

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1762-08

Honolulu, Hawaii

Aj-04 , 2008

RE: S.B. No. 2055
S.D. 2
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 2055, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FAMILY COURT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to further protect children involved in Family Court proceedings by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) to establish policies and procedures for child custody evaluators and administer certification procedures;
- (2) Establishing licensing requirements and minimal education and experience requirements, and requiring continuing training for child custody evaluators; and
- (3) Requiring DCCA to establish minimum annual continuing training requirements for child custody evaluators, and establish policies for the use of eligible training providers.

The Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Domestic Violence Action Center, Oahu VOICES, and several concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The Professional and Vocational Licensing Division of DCCA opposed

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this measure. The Judiciary and a concerned individual offered comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Including registered nurses among those who may be child custody evaluators, if they meet licensing criteria and are in good standing;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2055, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2055, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

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


MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2055, SD2, HD1	Committee Referral: HSH, FIN	Date: 4-2-2008		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. OSHIRO, Marcus R. (C)	✓			
2. LEE, Marilyn B. (VC)	✓			
3. AWANA, Karen Leinani	✓			
4. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
5. BROWER, Tom	✓			
6. CARROLL, Mele				✓
7. HANOHANO, Faye P.	✓			
8. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
9. KARAMATSU, Jon Riki	✓			
10. MAGAOAY, Michael Y.	✓			
11. MANAHAN, Joey	✓			
12. MIZUNO, John	✓			
13. NAKASONE, Bob				✓
14. RHOADS, Karl	✓			
15. SAGUM, Roland D., III	✓			
16. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
17. MEYER, Colleen Rose	✓			
18. PINE, Kymberly Marcos	✓			
19. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.	✓			
TOTAL (19)	17	0	0	2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; margin-left: 100px;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Marilyn B. Lee</u>				
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