## **HB2298** HD1 LATE **TESTIMONY**

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Arvid Tadao Youngquist	The Sky Ohana	Support	Yes

Comments: Chair, Sen. Clayton Hee Vice Chair, Sen. Maile S. L. Shimabukuro Senate Judiciary & Labor Committee Right Honorable JDL Committee Members We support the intent of HB 2298 HD1 and thank the introducer of this important human rights measure. As you can see by looking at the Report attached, two State Agencies spoke to this matter. As a former foster child, and a witness in a family court custody and hospitalization hearing, it was very informative and illuminating to be included in the decision making process. Any child, should be included in this process outlined in this legislation, provided he/she is assisted by a non-partisan adult to assist his/her input in the final decision making process. It is not enough that the child is included and notified in ample time, but that his/her needs are incorporated in the final decision. Mahalo for hearing this measure and we request that all excused absentees in the past the affirmative in their votes and attendance to assure that this measure does not fail due to lack of one vote. Me Ke Aloha Pumehana, Arvid Tadao Youngquist Founder, Administrator, & Spokesman \*Note: Registered voter, CD1, U.S. House of Representatives district (Kalihi Valley resident)

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