

# Legislative Week-in-Review



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## **Legislature in Home Stretch**

We are approaching the home stretch for the 2007 Legislature - **Conference Committee Time**. This is when a few legislators from each chamber (conferees) gather, usually repeatedly, to negotiate the differences between the House and Senate versions of a bill. If the conferees reach agreement, the bill in its final form goes to the House and Senate floors for final approval before heading to the Governor's desk. For bills passed after April 17, the Governor has 45 days to either sign or veto. If she does nothing, the bill becomes law without her signature. [For an update on the status of the HFF bills still alive, click here.](#)

## **Reminder about the Session Successes to Date**

HFF wants to thank you again for your involvement with us. It does make a difference! With your support of us, we successfully led the efforts to stop the following anti-family measures: Physician-assisted suicide; civil unions; embryonic stem cell research as official Hawaii policy; human cloning as official Hawaii policy; undermining abstinence education; and, attacking religious freedom with emergency contraceptive for religious-affiliated hospitals.

## **Help Fight Genocide Efforts – HB 34 Still Alive**

We are thrilled that one of our priority measures, HB 34, which requires the Employee Retirement Systems (ERS) to divest (remove) state funds from corporations actively supporting the genocide-complicit Sudanese government, is still alive and should pass the Legislature in the next two weeks. The ERS has even changed its position and is supporting the bill's passage with certain language changes. We are working with key legislators to get the bill in final form to head to the Governor's desk.

## **DARFUR CANDLELIGHT VIGIL**

Save the date and plan to join us April 29th, 7 p.m. at the State Capitol to take a stand for life and help fight genocide. [Click here for more information.](#) PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO TAKE A STAND AGAINST THE ONGOING GENOCIDE IN DARFUR. You'll be hearing much more from us as the event approaches.

## **World Congress of Families**

Once again, the World Congress of Families will convene on May 11-13, 2007. [Click here for more information about this year's event.](#)

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