

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1519

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 02 2025

RE: H.B. No. 648
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 648, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GUARDIANSHIP AND
CONSERVATORSHIP SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish and fund a two-year pilot program in the probate court and family court of the First Circuit to fund certain guardianship- and conservatorship-related court services if the court deems the services beneficial and the respondent lacks the ability to pay.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Judiciary, State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Hawaii Disability Rights Center, and Easterseals Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the services funded by this measure, specifically Kokua Kanawai, guardians ad litem, and capacity evaluations, help courts make informed decisions about guardianships and conservatorships that are the least restrictive and that encourage the ward's maximum self-reliance and independence. The pilot program established and funded by this measure will help ensure that all respondents can benefit from these services, regardless of the person's ability to pay.



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 H.B. No. 648, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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HB648 HD1 SD1	JDC, WAM	3/31/2025		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313</div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	13	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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