

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 29, 2010

RE: H.C.R. No. 256

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred
H.C.R. No. 256 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN SERVICES TO EXAMINE AND EVALUATE THE VERACITY, EXTENT,
AND EFFECT OF CERTAIN ALLEGATIONS OF SHORTCOMINGS OF PROGRAMS
FOR ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to request the
Department of Human Services (DHS) to examine and evaluate
allegations of shortcomings of programs for adults with special
needs.

Your Committee recognizes that adults with special needs
comprise a vulnerable population and require diligent care. It is
also noted that DHS contracts with various agencies to provide
services to this population. However, allegations of inadequacies
and weaknesses in programs for adults with special needs have
surfaced over the years.

Your Committee would like to stress that it is critical to
thoroughly examine these allegations. It is vital that this group
of individuals is properly cared for in a safe and reasonable
manner.

Therefore, your Committee requests that DHS investigate these
allegations and submit a report of the findings and
recommendations, including any necessary proposed legislation, to

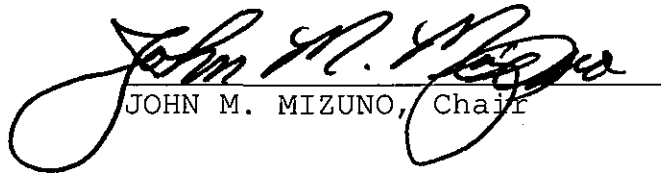
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this body no later than twenty days prior to the Regular Session of 2011.

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. 256 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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


JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



