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Comments: I personally support this resolution because it allows for the State of Hawaii to consider revising its current position on surrogacy. Currently, Hawaii law is silent on surrogacy, and women and families who have a child via a surrogate or gestational carrier must wait until after a baby is born to get an order from the court declaring them to be parents. In several other states, however, laws have been enacted that allow for intended parents to obtain a pre-birth order through a court procedure. This ensures that, when a baby is born using surrogacy, the baby is automatically deemed to be the child of the intended parents. Women and families who go through the surrogacy process have already invested a lot emotionally and financially in the journey to parenthood. This resolution is a step towards removing some of the barriers for Hawaii families in using a surrogate, and gives them some assurance as intended parents that the surrogacy process will work. Thank you for the opportunity to support this resolution.

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