STAND. COM. REP. NO.

869

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 1 3 2009 RE: S.C.R. No. 19 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 S.C.R. No. 19 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 measure is to encourage faith-based organizations in the State to network and cooperate to support foster families in Hawaii, such as by forming foster family ministries.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by one individual. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that despite the development of innovative programs to protect and serve children and families, there is still a great need for foster homes.

Your Committee recognizes that Kokua Ohana, a foster care program that is the product of collaboration between the Partners in Development Foundation and the Department of Human Services, has successfully worked with churches and Native Hawaiian community organizations to recruit, train, and support Hawaii's foster families as a community effort. Your Committee encourages other faith-based organizations to network and collaborate

similarly to effect positive changes for Hawaii's keiki and families.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive changes for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 19, 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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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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