

**GM 443**

# Hawai'i Coalition for Dads

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Promoting involved, nurturing, responsible fatherhood

April 6, 2010

Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Human Services Committee  
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 226  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Chun Oakland,

On behalf of the Hawai'i Coalition for Dads, I support the confirmation of Elwood Machado as a voting member of the State Commission on Fatherhood. His skills and participation are needed to support the Commission with its efforts to enhance the support of fathers and their families in Hawai'i.

Elwood is an energetic advocate for the importance of fathers as involved, nurturing, responsible co-parents for their children. I have been inspired by his work with individual fathers as well as his success with planning and carrying out well-attended father and family festival events on Kauai.

I unconditionally and wholeheartedly recommend the confirmation of Elwood Machado as a voting member of the State Commission on Fatherhood.

Sincerely,

*Greg Farstrup*

Greg Farstrup, Coordinator

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# State Commission on Fatherhood

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

**MISSION:** *To promote healthy family relationships between parents and children by emphasizing the important role fathers play in the lives of their children.*

**TESTIMONY ON:** GM443 – Re confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee **ELWOOD EDWARD MACHADO** as a voting member of the State Commission on Fatherhood

**FOR:** Senate Committee on Human Services

**DATE:** Thursday, April 8, 2010; 2:15 p.m.  
Committee Hearing

**LOCATION:** Conference Room 016, State Capitol

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

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As Chair, and on behalf of the State Commission on Fatherhood, **we strongly support the confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee ELWOOD EDWARD MACHADO as a voting member of the State Commission on Fatherhood**, with a term ending June 30, 2012.

Based on Mr. Machado's dedication to supporting fathers and families on Kauai, we are confident that he will be a committed and steadfast member of the State Commission on Fatherhood, who will strive to further 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 **ELWOOD EDWARD MACHADO** as a voting member of the State Commission on Fatherhood.

Mahalo.

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State Commission on Fatherhood: Greg Farstrup, Chair (*Hawai'i Coalition for Dads*); Chet Adessa (*Navy Fleet & Family Support Center*); Merton Chinen (*Office of Youth Services*); Mike Dias (*Alu Like-Hilo*); Elwood Machado (*Kaua'i County*); Gordon Miyamoto (*Dept. of Education*); Loretta Fuddy (*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*); and Russell Suzuki (*Dept. of Attorney General*).