

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 29, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2698
H.D. 3

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2698, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COURT-APPOINTED COUNSEL AND GUARDIANS AD LITEM IN FAMILY COURT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to clarify the rates paid to court-appointed counsel and guardians ad litem by establishing the following rates:

- (1) \$90 an hour for in-court services provided by an attorney licensed to practice law in the state; and
- (2) \$60 an hour for:
 - (A) Out-of-court services provided by an attorney licensed to practice law in the state; and
 - (B) All services provided by a person who is not an attorney licensed to practice law in the state, whether performed in-court or out-of-court.

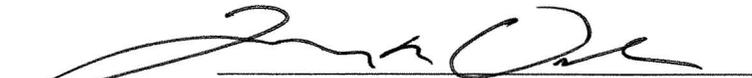
The Judiciary supported this bill.

Your Committee has amended this bill by authorizing the Judiciary to contract for the professional services under this measure.



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. 2698, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2698, H.D. 3.

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



MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



