

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 29, 2010

RE: H.C.R. No. 318  
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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. 318 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
SERVICES AND ALL AGENCIES WITH DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES'  
CONTRACTS TO UPHOLD THEIR NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY FOR GAY,  
LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDERED PERSON,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to urge the  
Department of Human Services (DHS) and all agencies with DHS  
contracts to uphold their nondiscriminatory policy for gay,  
lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered persons.

A concerned individual submitted testimony in support of this  
measure.

Your Committee has learned that the number of hate crimes  
against gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered individuals have  
risen in recent years. According to the Federal Bureau of  
Investigation (FBI), hate crimes against this group constitute the  
third-highest category of hate crimes in the nation and represent  
almost fourteen percent of all hate crimes.

Because the numbers of hate crimes against this population  
are staggering, your Committee considers it important for the  
Department of Human Services (DHS) and the service providers with  
DHS contracts to uphold its policy of nondiscrimination for gay,

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lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people. The Department of Human Services (DHS) should urge its workers and recipients that it is not acceptable to discriminate against a person for any sexually-related or gender-related reason, as well as race, color, religion, or national origin.

Your Committee has amended this concurrent resolution by:

- (1) adding the following to receive certified copies of this concurrent resolution:
  - (a) the President of Pride at Work Hawaii; and
  - (b) the Executive Director of Life Foundation; and
  - (c) the Executive Director of National Association of Workers (NASW); and
  - (d) the Chairman of Family Equality Coalition; and
  - (e) the President of Gregory House Programs; and
  - (f) the Coordinator of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Student Services Office at UH Manoa; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments 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. 318, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Judiciary in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 318, H.D. 1.



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

  
JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



