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The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, HI 96813

The Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker of the House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear President Kouchi and Speaker Nakamura:

Pursuant to Section 601-3.6, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, the Judiciary is transmitting a copy of the *Report on the Spouse and Child Abuse Special Account*.

In accordance with Section 93-16, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, we are also transmitting a copy of this report to the Legislative Reference Bureau Library.

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Should you have any questions regarding this report, please feel free to contact Karen Takahashi of the Judiciary's Legislative Affairs and Special Projects Division at (808) 539-4896, or via e-mail at Karen.T.Takahashi@courts.hawaii.gov.

Sincerely,

Brandon Kimura

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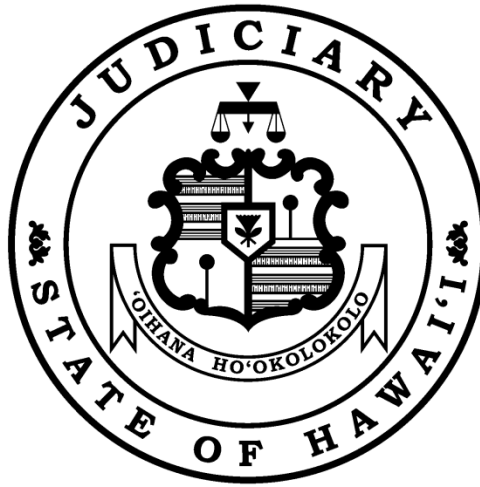
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Pursuant to HRS § 601-3.6

This report is respectfully prepared pursuant to Act 232, Session Laws of Hawai'i 1994, HRS § 601-3.6, which requests an annual report on the Spouse and Child Abuse Special Account.

In 1994, the Spouse and Child Abuse Special Account, placed in the Judiciary, was created by the Legislature, State of Hawai'i, for the purpose of developing and/or expanding new and existing programs. The scope of the Judiciary's Special Account may include, but is not limited to, grants or purchases of services and staff programs which support or provide domestic violence or child abuse intervention or prevention, as authorized by law.

The Judiciary's Special Account is financed through a portion of the monies collected by the Department of Health from the issuance of birth, death, and marriage certificates. In addition, any fines collected pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes Chapter 586-11 (Violation for an Order of Protection) and contributions from state tax refunds are deposited into the Judiciary's Special Account.

Programs and Activities Funded Through the Spouse and Child Abuse Special Fund

Monies from the Judiciary's Special Account continue to provide funding for a broad range of programs, projects, and activities statewide, which address interventions in domestic violence and the prevention of child abuse and neglect. The process of determining which services, programs, and activities receive funding involve internal planning and collaboration within the Judiciary, as well as coordination with private and public stakeholders in the community.

The following programs, projects and activities were funded by the Judiciary's Special Account in Fiscal Year 2025:

1. Purchase of Service Programs

The following nonprofit organizations named below received funding to provide or supplement their contracted services with the Judiciary:

- Child and Family Service/Developing Options to Violence (O'ahu) The Developing Options to Violence program provided specialized domestic violence intervention services which included:
 - Group/individual counseling services for adult survivors of domestic violence;
 - Counseling services for children and youth who have been a victim or witness to family violence;
 - Domestic violence intervention services for juveniles who have been adjudicated by the Family Court for the charge of abuse of family or household member or a related charge, such as intimate partner violence;
 - Domestic violence intervention services for adults who perpetrate domestic violence.

- Domestic Violence Action Center (O'ahu)
 The following advocacy services for victims of domestic violence were provided by the Domestic Violence Action Center:
 - Advocacy and support services for victims filing temporary restraining order;
 - Court outreach at Family Court in Kapolei and Circuit Court in Honolulu;
 - Civil legal services;
 - Hotline services (information and referrals);
 - Case management.

- Parents and Children Together/Family Peace Center (O'ahu) Funding was provided to the Family Peace Center on O'ahu for essential domestic violence services. The specific services provided included:
 - Victim advocacy and support groups;
 - Counseling and/or case management for adult survivors/victims;
 - Counseling for children and youth who have been a victim or witness to family violence;
 - Domestic violence intervention services for juveniles who have been adjudicated by the Family Court for the charge of abuse of family or household member or a related charge, such as intimate partner violence;
 - Efforts also involved outreach to engage family members of the juveniles in services;
 - Domestic violence intervention services for adults who perpetrate domestic violence.

- Parents and Children Together/Family Visitation Center (O'ahu)
 Supervised child visitation and safe exchange services were provided to court referred families on the island of O'ahu. The majority of referrals involved temporary restraining orders and orders of protection, however, other referrals involved divorce, child custody and paternity cases. The Family Court of the First Circuit relies on the Family Visitation Center (FVC) services to provide safe supervised visits and exchanges when there is a concern of domestic violence. The FVC provides its services through a lens that specifically considers domestic violence, safety for victims and their children, and accountability for those who have

committed domestic violence. The center itself has been modified to provide safety and security for all involved. PACT is the only provider of this type of service on the island of O'ahu.

2. Federal Grant Projects:

Matching funds from the Judiciary's Special Account were used for the federally funded Judiciary grant projects listed below:

➤ State Access and Visitation Program Grant

This formula grant is awarded to the Judiciary annually by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, to provide supervised child visitation and exchange services in a safe setting. The Federal grant funds and matching funds from the Special Account were used to provide these services on the islands of O'ahu and Hawai'i. Priority was given to those cases involving domestic violence, or other high conflict situations. The federal grant was awarded in the amount of \$100,000 and required a 10% match in funds, \$11,111 in matching funds from the Special Account were allocated to these services. Parents and Children Together/Family Visitation Center on O'ahu received a purchase of service contract to supplement their services.

