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TO: The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: David Hipp, Executive Director

SUBJECT: HB 395, HD 2, SD 1 Relating to Youth

Hearing: Monday, March 25, 2013, 9:10 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

PURPOSE: The purpose of Part I of House Bill 395, House Draft 2, Senate Draft 1 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. Part II provides that in awarding custody and visitation of a minor child, the court shall consider the preference that custody be awarded to both parents to ensure maximum continuing physical, emotional, and meaningful contact with both parents.

OFFICE'S POSITION: OYS supports the intent of Part I of HB 395, HD 2, SD 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, SD 1, would expand our current efforts in reaching at-risk youth.

OYS defers to the Family Court regarding Part II of this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.



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Testimony on HB 395 HD2 SD1 Relating to Youth

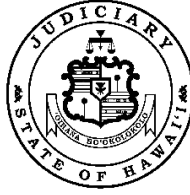
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By Deborah L.K. Spencer-Chun, President and CEO
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Chairman Ige and Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, we are here to testify in support of HB 395 HD2 SD 1 which will allow youth to access safe places to obtain advice, guidance, programs and services.

Before taking on our role as administrators, we spent over 20 years in the field working directly with youth. We 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 we 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.

We ask that you support HB 395 HD2 SD1 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.



The Judiciary, State of Hawai‘i

Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair

Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

Monday, March 25, 2013, 9:10 a.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 211

WRITTEN COMMENTS FOR DECISION MAKING

by

Judge R. Mark Browning

Deputy Chief Judge/Senior Judge

Family Court of the First Circuit

Bill No. and Title: House Bill No. 395, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, Relating to Youth.

Purpose: 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. Provides that in awarding custody and visitation of a minor child, the court shall consider the preference that custody be awarded to both parents to ensure maximum continuing physical, emotional, and meaningful contact with both parents. Effective July 1, 2030. (SD1)

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary has not submitted testimony regarding the original House Bill 395. While we strongly support increasing available services to youth, the bill is a policy issue that is particularly dependent on funding from the State budget—these are generally reasons for the Judiciary to remain silent in order to avoid overstepping the separation of powers boundaries. We continue to view the original H.B. 395 favorably and continue to take no position on its passage with funding.



However, the Judiciary respectfully *opposes* the recent Senate Draft 1 of this bill, which grafted the following language as a “Part II” into the original bill (see page 6, lines 13 to 20, of House Bill 395 H.D. 2, S.D. 1):

(1) Custody should be awarded to ~~[either parent or to]~~ ensure the inclusion of both parents ~~[according to the best interests]~~ in the raising of the child, ~~[and the court also may consider frequent, continuing,]~~ to ensure maximum continuing, physical, emotional, and meaningful contact ~~[of each parent with the child]~~ with both parents unless the court finds that a parent is unable to act in the best interest of the child;

This language comes from H.B. 477, which passed first reading in January but was never set for hearing. We respectfully suggests the elimination of the language from page 5, line 19, to page 14, line 15, of House Bill 395, H.D. 2, S.D. 1.

The Judiciary opposes S.D. 1 for the following reasons.

1. It is likely that passage of this bill in the current form may violate the Hawaii Constitution, which prohibits passage of a bill with two subjects. Furthermore, the grafted language is not encompassed by the title of the original H.B. 395, *i.e.*, “Relating to Youth.”

No law shall be passed except by bill. Each law shall embrace but one subject, which shall be expressed in its title. The enacting clause of each law shall be, “Be it enacted by the legislature of the State of Hawaii.” Haw. Const. Art. III, § 14.

2. The wisdom behind this constitutional prohibition is illustrated by the insertion of S.D. 1. Since there was no hearing for the HB477 language, there would be effectively *no* public input regarding S.D. 1. This is particularly important since the newly inserted language appears to attempt to institute a “sea change” in child custody determinations, turning the focus away from the child to focus on the two adult parents.

3. Focusing on competent adults (parents) may effectively undermine the court’s authority since the court’s authority in child custody matters depends in large part on the *parens patriae* principle that allows state involvement in matters that are otherwise constitutionally protected, such as family privacy. Changing the focus solely on the child to a focus on maximizing contact with parents is a sea change. It is important for us to be clear here. The Legislature has the authority to change public policy away from focusing on children. It has the authority to abolish the “best interest” standard and replace it with another standard that may in



fact be an improvement over the current system of determining contested child custody cases. Within parameters established by the law and the Constitutions of the United States and Hawaii, the court is required to and will apply the new law. We are in no way questioning the Legislature's authority to deal with the issue at hand through an appropriate, fair, and legal process.

4. The "best interest of the child" standard, which S.D. 1 appears to delete, has long been recognized by the Hawaii Supreme Court.

