
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WITNESSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 626-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending rule 603.1 to read as follows:

3 "Rule 603.1 Disqualifications. A person is disqualified
4 to be a witness if the person is (1) incapable of expressing
5 oneself, either verbally or nonverbally, so as to be understood,
6 either directly or through interpretation by one who can
7 understand the person, or (2) incapable of understanding the
8 duty of a witness to tell the truth."

9 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____

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Report Title:

Witness qualifications; nonverbal expression

Description:

Clarifies that a witness can express himself or herself verbally or nonverbally as long as the meaning is understood.

