STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1395

Honolulu, Hawaii MAR 3 0 2007

RE: S.C.R. No. 71

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa President of the Senate Twenty-Fourth State Legislature Regular Session of 2007 State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Human Services and Public Housing, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 71 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A LEGISLATIVE INTERIM TASK FORCE TO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE CREATION OF UNIVERSAL CHILDREN'S SAVINGS ACCOUNTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a Legislative Interim Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding the creation of Universal Children's Savings Accounts.

The Hawai'i Alliance for Community-Based Economic Development and 3Point submitted testimony in support of this measure.

Your Committee finds that a Universal Children's Savings Account is a restricted account that is established at a child's birth and that can be used for the child's education, homeownership, retirement, or other stated purpose. As noted by the Hawai'i Alliance for Community-Based Economic Development, the initial deposit, with compounding interest and additional deposits from Earned Income Tax Credit refunds, Child Tax Credits, and other sources would provide a significant foundation for children in Hawaii, particularly those with no other assets.

This measure will establish a task force to study and make recommendations regarding the creation of Universal Children's Savings Accounts for children in Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services and Public Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 71 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Human Services and Public Housing,

SYNAMINE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Fourth Legislature State of Hawaii

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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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