



The Judiciary, State of Hawai'i

**Testimony to the Thirty-Second State Legislature
2023 Regular Session**

House Committee on Health & Homelessness
Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
Representative Jenna Takenouchi, Vice Chair

Friday, March 17, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 329 & Videoconference

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

by:

Matthew J. Viola
Senior Judge, Deputy Chief Judge
Family Court of the First Circuit

Bill No. and Title: Senate Bill No. 944 SD1, Relating to the Uniform Parentage Act.

Purpose: Establishes a task force to recommend amendments to update existing parentage laws that reflect outdated, cisheteronormative concepts of families, parenthood, and parental rights. Requires a report to the Legislature within forty days from the 2025 Regular Session. Takes effect 03/22/2075. (SD1)

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary takes no position on Senate Bill No. 944 SD1, but offers the following comments.

House Bill No. 384 HD2 enacts portions of the Uniform Parentage Act of 2017 to replace our existing and outdated parentage statutes. HB384 HD2, which the Judiciary supports, will address the concerns noted in the purpose statement of this bill. If HB384 HD2 is passed, the task force would be able to focus on other portions of the Uniform Parentage Act that are not addressed in HB384 HD2, including assisted reproduction and surrogacy. The Judiciary would look forward to continuing to work on those issues as a member of the task force.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill.

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Submitted on: 3/14/2023 8:28:11 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/17/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Golojuch Jr	Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

The Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i; Hawai‘i’s oldest and largest policy and political LGBTQIA+ focused organization fully supports HB 522 HD 1.

We hope you all will support this important piece of legislation.

Mahalo nui loa,

Michael Golojuch, Jr.
Chair and SCC Representative
Stonewall Caucus for the DPH



March 17, 2023

Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
House Committee on Health and Homelessness

Re: S.B. 944, S.D. 1 Relating to the Uniform Parentage Act

Hearing: March 17, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

Dear Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Members of the Committee on Health and Homelessness:

Hawaii Women Lawyers (“HWL”) **supports** S.B.944, S.D.1 which proposes create a new task force established to recommend amendments to update existing parentage laws that reflect outdated, cisheteronormative concepts of families, parenthood, and parental rights.

Hawaii Women Lawyers is a lawyer’s trade organization that aims to improve the lives and careers of women in all aspects of the legal profession, influence the future of the legal profession, and enhance the status of women and promote equal opportunities for all.

We support this bill, which establishes a new task force established to recommend amendments to update existing parentage laws. We note that there have been many changes the in society, law and medical technology since the original enactment of Uniform Parentage Act of 1973, which was originally created in response to establish a legal framework for establishing parent-child relationships. The Uniform Law Commission released updates to the Uniform Parentage Act in 2002 and 2017, and we believe there is a significant need to update Hawaii’s parentage statutes. This will provide a more certain path and inclusion under the law for same sex couples, single parents, and children born through assisted reproductive technology and surrogacy. We also appreciate that updates to the law will provide long-needed clarity in Hawaii’s parentage act to eliminate outdated gender terms, provide a clear path to establishing voluntary, expedited and de facto parentage, and protect parent-child relationships of all types. In the wake of recent national trends, it is more important than ever that the Legislature take steps to protect all families in Hawaii and to recognize the diversity of ohana in our community.

We note that this task force is required to report back to the Legislature in 2025, and would suggest that reporting back in 2024 may be more appropriate, given that the Judiciary has already started revising the existing uniform law to be suitable for use in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of this bill.

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Submitted on: 3/15/2023 9:00:28 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/17/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mike Golojuch, Sr.	Rainbow Family 808	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Rainbow Family 808 supports SB944. Please pass this bill.

Mike Golojuch, Sr., Secretary/Board Member

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Submitted on: 3/15/2023 10:25:05 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/17/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cynthia Bartlett	Moms For Liberty Honolulu County	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

The new Hawaii Attorney General office went out of its way to sign on against a parent rights bill in Florida that explicitly remove sex and gender identity in grades 1,2 and 3 so that it can be taught at a more age appropriate grade -- something parents in Hawaii want to keep out of the early grades.

