



*The Judiciary, State of Hawaii*

**Testimony to the House Committee on Finance**

Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair

Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

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State Capitol, Conference Room 308

By

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY**

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**Bill No. and Title:** Senate Bill No. 2878, S.D. 1, H.D.1, Relating to Youth Transitioning From Foster Care.

**Purpose:** Extends the application deadline for financial assistance for higher education available to foster or former foster youth, clarifies that financial assistance is for related higher education costs, and clarifies eligibility and program requirements of the Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care Program. (HD1)

**Judiciary's Position:**

The Judiciary supports this bill that recognizes the hurdles faced by foster youth who turn 18 years old without the stability of a loving permanent family.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.