



The Judiciary, State of Hawaii

Testimony to the Twenty-Fourth Legislature, 2008 Session
House Committee on Human Services & Housing
The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

Thursday, February 7, 2008, 9:15 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 329

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Bill No. and Title: House Bill No. 3143, Relating to Parental Preferences in Government Contracts, Programs, and Services

Judiciary's Position:

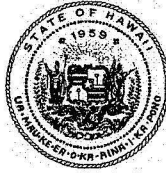
The Judiciary does not take any position with regard to House Bill No. 3143. For purposes of providing information relevant to this bill, however, we note that the Judiciary's annual reports to the legislature have provided essentially the same information year after year. As our most recent report to the legislature states:

. . . Judiciary program administrators, program specialists and contracting officers are continuing to monitor their contracts to ensure 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.

Hawaii Judiciary's Overview and Report of Act 162, Session Laws of Hawaii 2002
Dated November 30, 2006.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on House Bill No. 3143.

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House Bill No. 3143
**Relating to Parental Preferences in Government Contracts,
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TO CHAIRPERSON SHIMABUKURO AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The purpose of House Bill No. 3143 is to eliminate an unnecessary annual reporting requirement for the State of Hawaii.

In an effort to streamline processes and make government more effective and efficient, the Department of Human Resources Development **supports** this bill.

It is the policy of the State agencies not to grant preference to one parent over another in terms of child-rearing in their programs, contracts and services. The data is gathered annually and there are no findings of preference for one parent over another in any state agency.

Respectfully submitted,


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