

State Commission on Fatherhood

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

TESTIMONY ON: **SB 2076 - Increases the Terms of Members of
the Commission on Fatherhood from Two to Four Years**

FOR: **Senate Committee on Human Services**

DATE: **Tuesday, February 2, 2010; 1:30 p.m.
Committee Hearing**

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

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

Chair Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Human Services Committee, thank you for introducing and hearing SB 2076.

The State Commission on Fatherhood **strongly supports SB 2076, which increases the terms of members of the State Commission on Fatherhood from two (2) to four (4) years.**

Participation in the monthly State Commission on Fatherhood meetings by voting members of the Fatherhood Commission has been severely inhibited by the present two (2) year terms as well as by difficulties with making timely voting-member replacement appointments when vacancies occur on the Commission. This bill will help facilitate the functioning of the State Commission on Fatherhood as well as provide for institutional knowledge and continuity.

The State Commission on Fatherhood members **urge you to pass SB 2076.**

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*).