

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 17, 2010

RE: H.C.R. No. 49

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. 49 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF  
HUMAN SERVICES TO INVESTIGATE THE INCIDENCE OF DOMESTIC ABUSE  
PERPETRATED BY WOMEN AGAINST MEN IN HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to request the  
Department of Human Services (DHS) to investigate the domestic  
abuse endured by men and initiated by women in Hawaii.

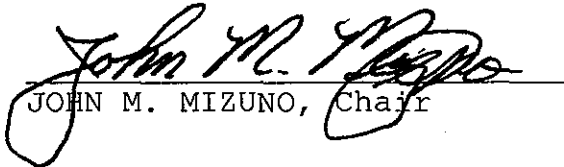
Your Committee recognizes that the most commonly recognized  
facts about domestic abuse focus on women being preyed upon by  
men. Though, there is an often ignored side of domestic abuse -  
those perpetrated by women against men. But, because this side of  
the domestic abuse issue is widely unacknowledged, most domestic  
abuse-related concerns address only male violence. However,  
according to various studies, approximately 835,000 men are  
battered each year. This, in and of itself, is reason enough to  
believe that cases involving female domestic violence may exist  
here in the State. Therefore, it would be prudent to investigate  
further.

Concerned individuals expressed their testimonies in  
opposition to this resolution.



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

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

  
JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



