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GOV. MSG. NO 1332

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

June 26, 2025

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate,  
and Members of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Nadine Nakamura  
Speaker, and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 26, 2025, the following bill was signed into law:

H.B. NO. 398, H.D. 1,  
S.D. 2, C.D. 1

RELATING TO COMPENSATION FOR COURT-  
APPOINTED REPRESENTATION.  
**ACT 230**

Mahalo,

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Josh Green, M.D.  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COMPENSATION FOR COURT-APPOINTED REPRESENTATION.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1 SECTION 1. Section 571-87, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsections (b) and (c) to read as follows:

3 "(b) The court shall determine the amount of reasonable  
4 compensation paid to appointed counsel and [~~guardian~~] guardians  
5 ad litem, based on the following rates:

6 (1) [~~\$90~~] \$150 an hour for in-court or out-of-court  
7 services provided by an attorney licensed to practice  
8 law in the State; and

9 (2) [~~\$60~~] \$122 an hour for[+  
10 ~~(A) Out-of-court services provided by an attorney~~  
11 ~~licensed to practice law in the State; and~~  
12 ~~(B) All]~~ all services provided by a person who is not  
13 an attorney licensed to practice law in the  
14 State, whether performed in-court or  
15 out-of-court.

16 (c) The maximum allowable fee shall not exceed the  
17 following schedule:



1 (1) Cases arising under chapters [~~587A~~ and] 346,  
2 part X[+], and 587A:

3 (A) Predisposition . . . . .  
4 [~~\$3,000~~] \$5,500; and

5 (B) Postdisposition review hearing . . . . .  
6 [~~\$1,000~~] \$2,000; and

7 (2) Cases arising under chapters 560, 571, 580, and  
8 584 . . . . .  
9 [~~\$3,000~~] \$5,500.

10 Payments in excess of any maximum provided for under  
11 paragraphs (1) and (2) may be made whenever the court in which  
12 the representation was rendered certifies, based upon  
13 representations of extraordinary circumstances, attested to by  
14 the applicant, that the amount of the excess payment is  
15 necessary to provide fair compensation in light of those  
16 circumstances, and the payment is approved by the administrative  
17 judge of that court."

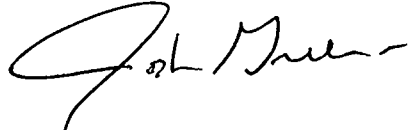
18 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

20 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



H.B. NO. 398  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 2  
C.D. 1

APPROVED this 26th day of June, 2025

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

HB No. 398, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 30, 2025  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025.



Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker  
House of Representatives




Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives


**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I**

Date: April 30, 2025  
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2025.



President of the Senate



Clerk of the Senate