

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 2, 2010

RE: H.B. No. 1936
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 1936 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to develop standards of practice and establish a child custody evaluator registry to assist the court in awarding custody in child custody cases.

The National Association of Social Workers - Hawaii Chapter and several concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. A concerned individual supported this bill with amendments. The Judiciary offered comments.

Your Committee wishes to clarify its intent to continue to allow social workers employed by the Judiciary to be appointed by the court as child custody evaluators, while exempting them from the annual declaration and registration requirements established by this bill. As such, your Committee has amended this bill by excluding social workers employed by the Judiciary from the annual declaration and registration requirements for child custody evaluators.

Your Committee has further amended this bill by:


- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050; and



- (2) 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 that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1936, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1936, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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


JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fifth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1936	Committee Referral: HUS, JUD, FIN	Date: 11/28/10		
<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)				
HUS Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MIZUNO, John M. (C)	/			
2. BROWER, Tom (VC)	/			
3. BELATTI, Della Au				/
4. BERTRAM, Joe, III				/
5. CARROLL, Mele				/
6. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	/			
7. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/			
8. YAMANE, Ryan I.	/			
9. WARD, Gene				/
TOTAL (9)	5	0	0	4
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; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Tom Brower</u>				
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