

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2740

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 2740 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GUARDIANS AD LITEM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Allow the Judiciary to compensate guardians ad litem for involuntary hospitalization and assisted community treatment petitions at a rate higher than existing statutory guidelines; and
- (2) Make an appropriation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary.

Your Committee finds that guardians ad litem have an important role in supporting persons who are being considered for involuntary hospitalization or assisted community treatment. Persons subject to involuntary hospitalization and assisted community treatment positions are often in a vulnerable state and a guardian ad litem is there to represent their best interests. A guardian ad litem, by attending with or on behalf of the person who is the subject of a mental health petition, will be able to decrease delays in the court's review of the petition and ensure that the person, who might be absent or otherwise unable to



meaningfully participate in the proceedings, has a representative available who will act in their best interest. This measure will increase the number of people willing to serve as guardians ad litem by attracting them with adequate compensation.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2740 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,



KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2740	JDC, WAM	02-01-22		
<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
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)	✓			
ACASIO, Laura	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
LEE, Chris	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	7	-	-	-
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Karl Rhoads</i>				
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