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H. B. 772.

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Enforcement of Orders for Support Entered by Family Courts.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to provide for the enforcement of maintenance and alimony through a court trustee pursuant to Act 52, Session Laws of 1965. In the implementation of this provision, it frequently becomes necessary to issue orders to show cause and other process, in connection with which the assistance of legal counsel is desirable. One method of securing this assistance is to arrange with the legal department of the county to represent the court in presenting such cases, but a question has been raised as to the power of county attorneys to function in this area. In order to remove this doubt so that the remedial purposes of Act 52 may be fully realized, a specific enactment of authority is necessary.

SECTION 2. The county attorneys of Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai and the corporation counsel of the city and county of Honolulu, within their respective counties, shall when and to the extent authorized by their respective

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county governing bodies and upon request of the family court, represent the court in any contempt proceeding for the enforcement of any order or decree for wife support or child support or both.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
(Approved May 11, 1967.)