

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1491

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 27 2009

RE: H.C.R. No. 135  
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Human Services and Public Safety and  
Military Affairs, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 135 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION STRONGLY SUPPORTING THE CONCEPT  
OF ESTABLISHING A SYSTEM OF JUVENILE INTAKE AND ASSESSMENT  
CENTERS, AS EMBODIED BY THE PROPOSED PILOT BIG ISLAND  
JUVENILE INTAKE AND ASSESSMENT CENTER, THROUGHOUT THE STATE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to strongly support the  
concept of establishing a system of juvenile intake and assessment  
centers, as embodied by the proposed pilot Big Island Juvenile  
Intake and Assessment Center, throughout the State.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the  
Department of Human Services Office of Youth Services, the Hawaii  
County Mayor, the Hawaii County Prosecuting Attorney and the  
Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, and one individual. Written  
testimony presented to your Committees may be reviewed on the  
Legislature's website.

Your Committees find that law enforcement officers on the  
island of Hawaii are in need of a facility to house and hold  
juvenile offenders in a safe and secure manner that consequently  
allows the law enforcement officers to proceed with their patrol  
duties. In 2006 over 2,350 juveniles were arrested, and a survey  
of law enforcement officers found that officers have no good  
options when dealing with arrested juveniles who cannot be  
returned to their homes because of drug, alcohol, or mental health



problems, or family issues. Existing programs are fragmented and may not accept disruptive juveniles or those who are under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The Big Island Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center would help law enforcement officers by providing a safe holding place for these juveniles. Various stakeholders and supporters of a Big Island Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center have already completed a thorough business plan that identifies the necessary startup and annual operating costs for the Center and are ready to move forward with a pilot program at a facility in Pahoa that can be implemented at less than a third of the cost of the comprehensive Big Island Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center initiative. Your Committees affirm their support of the initiative and actions taken by the stakeholders, and pledge future support of continued efforts to establish and develop a Big Island Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center and to consider implementation of similar projects statewide.

Your Committees have amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and Public Safety and Military Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 135, as amended herein, and recommend its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 135, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Human Services  
and Public Safety and Military  
Affairs,



WILL ESPERO, Chair

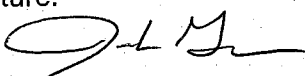


SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
 State of Hawaii

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Human Services**  
**HMS**

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| Bill / Resolution No.:*   | Committee Referral:   | Date:                                 |                                  |         |
| HCR 135   | HMS / PSM   | 4/24/09                               |                                  |         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.<br>If so, then the previous decision was to: _____ |   |                                       |                                  |         |
| The Recommendation is:  |   |                                       |                                  |         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended<br>2312  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments<br>2311 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hold<br>2310 |                                  |         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit<br>2313   |   |                                       |                                  |         |
| Members   | Aye   | Aye (WR)                              | Nay                              | Excused |
| CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)   | ✓   |                                       |                                  |         |
| IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)  |   |                                       |                                  | ✓       |
| GREEN, M.D., Josh   | ✓   |                                       |                                  |         |
| HEMMINGS, Fred  | ✓   |                                       |                                  |         |
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| Recommendation:   |   |                                       |                                  |         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted  |   |                                       |                                  |         |
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