

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 25, 2009

RE: H.C.R. No. 37

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. 37 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING RELIGIOUS AND FAITH-
BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO SERVE AS SAFE HAVENS FOR VICTIMS OF
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to request
religious and faith-based organizations to serve as safe havens
for domestic violence victims.

Testimony in support of this concurrent resolution was
submitted by the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence
and a concerned individual.

Your Committee recognizes that religious and faith-based
organizations are a crucial source of support for victims of
domestic violence. This support comes in various forms, at
central locations found to be safe, for domestic violence victims.
To further encourage assistance to victims of abuse, religious and
faith-based communities should be asked to serve as safe havens
where one can find the support and peace every person deserves.

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. 37 and
recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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


JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



