
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

*REQUESTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES TO CONVENE A
WORKING GROUP TO FURTHER STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE
SR 10 WORKING GROUP COMMITTEES.*

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WHEREAS, in the 2004 Regular Session, the Senate adopted Senate Resolution No. 40, authorizing the Senate Committee on Human Services to convene interim hearings on the Hawaii Family Court; and

WHEREAS, the interim hearings were designed to explore ways to make the Hawaii Family Court more accessible and family oriented and focused on important issues relating to reduction in caseload; and

WHEREAS, some of the recommendations were adopted and received legislative attention, but there were still other issues that remained unresolved; and

WHEREAS, to continue work on the unresolved issues, in the 2006 Regular Session, the Senate and the House of Representatives adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 52, S.D. 1, authorizing the Committees on Human Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives to convene interim hearings on the use of legal interventions available to the Family Court and to establish one or more task forces to facilitate their work; and

WHEREAS, the SCR 52 Task Force was established for that purpose; and



1 WHEREAS, there are other issues and recommendations that
2 the SCR 52 Task Force studied and recommended and was continued
3 as the SR 10 Working Group; and,
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5 WHEREAS, there are other issues and recommendations that
6 the SR 10 Working Group needs to study further; now, therefore,
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of the Twenty-fifth Legislature
9 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, that the House
10 Committee on Human Services is requested to convene a working
11 group to further study the outstanding recommendations of the
12 four committees that were formed relating to Family Court
13 Models, Family Court Sunshine and Accountability, Temporary
14 Restraining Orders, and the Best Interests of the Child, and any
15 other related issues; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon the adoption of this
18 Resolution, the working group is to be referred to as the Family
19 Court Legal Interventions Working Group and cease to exist on
20 January 1, 2011; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Family Court Legal
23 Interventions Working Group include one representative of the
24 Department of Human Services; the Department of Health; the
25 Hawaii Association of Marriage and Family Therapists; the Family
26 Law Section of the Hawaii State Bar Association; the National
27 Association of Social Workers, Hawaii Chapter; the Children's
28 Rights Council; the Hawaii Coalition for Dads; Legal Aid Society
29 of Hawaii; Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii; the Hawaii State
30 Coalition Against Domestic Violence; the Domestic Violence
31 Clearinghouse and Legal Hotline; the Mediation Center of the
32 Pacific; EPIC Ohana Conferencing; the Hawaii Psychological
33 Association; the Family Justice Alliance; VOICES; and the
34 Commission on the Status of Women; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii Social
37 Services Public Policy Center assist the Family Court Legal
38 Interventions Working Group with the facilitation of the group's
39 efforts; and
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Family Court Legal
42 Interventions Working Group includes participation from persons
43 who represent the neighbor islands in its discussions; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Family Court Legal
2 Interventions Working Group submit an interim report, including
3 any proposed legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the
4 convening of the Regular Session of 2011, and submit a final
5 report, including any proposed legislation, no later than twenty
6 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2012; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
9 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the
10 House, the Chair of the House Committee on Human Services, the
11 Chair of the House Committee on Judiciary, the Director of Human
12 Services, the Director of Health, President of the Board of
13 Directors of the Hawaii Association of Marriage and Family
14 Therapists, Chair of the Family Law Section, President of the
15 Hawaii State Bar Association, Executive Director of the Hawaii
16 Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, President
17 of the Children's Rights Council of Hawaii, President of the
18 Hawaii Coalition for Dads, President of the Legal Aid Society of
19 Hawaii, Executive Director of Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii,
20 Executive Director of the Hawaii State Coalition Against
21 Domestic Violence, Executive Director of the Domestic Violence
22 Clearinghouse and Legal Hotline, President of the Board of
23 Directors of the Mediation Center of the Pacific, Director of
24 EPIC Ohana Conferencing, President of Hawaii Psychological
25 Association, the Family Justice Alliance, VOICES, the Commission
26 on the Status of Women, the University of Hawaii Social Sciences
27 Public Policy Center, and the Chief Justice of the Hawaii
28 Supreme Court.

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