Why is this AG office interfering with the families and ohana in Hawaii? Why are they suddenly also interested in a uniform parentage act. **Hawaii voters who are families do NOT want this over reach of the AG office and the Department of Health.**

The AG office just supported a Bill allowing minors at the age of 14 to access reproductive health medicine without parental permission or knowledge. In Hawaii the age of consent is 16, the AG office is supporting breaking thier own state law -- clearly not even doing thier homework. They have no further business in a uniform parentage act.

The parents of Hawaii need an explanation from the AG office why there is such an unwarranted interference against parent rights. Parents do not want or need the government to set rules on teh subject of parental health issues or the way they raise their own children.

Our Department of Health should not be seeking further involvement in parentage.

Why are two departments wanting to work together interfering with parents? We must remember history, all authoritairan over reach by dictators and communists has always targeted the family and the children. An authoritairan government wants to control the health, the education and the rules for raising children. We cannot let this happen in Hawaii. Hawaii's core strength is ohana and family.

March 17, 2023

Chair Della Au Belatti
Vice Chair Jenna Takenouchi
Members of the House Health & Homelessness Committee

RE: SB 944, SD1
Relating to the Uniform Parentage Act

Testimony in support

Please accept my testimony in support of SB 944, SD1 to re-convene this important Task Force. Unfortunately due to the ongoing pandemic, the prior Task Force was only able to meet twice where concerns were expressed but not adequately resolved in a thoughtful manner.

The proposed Uniform Law on Parentage, HB 384, HD2, introduced this session, seeks to offer expedited parentage to non-genetic parents regardless of gender or marital status. I agree with the Family Court's assertion that there should not be discrimination based on gender in marriage nor adoption, and in fact both state and federal law prohibit such. However, the expedited parentage offered in HB 384, HD2, allows a child's original birth record to reflect non-genetic parent(s) information in the place of the genetic parents. This creates a permanent record that is not accurate with regard to the child's genetic and medical history.

As a person who was raised in a closed adoption system, I have experienced the adverse emotional and health impacts from not having genetic and medical information. My genetic parent's identity was hidden from my adoptive parents and me in sealed adoption records. The laws of the last mid-century that created sealed adoption records were informed before we understood the importance of genetics on human development. There is myriad research since then about genetics that has informed openness in adoptions, and the subsequent opening of sealed adoption records, including in Hawaii in 2016.

Adoption has been the legal mechanism for the conferring of parentage to non-genetic parents for decades by allowing the creation of an amended birth certificate once legal parentage is conferred by the Family Court. The provisions of HB 384, HD2 that allow expedited parentage repeat failed policies of sealed records created in the 1940's. In 2023, we cannot plead the same ignorance of genetics, particularly with regard to health care and medical treatments.

This history with evolved adoption policy can inform an improved Uniform Law on Parentage. I respectfully request that HB 384, HD2 be deferred and the Task Force be re-convened. I also advise the Task Force be expanded to include: a health care professional familiar with hospital and birthing center procedures; a mental health professional familiar with post-adoption issues; and an individual with personal knowledge of adoption-related health and medical issues.

Mahalo for your consideration of my testimony.

Laurel Johnston

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Submitted on: 3/15/2023 10:35:57 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/17/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
J. Takane	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

With respect to SB944 SD1, as an adoptee who never was able to provide any input into the adoption laws that kept me from my own heritage, genealogy, genetic health history and any other vital information about myself, it is imperative that individuals who are donor conceived to be a part of this task force. It is their rights that are at the center of what is being discussed. Any results from such a task force will be subject to controversy if there isn't anyone who has been directly (aka the children) impacted by donor conceived parentage issues.

I support a task force rather than just changing the laws without due diligence. One must first understand the complexity of donor conception and all the consequences that go along with them, especially those that directly impact the children who are conceived.

I would also suggest that this task force include someone in the mental health community who is well versed in post adoption issues as well as those who can speak to the important role genetic information plays to child development.

