

ACT 158

S.B. NO. 2290-86

A Bill for an Act Relating to Guardians and Trustees.

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

SECTION 1. Section 551A-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended as follows:

1. Subsection (a) is amended to read:

“(a) The public guardian shall serve as guardian, limited guardian, testamentary guardian, or temporary guardian of the person of an incapacitated person when so appointed by the family court under chapter 560. The public guardian may file a petition for the public guardian’s own appointment. Petitions for public guardianship may also be filed by any person, agency, or facility responsible for the support or care of individuals who:

- (1) Are not able to understand or adequately participate in decisions concerning their care; and
- (2) Have no relatives or friends willing and able to act as a guardian.”

2. Subsection (b) is amended to read:

“(b) The public guardian shall have the same powers and duties as a private guardian.”

SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

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

(Approved May 14, 1986.)