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February 3, 2022

To: The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair,
The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary

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

Hearing: Thursday, February 3, 2022, 9:30 a.m., Via Videoconference

Position: Strong support

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary

The Health Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i strongly supports SB 2663. 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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Testimony for JDC on 2/3/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
nanci kreidman	Testifying for domestic violence action center	Support	No

Comments:

Thank you for hearing this Bill. We look forward to favorable action.