STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3116

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 2 4 2006

RE: H.C.R. No. 166 H.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda President of the Senate Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 166, H.D. 1, entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO TEMPORARILY DELAY REALIGNMENT OF ITS CHILD WELFARE SERVICE OFFICES ON ISLAND OF HAWAII TO ALLOW FOR THE CONVENING OF A PUBLIC, COMMUNITY FORUM TO DISCUSS REALIGNMENT IMPLICATIONS AND POTENTIAL IMPACT ON THE CONTINUUM OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION, FAMILY SUPPORT, FAMILY STRENGTHENING AND VOLUNTARY CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Human Services to temporarily delay its reorganization plan for the island of Hawaii.

Specifically, it requests the Department to convene additional public hearings regarding its decision to close the Child Welfare Services offices in Ka`u, Kamuela, and Captain Cook.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the measure from the Hawaii Government Employees Association and more than one hundred individuals. The Department of Human Services submitted comments.

Your Committee finds that this measure will offer the Department of Human Services, the affected community, Child Welfare Services staff, as well as interested agencies and

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organizations, another opportunity to discuss the realignment implications and its potential impact on the continuum of child abuse and neglect prevention, family support, family strengthening, and voluntary case management services for families and children.

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. 166, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

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



The Senate Twenty-Third Legislature State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services (Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:* HCR 166	Committee Referral:		Date: 4-18-06		
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is to:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit (2312) (2311) (2310) (2313)					
Members		Ayes	Ayes(WR)	Nays	Excused
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)		V			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)		V,			
FUKUNAGA, Carol		V			
HOOSER, Gary L.					V
KOKUBUN, Russell S.		<u> </u>			
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Recommendation: Adopted			Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signaturer Audition					
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^{*}Do not list more than one measure per Record of Votes.