STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1415

Honolulu, Hawaii

S.C.R. No. 19 RE:

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. 19, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO NETWORK AND COOPERATE TO SUPPORT FOSTER FAMILIES IN HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to urge faithbased organizations to network and cooperate to support foster families in Hawaii.

Testimony in support of this concurrent resolution was submitted by a concerned individual.

Your Committee recognizes that our state's most precious resource is our children. It is also recognized that our children, especially foster children, need to have the opportunities to reach their highest potential. All organizations have a vital interest in sharing this enormous responsibility. order to give all of them the best chances, faith-based organizations need to network and cooperate in supporting foster families in Hawaii.

It is also recognized by Your Committee that an example of what faith-based organizations can do to promote and assist foster families in Hawaii is Kokua Ohana. Kokua Ohana is a foster care program that is the product of the effort between the Partners in

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Development Foundation and the Department of Human Services, has successfully brought together churches and Native Hawaiian community organizations in supporting Hawaii's foster families. While great accomplishments have been done by Kokua Ohana, there is still an enormous need for other faith-based organizations to network and cooperate to support foster families here in Hawaii.

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. 19, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

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



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

Bill/Resolution No.: SCR 19 SD1	Committee Referral: HuS			Date: 3123109	
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous 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)					
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The recommendation is:  Adopted □ Not Adopted  If joint referral, did not support recommendation.  committee acronym(s)					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: Tom Brower					
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