

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1496

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 27 2009

RE: H.C.R. No. 37  
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred  
H.C.R. No. 37 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING RELIGIOUS AND FAITH-  
BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO SERVE AS SAFE HAVENS FOR VICTIMS OF  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request religious and  
faith-based organizations to serve as safe havens for victims of  
domestic violence.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the  
Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the Hawaii  
Family Forum and Hawaii Catholic Conference. Written testimony  
presented to your Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's  
website.

Your Committee finds that victims of domestic violence often  
turn to their religious community for assistance, counseling, and  
referral services. The Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic  
Violence is a private, not-for-profit statewide organization which  
coordinates domestic violence prevention and intervention  
services. Religious and faith-based organizations need to develop  
consistent and appropriate methods of addressing the prevention of  
domestic violence and providing "safe havens" for those trying to  
escape abusive relationships. In developing these methods, safety  
and the strengthening of families should be a priority.



Your Committee has amended this measure by expanding the purpose of the measure to include a working group of specified, interested stakeholders to develop appropriate ways to respond to the needs of victims of domestic violence, including providing safe havens.

Specifically, your Committee has amended the measure by:

- (1) Amending the title of the concurrent resolution to reflect the expansion of the purpose of the measure;
- (2) Including additional explanation paragraphs;
- (3) Specifying interested stakeholders including religious and faith-based organizations for the working group; and
- (4) Identifying additional stakeholders for the transmission of copies of the measure.

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. 37, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 37, S.D. 1.


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

  
SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
 State of Hawaii

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<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)				✓
GREEN, M.D., Josh	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive;">  </div>				
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