



The Judiciary, State of Hawai'i

Testimony to the House Committee on Human Services

Representative Dee Morikawa, Chair

Representative Chris Todd, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 329

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By

Judge R. Mark Browning

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Resolution No. and Title: House Concurrent Resolution No. 10, Urging the Department of Education, Department of Health, Department of Human Services, and Judiciary to Permanently Establish and Participate in the Hawai'i Interagency State Youth Network of Care to Better Serve Youth and Families with Complex Needs in the State

Purpose: for the Judiciary and designated state agencies to establish and participate in the Hawaii Interagency State Youth Network of Care

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary strongly supports House Concurrent Resolution No. 10.

Different funding streams and different organizational roles can act as impediments to collaboration, even when all the participants agree on a joint mission. When the issues and needs are complex, like those of children and youth in crisis, these impediments can create systemic problems that result in less than optimal use of resources.

HCR10 recognizes the important work already accomplished by the Hawai'i Interagency State Youth Network of Care (HISYNC) in encouraging and implementing inter-agency collaboration for a coordinated and, therefore, a more effective response to the myriad and complex needs of children and youth in our state. The partial list of accomplishments noted in



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HCR10 represents extraordinary goodwill and trust among all the participants. Such goodwill and trust are products of hours and hours of hard work by leaders in the agencies involved as well as a commitment to embrace productive change.

The HISYNC representatives are dedicated to working in the best interests of the children and youth of our state by creating together what we could not create alone.

We urge passage of this concurrent resolution.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.