

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.C.R. No. 162
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 Judiciary, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 162, H.D. 1, entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII STATE JUDICIARY AND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO NOT USE BLINDNESS AS A BASIS FOR DENYING PARENTAL RIGHTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

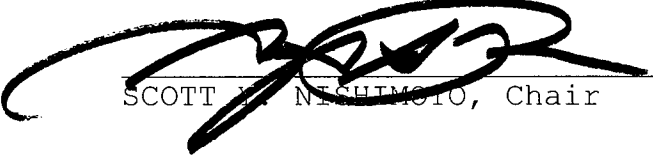
The purpose of this measure is to request the Hawaii State Judiciary and Department of Human Services to not use a parent's, prospective parent's, or guardian's blindness as a basis for denial of parental or guardian status and exercise of related rights.

The Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic party of Hawaii, and one individual testified in support of this measure. The Hawaii State Judiciary, State of Hawaii Disability and Communication Access Board, and the Department of Human Services commented on this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 162, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.



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



SCOTT Y. NISHIMOTO, Chair



