

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

967

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2007

RE: S.B. No. 1779

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1779 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILDREN,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to create a task force to evaluate system responses to cases of child sexual assault and exploitation.

Your Committee received comments in support of the measure from the Department of Education and the Sex Abuse Treatment Center of the Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children. The Department of Human Services and the Children's Justice Centers of Hawaii (Judiciary) submitted comments on the bill.

Your Committee finds that there is a need to develop a coordinated organized system that can appropriately respond to cases of child sexual assault, exploitation, and associated crimes or issues.

Your Committee finds that convening a task force comprised of law enforcement and social service representatives from federal, state, and county agencies and private, charitable social agencies will assist in providing effective recommendations on system responses to cases of child sexual assault and exploitation.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your

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Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1779 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.


Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1779	Committee Referral: HSP, WAM	Date: 2/26/07		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
MENOR, Ron	/			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred	/			
WHALEN, Paul				/
TOTAL	10	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes