

The Judiciary, State of Hawai'i

Testimony to the House Committee on Health and Human Services

Representative John Mizuno, Chair Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

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By

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Bill No. and Title: House Bill No. 1928, Relating to a Right to Parent for Blind Persons

Purpose: Establishes parental rights for blind parents or prospective blind parents in the context of child welfare, foster care, family law, and adoption

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary takes no position on this bill but would like to comment that we are unaware of any case wherein foster custody was granted or visitation denied, due to a parent's blindness.

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