

SR 3

Measure Title: REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF AN EARLY CHILDHOOD SEXUAL ABUSE WORKING GROUP TO ADDRESS AND REDUCE CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IN HAWAII.

Report Title: Early Childhood Sexual Abuse Working Group

Description:

Companion: [HR2](#)

Package: Keiki Caucus

Current Referral: HMS/CPH, JDL

Introducer(s): CHUN OAKLAND, HARIMOTO, RUDERMAN, SHIMABUKURO, Galuteria, Keith-Agaran, Kidani, L. Thielen



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TO: Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health

Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services

FROM: Lauren Moriguchi, Director

SUBJECT: SCR 5/ SR 3
Hearing Date: Monday, March 14, 2016
Time: 10:15 a.m.
Location: Conference Room 229

Purpose of Bill: REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF AN EARLY CHILDHOOD SEXUAL ABUSE WORKING GROUP TO ADDRESS AND REDUCE CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IN HAWAII.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON EARLY LEARNING'S POSITION: The Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) supports the intent of this measure and its commitment to addressing the safety and well-being of students (pre-kindergarten to grade twelve) in the prevention of sexual abuse. For the purpose of addressing age appropriate curricula and developmentally appropriate practice in pre-kindergarten settings, EOEL respectfully suggests that the director of EOEL, or the director's designee, should be a part of the working group.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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DATE: March 14, 2016

TO: The Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair
The Honorable Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
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The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
The Honorable Gil Riviere, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services

FROM: The Sex Abuse Treatment Center
A Program of Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women and Children

RE: Testimony Supporting the Intent of S.C.R. 5 / S.R. 3
Requesting the Convening of an Early Childhood Sexual Abuse Working Group to Address and Reduce Child Sexual Abuse in Hawaii

Good morning Chairs Baker and Chun Oakland, Vice Chairs Kidani and Riviere, and members of the Senate Committees on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, and on Human Services.

The Sex Abuse Treatment Center (SATC) supports the intent of S.C.R. 5 / S.R. 3 which requests that the Department of Human Services convene an Early Childhood Sexual Abuse Working Group to address and reduce child sexual abuse in Hawaii. SATC provides counseling and treatment to victims of early childhood sexual abuse and their families, and educational services to communities concerning this issue.

We respectfully offer the following comments for the Committees' consideration:

- The working group convened based on the request in S.C.R. 5 / S.R. 3 would currently consist of the respective Chairs of the Senate and House Committees on Human Services and representatives from the Departments of Health, Human Services, Education, and from Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii. It is our understanding that other stakeholders may be important to a strategically addressing early childhood sexual abuse. Therefore, the Committees may wish consider if additional stakeholders, such as direct service providers, representatives from the preschool community, healthcare providers (e.g. pediatricians), and additional state agencies, may be needed as named members of the working group.
- In order to strategically address early childhood sexual abuse, we note that prevention, while very important, must exist alongside the means to detect and identify abuse and respond to it appropriately. It may therefore be desirable to

amend the scope of the working group's deliberations from 'creating goals for a state policy that would prevent [early] child[hood] sexual abuse' to include consideration of policies to improve detection, identification and response to early childhood sexual abuse.

We appreciate this opportunity to testify.