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Record of Votes
Committee on Human Services
HMS

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2076	Committee Referral: HMS	Date: 2/9/10		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: <u>2/2/10</u>				
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				✓
TOTAL	3	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>				
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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: **House Committee on Human Services**

DATE: **Thursday, February 25, 2010; 10:15 a.m.
Committee Hearing**

LOCATION: **Conference Room 329, State Capitol**

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

Chair John Mizuno, Vice Chair Tom Brower, and Members of the House Human Services Committee, thank you for 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 members of State Commission on Fatherhood urge House Human Services Committee 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*).



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DATE: February 23, 2010

TO: House Committee on Human Services
Representative John Mizuno, Chair
Representative Tom Brower, Vice Chair

FROM: Dennis Arakaki, Executive Director

RE: Support for SB 2076 Relating to the Commission on Fatherhood

Honorable Chairs and members of the House Committee on Human Services, I am Dennis Arakaki, **representing both the Hawaii Family Forum and the Hawaii Catholic Conference.**

Hawaii Family Forum is a non-profit, pro-family education organization committed to preserving and strengthening families in Hawaii, representing a network of over 250 Christian churches. The Hawaii Catholic Conference is the public policy voice for the Roman Catholic Church in Hawaii, which under the leadership of Bishop Larry Silva, represents over 220,000 Catholics in Hawaii. We support this bill which increases the terms of members of the commission on fatherhood from two to four years.

Both the Hawaii Family Forum and Hawaii Catholic Conference believe that fathers are very important to a stable and nurturing family. It is important that government and the business sector provide for father friendly policies that allow for fathers to be an important part of their families. We support this measure that promotes continuity and consistency in policy making especially for an all volunteer Commission.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.