

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2014

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2368

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2010  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 2368 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD VISITATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Permit the Family Court to award reasonable visitation rights to grandparents, if, among other things, denial of visitation would cause significant harm to the child;
- (2) Establish a rebuttable presumption that the parent's decision is in the best interests of the child; and
- (3) Define factors for the Court to consider when determining significant harm to the child.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by one individual. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that although there may be concerns with increasing the number of issues that the courts must consider in custody matters, the interest of the children warrants such consideration. Accordingly, your Committee encourages further discussion of this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your

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Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2368 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Human Services,


*Suzanne Chun Oakland*

SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Human Services**  
**HMS**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 2368</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HMS, JGO</b>	Date: <b>1-28-10</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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