

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 1, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2698

H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services & Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 2698 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COURT-APPOINTED COUNSEL AND GUARDIANS AD LITEM IN FAMILY COURT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to update the law pertaining to fees for court-appointed counsel and guardians ad litem by:

- (1) Changing the terms "legal" and "non-legal" to "in-court" and "out-of-court", respectively; and
- (2) Clarifying the fee structure to indicate that:
 - (A) Licensed attorneys be paid \$90 per hour for in-court services;
 - (B) Licensed attorneys be paid \$60 per hour for providing out-of-court services; and
 - (C) Non attorneys be paid \$60 per hour for providing either in-court or out-of-court services.

The Judiciary testified in support of this bill.



Your Committee has amended this bill by 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 & Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2698, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2698, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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



MAILE SHIMABUKURO, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

HSCR 57-08

Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services & Housing

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2698	Committee Referral: HSH, JUD, FIN	Date: January 29, 2008
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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)

HSH Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L. (C)	X			
2. RHOADS, Karl (VC)	X			
3. AWANA, Karen Leinani	X			
4. BELATTI, Della Au	X			
5. BERTRAM, Joe, III	X			
6. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.	X			
7. GREEN, Josh, M.D.	X			
8. MIZUNO, John	X			
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	X			
10. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.	X			
TOTAL (10)	10	0	0	0

The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted
 If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.
committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: *Karl Rhoads*

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