



The Judiciary, State of Hawai'i

Testimony to the House Committee on Health & Human Services

Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair
Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Bill No. and Title: House Bill No. 1885, Relating to Family Court

Purpose: Requires certain persons to immediately report a potential tort claim to the family court when that person has reason to believe that a child in foster custody has suffered an injury that may arise to a tort claim. Establishes procedures for the family court to allow a child in foster custody who has suffered an injury to seek outside legal representation for a claim of damages as a result of a tort.

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary takes no position on House Bill No. 1885 but respectfully offers the following comment.

There is a potential for large costs to the Judiciary and the family court associated with the court's appointment of a master, including the master's compensation and other costs related to the master's report.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this measure.