

Honolulu, Hawaii
MAR 25, 2024

RE: H.C.R. No. 33

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred
H.C.R. No. 33 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR AND
PERTINENT STATE AGENCIES TO COMMIT TO PROVIDE CULTURALLY
APPROPRIATE RESOURCES, SERVICES, AND PROGRAMS FOR NATIVE
HAWAIIAN INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES EXPERIENCING INTELLECTUAL
AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Governor and
pertinent State agencies to commit to provide culturally
appropriate resources, services, and programs for Native Hawaiian
individuals and families experiencing intellectual and
developmental disabilities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii State Department of Health; Hawaii State Council
on Developmental Disabilities; and Office of Hawaiian Affairs.
Your Committee received comments on this measure from 'Apoākea
(Infinite Reach) Native Hawaiian Innovation Institute.

Your Committee finds that intellectual and developmental
disabilities are often lifelong disabilities that may involve
challenges that affect intellectual functioning and adaptive
functioning, or a person's ability to learn, reason, communicate,
socialize, or perform self-care tasks. Your Committee further



finds that implementing programs and services with Native Hawaiian cultural focuses and contexts can serve as effective care for individuals with disabilities.

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. 33 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



LISA MARTEN, Chair



