

HB 395, HD2

Measure Title: RELATING TO YOUTH.

Report Title: Office of Youth Services; Safe Places for Youth; Keiki Caucus (\$)

Description: Requires the Office of Youth Services to coordinate a Safe Places for Youth Pilot Program to coordinate a network that youth may access for safety and where they may obtain advice, guidance, programs, and services. Appropriates funds. Effective July 1, 2030. (HB395 HD2)

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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Date: 03/14/2013

Committee: Senate Human Services

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 0395,HD2 RELATING TO YOUTH

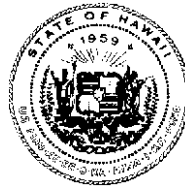
Purpose of Bill: Requires the Office of Youth Services to coordinate a Safe Places for Youth Pilot Program to coordinate a network that youth may access for safety and where they may obtain advice, guidance, programs, and services. Appropriates funds. Effective July 1, 2030. (HB395 HD2)

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) is in support of HB 395 HD2 as it begins the challenging work of creating a safe haven for youth who lack a stable home environment. Such a program will provide youth with an opportunity to thrive as individuals and achieve optimal educational outcomes.

The Department is poised to partner with the Office of Youth Services, other agencies, branches and organizations in this pilot effort.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in support of this measure that will provide a safety net for our at-risk youth.



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF YOUTH SERVICES
707 Richards Street, Suite 525
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March 14, 2013

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

FROM: David Hipp, Executive Director

SUBJECT: HB 395, HD 2, Relating to Youth

Hearing: Thursday, March 14, 2013, 1:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

PURPOSE: The purpose of House Bill 395, House Draft 2, is to require the Office of Youth Service (OYS) to coordinate a two-year safe places for youth pilot program, including a network of safe places where youth can access safety and obtain advice, guidance, programs, and services. The bill also establishes and funds position for youth program coordinator.

OFFICE'S POSITION: OYS supports the intent of HB 395, HD 1, Relating to Youth, however, we are concerned that any monies appropriated not adversely affect the Executive Biennium Budget and that if any funds should be appropriated, it be adequate to serve our youth statewide, particularly those youth in rural areas.

OYS currently procures programs and services across the state to assist at-risk youth and their families in navigating through the system in order to engage in needed services through outreach and advocacy. In addition, the OYS funds 24-hour short term residential emergency shelters for youth in crisis. Walk-ins are accepted and no prior approval is required. HB 395, HD 2, would expand our current efforts in reaching at-risk youth.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

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Sex Abuse Treatment Center
Susannah Wesley Community Center
The Catalyst Group
The Children's Alliance of Hawaii
Waikiki Health Center
Women Helping Women
YWCA of Kauai

March 11, 2013

To: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair,
And members of the Committee on Human Services

Testimony in Support of HB395 HD2 Relating to Youth

Hawaii Youth Services Network (HYSN), a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, supports HB 395 HD2 Relating to Youth.

The proposed network of safe places for youth was conceived by the young people who attended the 2012 Children and Youth Summit at the Capitol in October.

The Safe Place Network will link together many existing resources for youth and families, such as Boys and Girls Clubs, YMCA/YWCAs, Family Centers and Neighborhood places. It will provide safe environments where adolescents can safely address such issues as peer pressure, unplanned pregnancy, child abuse and neglect, substance abuse. It will provide young people with ways to deal with problems before they get into trouble and avoid unnecessary arrests for status offenses.

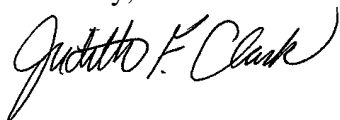
While much of the network is already in place, funding is needed to ensure 24-hour crisis response capability, provide training of youth workers, and ensure coordination of services.

The 24-hour crisis response will follow the National Safe Place model, in which community businesses, such as convenience stores and fire stations are recruited as places where young people can go in an emergency. Staff in those companies are trained and provided with a 24-hour number to call. Workers from the 24-hour site assess the situation and can arrange emergency shelter, make reports to Child Protective Service, or make other appropriate responses to the situation.

If this bill passes, Hawaii Youth Services Network will work with the Office of Youth Services and other partnering organizations to establish and maintain the Safe Place Network. We have identified partners in each county statewide that are willing and able to provide 24-hour response to youth needs and to recruit local businesses as Safe Place Sites.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Judith F. Clark". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Judith F. Clark, MPH
Executive Director



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**Testimony on HB 395 HD2
Relating to Youth**

Presented to the Senate Human Services Committee
Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland, Chair
Senator Josh Green, Vice Chair
Thursday, March 14, 2013

By Deborah L.K. Spencer-Chun, M.S.W.
Adult Friends for Youth
President and CEO

Chair Chun-Oakland and Members of the Senate Human Services Committee, I am here to testify in support of HB 395 HD2 which will allow youth to access safe places to obtain advice, guidance, programs and services.

