Hawaii
Psychiatric Medical Association and two concerned citizens
submitted written testimony in support of this measure. The Office
of Hawaiian Affairs supported the measure with amendments.

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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 S.C.R. No. 52, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'S' followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

ALEX M. SONSON, Chair

