

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.C.R. No. 166
H.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
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. 166, H.D. 1, entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE DEPARTMENT
OF HUMAN SERVICES TO TEMPORARILY DELAY REALIGNMENT OF ITS
CHILD WELFARE SERVICE OFFICES ON ISLAND OF HAWAII TO ALLOW
FOR THE CONVENING OF A PUBLIC, COMMUNITY FORUM TO DISCUSS
REALIGNMENT IMPLICATIONS AND POTENTIAL IMPACT ON THE
CONTINUUM OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION, FAMILY
SUPPORT, FAMILY STRENGTHENING AND VOLUNTARY CASE MANAGEMENT
SERVICES FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of
Human Services to temporarily delay its reorganization plan for
the island of Hawaii.

Specifically, it requests the Department to convene
additional public hearings regarding its decision to close the
Child Welfare Services offices in Ka`u, Kamuela, and Captain Cook.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the measure
from the Hawaii Government Employees Association and more than one
hundred individuals. The Department of Human Services submitted
comments.

Your Committee finds that this measure will offer the
Department of Human Services, the affected community, Child
Welfare Services staff, as well as interested agencies and

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organizations, another opportunity to discuss the realignment implications and its potential impact on the continuum of child abuse and neglect prevention, family support, family strengthening, and voluntary case management services for families and children.

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. 166, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

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

Suzanne Chun Oakland
SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



