

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 79
S.D. 1

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. 79 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE PROVISION OF
ORIENTATION AND ADDITIONAL TRAINING TO INCREASE THE ABILITY
OF STATE AGENCY CASE WORKERS TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES FACED BY
GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of
Human Services to provide its case workers with information and
training so they will better understand the issues faced by
grandparents who are raising grandchildren that are in the custody
of Child Protective Services of the Department of Human Services.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by Hawaii
Family Forum. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be
reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that there is an increasing number of
grandparents raising their grandchildren due to various crises in
the children's home, and that grandparents are generally unaware
of how the system addressing these crises works. These
grandparents often do not ask for help for fear of their
grandchildren being taken away. These grandparents are also
unaware of resources in place specifically to help them. Your
Committee also finds that case workers employed by the Department
of Human Services and Child Protective Services have little or no
information on how these grandparents feel nor what they need

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during the process. This measure will benefit all parties involved by ensuring that case workers know what to expect and how to appropriately deal with grandparents that are raising their grandchildren due to family crisis.

Your Committee has made technical, nonsubstantive stylistic changes to the measure for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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 S.C.R. No. 79, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 79, S.D. 1.

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

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SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



