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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FAMILY COURT.

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

- 1           SECTION 1. (a) A temporary domestic violence and  
2 citizen's family law advisory task force may be established  
3 within the judiciary, for administrative purposes only. The  
4 task force may discuss and seek policy to assist the judiciary  
5 and the legislature in continuing to improve the family court  
6 by:
- 7           (1) Gathering input and information regarding family law  
8           and family court issues or complaints;
- 9           (2) Conducting studies, evaluations or surveys related to  
10           family law and family court issues;
- 11           (3) Reviewing legislation, administrative procedures, and  
12           proposals relating to family law and family court  
13           issues; and
- 14           (4) Evaluating alternatives and making recommendations  
15           relating to family law and family court issues.
- 16           (b) The task force shall consist of:
- 17           (1) A member of the house of representatives appointed by  
18           the speaker of the house of representatives;



- 1           (2) A member of the senate appointed by the president of  
2           the senate;
- 3           (3) The director of human services or the director's  
4           designee;
- 5           (4) One attorney appointed by the governor from a list of  
6           family law practitioners and legal services providers,  
7           submitted jointly by the speaker of the house of  
8           representatives and president of the senate; provided  
9           that the appointment shall not be subject to senate  
10          confirmation;
- 11          (5) Three family and children service providers appointed  
12          by the governor from a list submitted jointly by the  
13          speaker of the house of representatives and president  
14          of the senate; provided that the appointments shall  
15          not be subject to senate confirmation; and
- 16          (6) One mental health professional, guardian ad litem, or  
17          expert witness, appointed by the governor from a list  
18          submitted jointly by the speaker of the house of  
19          representatives and president of the senate; provided  
20          that the appointment shall not be subject to senate  
21          confirmation.



1 (c) Members of the task force shall serve without  
2 compensation and shall receive no reimbursement for expenses.

3 (d) All proceedings and records of the task force shall be  
4 exempt from chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

5 (e) The task force shall submit a report of its findings  
6 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
7 judiciary and legislature no later than twenty days prior to the  
8 convening of the regular session of 2012 and 2013.

9 (f) The task force shall cease to exist on June 30, 2013.

10 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

Domestic Violence and Citizen's Family Law Advisory Task Force

**Description:**

Creates a domestic violence and citizen's family law advisory task force. (SB957 HD1)

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