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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lisa Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Chair Keith-Agaran and Vice Chair Shimabukuro and Senate Judiciary Committee Members, I submit testimony in strong support of HB1585, HD2 Relating to Guardianship. During the first hearing on February 2, 2016, the Attorney General's office suggested wording to allow communications with a ward by family or friends, "unless deemed by the guardian to pose a risk to the safety and well being of the ward." During the nest hearing in the House Judiciary Committee, the Judiciary, Office of the Public Guardian Director Moira Chin provided the following suggested wording - A guardian, without authorization of the court, shall not "Restrict the personal communication rights of the ward, including the right to receive visitors, telephone calls, and personal mail, unless deemed by the guardian to pose a risk to the safety or well-being of the ward." While supporting both recommendations by the Attorney General's Office and the Judiciary - Office of the Public Guardian, I feel the current HD2 wording is appropriate as it is using the language by the Office of the Public Guardian. This is a very important measure, because it will allow family and friends to connect and communicate with their loved ones, unless such communication will "pose a risk to the safety or well-being of the ward." Many "wards" have suffered from a medical condition, such as but not limited to a stroke and are unable to communicate verbally, however, many wards enjoy communicating through smiles, holding hands, pointing, and hugging with their family and friends, but are kept out because of a court case on the estate. For the following reasons, I stand in support of HB1585, HD2.

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Jasmine Ramos	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB1585, HD2 Relating to Guardianship. In reviewing the bill and the testimony, it is important to note that the HD2 version contains the recommended language by the Judiciary's Office of the Public Guardian. Therefore, I support HB1585, HD2.

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