

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1377-08

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 25, 2008

RE: H.C.R. No. 174
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services & Housing, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 174 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE AND ESTABLISH A PILOT PROJECT TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF NATIVE HAWAIIAN CHILDREN IN CHILD CUSTODY PROCEEDINGS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to request the Department of Human Services (DHS) to convene a task force and establish a pilot project to address the needs of native Hawaiian children in child custody proceedings.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Na Kupuna Tribunal, and Legacy Coalition testified in support of this concurrent resolution. DHS supported the intent of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this concurrent resolution by:

- (1) Changing its title to read: "REQUESTING NA KUPUNA O WAIANAE TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF NATIVE HAWAIIAN CHILDREN IN CHILD CUSTODY PROCEEDINGS";
- (2) Replacing DHS with Na Kupuna O Waianae as the convenor of the task force;

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- (3) Having the task force examine the feasibility of DHS conducting a pilot project, instead of having DHS conduct a pilot project;
- (4) Extending the time period of the task force by one year and requesting an interim report no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2009 and a final report no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2010;
- (5) Sending a certified copy of the concurrent resolution to Na Kupuna O Waianae; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services & Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 174, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Judiciary in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 174, H.D. 1.

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



KARL RHOADS, Acting Chair



