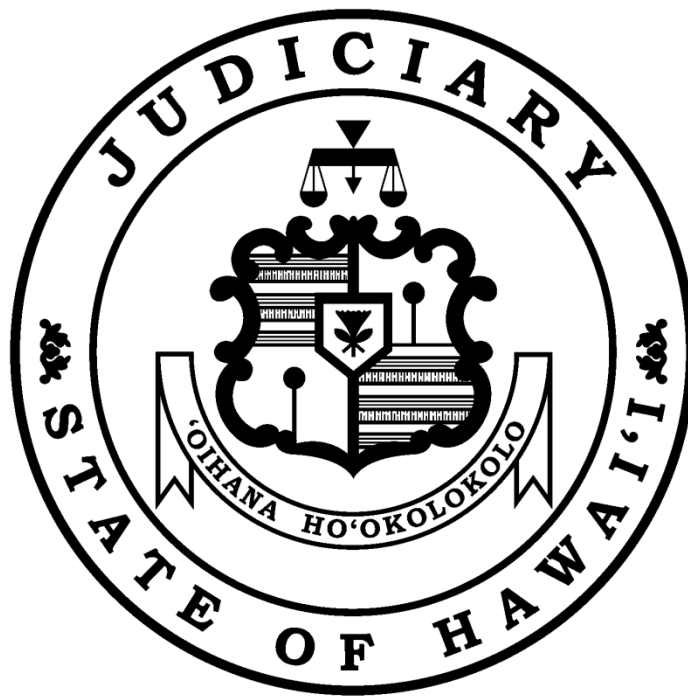


REPORTS TO THE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE  
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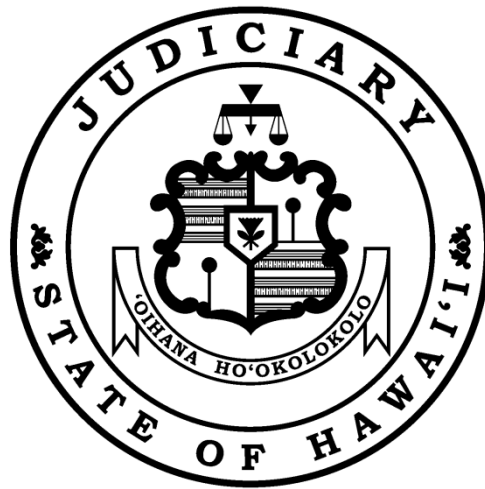
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ON

ACT 139, Sections 6(1) - 6(5)  
SESSION LAWS OF HAWAI'I 2009

A Report on Bench Warrants



Submitted by:

Office of the Administrative Director of the Courts  
The Judiciary, State of Hawai'i

December 2010

The eBench Warrant pilot started in 2007 as a Judiciary project in collaboration with Hawai'i Information Consortium and state and county agencies on the Bench Warrant Task Force Committee (see Act 308 SLH 2006, S.C. R. 91 S.D. 1). The Committee report recommended a central database outside of the Judiciary which could be accessed by law enforcement 24 hours a day, every day, as well as a method to electronically process, categorize, and prioritize warrants. From 2007 through 2008, the project conducted a lengthy software development cycle, involving all Bench Warrant Task Force Committee agencies and other agency staff to review all three application versions (Beta I, Beta II and Beta III) during development, to provide input and feedback on application features and mechanics at each stage, and to test the application itself. The pilot commenced on Oahu in March 2009.

This report is respectfully prepared pursuant to Act 139, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2009, also known as the Judiciary Appropriations Act of 2009, which requires the Judiciary to submit a report to the 2011 Legislature, which includes the following:

- (1) The amount collected from bench warrant assessments on traffic cases during fiscal years 2008-2011;
- (2) The number of warrants served during fiscal years 2008-2011;
- (3) The number of warrants outstanding for fiscal years 2008-2011;
- (4) The status of the eBench Warrant Pilot Program;
- (5) Determination of success of the program and whether to continue the pilot program.

