

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

715

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 04 2011

RE: S.B. No. 958  
S.D. 2

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2011  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 958, S.D. 1, 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 assist the family court in making informed decisions in child custody cases by:

- (1) Establishing a registry of child custody evaluators or experts; and
- (2) Allowing the Board of Family Court Judges to develop standards and procedures for child custody evaluators.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from nine individuals.

Your Committee received comments on the measure from Glennard Fong, Chief Court Administrator, First Circuit, The Judiciary, State of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that child custody evaluators can play a valuable role in family court by investigating and reporting on issues related to child custody cases. Developing standards and procedures for evaluators and creating a registry of qualified evaluators will enable parties to select an appropriate evaluator and facilitate informed decision-making by the court.

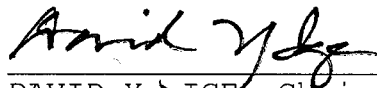
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Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of consistency, clarity, and style.

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. 958, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 958, S.D. 2.

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

  
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DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 958, SD1	JOL, WAM	3-1-11		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" 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	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	13	0	0	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted		<input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
<i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>				
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