Honolulu, Hawaii

February 14 , 2018

RE: H.B. No. 163 H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Ninth State Legislature Regular Session of 2018 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health & Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 163 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD VISITATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify the procedures through which grandparents may be given reasonable visitation rights to their grandchildren by amending standards for the court to use in awarding visitation rights to grandparents.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Deletes duplicative provisions of awarding grandparents reasonable visitation rights; and
- (2) Adds as a prerequisite to awarding visitation that the court finds that awarding custody to a grandparent is in the best interest of the child and that denial of reasonable grandparent visitation rights would cause significant harm to the child.

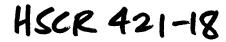
One concerned individual supported this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 163, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 163, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Health & Human Services,

JONN M. MIZUNO, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health & Human Services

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 163		Committee Referral: HHS , JVD			Date: 2-9-18		
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.							
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)							
HHS Members		Ayes	Ayes (W	R)	Nays	Excused	
1. MIZUNO, John M. (C)	775 MILO WA CO II W		O. 1-1-11.11111.0111.01.01.01.11	A			
2. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand (VC)							
3. BELATTI, Della Au							
3. DEDATTI, Dena Au							
4. LEARMONT, Lei R.							
5. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.							
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TOTAL (5)		3	—		_	2	
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)							
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:							
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