



To: The Honorable Mark M. Nakashima, Chair,
The Honorable Scot Z. Matayoshi, Vice Chair, and
Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Re: **HB 2663 SD 1 – RELATING TO FILING FEES**

Hearing: Tuesday, March 15, 2022, 2:00 p.m., Conference Room 325 and
Videoconference

Position: **Strong support**

Aloha Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Matayoshi, and members of the Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs:

The Health Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i strongly supports SB 2663 SD1. This measure changes the filing fee schedule for paternity actions by establishing an initial filing fee of \$100 and eliminating fees to file motions.

The Health Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i favors this measure as it would create uniformity in filing fees between matrimonial actions and paternity actions making the courtroom process financially predictable for the litigants which is important, especially for low-income litigants. This is especially important when the paternity suit may necessarily involve motions practice. Having waivers of filing fees for motions, would make the cost of suit predictable and less stressful in an already stressful environment.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important matter.

Respectfully yours,

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SB2663, SD1

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Ke Kōmike Hale o ka Ho‘okolokolo a me ke Kuleana Hawai‘i
House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Malaki 15, 2022

2:00 p.m.

Hālāwai Keleka‘a‘ike / Lumi 325

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** SB2663, SD1, which changes the filing fee schedule for paternity actions by establishing an initial filing fee of \$100 and eliminating fees to file motions. The uniform and one-time fee not only makes proceedings more predictable and efficient, but also reduces later costs that burden low-income litigants.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs urges the Committee to PASS SB2663, SD1. Mahalo piha for the opportunity to testify on this measure.