Before taking on my role as President and CEO, I spent over 20 years in the field working directly with youth. I have seen the successes when youth are provided with opportunities, guidance, and a safe, non-judgmental, nurturing, and respectful place to develop as productive and contributing members of society. But unfortunately I have also witnessed that at a young age, many of our youth fall prey to gangs, crime, drugs and violence which includes cyber bullying, human trafficking and other traumas. Times have changed and now our youth live in world where technology can be a double edge sword. They can access the world beyond their community and imagination providing them education opportunities beyond the classroom but they also become vulnerable to the unsuspecting perpetrators of society that have victimized them in many ways. In this sense, they become victims of their community. The key here is for youth to be able to access the appropriate services they need to overcome these negative influences. Helping them to develop and become healthy and successful people. Our youth deserves our help and more importantly they deserve to be protected.

I ask that you support HB 395 HD2 as it will provide the financial means for youth to access safe places and live lives that are not only safe but healthy to continue thrive and become productive citizens of Hawaii.



To: Chair Chun Oakland
Vice Chair Green
Members of the Committee on Human Services

Fr: Nanci Kreidman, M.A.

RE: HB395, HD2

Good afternoon. Thank you for the opportunity to lend our thoughts to the important issues pertaining to our youth and their needs for safety.

As our community moves forward to consider viable and comprehensive ways to help our youth achieve adulthood with the skills, safety and resources they need we are advocating that the discussion be broadened to include issues pertaining to dating violence and healthy relationships. Dating abuse results in unwanted pregnancy, hi risk for substance abuse, depression, academic failure and long-lasting emotional wounds.

The incidence of dating violence is alarming. Hawaii's investment in outreach, prevention (and services) has been disappointing. As new programs are shaped and decisions about allocation of resources are debated, we implore you to lift up the importance of support to youth to better understand healthy relationships, warning signs for abuse and services to those already suffering the effects of dating abuse.

The Domestic Violence Action Center is home to one of the few programs dedicated to working with teens and providing statewide outreach, prevention and services. Teen Alert is in great demand and can bring a great deal of expertise to the discussion related to planning, or increased support at Safe Places.

Mahalo for your willingness to consider an expanded approach to Safe Places.

Thank you..



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TESTIMONY FOR HOUSE BILL 395, HOUSE DRAFT 2, RELATING TO YOUTH

**Senate Committee on Human Services
Hon. Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Hon. Josh Green, Vice Chair**

**Thursday, March 14, 2013, 1:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 016**

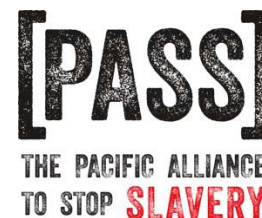
Honorable Chair Chun Oakland and committee members:

I am Kris Coffield, representing the IMUAlliance, a nonpartisan political advocacy organization that currently boasts over 150 local members. On behalf of our members, we offer this testimony in support of HB 395, relating to youth.

As advocates for survivors of human trafficking, we've encountered numerous minors while conducting outreach to victims. Sadly, many of these victims are misidentified as status offenders by law enforcement, who then subject them to detainment, arrest, and the legal protocols of family court. These children often, but not always, come from broken or abusive homes. What *is* almost always true, however, is that, once on the run, these kids are targeted by pimps and sex traffickers seeking to exploit their youth for financial gain. We feel that creating a network of “safe places” for the provision of counseling and information about available services would help address our victims' needs—especially with regard to psychological treatment and trauma care—by linking together existing services under a coordinated umbrella. That said, we urge you to be vigilant about safeguarding against lapses in privacy protection when information is shared between agencies participating in the pilot program, since such lapses could jeopardize the safety of victims and disincentivize utilization of the program's resources.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

Sincerely,
Kris Coffield
Legislative Director
IMUAlliance



March 13, 2013

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

Sen. Josh Green, Vice Chair

Sen. Michelle N. Kidani

Sen. Brian Taniguchi

Sen. Sam Slom

DATE: Thursday, March 14th 2013

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 016, State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

**RE: TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB395 HD2
RELATING TO YOUTH**

Dear Committees on Ways and Means:

The Pacific Alliance to Stop Slavery (PASS) is in support of HB395 HD2. PASS serves adult and child victims of Human Trafficking for sex or labor in the state of Hawaii and has a support base of over 7000 persons.

