Honolulu, Hawaii

February 28, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 2163 H.D. 2

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Seventh State Legislature Regular Session of 2014 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2163, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PARENTAL PARITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require that the court, when awarding child custody, also consider frequent, continuing, and meaningful contact with each parent unless one or both parents are unable to act in that child's best interest.

Several concerned individuals provided testimony in support of this measure. A concerned individual testified in opposition to this measure. The Family Law Section of the Hawaii State Bar Association and two concerned individuals provided comments on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the purpose section; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No.

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2163, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2163, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Judiciary,

KARL RHOADS, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-seventh Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:		Date:	
HB 2163, HD1	63, HD1 HUS, JUD		02125114	
☐ The committee is reconsidering its prev	vious decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold				
□ Pass	short form bill with HD to reco	mmit for future publ	ic hearing (recomm	it)
JUD Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. RHOADS, Karl (C)				
2. HAR, Sharon E. (VC)				/
3. BELATTI, Della Au	1 1 200			
4. BROWER, Tom				
5. CREAGAN, Richard				
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7. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.				
8. LEE, Chris				100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100
9. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.				
10. TSUJI, Clift				
11. WOOLEY, Jessica				
12. MCDERMOTT, Bob 13. THIELEN, Cynthia				
19. THEEDEN, Cyntina				
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TOTAL (13)	7	1		5
The recommendation is: Adoj If joint r	-	did not suppo	rt recommendation	
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:	C			
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