

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 30 2010

RE: S.C.R. No. 169

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
S.C.R. No. 169 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE FORMATION OF A
JOINT POVERTY REDUCTION TASK FORCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the formation of a
joint legislative task force to study and evaluate surrounding
poverty and the policies and practices that would address how to
reduce families and individuals living in poverty by at least
fifty per cent by 2020.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the
National Association of Social Workers, Hawaii Chapter. Written
testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the
Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that poverty is a pervasive problem,
especially for those individuals and families living in Hawaii
where the cost of living is well above most other states in
America. Children that grow up impoverished carry their problems
into adulthood and statistically are more likely to have
behavioral and health problems. Your Committee also finds that
the social cost of poverty, including increased crime rates and
negative economic impacts, are detrimental to our communities and
should be addressed.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your
Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your

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Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 169 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fifth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Human Services
HMS

Bill / Resolution No.:* SCR 169	Committee Referral: HMS, WAM	Date: 3-29-10		
<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: <i>[Signature]</i>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes