

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 MYRNA B. MURDOCH as a 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 MYRNA B. MURDOCH 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 **MYRNA B. MURDOCH** 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*).