

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2934

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 30 2010

RE: S.C.R. No. 7

S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2010  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Human Services and Judiciary and  
Government Operations, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 7  
entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COMMITTEES ON  
HUMAN SERVICES OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO  
CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO FURTHER STUDY FAMILY COURT CUSTODY  
EVALUATOR STANDARDS, INCLUDING A MINIMUM CURRICULUM,  
PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINTMENT, AND OTHER  
RECOMMENDATIONS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to convene a working group to  
study family court child custody evaluator standards, procedures,  
and education curriculum, and other requirements to effectively  
implement the requirements of Act 149, Session Laws of Hawaii  
2008.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Employee Assistance Resources-Hawaii, LLC, TalkDoctors,  
LLC, the Hawaii Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, and  
two individuals. Testimony opposing this measure was submitted by  
the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Written  
testimony presented to the Committees may be reviewed on the  
Legislature's website.

Your Committees find that in 2009, the Legislative Reference  
Bureau studied custody evaluation in seven other states and found



that all require a combination of education, training, experience, knowledge, and skill from custody workers.

Your Committees further find that working groups studying the Hawaii Family Court in 2004, 2006, and 2007 presented successful legislative proposals that made the Family Court more accessible, family-oriented, and focused on reducing caseloads, limiting the long-term use of interventions, ensuring greater accountability of court-appointed personnel, and examining ways to reduce needless expenditures of time and money. Your Committees hope that this new working group will have similar success in developing workable proposals to improve Hawaii's training curriculum, education, and continuing training requirements with the goal of establishing a child custody evaluation curriculum and coursework.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence from the list of working group participants; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes to ensure clarity and accuracy in the language of this measure.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and Judiciary and Government Operations that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 7, as amended herein, and recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 7, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Human Services  
and Judiciary and Government  
Operations,

  
BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair

  
SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

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**Committee on Human Services**  
**HMS**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SCR 7</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">HMS/J60, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">3-30-10</div>		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" 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
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">3</div>	<div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">0</div>	<div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">0</div>	<div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">1</div>
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted           <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted         </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; text-align: center;">[Signature]</div>				
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 20%;"> <b>Distribution:</b>            Original File with Committee Report         </div> <div style="width: 20%;">           Yellow Clerk's Office         </div> <div style="width: 20%;">           Pink Drafting Agency         </div> <div style="width: 20%;">           Goldenrod Committee File Copy         </div> </div>				

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