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To: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair  
Committee on Ways and Means  
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Subj: Testimony **IN STRONG SUPPORT of SB958 SD1 Establishes a program in the family court for the registration of child custody evaluators; allows board of family court judges to adopt certification of child custody evaluators**

Hearing: Tuesday, March 1, 2011; 9:20 am.; Room 211, State Capitol

As a family court customer for over a decade, I Strongly Support **SB958 SD1 Establishes a program in the family court for the registration of child custody evaluators; allows board of family court judges to adopt certification of child custody evaluators.**

The Hawaii Family Court lacks sunshine and transparency. Custody evaluations are performed by unlicensed social workers, like Barbara Shintani, a Hawaii Family Court an employee. The Hawaii Family Court systems support a daisy chain of interconnected relationships between family law attorneys, therapists and social workers to maximize their financial gains. This is to the detriment of families.

Registration of child custody evaluators serves a purpose:

1. Demonstrates accountability to the public at large
2. Validates specialty knowledge
3. Permits transparency and improve outcomes.
4. Allows decision making, (often with life-altering consequences for families) to be open to input regarding investigative methods, diagnostic reasoning, recommendations and potential bias.

Please support, and pass, **SB958 Establishes a program in the family court for the registration of child custody evaluators; allows board of family court judges to adopt certification of child custody evaluators.**

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The families of Hawaii need you to pass this bill.