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Chair: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Les Ihara, Vice Chair
Committee: Committee on Human Services
Bill No & Title: SB 2318 Relating to Adult Guardianship and Protective Proceedings
Jurisdiction
Day, Date, Time: Tuesday, January 31, 2012 1:15 pm
Place: State Capitol Conference Room 016

Aloha, Senator Chun Oakland, Senator Ihara and Committee members. I am Howard S. Garval, President & CEO of Child & Family Service, Hawaii's oldest and most comprehensive human service nonprofit organization with services on every island. Each year we touch the lives of 40,000 Hawaii residents from keiki to kupuna.

I am testifying in support of SB2318 which adopts the Uniform Adult Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Jurisdiction Act (UAGPPJA), to ensure that only one state has jurisdiction at any one time.

Through our Gerontology Program, which serves older adults and their caregivers, we have seen firsthand the effect our mobile society has on legal issues such as guardianship. This often occurs when an individual has split his/her time and assets in more than one place, does not have the capacity to determine his/her place of residence and family may be living in another state. Basing jurisdiction on physical presence invites "granny snatching" in order to create jurisdiction in another state.

The UAGPPJA has been adopted in 30 states to date. This Act, which is similar to the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act, provides guidance to the states to determine which of several possible jurisdictions is appropriate. This act has the backing of many national organizations including, Alzheimer's Association, AARP, National Academy of Elder Law Lawyers, and has been identified by the Council of State Governments as Suggested State Legislation.

At Child & Family Service our mission is Strengthening Families and Fostering the Healthy Development of Children. I think you can see why we strongly support SB 2318 and ask for your support of this bill to provide a national standard for Adult Guardianship.

Mahalo for providing the opportunity to submit testimony.



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