
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC GUARDIAN.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 551A-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) The public guardian shall serve as guardian, limited
4 guardian, testamentary guardian, or temporary guardian of an
5 incapacitated person when so appointed by the family court or by
6 the circuit court under chapter 560. The public guardian may
7 file a petition for the public guardian's own appointment.
8 Petitions for public guardianship may also be filed by any
9 person, agency, or facility responsible for the support or care
10 of individuals who:

11 (1) Are not able to understand or adequately participate
12 in decisions concerning their care; and

13 (2) Have no relatives or friends willing and able to act
14 as a guardian.

15 At the request of a county chief of police, the attorney general
16 may also file a petition for public guardianship for individuals
17 who meet the requirements of paragraphs (1) and (2)."

18 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.



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

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Report Title:

Petitions For Public Guardianship

Description:

Allows the Attorney General to file for a petition of guardianship for individuals who are not able to understand or adequately participate in decisions concerning their care, and have no relatives or friends willing and able to act as a guardian, at the request of a county chief of police.

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