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Support for S.B. No. 2368, Relating to Child Visitation Decision Making: Tuesday, February 23, 2010, 10:00am

I strongly support S.B. No. 2368, Relating to Child Visitation, which would permit family court to award reasonable visitation to grandparents, if denial of visitation would cause significant harm to the child.

Children go through a very difficult time while in foster care and need support, love, and connection to their family, especially during this time. We know that very often here in Hawaii extended family members, such as grandparents, play a vital role in children's lives and their wellbeing. Sometimes, children are even more connected to their grandparents, than their biological parents. Therefore, family court should have the ability to grant visitation with grandparents.

I urge the committee to pass S.B. No. 2368. Thank you for this opportunity to share my comments.

Sincerely,
Mary Chiyomi Chow