

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

187

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 245

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

Madam:

Your Committees on Human Services and Public Housing and
Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred S.B. No. 245 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SEXUAL ABUSE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to
provide treatment services for child victims of sexual abuse,
including psychological treatment and case management services for
child victims and their families.

The Judiciary submitted testimony in support of the intent of
this measure. The Attorney General, the Department of Human
Services, the City and County of Honolulu Police Department, Child
& Family Service, The Sex Abuse Treatment Center, Friends of the
Children's Justice Center of Maui, Catholic Charities Hawaii, and
six individuals submitted testimony in support of this measure.

Your Committees find that child sexual abuse cases are often
the most difficult cases to manage and the victims often have the
most difficult time accessing services and treatment. Victims and
supportive family members who receive appropriate support are
better able to cooperate with the criminal justice system, which
enables the system to prosecute these cases more effectively and
efficiently. In addition, child sexual abuse is a crime that
frequently results in serious long-term mental health problems for
victims and their families. Providing treatment services for the
victims and their families is crucial to ameliorating the mental
health problems.



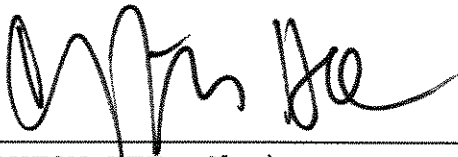
Your Committees understand that the Judiciary has a balance of unspent funds in the amount of approximately \$4,000,000 for the 2006-2007 fiscal year, and that as this savings is attributed to a large amount of vacant positions, it is likely that this savings will be realized in the 2007-2008 fiscal year, as well.

Therefore, your Committees urge the Committee on Ways and Means, by budget proviso, to utilize \$416,000 of existing Judiciary budget funds to support the appropriation request of \$208,000 for fiscal year 2007-2008, and the same sum for fiscal year 2008-2009.

It is the Committees' intent that the provisoed funds be used to provide treatment services for child victims of intrafamilial sexual abuse and sexually reactive children who are not covered under the child protective services system of the Department of Human Services, including psychological treatment and case management services.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and Public Housing and Judiciary and Labor that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 245 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Human Services
and Public Housing and
Judiciary and Labor,



CLAYTON HEE, Chair




SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



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Record of Votes
Committee on Human Services and Public Housing
HSP

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 245	Committee Referral: HSP/JDL,WAM	Date: 2-8-07		
<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
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)	✓			
SAKAMOTO, Norman				✓
HEMMINGS, Fred	✓			
TOTAL	3	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

