STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1533

Honolulu, Hawaii APR 2.9 7009

RE: H.C.R. No. 4 H.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. 4, H.D. 1, entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE FIRST WEEK IN FEBRUARY AS HAWAII TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION WEEK,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to designate the first week in February as Hawaii Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week.

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

Your Committee finds that one in three teenagers report knowing a friend or peer who has been hit, punched, kicked, slapped, choked, or physically hurt by their intimate partner. Your Committee further finds that women between the ages of sixteen and twenty-four experience the highest per capita rates of domestic violence. Becoming a teenager should be an exciting time of intellectual and emotional growth, and yet instead teenagers may experience violence at the hands of their partner. Through education and community discussion, our youth may have the opportunity to break the silence surrounding this issue.

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

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

Record of Votes Committee on Human Services HMS

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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:					
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