

**REPORT TO THE TWENTY-FOURTH HAWAII STATE
LEGISLATURE 2008**

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ACT 213
PART III, SECTIONS 56 AND 60
SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2007**

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION
December 2007**

**REPORT ON ACT 213, PART III, SECTIONS 56 AND 60, RELATING TO THE
STATE BUDGET, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2007**

Act 213, Part III, Sections 56 and 60, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, requires the Department of Human Services to submit reports on the Child Protective Services Program, Child Welfare Services Branch (CWSB), and the Adult Protective Services Program, Adult and Community Care Services Branch (ACCSB).

The reports are to include: 1) the number of appeals made in the twelve months preceding the month of the report, wherein the sole issue upon appeal was the findings of an investigation by the Department of Human Services of an allegation of child abuse or neglect, or adult abuse or neglect; 2) the number of hearings resulting from the appeals for which a contracted attorney was paid to preside; and 3) the total expenditures for contracted attorneys presiding over the hearings.

**FISCAL YEAR 2007
July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007**

Branch	Number of appeals to challenge findings of an investigation of abuse*	Number of hearings resulting from appeals for which contracted attorney was paid	Total expenditures for contracted attorneys**
ACCSB	11	6	\$1,585
CWSB	98	30 Decisions 17 scheduled but "no shows"	\$28,000
	*Request for appeal received by DHS between 7/1/06 and 6/30/07		**Figures may be incomplete due to hearing continuances; delay in billings still pending