In sum, Hawaii courts have consistently adhered to the best interests of the child standard as paramount when considering the issue of custody. In so doing, the family court is granted broad discretion to weigh the various factors involved, with no single factor being given presumptive paramount weight, in determining whether the standard has been met. *Fisher v. Fisher*, 111 Haw. 41, 50; 137 P.3d 355, 364 (2006).

5. If passed, children will be harmed as the language of S.D. 1 is challenged in the appellate court system. Children need certainty in their lives. Children remain highly anxious as their parents' battle wends its way through litigation and then appeals. *No* child who is subject to a contested child custody "battle" after the passage of S.D. 1 will have certainty until the appeals are finally resolved. This is true whether or not the child's particular case is appealed or not since the appellate decision may apply to all cases decided based on the same language.

6. The vast majority of child custody court orders result from agreements/stipulations made by the parents. It is a relatively small handful of cases that need contested trials. Of that group, there is a smaller number of cases involving highly litigious parents who are apparently unable to resolve "differences" without court "battles" and who return to court year after year. Enacting fundamental changes in an apparent response to a small and minor group of litigious parents may cause disruption to the much larger group of normal parents who are able to move on after divorce and effectively parent their children with two households without litigation.

7. Inclusion of the new child custody provisions in S.D. 1 may jeopardize passage of the entire bill, including what has now turned into "Part I"—the original bill.

8. If enacted, S.D. 1 may also jeopardize the goals of the original bill if the constitutionality of the entire act is contested.



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For these reasons, the Judiciary respectfully opposes just Part II of House Bill 395, H.D. 2, S.D. 1 and respectfully suggests the elimination of the language from page 5, line 19 of S.D. 1 that is before the Committee today.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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March 21, 2013

To: Senator David Ige, Chair,
And members of the Committee on Ways and Means

Testimony in Support of HB395 HD2 SD1 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.

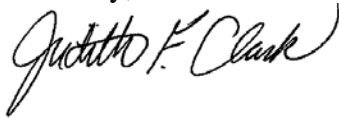
The 24-hour crisis response will follow the National Safe Place model, in which community businesses, such as convenience stores and fire stations are recruited as places where young people can go in an emergency. Staff in those companies are trained and provided with a 24-hour number to call. Workers 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.

During the legislative session, I have worked with partner organizations to develop cost estimates for establishing the Safe Place system in each county. It will require approximately \$60,000 per year for each Neighbor Island county and \$100,000 for Oahu to provide 24-hour crisis intervention, recruiting and training of Safe Place community site staff, and outreach to youth and families to inform them about the new resource for adolescents. The proposed \$250,000/year budget would allow a pilot on Oahu and one Neighbor Island. It would also allow funds for coordination by Office of Youth Services, providing training for the network of existing youth programs that will become part of the Safe Place Network, supplies, printing, and other related costs.

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, appearing to read "Judith F. Clark". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Judith F. Clark, MPH
Executive Director



March 24, 2013

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 415 South Beretania Street

**RE: TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB395 HD2 SD1
RELATING TO YOUTH**

Dear Committees on Ways and Means:

The Pacific Alliance to Stop Slavery (PASS) is in support of HB395 HD2 SD1. 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.

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 97 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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Re: HB 395, HD2, SD1

To: The Honorable Senator Ige and the members of the committee.

Aloha,

The Community Alliance for Mental Health along with United Self Help strongly supports HB 395, HD2, SD1 as vital to our community. What can be of more import than the safety and well-being of our youth?

Our schools are troubled, the youth suicide rate in Hawai'i is intolerable, and no one seems to have an answer. Perhaps our children can find their own answers if they only had a place of safety, with no pressure, that they could go to and search for their own individual answers.

We feel that this program has to potential to be brilliant. We wish it all the best and if there is any way in which either of The Community Alliance for Mental Health or United Self Help can be of service in helping our young people, especially the transition age consumers of Hawai'i we stand ready to be of service.

Mahalo,
Robert Scott Wall
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**TESTIMONY FOR HOUSE BILL 395, HOUSE DRAFT 2, SENATE DRAFT 1,
RELATING TO YOUTH**

**Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Hon. David Y. Ige, Chair
Hon. Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair**

**Monday, March 25, 2013, 9:10 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211**

Honorable Chair Ige 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

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Adah Sanders	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in strong support of HB 395 and I respectfully request the following modification to part 2 of this bill as it applies 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 all children who have adequate time with both parents have the best outcome and it substantially reduces the risk associated with divorce. All children should receive the love and support from both parents and should want to spend time with them.

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Adam Jeremy Ruiz	Individual	Support	No

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Adrian Hedge	Individual	Support	No

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Amanda Fermantez	Individual	Support	No

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Aubrey Pante	Individual	Support	No

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Blane Iba	Individual	Support	No

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Brandon Diopulos	Individual	Support	No

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Cassidy Joseph	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of HB395 and I respectfully request the following modification to part 2 of this bill as it applies 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 very expensive and often wipes out the entire savings of either or both mom and dad.

