STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1414

Honolulu, Hawaii

Apr:12 , 2009

RE: S.C.R. No. 14 S.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Fifth State Legislature Regular Session of 2009 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 14, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING PARTICIPATION IN THE WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to encourage participation in the White Ribbon Campaign to end domestic violence against women.

A concerned individual submitted testimony in support of this measure.

Your Committee emphasizes that domestic violence against women is the number one cause of injury to women and it has reached epidemic proportions across the nation. During 1999, in Hawaii alone, there were 8,013 reported cases of domestic violence. Unfortunately, in these times of economic uncertainty, it has been shown that as the financial stability of the country worsens, there is an increase in the number of domestic violence cases. Because it is estimated that domestic violence costs the American economy between eight to ten billion dollars, it exacerbates the financial hardships faced by many. Resolving problems of domestic violence will not only help our economy, but the physical and emotional well-being of the victims and their families.

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Your Committee commends the Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse organization, also known as CORA, for establishing a White Ribbon Campaign in encouraging people to wear a white ribbon in opposition to violence against women. But, as various forms of violence against women still rage on, your Committee will continue to support the White Ribbon Campaign's goal of ending all forms of violence against women.

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 S.C.R. No. 14, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

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

JOHN M. MIZUNO, (Ch

## **Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services**

Bill/Resolution No.: SCR 14 SD1	Committee Referral: HUS		3123109		
☐ The committee is reconsidering its pre	evious decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to:  Pass, unamended (as is)  Pass, with amendments (HD)  Hold  Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)					
HUS Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused	
1. MIZUNO, John M. (C)					
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2. BROWER, Tom (VC)					
3. BELATTI, Della Au					
4. BERTRAM, Joe, III					
5. CARROLL, Mele					
6. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.					
7. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.					
8. YAMANE, Ryan I.					
9. WARD, Gene			e de la companya de l		
TOTAL (9)	7	0	0	2	
The recommendation is:  Adopted  If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: TOM Brown					
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