

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.C.R. No. 56  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 56, H.D. 1, entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR THE PREVENTION, IDENTIFYING AND REPORTING CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Department of Education to establish training programs for the prevention, identification, and reporting of child abuse and neglect.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education, LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Parents and Children Together.

Your Committee finds that children are our most precious asset, and some cannot adequately defend themselves against the harmful actions of adults. In Hawaii, nearly four thousand cases of child abuse are reported each year with more than one thousand unique cases of child abuse confirmed by the Department of Human Services. Therefore, it is critical that the proper training is developed and provided to ensure and support the educational, emotional, and physical well-being of all children in the State.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the title in accordance with its purpose; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 56, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 56, H.D. 1, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Education,



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MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