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Charles Wright	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in strong support of HB 395 and I respectfully request the following modification to part 2 of this bill as it applies 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 having adequate time with both parents have the best outcome and substantially reduces the risk associated with divorce. All children should have the love, support from both parents and would want to spend time with both parents.

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Chauncey Pacheco	Individual	Support	No

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Chelsea Farden	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this bill! It will help to address the growing gang problem here in Kalihi. I go to Farrington and it makes me and many others feel very insecure about our physical safety. Our learning environment is already bad as it is with our crumbling facilities. Gangs only hamper our abilities to learn. This bill will help the youth that want help but don't know how to get it. Please pass this bill for them! Thank you.

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Cherish Shenk	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of HB395 and I respectfully request the following modification to part 2 of this bill as it applies 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 strongly feel children should have love and support of both mom and dad, and want to spend time with both parents.

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Chris Lethem	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am in complete support of HB395 and I respectfully request the following modification to part 2 of this bill as it applies 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 time to respect the role of both parents in a child's life. We also need understand it is the function of parents to educate their children. It is the function of schools and teacher to teach the curriculum. But ultimately parents are the constant throughout the developmental years of a child. So how does affectively lobbing off a parent and his or her extended family give a child an advantage? Parenting is a time intensive activity, above all else. So how does a parent fulfill their role if they don't have adequate time with their own children? The "Pick a winner" approach that the courts and custody evaluators have employed for so long clearly has more to do with the parents than it does our children. It was a stupid idea in the last history of bad ideas. Our children and grandchildren deserve something better. We as a nation must ensure we do everything we can to see our children achieve their highest potential. Children having two engages parents will consistently provide for better outcomes for our children than a single parent overwhelmed with all of the parents responsibilities. Best Regards, Chris Lethem

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Christine Filipo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in strong support of HB 395 and I respectfully request the following modification to part 2 of this bill as it applies 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 often destroyed by custody litigation leaving parents unable to cooperate in the parenting.

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Cyndi Baylor	Individual	Support	No

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Dawn Nuuhiwa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in strong support of HB 395 and I respectfully request the following modification to part 2 of this bill as it applies 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 parents raised the child before the divorce, why does one parent now need to be excluded? Children should have the love and support of both parents, and want to spend time with mom and dad

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Eleanor Devereaux	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this bill! It will help to address the growing gang problem here in Kalihi. I go to Farrington and it makes me and many others feel very insecure about our physical safety. Our learning environment is already bad as it is with our crumbling facilities. Gangs only hamper our abilities to learn. This bill will help the youth that want help but don't know how to get it. Please pass this bill for them! Thank you.

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Faith Naone	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support of HB395. I respectfully request the following modification to part 2 of this bill as it applies 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. Keiki should have the love, affection and companionship of both of parents. Keiki want to spend time with their moms and dads.

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Gisella Tomita	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I respectfully request the following modification to part 2 of this bill as it applies 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 both parents share parenting responsibilities and time, each parent has time to pursue outside interests and further their education.

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Guillermo Castanedale	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am submitting testimony in strong support of House Bill 395 with the following modification : 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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Harrison Son	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this bill! It will help to address the growing gang problem here in Kalihi. I go to Farrington and it makes me and many others feel very insecure about our physical safety. Our learning environment is already bad as it is with our crumbling facilities. Gangs only hamper our abilities to learn. This bill will help the youth that want help but don't know how to get it. Please pass this bill for them! Thank you.

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Iakopo Fuimaono	Individual	Support	No

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Issac Kamea	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this bill! It will help to address the growing gang problem here in Kalihi. I go to Farrington and it makes me and many others feel very insecure about our physical safety. Our learning environment is already bad as it is with our crumbling facilities. Gangs only hamper our abilities to learn. This bill will help the youth that want help but don't know how to get it. Please pass this bill for them! Thank you.

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Jarrett Agtarap	Individual	Support	No

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Jaschia Poomaihealani	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support of HB395 and I respectfully request the following modification to part 2 of this bill as it applies 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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Jay Jack	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in strong support of HB395 and request the following modification to part 2 of this bill as it applies 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 the mom and dad. Children want to spend time with both of their parents.

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Jeffrey Synn	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of HB395 and I respectfully request the following modification to part 2 of this bill as it applies 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

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Jolene Clute	Individual	Support	No

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Jordan Belafonte	Individual	Support	No

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Joseph Jamora	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joseph Ramos	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am submitting testimony in strong support of HB395 with the following modification to part 2 of this bill as it applies 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 deserve to have the love, support and protection of both mom and dad. Children want to spend time with both parents.

