

GM 535

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Commission on Fatherhood, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL DIAS, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

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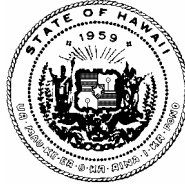
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TO: The Honorable Susan Chun-Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **GM 535 – GUBERNATORIAL NOMINATION OF MICHAEL DIAS TO THE
COMMISSION ON FATHERHOOD**

Hearing: Tuesday, February 12, 2013; 1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the nomination of Mr. Michael Dias to the State Commission on Fatherhood. The Fatherhood Commission is administratively attached to the DHS. The mission of the Commission is to strengthen the role of fathers in their families. Mr. Dias will be the Big Island representative if he is confirmed.

Mr. Dias' background includes serving as a Father Involvement Specialist with the Alu Like, Inc.'s Ho'okahua Early Childhood Department. His duties included developing and implementing program activities for fathers in Ho'okahua programs; researching local and national programs on fatherhood; facilitating fatherhood groups; and collaborating with other agencies. Mr. Dias also developed a Hawaiian culture-based curriculum for fathers and made presentations at national and local conference workshops.

Mr. Dias has extensive background working with Native Hawaiian young children (K-5th Grade) when he was a part-time instructor and program coordinator in a program run by the University of Hawaii at Hilo.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.