

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2792

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2012

RE: S.B. No. 3008

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 3008 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide impoverished family court litigants with alternatives to serving notices of judicial proceedings by publication.

More specifically, this measure allows these parties to serve notice by posting pleadings at the courthouse and sending the pleadings to the defendant's or respondent's last known address and closest known relative, subject to:

- (1) Court order; and
- (2) Demonstration of a diligent search for the defendant or respondent.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that recent price increases for newspaper classifieds have been particularly challenging for impoverished litigants who are unable to locate the opposing party and must serve notice of the judicial proceeding by publication in a newspaper. This measure would help alleviate this financial burden on impoverished litigants and increase access to family court processes.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3008 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,




DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 3008	JDL, WAM	2/28/12		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	✓			
RYAN, Pohai	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.				✓
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	12	0	0	2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
Distribution:				
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