December 13, 2019

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, HI 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear President Kouchi and Speaker Saiki:

Pursuant to Section 577-7.5, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes, the Judiciary is transmitting a copy of the Report on Parental Preferences in Government Contracts.

In accordance with Section 93-16, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes, we are also transmitting a copy of this report to the Legislative Reference Bureau Library.

The public may view an electronic copy of this report on the Judiciary’s website at the following link: http://www.courts.state.hi.us/news_and_reports/reports/reports.html.

Should you have any questions regarding this report, please feel free to contact Karen Takahashi of the Judiciary’s Legislative Coordinating Office at 539-4896, or via e-mail at Karen.T.Takahashi@courts.hawaii.gov.

Sincerely,

Rodney A. Maile  
Administrative Director of the Courts

Enclosure

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HRS § 577-7.5

A Report on Parental Preferences in Government Contracts

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Act 162, SLH 2002, HRS § 577-7.5, provides that Judiciary contracts, programs, and services shall not favor one parent over the other in terms of child rearing and that the Judiciary will provide annual report to the Legislature on the implementation of this section.

We report that the Judiciary program administrators, program specialists and contracting officers are continuing to monitor their contracts to insure compliance with this act. In addition to using standard contract boilerplates, our Judiciary staff attorney assures compliance with all applicable laws by reviewing these contracts prior to finalization. None of our policies and procedures in the contracting of individuals or groups providing contractual services to the Judiciary has ever reflected in the past, nor will they ever reflect in the future, any parental preference.