



The Judiciary, State of Hawai'i

Testimony to the House Committee on Judiciary

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Resolution No. and Title: House Concurrent Resolution No. 162, H.D. 1 / House Resolution No. 138, H.D. 1: REQUESTING THE HAWAI'I STATE JUDICIARY AND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO NOT USE BLINDNESS AS A BASIS FOR DENYING PARENTAL RIGHTS

Purpose: Requesting the Judiciary and the Department of Human Services to not use blindness as a basis for denying parental rights.

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary takes no position on these resolutions but would like to comment that we are unaware of any child welfare, adoption, or guardianship action where the condition of blindness solely controlled the custody or visitation outcome.

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