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Jovanie Siolua	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this bill! It will help to address the growing gang problem here in Kalihi. I go to Farrington and it makes me and many others feel very insecure about our physical safety. Our learning environment is already bad as it is with our crumbling facilities. Gangs only hamper our abilities to learn. This bill will help the youth that want help but don't know how to get it. Please pass this bill for them! Thank you.

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K. Kincho	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB395 and request the following modification to part 2 of this bill as it applies 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 the mom and dad. Children want to spend time with both of their parents.

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Kamuela Strong-Balora	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I would like to respectfully request the following modification to part 2 of this bill as it applies 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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Kathy Gillis	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of HB395 and I respectfully request the following modification to part 2 of this bill as it applies 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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Kelly Pante	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I respectfully request the following modification to part 2 of this bill as it applies 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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Kevin Cartier	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in strong support of HB 395 and I respectfully request the following modification to part 2 of this bill as it applies 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 that have adequate time with both parents have the best outcome and substantially a lower risk associated with divorce.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kim Pearson	Individual	Support	No

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Lei Baxton	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this bill! It will help to address the growing gang problem here in Kalihi. I go to Farrington and it makes me and many others feel very insecure about our physical safety. Our learning environment is already bad as it is with our crumbling facilities. Gangs only hamper our abilities to learn. This bill will help the youth that want help but don't know how to get it. Please pass this bill for them! Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Malia Fontanilla	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of HB395 and I respectfully request the following modification to part 2 of this bill as it applies 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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Michael Watanabe	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in strong support of HB395 with the following modification to part 2 of this bill as it applies 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. Much of the goodwill between the parents is too often destroyed by custody litigation leaving parents unable to cooperate in the parenting.

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Misella Tomita	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of HB395. I respectfully request the following modification to part 2 of this bill as it applies 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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Misty Crouch	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in strong support of HB 395 and I respectfully request the following modification to part 2 of this bill as it applies 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 having adequate time with both parents have the best outcome and substantially a lower risk associated with divorce.

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Monique Martinez	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in strong support of HB 395 and I respectfully request the following modification to part 2 of this bill as it applies 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 of both parents and want to spend time with mom and dad.

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Nanci Jandoc	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this bill! It will help to address the growing gang problem here in Kalihi. I go to Farrington and it makes me and many others feel very insecure about our physical safety. Our learning environment is already bad as it is with our crumbling facilities. Gangs only hamper our abilities to learn. This bill will help the youth that want help but don't know how to get it. Please pass this bill for them! Thank you.

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Nicole Burke	Individual	Support	No

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Patricia Respicio	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this bill! It will help to address the growing gang problem here in Kalihi. I go to Farrington and it makes me and many others feel very insecure about our physical safety. Our learning environment is already bad as it is with our crumbling facilities. Gangs only hamper our abilities to learn. This bill will help the youth that want help but don't know how to get it. Please pass this bill for them! Thank you.

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R. Girolani	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in strong support of HB395 with the following modification to part 2 of this bill as it applies 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 mom and dad, and want to spend time with both of their parents.

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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 modification to part 2 of this bill as it applies 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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Roderick L. Badua	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of HB395 and I respectfully request the following modification to part 2 of this bill as it applies 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 modification to part 2 of this bill as it applies 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. 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

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Rosemarie Phanthavong	Individual	Support	No

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Sachi Vaefaga	Individual	Support	No

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Sara Munson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of HB395 and I respectfully request the following modification to part 2 of this bill as it applies 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 modification to part 2 of this bill as it applies 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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Strode, Selena	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am submitting testimony in strong support of House Bill 395 with the following modification to part 2 of this bill as it applies 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 deserve to have the love, support and protection of both mom and dad. Children want to spend time with both parents.

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Shon Ancheta	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in strong support of HB 395 and I respectfully request the following modification to part 2 of this bill as it applies 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 a substantial reduced risk associated with divorce. Children should have love and support from both parents and would want to spend time with them.

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Stacey Webb	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of HB395 and I respectfully request the following modification to part 2 of this bill as it applies 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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Susana Samita	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of HB395 and I respectfully request the following modification to part 2 of this bill as it applies 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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Tevin Cansler	Individual	Support	No

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Todd Muramoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in strong support of HB395. I respectfully request the following modification to part 2 of this bill as it applies 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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Tommy Lowell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this bill! It will help to address the growing gang problem here in Kalihi. I go to Farrington and it makes me and many others feel very insecure about our physical safety. Our learning environment is already bad as it is with our crumbling facilities. Gangs only hamper our abilities to learn. This bill will help the youth that want help but don't know how to get it. Please pass this bill for them! Thank you.

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Victoria Cansler	Individual	Support	No

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Vincent Tayata	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in strong support of HB 395 and I respectfully request the following modification to part 2 of this bill as it applies 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 both parents share parenting responsibilities and time, mom and dad then have time to pursue outside interests and even further their education.

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Wayne Bautista	Individual	Support	No

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