

**REPORT TO THE TWENTY-FIFTH HAWAII STATE
LEGISLATURE 2009**

**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
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**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 administrative appeals for 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 2008
July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008**

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	14	7	\$2,735
CWSB	92	40	\$23,745
	*Requests for appeal received by DHS between 7/1/07 and 6/30/08	**Number of hearings actually convened; does not include requests that are pending or dismissed for reasons such as no contested issue or jurisdiction, changes in determinations, abandoned hearings	***Figures based on invoice dates paid in fiscal year; may be incomplete due to continuances; delay in billings still pending