We strongly support this bill however we suggest that the agencies involved in Safe Places and any financial appropriation resulting in this bill's passage, be required to sign a written statement confirming that the funds allocated in this bill will not be used to either verbally or in practice condone, advance, or promote prostitution among children. We also recommend that non-compliance result in full repayment to the state.

We have cause for alarm due to a testimony that was submitted yesterday by an advocate for the legalization of prostitution on HB1066, which is a bill that seeks higher penalties for adults who solicit sex from minors. This pro-prostitution advocate listed several local agencies that support her view of legalization of prostitution. The "YO Project" of Hale Kipa was listed among them in her testimony which is available for public view on the www.capitol.hawaii.gov website.

While we see the importance of youth outreach in Waikiki with programs that seek to keep these children safe, we find it incredibly problematic when the staff of such programs, who work with youth, support and condone the legalization of prostitution.

Combining the support of legalizing prostitution with outreach to youth is a very dangerous mix. Last year, another agency testified that there exists "independent child prostitutes" in Hawaii who engage in "survival sex." This is not true at all. PASS is baffled by their past testimony and do not know where this agency receives their data. All the minors in prostitution in Hawaii have pimps and therefore, by legal definition, they are sex trafficked victims or victims of promoting prostitution. We also know for a fact that if questioned about pimp activity, the juveniles are forced to say that they are independent or else they will suffer harm to themselves, their friends, or their family. We denounce the incredibly ignorant

belief that there exists “independent child prostitutes” for many reasons including the detrimental implication that patrons of prostitution may provide these “independent child prostitutes” a basic need, which is money for their [the child’s] “survival” in exchange for their commercial sexual exploitation. Patrons of prostitution are not benefactors of exploited children. They do not provide a basic need for children. Patrons of prostituted children are sexual predators.

PASS is one of Hawaii’s few services that helps heal survivors of human trafficking. We testify that there are no specific services tailored to the survivors of this crime. As a result, survivors fall through the cracks or are often re-victimized and criminalized as either “prostitutes” if they are sex trafficked victims or “illegal immigrants” if they are labor trafficked victims. Hawaii must accurately and effectively address the handling of human trafficking survivors.

Earlier this year, Shared Hope International rated Hawaii second worst in the nation in protecting child victims of sex trafficking by law. Since there is no sex trafficking statute in Hawaii, statistics from law enforcement are unavailable as they are combined with general prostitution statistics but other sources of information are very helpful in assessing the great need for services specific to child victims of sex trafficking. Such information states:

- Hawaii's incarceration rate of juvenile girls exceeds national average¹.
- Of the girls incarcerated, 35% are runaways, a high-risk criteria for trafficking².
- Hawaii has the third highest attempted teen suicide rate³.
- Hawaii has one of the highest rates of intrafamilial sexual abuse (incest)⁴.

All of these statistics significantly contribute to the proliferation of sex trafficking. Since 2009, PASS alone has assisted 96 victims of human trafficking. The need to expand anti trafficking services is very severe.

Thank you for hearing this much needed legislation.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Xian
Executive Director
Pacific Alliance to Stop Slavery

¹ Hawaii Department of the Attorney General, Research and Statistics Branch Crime Prevention and Justice Assistance Division. (May 2006). *The Female Juvenile Offender in Hawaii: Understanding Gender Differences in Arrests, Adjudications, and Social Characteristics of Juvenile Offenders*

² Ibid.

³ Hawaii State Department of Health (2010)

⁴ Dunn, A. Girl Fest Hawaii Conference on Youth. (2012). Deputy Prosecutor, Honolulu City Prosecutor’s Office

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Adam Jeremy Ruiz	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of HB395 and I respectfully request the following amendment to this bill be applied to Statute 571-46 Hawaii Revised Statute Section 2 subsection 1 as follows: Unless the court finds that a parent is unable to act in the best interest of the child, Custody should be awarded to ensure the inclusion of both parents in the raising of the child, to ensure maximum continuing, physical, emotional and meaningful contact with both parents. When children have adequate time with both parents they have the best outcome and substantially a reduced risk associated with divorce. I feel children should have the love, support and want to spend time with both parents.