**The Judiciary, State of Hawai'i**  
**Act 139 (SLH 2009)**

Report as of 11/15/10

**Section 6 (1) The Amount Collected from Bench Warrant Assessments on Traffic cases**

	<b>FY 2008</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>	<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>FY 2011 (7/1/10-10/31/10)</b>
<b>Statewide Fees (\$50)</b>	\$223,538	\$217,701	\$193,863	\$52,263

Note: These numbers reflect the bench warrant assessment fees receipted to general ledger for these time frames. Partial payments and full payments collected over the course of more than one fiscal year explain the variation in amounts. These numbers do not reflect bail forfeitures.

**Section 6 (2) The Number of Warrants Served**

	<b>FY 2008</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>	<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>FY 2011 (7/1/10-10/31/10)</b>
<b>A. Statewide Warrants Served Annually</b>				
Traffic (JIMS)	14932	12899	12834	3944
Criminal (Petty and Misdemeanor/DC CRIM)	5685	5215	6467	1948
Criminal (Felony and other/HAJIS)*	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown
Intake Service Center	118	142	174	41
Hawai'i Paroling Authority	212	222	204	63
Grand Jury	720	729	823	279
<b>Total</b>	<b>21667</b>	<b>19207</b>	<b>20502</b>	<b>6275</b>

**Section 6 (3) The Number of Warrants Outstanding**

	<b>FY 2008</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>	<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>FY 2011 (7/1/10-10/31/10)</b>
<b>B. Statewide Warrants Outstanding at end of Fiscal Year</b>				
Traffic (JIMS)	54424	54674	55663	56399
Criminal (Petty and Misdemeanor/DC CRIM)	4263	7410	6227	3246
Criminal (Felony and other/HAJIS)*	unknown	unknown	2719	2825
Intake Service Center	99	69	87	81
Hawai'i Paroling Authority	165	67	54	40
Grand Jury	554	532	504	488
<b>Total</b>	<b>59505</b>	<b>62752</b>	<b>65254</b>	<b>63079</b>

\*HAJIS system warrant data has some limitations. 1) the system cannot relate a warrant document to a specific defendant in a multi-defendant case, therefore, warrant numbers may be lower than actual and 2) the system does not track the service date for warrants

FY 2010 data for Criminal (Felony and other/HAJIS) warrants outstanding as of Dec 2009

#### **Section 6 (4) The Status of the eBench Warrant Pilot:**

- As of November 1, 2010, the eBench Warrant Pilot has been implemented in all four Judicial circuits statewide. eBench Warrant currently has over 680 users statewide. Users include Judiciary staff on the islands of Oahu, Hawai'i, Kaua'i, Maui, Moloka'i and Lanai, as well as, staff in the Honolulu Police Dept, Maui Police Dept, Kaua'i Police Dept, Hawai'i Police Dept, Honolulu Harbor Police under the Department of Transportation, Sheriffs' Divisions on Oahu, Kaua'i and Maui, Honolulu Prosecutor's Office, Maui Prosecutor's Office, Kaua'i Prosecutor's Office, Hawai'i Prosecutor's Office, and Public Defender offices on Oahu and Maui. All three shifts for law enforcement staff on Oahu, Hawai'i, Kaua'i and in Maui County have access to the application, and remote printing of the warrants is occurring in many law enforcement locations. The eBench Warrant application is available 24/7 from any location. eBench Warrant is compatible with various internet browsers and can be accessed by PCs and Apple computers, as well as smartphones (iPhone, Droid, Blackberry, etc.) and PDAs with internet.
- Hawai'i Information Consortium (HIC) hosts the application and provides technical support.
- Plans are currently in place to commence JIMS Criminal Module Phase I in December 2010. This project will enable expansion of the statewide pilot to include District Court criminal warrants in 2011.

