

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3242

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 28 2010

RE: H.C.R. No. 256

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Madam:

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 measure 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 realizes that the
problems may exist on many different levels, including improper
training, miscommunication among employees, different expectations
of parties, and differing guidelines between contracted companies.
There also may be a problem with pay scales not being commensurate
with the employees' abilities. All such areas of concerns should
be subject to inquiry.

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

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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 its adoption.

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

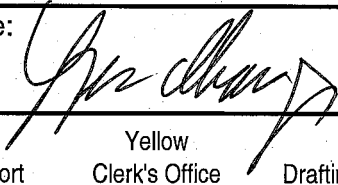
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SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



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 Twenty-Fifth Legislature
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HCR 256	Committee Referral: HMS	Date: 4-19-10		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred				✓
TOTAL	3	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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