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Amanda Fermantez	Individual	Support	No

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Blane Iba	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in strong support of HB395 and I respectfully request the following amendment to this bill be applied to Statute 571-46 Hawaii Revised Statute Section 2 subsection 1 as follows: Unless the court finds that a parent is unable to act in the best interest of the child, Custody should be awarded to ensure the inclusion of both parents in the raising of the child, to ensure maximum continuing, physical, emotional and meaningful contact with both parents. Any goodwill between the parents is too often destroyed by custody litigation leaving parents unable to cooperate in the parenting.

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Brandon Diopulos	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support of HB395 and I respectfully request the following amendment to this bill be applied to Statute 571-46 Hawaii Revised Statute Section 2 subsection 1 as follows: Unless the court finds that a parent is unable to act in the best interest of the child, Custody should be awarded to ensure the inclusion of both parents in the raising of the child, to ensure maximum continuing, physical, emotional and meaningful contact with both parents. Shouldn't children have the love and support of both mom and dad? and don't they want to spend time with both parents.

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Cassidy Joseph	Individual	Support	No

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Chauncey Pacheco	Individual	Support	No

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Cherish Shenk	Individual	Support	No

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Cyndi Baylor	Individual	Support	No

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Faith Naone	Individual	Support	No

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guillermo Castanedale	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am submitting testimony in strong support of House Bill 395 with the following amendment. Unless the court finds that a parent is unable to act in the best interest of the child, Custody should be awarded to ensure the inclusion of both parents in the raising of the child, to ensure maximum continuing, physical, emotional and meaningful contact with both parents. Any goodwill between the parents is too often destroyed by custody litigation leaving parents unable to cooperate in the parenting.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jarrett Agtarape	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am in strong support of HB 395 and I respectfully request the following amendment to this bill be applied to Statute 571-46 Hawaii Revised Statute Section 2 subsection 1 as follows: Unless the court finds that a parent is unable to act in the best interest of the child, Custody should be awarded to ensure the inclusion of both parents in the raising of the child, to ensure maximum continuing, physical, emotional and meaningful contact with both parents. I believe children should have the love and support of both mom and dad, and want to spend time with both parents.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jaschia Poomaihealani	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support of HB395 and I respectfully request the following amendment to this bill be applied to Statute 571-46 Hawaii Revised Statute Section 2 subsection 1 as follows: Unless the court finds that a parent is unable to act in the best interest of the child, Custody should be awarded to ensure the inclusion of both parents in the raising of the child, to ensure maximum continuing, physical, emotional and meaningful contact with both parents. Children should have the love and support of both mom and dad. and they want to spend time with both parents.

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Jeffrey Synn	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of HB395 and I respectfully request the following amendment to this bill be applied to Statute 571-46 Hawaii Revised Statute Section 2 subsection 1 as follows: Unless the court finds that a parent is unable to act in the best interest of the child, Custody should be awarded to ensure the inclusion of both parents in the raising of the child, to ensure maximum continuing, physical, emotional and meaningful contact with both parents. Family court litigation is extremely expensive and often wipes out the entire savings of either or both parents.

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Joe Dipuzo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of HB395 and I respectfully request the following amendment to this bill be applied to Statute 571-46 Hawaii Revised Statute Section 2 subsection 1 as follows: Unless the court finds that a parent is unable to act in the best interest of the child, Custody should be awarded to ensure the inclusion of both parents in the raising of the child, to ensure maximum continuing, physical, emotional and meaningful contact with both parents. I feel children should have the love and support of both Mom and Dad, and want to spend time with both parents.

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Jolene Clute	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in strong support of HB395 and I respectfully request the following amendment to this bill be applied to Statute 571-46 Hawaii Revised Statute Section 2 subsection 1 as follows: Unless the court finds that a parent is unable to act in the best interest of the child, Custody should be awarded to ensure the inclusion of both parents in the raising of the child, to ensure maximum continuing, physical, emotional and meaningful contact with both parents. I believe children should have the love and support of both mom and dad, and want to spend time with both parents.

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Jrrah Tasi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of HB395 and I respectfully request the following amendment to this bill be applied to Statute 571-46 Hawaii Revised Statute Section 2 subsection 1 as follows: Unless the court finds that a parent is unable to act in the best interest of the child, Custody should be awarded to ensure the inclusion of both parents in the raising of the child, to ensure maximum continuing, physical, emotional and meaningful contact with both parents. All children should have the love and support of both parents, and would want to spend time with both parents.

