STAND. COM. REP. NO. 220

Honolulu, Hawaii

Fb. 16

, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 1017

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 S.B. No. 1017 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD ABUSE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require members of the clergy to report cases of child abuse, except information received from confidential communications, to the police or the Department of Human Services (DHS).

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the DHS, Honolulu Police Department, Christian Science Committee on Publications, Catholic Charities, and The Sex Abuse Treatment Center.

Your Committee finds that, in the interests of protecting children from abuse, the clergy should have the same obligations to report incidences of child abuse to the proper authorities that other professionals who work with children do. The desire of your Committee is to identify cases of child abuse or neglect at its earliest stages. Your Committee views this measure as a detection device rather than an invasion of privacy or privileges. Your Committee notes that there is an exception for confidential communications.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B.



No. 1017 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs.

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

SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair

## The Senate Twenty-Third Legislature State of Hawaii

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

Measure:*	Committee Referral:	Date:	
SB 1017	HMS, JHW	2/0/00	
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)			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)			V
FUKUNAGA, Carol		·	
HOOSER, Gary L.	V		
KOKUBUN, Russell S.			
TRIMBLE, Gordon			V
TOTAL	4		2
Recommendation:  Adopted  Not Adopted			
Chair's or Designee's Signature:			
and Juking			
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