



*The Judiciary, State of Hawai‘i*

**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Human Services**

Senator Josh Green, Chair  
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

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**Bill No. and Title:** Senate Bill No. 2273, 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 Senate Bill No. 2273 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.