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Kamuela Strong-Balora	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I would like to respectfully request the following amendment to this bill be applied to Statute 571-46 Hawaii Revised Statute Section 2 subsection 1 as follows: Unless the court finds that a parent is unable to act in the best interest of the child, Custody should be awarded to ensure the inclusion of both parents in the raising of the child, to ensure maximum continuing, physical, emotional and meaningful contact with both parents. I think it's important for children to have the love and support of both mom and dad. Children want to spend time with both of their parents.

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Kyle Cardenas	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in strong support of HB 395 and I respectfully request the following amendment to this bill be applied to Statute 571-46 Hawaii Revised Statute Section 2 subsection 1 as follows: Unless the court finds that a parent is unable to act in the best interest of the child, Custody should be awarded to ensure the inclusion of both parents in the raising of the child, to ensure maximum continuing, physical, emotional and meaningful contact with both parents. children should have the love and support of both their mom and dad, and they want to spend time with both of their parents.

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Iakopo Fuimaono	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I respectfully request the following amendment to this bill be applied to Statute 571-46 Hawaii Revised Statute Section 2 subsection 1 as follows: Unless the court finds that a parent is unable to act in the best interest of the child, Custody should be awarded to ensure the inclusion of both parents in the raising of the child, to ensure maximum continuing, physical, emotional and meaningful contact with both parents. I think children should have the love and support of both mom and dad, and want to spend time with both of their parents.

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Malia Fontanilla	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of HB395 and I respectfully request the following amendment to this bill be applied to Statute 571-46 Hawaii Revised Statute Section 2 subsection 1 as follows: Unless the court finds that a parent is unable to act in the best interest of the child, Custody should be awarded to ensure the inclusion of both parents in the raising of the child, to ensure maximum continuing, physical, emotional and meaningful contact with both parents. Children should want to spend time with both parents and should have the love and support from them.

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Misella Tomita	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of HB395. I respectfully request the following amendment to this bill be applied to Statute 571-46 Hawaii Revised Statute Section 2 subsection 1 as follows: Unless the court finds that a parent is unable to act in the best interest of the child, Custody should be awarded to ensure the inclusion of both parents in the raising of the child, to ensure maximum continuing, physical, emotional and meaningful contact with both parents. It is my opinion that children should have the love and support of both mom and dad, and want to spend time with both of their parents.

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Nicole Burke	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of HB395 and I respectfully request the following amendment to this bill be applied to Statute 571-46 Hawaii Revised Statute Section 2 subsection 1 as follows: Unless the court finds that a parent is unable to act in the best interest of the child, Custody should be awarded to ensure the inclusion of both parents in the raising of the child, to ensure maximum continuing, physical, emotional and meaningful contact with both parents. All children having adequate time with both parents gives children the best outcome in life and substantially reduces the risks associated with divorce.

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rachel andrada	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please add language from house bill 477

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Raymond Arai	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I believe children should have the love and support of both mom and dad, and want to spend time with both parents. I am also in strong support of HB395 and I respectfully request the following amendment to this bill be applied to Statute 571-46 Hawaii Revised Statute Section 2 subsection 1 as follows: Unless the court finds that a parent is unable to act in the best interest of the child, Custody should be awarded to ensure the inclusion of both parents in the raising of the child, to ensure maximum continuing, physical, emotional and meaningful contact with both parents.

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Ricky Pared	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I respectfully request the following amendment to this bill be applied to Statute 571-46 Hawaii Revised Statute Section 2 subsection 1 as follows: Unless the court finds that a parent is unable to act in the best interest of the child, Custody should be awarded to ensure the inclusion of both parents in the raising of the child, to ensure maximum continuing, physical, emotional and meaningful contact with both parents. Children should have the love and support of both moms and dads, and children want to spend time with both parents.

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Roderick L. Badua	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of HB395 and I respectfully request the following amendment to this bill be applied to Statute 571-46 Hawaii Revised Statute Section 2 subsection 1 as follows: Unless the court finds that a parent is unable to act in the best interest of the child, Custody should be awarded to ensure the inclusion of both parents in the raising of the child, to ensure maximum continuing, physical, emotional and meaningful contact with both parents. Goodwill between both mom and dad is often destroyed by custody litigation leaving parents unable to cooperate in the parenting.

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Rodman Roman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of HB395 and I respectfully request the following amendment to this bill be applied to Statute 571-46 Hawaii Revised Statute Section 2 subsection 1 as follows: Unless the court finds that a parent is unable to act in the best interest of the child, Custody should be awarded to ensure the inclusion of both parents in the raising of the child, to ensure maximum continuing, physical, emotional and meaningful contact with both parents. I feel children should have the love, support and quality time with both mom and dad. Both mom and dad share parenting responsibilities and time, each parent has time to pursue outside interests and further their education.

