

State Commission on Fatherhood

c/o Hawai'i Dept. of Human Services; 1390 Miller Street, Room 209; Honolulu, HI 96813

TESTIMONY ON: GM427 – Re confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee MICHAEL R. DIAS as voting member of the State Commission on Fatherhood

FOR: Senate Committee on Human Services

**DATE: Tuesday, February 24, 2009; 1:15 p.m.
Committee Hearing**

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LOCATION: Conference Room 016, State Capitol

SUBMITTED BY: Greg Farstrup, Chair, State Commission on Fatherhood

As Chair, and on behalf of the State Commission on Fatherhood, **we strongly support the confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee MICHAEL R. DIAS as a voting member of the State Commission on Fatherhood**, with a term ending June 30, 2011.

Mr. Dias has been a committed and steadfast member of the State Commission on Fatherhood and is dedicated to fulfilling the Commission's mission to **"promote healthy family relationships between parents and children by emphasizing the important role fathers play in the lives of their children."**

The State Commission on Fatherhood urges the Senate Committee on Human Services to recommend and support the confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee MICHAEL R. DIAS as voting member of the State Commission on Fatherhood.

State Commission on Fatherhood: Greg Farstrup, Chair (*Hawai'i Coalition for Dads*); Bernard Carvalho (*Office of Community Assistance, Kaua'i County*); Merton Chinen (*Office of Youth Services*); Mike Dias (*Alu Like-Hilo*); Gordon Miyamoto (*Dept. of Education*); Don Fiburn (*Dept. of Health*); Myrna Murdoch (*Children's Rights Council of Hawaii*); Henry Oliva (*Dept. of Human Services*); Tom Read (*Dept. of Public Safety*); Claud Sutcliffe (*Mediation Center of Molokai*); Russell Suzuki (*Dept. of Attorney General*); and Sylvia Yuen (*Center on the Family, UH Manoa*).