

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3267

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 208

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
S.C.R. No. 208 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING COMPLIANCE WITH
TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request an audit of the
Department of Human Services for a review and analysis of the
Department's compliance with its obligations under Title VI of the
Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the measure
from the League of Women Voters of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of
1964 requires all entities receiving federal funds to provide
language-accessible services, including the translation of vital
documents and other oral language services, for persons with
limited English proficiency. The reported data will facilitate an
assessment of the Department of Human Services' protocols, staff
training, and oversight of the language assistance program to
facilitate meaningful access by people with limited English
proficiency and to ensure full compliance with federal
requirements.

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. 208



and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs.

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

Suzanne Chun Oakland
SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