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Rosemarie Daez	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I respectfully request the following amendment to this bill be applied to Statute 571-46 Hawaii Revised Statute Section 2 subsection 1 as follows: Unless the court finds that a parent is unable to act in the best interest of the child, Custody should be awarded to ensure the inclusion of both parents in the raising of the child, to ensure maximum continuing, physical, emotional and meaningful contact with both parents. Any goodwill between the parents is too often destroyed by custody litigation leaving parents unable to cooperate in the parenting.

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Rosemarie Phanthavang	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of HB395 and I respectfully request the following amendment to this bill be applied to Statute 571-46 Hawaii Revised Statute Section 2 subsection 1 as follows: Unless the court finds that a parent is unable to act in the best interest of the child, Custody should be awarded to ensure the inclusion of both parents in the raising of the child, to ensure maximum continuing, physical, emotional and meaningful contact with both parents. I feel children should have the love and support of both mom and dad, and want to spend time with both parents.

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Sachi Vaefaga	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of HB395 and I respectfully request the following amendment to this bill be applied to Statute 571-46 Hawaii Revised Statute Section 2 subsection 1 as follows: Unless the court finds that a parent is unable to act in the best interest of the child, Custody should be awarded to ensure the inclusion of both parents in the raising of the child, to ensure maximum continuing, physical, emotional and meaningful contact with both parents. I feel children should have the love, support and quality time with both mom and dad.

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Sara Munson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of HB395 and I respectfully request the following amendment to this bill be applied to Statute 571-46 Hawaii Revised Statute Section 2 subsection 1 as follows: Unless the court finds that a parent is unable to act in the best interest of the child, Custody should be awarded to ensure the inclusion of both parents in the raising of the child, to ensure maximum continuing, physical, emotional and meaningful contact with both parents. If both mom and dad were raising the children before the divorce, why does one parent now need to be excluded? Children with more adequate time with both parents have the best outcome and substantially a reduced risk associated with divorce.

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Scott Burchfield	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of HB395 and I respectfully request the following amendment to this bill be applied to Statute 571-46 Hawaii Revised Statute Section 2 subsection 1 as follows: Unless the court finds that a parent is unable to act in the best interest of the child, Custody should be awarded to ensure the inclusion of both parents in the raising of the child, to ensure maximum continuing, physical, emotional and meaningful contact with both parents. Children with more adequate time with mom and dad have the best outcome and it substantially reduces the risks associated with divorce.

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Stacey Webb	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of HB395 and I respectfully request the following amendment to this bill be applied to Statute 571-46 Hawaii Revised Statute Section 2 subsection 1 as follows: Unless the court finds that a parent is unable to act in the best interest of the child, Custody should be awarded to ensure the inclusion of both parents in the raising of the child, to ensure maximum continuing, physical, emotional and meaningful contact with both parents. All children should have the love and the support of mom and dad, and want to spend time with both parents.

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Tevin Cansler	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of HB395 and I respectfully request the following amendment to this bill be applied to Statute 571-46 Hawaii Revised Statute Section 2 subsection 1 as follows: Unless the court finds that a parent is unable to act in the best interest of the child, Custody should be awarded to ensure the inclusion of both parents in the raising of the child, to ensure maximum continuing, physical, emotional and meaningful contact with both parents. All children who receive adequate time with both parents gives them the best outcome and greatly reduces the risks associated with divorce.

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Todd Muramoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in strong support of HB395. I respectfully request the following amendment to this bill be applied to Statute 571-46 Hawaii Revised Statute Section 2 subsection 1 as follows: Unless the court finds that a parent is unable to act in the best interest of the child, Custody should be awarded to ensure the inclusion of both parents in the raising of the child, to ensure maximum continuing, physical, emotional and meaningful contact with both parents. Children should have the love, affection and support of both of their parents, because parenting is a time intensive activity and anyway children want to have time with both parents.

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Victoria Cansler	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of HB395 and I respectfully request the following amendment to this bill be applied to Statute 571-46 Hawaii Revised Statute Section 2 subsection 1 as follows: Unless the court finds that a parent is unable to act in the best interest of the child, Custody should be awarded to ensure the inclusion of both parents in the raising of the child, to ensure maximum continuing, physical, emotional and meaningful contact with both parents. I feel children should have the love, support and want to spend time with both parents.

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