#### **Section 6 (5) The Success of the Program:**

- Collaboration: Throughout the planning and development of the eBench Warrant application, all Bench Warrant Task Force agencies were consulted and involved with design and implementation planning. This collaboration amongst agencies has resulted in an application that has beneficial features and management tools not just for the Judiciary, but also for law enforcement and other criminal justice agencies. Ample testing has also increased production usability and user satisfaction. Law enforcement users have given positive reviews for the application, and user feedback has led to the development of new reports.
- Costs: Judiciary, Public Defenders, Prosecutors, Sheriffs, Maui Police and Honolulu Police access the online application using existing equipment and technology. There is no subscriber fee for any of the agencies to access and use eBench Warrant. All of the Judiciary and law enforcement training were performed by HIC and JIMS Judiciary staff during regular work hours and without any Judiciary overtime costs. Most of the Maui County, Kaua'i and Hawai'i location training has been accomplished using web technology, thereby reducing the travel expenses and worktime impact associated with most training.
- Savings: Since implementation of the Oahu Pilot on March 24, 2009, the Judiciary has delivered approximately 22,700 traffic warrants to law enforcement

electronically. The Maui Pilot was launched on October 1, 2009 and has delivered over 2,000 traffic warrants electronically. The Kaua'i Pilot was launched on April 13, 2010 and has delivered approximately 600 traffic warrants electronically. The Hawai'i Pilot was launched on November 1, 2010 and has delivered over 150 traffic warrants electronically. This has saved the Judiciary approximately 51,000 pages of paper, a low estimate since many courts delivered more than one copy of the document. Electronic delivery not only saves on the time needed to make additional copies, to transport the hard copy documents, to file and record receipt of the hard copy documents, and to disperse copies, it also saves paper because statewide access to the warrant data and warrant document does not rely on multiple hard copy documents being made and dispersed to share information. Multiple users in multiple agencies and locations can view and digest the same warrant data simultaneously without ever printing a copy.

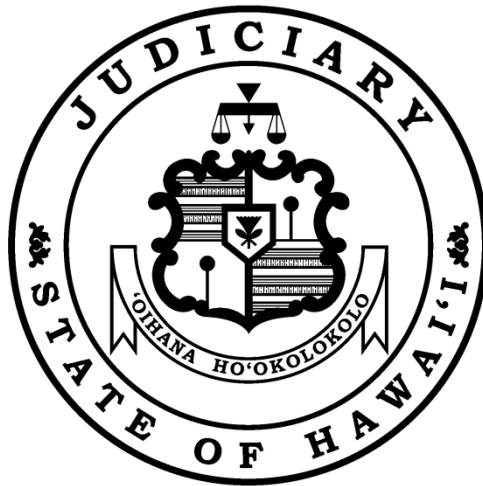
- Sweeps: Oahu Sheriffs Division had periodically conducted warrant sweeps, selecting a specific location to attempt to serve outstanding warrants to people reported to live there. eBench Warrant geographical reports allow law enforcement sweep teams to optimize their work, moving systematically down any given street or area and decreasing the time needed to drive back and forth. Sheriff warrant sweeps success rates doubled or tripled when eBench Warrant was used to prepare packets in early 2009. Unfortunately, budget restraints starting in 2009 have ended sheriff sweeps for the time being.
- Top 20 High Bail and Top 20 Most Warrants Reports: Despite budget restraints, Oahu Sheriffs on the Traffic Warrants Team continue to use the eBench Warrant High Bail report to focus on high priority warrants. Without the High Bail and High Number of warrants reports, it can be very difficult for law enforcement to prioritize warrants and these reports were designed as a result of specific law enforcement requests.
- Impacts: The HIJIS Federated Query and Identification Subcommittee has identified eBench Warrant as one of the Judiciary applications which is a high priority exchange. Judiciary is working with the HIJIS agencies to include eBench Warrant data in the Federated Query design.
- Future: Judiciary plans to continue to support the participating pilot agencies and to work with HIC to improve functionality. Judiciary will continue to expand the number of users, conduct more training, and work with HIC and other criminal justice agencies to add features and functionality to future releases of the application. A Judiciary goal is to add more warrant types to eBW, including all criminal and grand jury warrants, in the hopes of creating a single, comprehensive warrants system.

