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## SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A JOINT LEGISLATIVE FAMILY COURT  
LEGAL INTERVENTIONS WORKING GROUP.

1           WHEREAS, Senate Resolution No. 40 was adopted during the  
2 2004 Regular Session, authorizing the Senate Committee on Human  
3 Services to convene interim hearings on the Hawaii Family Court;  
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6           WHEREAS, the interim hearings were designed to explore ways  
7 to make the Hawaii Family Court more accessible and family-  
8 oriented and focused on important issues relating to reduction  
9 in caseload; and  
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11           WHEREAS, some of the recommendations were adopted and  
12 received legislative attention, but there were still other  
13 issues that remained unresolved; and  
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15           WHEREAS, to continue work on the unresolved issues, during  
16 the 2006 Regular Session the Senate Concurrent Resolution  
17 No. 52, S.D. 1 authorized the Committee on Human Services to  
18 convene interim hearings on the use of legal interventions  
19 available to the Family Court and to establish one or more task  
20 forces to facilitate their work; and  
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22           WHEREAS, a task force was established for that purpose; and  
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24           WHEREAS, there are other issues that the task force  
25 identified as needing further analysis; now, therefore,  
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27           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth  
28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010,  
29 that the Legislature convene a joint legislative working group  
30 to further study the outstanding recommendations of the four  
31 committees that were formed relating to Family Court Models,  
32 Family Court Sunshine and Accountability, Temporary Restraining  
33 Orders, and the Best Interests of the Child, and any other  
34 related issues; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon the adoption of this  
2 measure, the working group is to be referred to as the Joint  
3 Legislative Family Court Legal Interventions Working Group and  
4 will dissolve on January 1, 2011; and  
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Joint Legislative Family  
7 Court Legal Interventions Working Group include one  
8 representative of the Department of Human Services; the  
9 Department of Health; the Hawaii Association of Marriage and  
10 Family Therapists; the Family Law Section of the Hawaii State  
11 Bar Association; the National Association of Social Workers,  
12 Hawaii Chapter; the Children's Rights Council of Hawaii; the  
13 Hawaii Coalition for Dads; the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii;  
14 Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii; the Hawaii State Coalition  
15 Against Domestic Violence; the Domestic Violence Clearinghouse  
16 and Legal Hotline; the Mediation Center of the Pacific; EPIC  
17 Ohana Conferencing; the Hawaii Psychological Association; the  
18 Family Justice Alliance; VOICES; the Commission on the Status of  
19 Women; and persons representing the islands of Hawaii, Kauai,  
20 Maui, Molokai, and Lanai as determined by the Joint Legislative  
21 Family Court Interventions Working Group; and  
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii Social  
24 Services Public Policy Center assist the Joint Legislative  
25 Family Court Legal Interventions Working Group with the  
26 facilitation of the group's efforts; and  
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Joint Legislative Family  
29 Court Legal Interventions Working Group submit an interim  
30 report, including any proposed legislation, no later than twenty  
31 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2011, and  
32 submit a final report, including any proposed legislation, no  
33 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular  
34 Session of 2012; and  
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
37 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the Senate, the  
38 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chair of the Senate  
39 Committee on Human Services, the Chair of the Senate Committee  
40 on Judiciary and Government Operations, the Director of Human  
41 Services, the Director of Health, President of the Board of  
42 Directors of the Hawaii Association of Marriage and Family  
43 Therapists, President of the Hawaii State Bar Association,  
44 Executive Director of the Hawaii Chapter of the National



1 Association of Social Workers, President of the Children's  
2 Rights Council of Hawaii, Program Coordinator of the Hawaii  
3 Coalition for Dads, Executive Director of the Legal Aid Society  
4 of Hawaii, Executive Director of Volunteer Legal Services  
5 Hawaii, Executive Director of the Hawaii State Coalition Against  
6 Domestic Violence, Executive Director of the Domestic Violence  
7 Clearinghouse and Legal Hotline, Executive Director of the  
8 Mediation Center of the Pacific, Director of EPIC Ohana  
9 Conferencing, Executive Director of the Hawaii Psychological  
10 Association, President of the Family Justice Alliance, VOICES,  
11 Executive Director of the Commission on the Status of Women, the  
12 Dean of University of Hawaii Social Sciences Public Policy  
13 Center, and the Chief Justice of the Hawaii Supreme Court.  
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