STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1004 -10

Honolulu, Hawaii Morch 29, 2010

RE: H.R. No. 233 H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Fifth State Legislature Regular Session of 2010 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.R. No. 233 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND ALL AGENCIES WITH DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES' CONTRACTS TO UPHOLD THEIR NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY FOR GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDERED PERSON,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this resolution is to urge the Department of Human Services (DHS) and all agencies with DHS contracts to uphold their nondiscriminatory policy for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered persons.

A concerned individual submitted testimony in support of this measure.

Your Committee has learned that the number of hate crimes against gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered individuals have risen in recent years. According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), hate crimes against this group constitute the third-highest category of hate crimes in the nation and represent almost fourteen percent of all hate crimes.

Because the numbers of hate crimes against this population are staggering, your Committee considers it important for the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the service providers with DHS contracts to uphold its policy of nondiscrimination for gay,

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lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people. The Department of Human Services (DHS) should urge its workers and recipients that it is not acceptable to discriminate against a person for any sexually-related or gender-related reason, as well as race, color, religion, or national origin.

Your Committee has amended this resolution by:

- (1) adding the following to receive certified copies of this resolution:
 - (a) the President of Pride at Work Hawaii; and
 - (b) the Executive Director of Life Foundation; and
 - (c) the Executive Director of National Association of Workers (NASW); and
 - (d) the Chairman of Family Equality Coalition; and
 - (e) the President of Gregory House Programs; and
 - (f) the Coordinator of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Student Services Office at UH Manoa; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for 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 H.R. No. 233, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Judiciary in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 233, H.D. 1.

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

OHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services

Bill/Resolution No.: HR 233	Committee Referral: HUS, JUD		Date: 3.22.10		
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)					
HUS Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused	
1. MIZUNO, John M. (C)					
2. BROWER, Tom (VC)					
3. BELATTI, Della Au					
4. BERTRAM, Joe, III					
5. CARROLL, Mele					
6. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.					
7 SHIMADIIZUDO Maila S I					
7. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.					
8. YAMANE, Ryan I.					
9. WARD, Gene					
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TOTAL (9)	5	0	0	4	
The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted If joint referral,					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>TOM Brone</u>					
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