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

ON

ACT 81, Section 2  
SESSION LAWS OF HAWAI'I 2006

A Report on Mandatory Sentence of 30 Years to Life  
for Habitual Violent Felons



Submitted by:

Office of the Administrative Director of the Courts  
The Judiciary, State of Hawai'i

December 2010

This report is respectfully prepared pursuant to Act 81, Regular Session of Hawai'i 2006, which requests a report on the implementation of the mandatory sentence of 30 years to life for habitual violent felons, including (1) data on the number of defendants sentenced under this Act; and (2) data on the number of defendants sentenced under this Act who were also subject to: (a) sentencing of repeat offenders under section 706-606.5; (b) repeat violent and sexual offender; enhanced sentence under section 706-606.6; (c) enhanced sentence for second degree murder under section 706-657; and (d) sentence of imprisonment for felony; extended terms under section 706-661.

The Judiciary respectfully provides the Legislature the following data:

<b>Number of defendants sentenced under this Act:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Number of defendants sentenced under this Act who were also subject to:</b>	
<b>(a) sentencing of repeat offenders under section 706-606.5</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>(b) repeat violent and sexual offender; enhanced sentence under section 706-606.6</b>	<b>0<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>(c) enhanced sentence for second degree murder under section 706-657</b>	<b>0<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>(d) sentence of imprisonment for felony; extended terms under section 706-661</b>	<b>0<sup>3</sup></b>

<sup>1</sup> To be a violent offender there must be three prior and separate occasions of an offense, and the defendant appears to have had only two prior sentencings.

<sup>2</sup> The court must find the murder was heinous, atrocious, or cruel, and this was not mentioned in the sentencing.

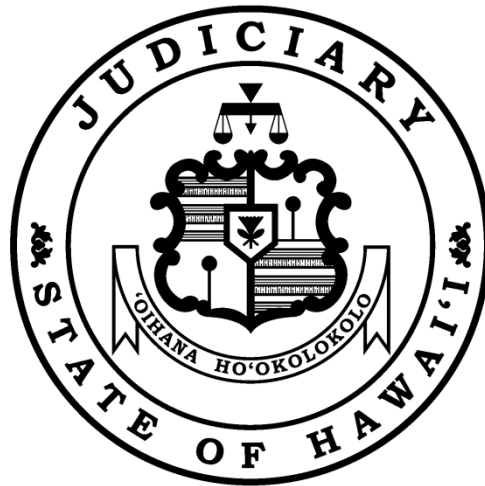
<sup>3</sup> Defendant was not sentenced as a multiple offender.

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

ON

ACT 40, HRS §601-21  
SESSION LAWS OF HAWAI'I 2004

A Report on Statewide Substance Abuse Treatment  
Monitoring Program



Submitted by:

Office of the Administrative Director of the Courts  
The Judiciary, State of Hawai'i

December 2010

This report is respectfully prepared pursuant to Act 40, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2004, HRS §601-21, which requests a report on the statewide substance abuse treatment monitoring program, including data collected in accordance with section 321-A from any circuit court, adult probation, and any provider of substance abuse treatment that provides substance abuse treatment to persons served through public funds administered by the Judiciary.

The Judiciary has worked in concert with the Department of Health by requesting that all state-funded treatment programs provide data as required by the Department of Health.

Language has been included in existing contracts with substance abuse treatment providers to hold programs accountable for such cooperation. A continuation of this requirement has also been added to specifications for substance abuse treatment in the Judiciary's Request for Proposals for FY 2011.

