

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1474

Honolulu, Hawaii

Aug 6, 2009

RE: H.C.R. No. 246  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred  
H.C.R. No. 246 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII STATE  
COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TO DEVELOP, AND FOR THE  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO IMPLEMENT A POLICY AGAINST TEEN  
DATING VIOLENCE AND ABUSE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to help teens  
recognize and prevent teen dating violence and abuse by requesting  
the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (HSCADV) to  
develop, and the Department of Education (DOE) to implement, a  
policy against teen dating violence and abuse.

HSCADV, the Domestic Violence Action Center, and the Hawaii  
Immigrant Justice Center supported this concurrent resolution.  
Catholic Charities Hawaii provided comments.

Your Committee emphasizes that education is one of the  
primary components in the prevention of teen dating violence and  
abuse. It is important to help teens recognize the difference  
between love and abuse, particularly in situations where abuse  
within the home normalizes such behavior.

Your Committee encourages the Department of Education to  
create public-private partnerships to provide annual training  
sessions on dating violence for all school staff.

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Additionally, your Committee notes that each school should be given the flexibility to apply any policy developed in a manner that best suits the school's population and community context.

Upon further consideration, your Committee has amended this concurrent resolution by:

- (1) Amending the title to read, "REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP A POLICY AGAINST TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AND ABUSE";
- (2) Requesting the Department of Human Services to establish a task force, comprised of interested stakeholders, to develop a comprehensive policy to address teen dating violence and abuse;
- (3) Removing the request that HSCADV develop a model dating violence policy by January 1, 2009, for transmittal to the Board of Education (BOE) for approval and adoption;
- (4) Removing the request that BOE create public-private partnerships to provide annual training sessions on dating violence for all school staff; and
- (5) Removing the request that Hawaii public schools consider incorporating age-appropriate dating violence education into any health curriculum framework for certain grades.

Other technical, nonsubstantive amendments have been made for clarity, consistency, and style.

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 H.C.R. No. 246, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Education in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 246, H.D. 1.



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

  
JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-fifth Legislature

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

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> HCR 246	<b>Committee Referral:</b> HHS, EDN	<b>Date:</b> 03/30/09		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
<b>HUS Members</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Ayes (WR)</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Excused</b>
1. MIZUNO, John M. (C)	/			
2. BROWER, Tom (VC)	/			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	/			
4. BERTRAM, Joe, III				/
5. CARROLL, Mele				/
6. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	/			
7. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/			
8. YAMANE, Ryan I.	/			
9. WARD, Gene	/			
<b>TOTAL (9)</b>	7	0	0	2
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> <u>Tom Brown</u>				
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