



*The Judiciary, State of Hawaii*

**Testimony to the Thirty-First State Legislature  
2022 Regular Session**

**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means**  
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair  
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

Thursday, March 3, 2022, 10:10 a.m.  
Conference Room 211 and Via Videoconference

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**WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY**

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**Bill No. and Title:** Senate Bill No. 2836, S.D. 1, Relating to Juvenile Justice.

**Purpose:** Requires the Judiciary to create a separate employment classification for juvenile probation officers. Establishes minimum procedures for the appointment of juvenile probation officers. Requires reports to the Legislature on the status of the implementation of this Act.

**Judiciary's Position:**

The Judiciary has concerns with the potential statewide impact of Senate Bill No. 2836, S.D. 1.

The Judiciary continues to be actively engaged and is close to resolving issues raised by this bill with the employees' collective bargaining representative and we respectfully request that the measure be held. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2836, S.D. 1.

**SB-2836-SD-1**

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Comments:

Aloha Honorable Representatives,

My name is Brent Keliokamalu Nakihei and I am submitting testimony in strong support of SB2836 and its companion HB1733. The hard work of juvenile probation officers are very important for the safety of our community and children. This bill will allow juvenile probation officers the opportunity to do their jobs effectively without question from anyone about credentials. Juvenile probation officers carry out different duties from social workers and this bill will clarify that. Mahalo for you time and consideration.