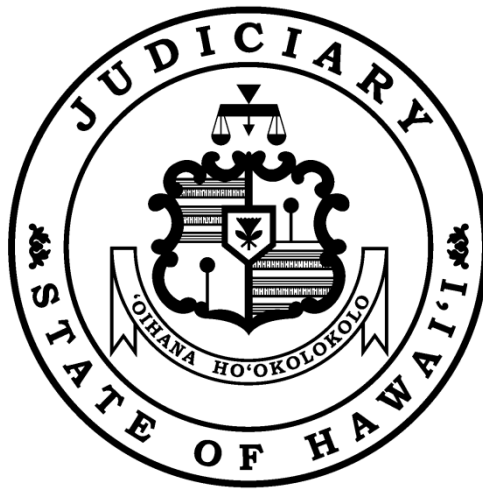
Furthermore, the Judiciary's Adult Client Services Branches statewide have instituted the use of "Caseload Explorer," a probation-management information system. Substance abuse and other treatment data are beginning to be entered on a regular basis.

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

ON

ACT 162, HRS §577-7.5  
SESSION LAWS OF HAWAI'I 2002

A Report on Parental Preferences in Government Contracts



Submitted by:

Office of the Administrative Director of the Courts  
The Judiciary, State of Hawai'i

December 2010

This report is respectfully prepared pursuant to Act 162, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2002, HRS §577-7.5, which provides that Judiciary contracts, programs, and services shall not favor one parent over the other in terms of child rearing and that the Judiciary provide an annual report to the Legislature.

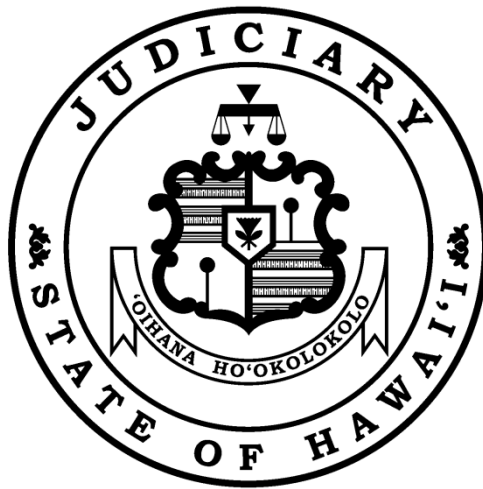
The Judiciary reports that its program administrators, program specialists and contracting officers are continuing to monitor their contracts to ensure compliance with this Act. In addition to using standard contract boilerplates, the Judiciary staff attorney assures compliance with all applicable laws by reviewing these contracts prior to finalization. None of the Judiciary's policies and procedures in the contracting of individuals or groups providing contractual services to the Judiciary has ever reflected in the past, nor will they ever reflect in the future, any parental preference.

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

ON

ACT 274, HRS §607-5.6  
SESSION LAWS OF HAWAI'I 1997

A Report on the Parent Education Special Fund



Submitted by:

Office of the Administrative Director of the Courts  
The Judiciary, State of Hawai'i

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This report is respectfully prepared pursuant to Act 274, Session Laws of Hawai'i, 1997, requires the Judiciary to submit a report on the Parent Education Fund.

The Parent Education Special Fund was established by the 1997 Legislature, State of Hawai'i, through Act 274. On May 2, 2003 H.R.S. 607-5.6 was amended to increase the Fund's surcharge to \$50 for family court matrimonial cases and to add the surcharge to paternity actions.

### The Purpose of the Fund

Parents attending the Kids First parent education programs in Hawai'i are encouraged to refocus on their children's needs and to see how continued fighting negatively impacts their family. The families are given island-specific parent handbooks containing resources for counseling, domestic violence, parenting classes, and anger management classes. They watch the award winning Purple Family video, and are encouraged to mediate rather than litigate their custody conflicts. The program also assists children ages 6 – 17 cope with their parents' separation. Children learn that they are not the cause of their parents' divorce, that parents do not divorce their children, and that their family is not the only one going through a separation. Through mock trials teens learn about the court system. They are given resource materials and encouraged to seek counseling if they are depressed or angry about the separation.

### Current Programs

Each judicial circuit has a parent education program for separating and divorcing parents and their minor children (ages 6 – 17).

