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1 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 39
2 BY BODDICKER, SALTON, and DAGGETT
3 A Concurrent Resolution requesting the establishment of an
4 interim committee regarding the management of child
5 abuse reports.

6 WHEREAS, the Legislative Council created a 1994
7 Legislative Interim Task Force to study the child
8 protection system; and

9 WHEREAS, the complexity of the child protection
10 system prohibited the Task Force from fully addressing
11 all of the issues involved in the system; and

12 WHEREAS, the Child Protection Task Force expressed
13 belief that all members' points of view should be
14 represented, resulting in the inclusion of a minority
15 report in the final report of the Task Force; and

16 WHEREAS, the minority report addressed the issue of
17 false accusations of child abuse noting that
18 allegations of child abuse are a serious matter,
19 result in emotional and financial burdens for the
20 parties involved, and subject the parties involved to
21 a complex and confusing legal system; NOW THEREFORE,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
23 SENATE CONCURRING, That the Legislative Council is
24 requested to establish a legislative interim committee
25 to address the management of allegations of child
26 abuse including all of the following issues and to
27 submit a report of its findings and recommendations to
28 the general assembly on or before December 15, 1995:

- 29 1. False accusations.
30 2. Intimidation and coercion by child abuse

1 investigators.

2 3. Methods of interviewing of children by child
3 abuse investigators and availability of evidence to
4 the accused.

5 4. The contents of the department of human
6 services handbooks and guidelines for field staff
7 involved in child abuse investigations.

8 5. Policies and procedures for the child abuse
9 registry.

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