

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1415

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 2, 2009

RE: S.C.R. No. 19  
S.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  
S.C.R. No. 19, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING FAITH-BASED  
ORGANIZATIONS TO NETWORK AND COOPERATE TO SUPPORT FOSTER  
FAMILIES IN HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to urge faith-  
based organizations to network and cooperate to support foster  
families in Hawaii.

Testimony in support of this concurrent resolution was  
submitted by a concerned individual.

Your Committee recognizes that our state's most precious  
resource is our children. It is also recognized that our  
children, especially foster children, need to have the  
opportunities to reach their highest potential. All organizations  
have a vital interest in sharing this enormous responsibility. In  
order to give all of them the best chances, faith-based  
organizations need to network and cooperate in supporting foster  
families in Hawaii.

It is also recognized by Your Committee that an example of  
what faith-based organizations can do to promote and assist foster  
families in Hawaii is Kokua Ohana. Kokua Ohana is a foster care  
program that is the product of the effort between the Partners in

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Development Foundation and the Department of Human Services, has successfully brought together churches and Native Hawaiian community organizations in supporting Hawaii's foster families. While great accomplishments have been done by Kokua Ohana, there is still an enormous need for other faith-based organizations to network and cooperate to support foster families here in Hawaii.

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 S.C.R. No. 19, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

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

  
JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