<b>Judicial Circuit</b>	<b>Adults</b>	<b>Children</b>	<b>FY 09-10 Attendance</b>
First (O'ahu)	2,847	1,631	4,478
Second (Maui)	450	298	748
Third (Hilo)	247	216	463
Third (Kona)	156	116	272
Fifth (Kaua'i)	244	124	368
<b>Total:</b>	<b>3,944</b>	<b>2,385</b>	<b>6,329</b>

Parties contesting custody or visitation are included in the Kids First program to assist never-married families learn to co-parent. In FY 2010 on O'ahu, 4,256 new marital actions (divorce) were filed, half included families with minor children. Additionally, 1,235 new paternity (unmarried parents) petitions were filed. Approximately 39% of Oahu's paternity cases involve contested custody or visitation issues. The remaining cases are filed by the Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA) seeking child support reimbursement. The O'ahu program alternates the program weekly between the Honolulu First Circuit Court and the Ronald T.Y. Moon Kapolei Courthouse.

The percentage of divorce filings in each circuit mirrors each island's population. The vast majority of the state's cases are on O'ahu, where 72% of the divorces and 62% of the paternity cases are filed. During FY 2010, the O'ahu Kids First divorce program assisted 4,478 individuals (2,847 adults and 1,631 children).

The paternity calendar consists of families who are unmarried and have children. Currently in Hawai'i, nearly 40% of children are born to unmarried parents; this is comparable to the national average. Over 1,200 paternity cases are filed each year on O'ahu, of which 39% are private (non-CSEA cases).

Statewide, 97 parent education sessions were held serving 3,944 adults and 2,385 children. Statewide revenue decreased \$3,458, 42 fewer families paid the surcharge (some obtained fee waivers), and interest rates declined from the previous year.

On O'ahu, 12% of families attending have current restraining orders. All parents are told:

- Family violence must stop immediately.
- Violence is never appropriate and is extremely harmful to children.
- The court takes into account the safety of victims and children in making custody and visitation decisions.

Judicial Circuit FY 09 - 10	Census Population	Population	Divorces Filed	Divorce	Paternity Filed	Paternity
First (O'ahu)	905,034	70%	4,256	72%	1,235	62%
Second (Maui)	143,691	11%	625	11%	251	12%
Third (Kona)	128,439	10%	336	6%	171	8%
Third (Hilo)	47,345	4%	444	7%	262	13%
Fifth (Kaua'i)	63,689	5%	250	4%	100	5%
State of Hawai'i	1,288,198	100%	5,911	100%	2,019	100%

### Financial Status of the Fund

The Parent Education Special Fund began collecting filing fee surcharges and donations on July 1, 1997. The attached financial report reflects the twelfth year of collections. The Parent Education Fund continues to support all five of the Judiciary's parent education programs.

**PARENT EDUCATION FUND REVENUE**  
**Fiscal Year 2009 - 2010**

<b>Judicial Circuit</b>	<b>First</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Third</b>	<b>Fifth</b>	<b>Total</b>
Surcharge	107,650	16,075	14,550	4,975	143,250
Interest	2,613	0	0	0	2,613
<b>Total</b>	<b>110,263</b>	<b>16,075</b>	<b>14,550</b>	<b>4,975</b>	<b>145,863</b>

**PARENT EDUCATION FUND EXPENSES**  
**Fiscal Year 2009 – 2010**

<b>Judicial Circuit</b>	<b>First</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Third</b>	<b>Fifth</b>	<b>Total</b>
Computer	5,256				5,256
Data Processing	427				427
Dues	215				215
Duplicating	826				826
Equipment	2,360				2,360
Food	7,178			717	7,895
Incentives	500				500
Interpreter	314				314
Postage	503				503
Printing	390				390
Security*	12,267	3,406	0	2,311	17,984
Services for a Fee	16,246	15,000	18,750	4,800	54,796
Services Encumbered	3,413				3,413
Special Fund Assessment	7,249				7,249
Supplies	4,807				4,807
<b>Total</b>	<b>61,951</b>	<b>18,406</b>	<b>18,750</b>	<b>7,828</b>	<b>106,935</b>

