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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2011 4:08 PM  
**To:** HMS Testimony  
**Cc:** chip@lava.net  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB1407 on 3/22/2011 1:45:00 PM

**Categories:** Red Category

Testimony for HMS 3/22/2011 1:45:00 PM HB1407

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: comments only  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: robert s hughes  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [chip@lava.net](mailto:chip@lava.net)  
Submitted on: 3/21/2011

**Comments:**

I request that you AMEND HB 1407 HD1

To give adopted persons over 18 access to their records. I support open adoption records for adults.

To eliminate the intermediary system so that there are no longer sub-groups of adult adoptees having to go through different procedures to access their own records,

To include a contact preference option rather than a disclosure veto. A contact preference gives a voice to all and allows adult adoptees to gain the information that is necessary for their health, genealogy, family history and self-knowledge.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2011 5:57 PM  
**To:** HMS Testimony  
**Cc:** Yourmach@hawaii.rr.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB1407 on 3/22/2011 1:45:00 PM

**Categories:** Red Category

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Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: comments only  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Michele Price  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [Yourmach@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:Yourmach@hawaii.rr.com)  
Submitted on: 3/21/2011

**Comments:**

I am in favor of letting Adult adoptees have access to their adoption records once they turn 18 years old. I also am in favor of open adoption records.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2011 6:31 AM  
**To:** HMS Testimony  
**Cc:** lilwillybear@aol.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB1407 on 3/22/2011 1:45:00 PM

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Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: comments only  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Terri Williamson  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [lilwillybear@aol.com](mailto:lilwillybear@aol.com)  
Submitted on: 3/22/2011

**Comments:**

I support open adoption records. Adult adoptees should have access to their adoption records once they turn 18 years old.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2011 1:18 PM  
**To:** HMS Testimony  
**Cc:** aigoossi@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB1407 on 3/22/2011 1:45:00 PM

**Categories:** Red Category

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Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: comments only  
Testifier will be present: Yes  
Submitted by: Yoon Bok-dong  
Organization: Korean Adoptees of Hawai'i, Inc.  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [aigoossi@gmail.com](mailto:aigoossi@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/22/2011

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2011 12:33 PM  
**To:** HMS Testimony  
**Cc:** tomor@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB1407 on 3/22/2011 1:45:00 PM

**Categories:** Red Category

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Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: comments only  
Testifier will be present: Yes  
Submitted by: Tom Moore  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [tomor@hotmail.com](mailto:tomor@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/22/2011

**Comments:**  
Asphyxiation.

Suicide.

Hung with a dog leash.

The details in birth father's death certificate were unspeakably shocking. But that day standing at the counter at the Waiialae-Kahala post office was still a turning point in my life because I finally really knew something about him. I came to know that he was abusive, he womanized and was an alcoholic. Undoubtedly the adoptive household I grew up in was healthier than his would have been. If only I had known more of the truth sooner, so much pain and so many of the costs could have been avoided.

My birth father's information led to my reunion with my four paternal siblings. The ease and comfort of camping out with them in my baby brother's house was simply indescribable. Just being with people that look like you is, priceless. An enhanced sense of belonging has reduced my anxiety and helped with my own addictions.

My drive toward wholeness is inseparable from my drive toward healing. It is a shame so much time was wasted. My search was postponed by my loyalty to my adoptive mom. No matter how much she encouraged me to search, my loyalty to her was overriding. After she passed on Christmas Eve 2000, the search started progressing.

My reunion glass is half full and it is half empty. For all good that has come from my paternal reunion, because of sealed adoption records the other 50% of healing, joy and truth is still being withheld.

My birth siblings all agree, the reunion has been good for each and every one of us.

Based on our experience and based on my experience it is apparent that:

Open adoption records are good for adoptees or adopted people.

Open adoption records are good for adopted families and ultimately adopted parents.

Open adoption records are good for birth parents and birth families.

Any finally, open records are good for Adoption, the community and society as a whole.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2011 10:55 AM  
**To:** HMS Testimony  
**Cc:** chrmom@email.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB1407 on 3/22/2011 1:45:00 PM

**Categories:** Red Category

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Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: A. Maria Ballesteros  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [chrmom@email.com](mailto:chrmom@email.com)  
Submitted on: 3/22/2011

**Comments:**

I strongly oppose this bill. Parents will discuss the adoption when they are ready and the child is ready. It is not as if this piece of paper remains unread until the child is 18. Did you know that every sports league/school requires a birth certificate to be presented as proof of age? If a child does not yet know the name of their biological parent(s) or even that they are adopted, this information will be in front of a complete stranger who is signing them up for an activity! What if this information is discussed in front of the child? What about when the child can read it for herself? This is no one's business, it is a private family matter. How disturbing that my child could find out information I have not yet given her! What positive purpose could this possibly have? This is a complete invasion of privacy! The court has determined who the parents are - period. The biological parents rights are terminated they should never be listed on the birth certificate.