➤ STOP Violence Against Women Act Grant, 23-WF-09 / "Sustaining a Multi-Pronged Approach to Domestic Violence"

This grant ended on May 31, 2025.

- Funds supported Judicial Education that included the Family Court Symposium. From September 4-6, 2024, Family Court Judges and Administration from every circuit convened at Kapolei Courthouse for the annual Family Court Symposium. The second and third days of the Symposium covered domestic violence topics including a session on The Danger Assessment: Implications for Family Court Judges; Mental Health and Substance Use Coercion in the Context of Intimate Partner Violence; and Domestic Violence Impacts in Custody Matters and Appropriate Interventions. The Family Court Symposium is an important opportunity to provide Family Court Judges and Administrators relevant information regarding domestic violence trends and topics in order to better prepare them for situations they will encounter on the bench. The funds from the STOP grant covered travel expenses for judges and administrators as well as speaker fees and travel costs for the speakers.
- Funds also supported the 2024 DV 101 Webinar series. The webinar series ran in October and into the first week of November. There were three sessions for the DV 101 including, "Dynamics of Domestic Violence," "People Who Use Violence Against Intimate Partners," and "Childhood Development and Domestic Violence." The series allows broad reach throughout the state to allow greater access to trainings on domestic violence related topics.
- Funds supported training and listening sessions for Domestic Violence Intervention Programs in order to support and implement the updated DVI program standards for the state. The half day training was entitled, "Meeting the Complex Needs of Domestic Violence Intervention Participants and Enhancing Programming for Women Who Use Force".

3. Trainings, Meetings, Other Expenses

- Maintenance of an electronic database containing assessment scores of those on probation for domestic violence related offenses.

Special Fund Assessment (Act 34, SLH 1964)

The Special Fund Assessment fee for FY 2025 was \$19,845.

Summary

The Judiciary's Spouse and Child Abuse Special Account continues to enable the Judiciary to develop, implement, and maintain a proactive stance in achieving the mission of §HRS 601-3.6, to support and provide spouse or child abuse intervention or prevention in the state of Hawai'i. One of the major strengths in the establishment of the Special Account has been the discretion given to the Judiciary, which has encouraged and allowed funding for a comprehensive range of services and activities, which would not have been possible otherwise. As a result, services for victims of domestic violence as well as children exposed to it have been sustained as well as appropriate and effective intervention services for persons who perpetrate domestic violence.

The funds also allow for routine statewide training for judges and other Judiciary staff, on a wide range of important and intersecting issues relating to domestic violence and child abuse. Additionally, the ability to include other public and private domestic violence agencies in trainings increases collaboration, leading to improved coordination to close gaps and create safer communities where families thrive.

The Judiciary remains committed to the responsible use of monies from the Special Account to promote the safety and well-being of domestic violence and child abuse and neglect victims and family members, to increase accountability of persons who perpetrate domestic violence, and to taking a strong and committed stance on these important issues.

**SPOUSE & CHILD ABUSE SPECIAL FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025**

REVENUE CODES	HRS SECTION		FY2025
		FY BEGINNING CASH BALANCE	288,056
0222	\$572-5	MARRIAGE LICENSES	80,514
0735	\$235-105.5	TAXES COLLECTED UNDER ACT228, SLH2004	29,717
1101	\$338-14.5	FEES, CERTIFIED COPIES OF HEALTH STATISTICS RECORDS	286,757
1567	\$580-10, 586-4	VIOLATION OF TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER/PROTECTIVE ORDER (ACT 172/98 & 200/99)	0
		SUB-TOTAL	396,988
0288		INVESTMENT POOL EARNINGS (ACT 119/98)	10,761
1364		REFUND/REIMBURSEMENT PRIOR PERIOD EXPENSES	
		TOTAL REVENUES	407,749
2021		IMPOSED CONTRIBUTIONS	
2023		PER DIEM JUDGES	
3203		PRINTED FORMS	
3209		OTHER STATIONERY/OFC SUPP	
3301		FOOD SUPPLIES	
3502		SUBSCRIPTIONS	
4201		TRANSPORTATION, INTRA-STATE - EMPLOYEES	632
4301		SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE, INTRA-STATE - EMPLOYEES	2,377
4302		SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE, INTRA-STATE - OTHERS	
4401		TRANS, OUT OF STATE - EMPLOYEES	
4402		TRANS, OUT OF STATE - OTHERS	
4501		SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE, OUT OF STATE - EMPLOYEES	
4502		SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE, OUT OF STATE - OTHERS	
4601		HIRE OF PASSENGER CARS - EMPLOYEES	288
4602		HIRE OF PASSENGER CARS - OTHERS	
4801		OTHER TRAVEL	66
5503		OTHER RENTAL OF LAND, BLDG	
5805		BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES (REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE)	
6609		PURCHASE OF SERVICES CONTRACTS	323,611
7198		OTHER SERVICES ON FEE BASIS	15,360
7204		SPECIAL FUND ASSESSMENT (ACT 34, SLH 1964)	19,845
7205		TRAINING COSTS & REGISTRATION FEES	1,800
7300		INTEREST ON DELINQUENT PAYMENTS	
		TOTAL EXPENSES	363,979
		FY ENDING CASH BALANCE	331,826