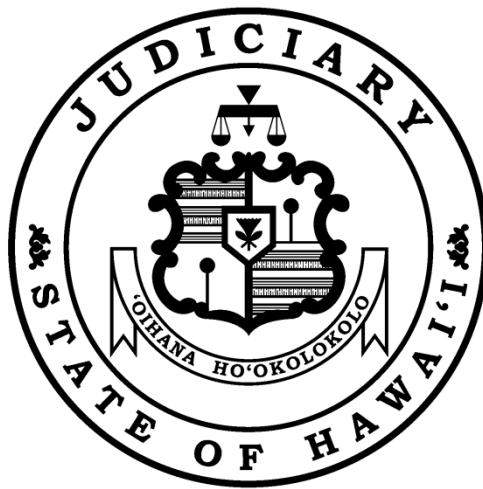
\* Third Circuit's security is paid by First Circuit

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

ON

ACT 232, HRS §607-3.6  
SESSION LAWS OF HAWAI'I 1994

A Report on the Spouse and Child Abuse Special Account



Submitted by:

Office of the Administrative Director of the Courts  
The Judiciary, State of Hawai'i

December 2010

This report is respectfully prepared pursuant to Act 232, Session Laws of Hawai'i 1994, HRS §607-3.6, which requests a report on the Spouse and Child Abuse Special Account.

The Spouse and Child Abuse Special Account, placed in the Judiciary, was created by the Legislature, State of Hawai'i, in 1994 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 which support or provide domestic violence or child abuse intervention or prevention, as authorized by law, and staff programs, as well.

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 ACCOUNT**

As in previous years, monies from the Judiciary's Special Account provided a broad range of programs, projects and activities statewide, which addressed the intervention and/or prevention of domestic violence and child abuse. The process of determining which services, programs and activities received funding involved internal planning and collaboration of the Judiciary, as well as coordination with other private and public stakeholders in the community.

A total of \$463,383 was spent in Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-2010. As determined by the Legislature, the annual ceiling on expenditures for the Spouse and Child Abuse Special Account is \$507,722 per fiscal year.

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

#### **PURCHASE OF SERVICE PROGRAMS:**

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

- Child and Family Service/Developing Options to Violence  
The Developing Options to Violence Program in First Circuit (O'ahu) provided specialized domestic violence intervention services to juveniles adjudicated for abuse of a family or household member, or involved in intimate partner violence. Services were also extended to the family members of the juveniles.

- Child and Family Service/Turning Point for Families  
The Turning Point for Families Program in the Third Circuit (island of Hawai'i) received funds to restore some of the core services impacted by budget reductions, for victims filing for temporary restraining orders. The services included assistance in preparation of petitions, accompaniment to court hearings, development of safety plans and advocacy.
- Domestic Violence Action Center  
Advocacy services to victims of intimate partner violence were provided in the First Circuit (O'ahu). The services were targeted to victims who were filing for temporary restraining orders, and included risk assessments, development of safety plans, information and referrals, accompaniment to court proceedings, and advocacy.
- Island of Hawai'i YMCA  
Supervised child visitation and exchange services were provided for families involved in domestic violence and/or high conflict cases in the Third Circuit (Hawai'i) by the Family Visitation Center program in East Hawai'i. The majority of referrals received were from the court.
- Parents and Children Together/Family Peace Center  
Funding was provided to the Family Peace Center program in the First Circuit (O'ahu) and was used to supplement services to victims of intimate partner violence. The specific services provided included risk assessments, development of safety plans, advocacy, support groups and counseling, and counseling for children exposed to the violence.
- Parents and Children Together/Family Visitation Center  
Supervised child visitation and exchange services were provided to court referred families in the First Circuit (O'ahu) and Fifth Circuit (Kaua'i). On O'ahu, the Center serviced families in Honolulu and Waipahu, and on Kauai, the Center operated in Kapa'a. The majority of referrals involved parties in restraining order cases. Other referrals involved divorce and custody, and paternity issues.
- YMCA of Kaua'i  
Funds from the Account allowed the YMCA of Kaua'i to provide domestic violence interventions to juveniles involved in domestic violence. A total of 26 juveniles were seen in this program period during FY 2010.

