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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHILDREN.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Section 587-40, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

3           "(e) A person employed by the department as a social  
4 worker in the area of child protective or child welfare services  
5 is qualified to testify [~~as an expert~~] in the area of social  
6 work and child protective or child welfare services."

7           SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
8 and stricken.

9           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Child Protective Services; Social Worker; Testimony

**Description:**

Amends section relating to social worker expertise by removing the designation of social worker testimony as expert testimony.

