STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1135

, 2025

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 398

H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2025 State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 398, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMPENSATION FOR COURT-APPOINTED REPRESENTATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase the rate of compensation and maximum allowable amounts per case for courtappointed counsel and guardians ad litem in Family Court proceedings.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary; Department of Human Services; Office of the Public Defender; State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Hawaii Coalition for Child Protective Reform; The Law Office of Aaron K. Willis, LLLC; West Hawai'i Bar Association; Hawaii State Bar Association; Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i; and seven individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 398, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

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KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date	2/25/25	•
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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. (C)				
2. TAKENOUCHI, Jenna (VC)				
3. GRANDINETTI, Tina Nakada				
4. HOLT, Daniel				
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6. KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, Sue I	L.		THE STATE OF THE S	76/28/ 14/14
7. KITAGAWA, Lisa				######################################
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9. LAMOSAO, Rachele F.				
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13. TEMPLO, Shirley Ann				
14. ALCOS III, David				
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TOTAL (16)	13	0	0	3
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, committee acronym(s) Not Adopted did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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