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**Comments:**

The State Commission on Fatherhood strongly supports the passage of SB 923.

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 measure 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 strongly support the passage of SB 923.

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Comments:

A strong and vibrant Fatherhood Commission is necessary to assist fathers with their unique and often under-appreciated issues. Having more Fatherhood Commission continuity helps support healthy families.

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Chair Mizuno, Vice Chair Jordan and members of the House of Representatives Committee on Human Services, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB923.

The State Commission on Fatherhood's mission is to promote healthy family relationships between parents and children by emphasizing the important role fathers play in the lives of their children. The Commission fulfills its mission by serving as an advisor to state agencies to promote healthy family relationships between parents and children.

SB923 will improve the functioning of the State Commission on Fatherhood and provide for institutional knowledge and continuity by extending the term members serve from two (2) to four (4) years.

I urge the House of Representatives Committee on Human Services to pass SB923.