

ACT 88

H.B. NO. 569

A Bill for an Act Relating to Divorce Proceedings.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 580, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

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“§580- Battered spouses; exemption from mediation in divorce proceedings. In contested divorce proceedings involving allegations of spousal abuse, the court may excuse a party from participating in any component of any mediation program, if the court determines that it is in the best interest of the party to be excused.”

SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.¹

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

(Approved May 7, 1993.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.