### **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 was awarded to the Judiciary, State of Hawai'i, by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and provided supervised child visitations and exchanges in a safe and neutral setting. Services were provided on the islands of O'ahu and Hawai'i, with priority given to families referred by the courts for domestic violence, or other high conflict situations. Matching funds in excess of the required 10% were provided in response to the high volume of referrals received by the contracted non-profit organizations. (The grant award was \$100,000 and the Judiciary allocated \$45,000 in matching funds.)
- STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice and administered by the state of Hawai'i, Department of the Attorney General, were awarded to the Judiciary. A 25% match was required for this grant, entitled "Promoting Collaboration and Coordination." Federal funds from this grant for Federal Year 2007 amounted to \$41,610 and a matching amount of \$13,870 from the Special Account was provided. This grant allowed the Judiciary, in collaboration with the Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, to host two statewide meetings of the county domestic violence task forces, and to sponsor a one-day multi-disciplinary training, "Community Engagement and Collaboration: We're All in this Together." The statewide training was attended by 97 persons. Grant activities also involved considerable coordination and coordination with the Department of Health, which provides the fiscal support to the county domestic violence task forces.

### **TRAINING/MEETINGS, ETC.**

During FY 2010, the Judiciary's Special Account was used to allow Judiciary judges and staff to participate in inter-state training on a range of topics which focused on domestic violence and child abuse. Approximately \$15,000 was spent to pay for costs incurred in hosting the annual Family Court Judges Symposium. A judge from Kentucky, who regularly presents at state and national conferences on domestic violence, was the featured presenter. Each year, the Family Court Judges Symposium focuses primarily on domestic violence and child abuse, and is also the only opportunity which allows the Family Court judges from all circuits to receive training and discuss issues specific to their calendars.

Monies from the Special Account were used to purchase publications on domestic violence and elder abuse, pay for the costs of monitoring the grant projects, and cover maintenance fees for a domestic violence offender database. In addition, monies were also used to purchase video conferencing equipment which allows for simultaneous communication of Judiciary personnel between all circuits. This has been extremely beneficial in reducing costs for inter-island travel.

## **SPECIAL FUND ASSESSMENT**

Costs to administer the Special Account, pursuant to Act 34, Session Laws of Hawai'i 1994, amounted to \$23,022 during FY 2009-2010.

### **SUMMARY**

The Judiciary's Spouse and Child Abuse Special Account continues to enable the Judiciary to develop and maintain a proactive stance in responding to the areas of domestic violence and child abuse and neglect in 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 and child abuse have been maintained and improved, as well as the promotion of appropriate interventions for batterers.

The Judiciary remains committed to using the monies from the Special Account to promote the safety and well being of domestic violence victims and other family members, as well as abused and neglected children and the community at large.

Spouse and Child Abuse Special Account  
Expenditures for the Fiscal Year 2009-2010

Duplicating Supplies	55
Data Processing Supplies	165
Other Office Supplies	281
Food Supplies	3,577
Other Materials & Supplies	332
Subscriptions	708
Transportation, Intra-State-Employees	690
Transportation, Intra-State-Others	1,867
Subsistence Allowance, Intra-State-Employees	268
Subsistence Allowance, Intra-State-Others	915
Transportation, Out-of-State-Employees	784
Subsistence Allowance, Out-of-State-Employees	1,702
Subsistence Allowance, Out-of-State-Others	577
Hire of Passenger Cars-Employees	32
Hire of Passenger Cars-Others	248
Other Rentals	248
Purchase of Service Contracts	406,997
Other Services on Fee Basis	16,857
Special Fund Assessment (Act 34, SLH 1964)	23,022
Training Costs and Registration Fees	635
Other Miscellaneous Current Expenses	400
Interest	30
Other Optical Equipment	528
Other Acoustical Equipment	2,465
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>463,383</b>