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Submitted on: 3/15/2023 2:13:41 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/17/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Darrow Hand	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support with amendments.

Please include a representative for the child, protectding what the child might want in their lifetime. Most children are interested in their origins and thus this issue and others should be considered by having someone rerepresent the child. Thank you.

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Submitted on: 3/15/2023 10:21:20 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/17/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Abby Simmons	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair & Esteemed Committee Members,

I am testifying in support of SB 944, as it is a positive, progressive and constructive approach to addressing and assessing changes that are necessary to our parentage laws. By extending the task force we are including critical voices who provide expert insights and understanding of families that do not fall into the cisheteronormative category of family.

Mahalo for considering my testimony.

SB-944-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 7:38:26 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/17/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Danielle Sato	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing in **STRONG SUPPORT** of this measure to update existing parentage laws to better represent our local communities, which importantly includes sexual and gender minority (ie, LGBTQ) individuals. It is imperative that our state legislature and governance reflect this often overlooked population accurately, to better represent the needs of our local community.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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Submitted on: 3/16/2023 9:22:07 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/17/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Maddalynn Seseasara	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee: The Department of the Attorney General (Department) supports the intent of the bill and provides the following comments. The purpose of this bill is to amend Act 201, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021 (Act 201), to require the Department to convene a task force jointly with the Department of Health to recommend amendments to the Hawaii Revised Statutes to update existing parentage laws that reflect outdated, cisheteronormative concepts of families, parenthood, and parental rights. The bill also extends the legislative report deadline from 20 days prior to the 2022 session to 40 days prior to the 2024 session and amends the dissolution of the task force from June 30, 2022, to December 31, 2024. Because the Act 201 task force was already dissolved on June 30, 2022, if the Legislature intends to continue the work of the task force and accomplish the goals stated in Act 201, we recommend that the bill be amended to establish a new task force that resembles the Act 201 task force, rather than retroactively resurrect a task force that no longer exists. However, Senate Bill 484, introduced this session, proposes substantive changes to the Uniform Parentage Act, and that may make another task force unnecessary. Testimony of the Department of the Attorney General Thirty-Second Legislature, 2023 Page 2 of 2 If the legislature decides to re-establish a task force and re-enact similar provisions to those in Act 201, we recommend that the task force be given until 40 days before the 2025 session to complete a report to the Legislature. That timeframe should accommodate the various concerns of the many interested stakeholders and allow time to address the large scope of the proposed changes to the parentage act. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Members of Committee on Health & Homelessness

SB 944 SD1 convenes a task force to make recommendations to update existing parentage laws to reflect modern concepts of families. Some of these families have children created with the help of assisted reproduction. The current fields available in the “certificate of live birth” do not capture the person’s origins from assisted reproductive technology (such as sperm or egg donation, surrogacy) nor do the current fields match well with current diverse family configurations. This complex issue deserves consideration **to meet current needs of parents and children**. The task force is a good idea if it represents all the key stakeholders.

The composition of the task force as proposed leaves out a key constituency that would be most affected but has no voice – the children. Children and the adults they become have a need to know fundamental information about themselves – from whom they were created – their genetic, biological and family connections. Based on the experience of donor-conceived persons and from adoptees who were raised and denied knowing their genetic and biological connections, the need to know is well-demonstrated. The lack of information about their genetic origins can leave people with a void about their ethnicity, family lineage, and family traits. Lack of medical history is a clear disadvantage. I speak as a person who grew up in a closed adoption and as a PhD in social welfare that studied these issues as well as the Hawaiian cultural practice of hanai.

The task force should have representatives that are donor-conceived and advocates for children’s right to know their origins.

Two important areas of focus that these representatives would bring to the task force would be
1) the preservation of an original certificate of live birth that records the facts of a child’s genetic and biologic origins and
2) transparency and access so that the child and family have access to the information when needed. (The need could be for medical reasons, to prove Hawaiian ancestry for Hawaiian birth rights such as Kamehameha Schools, or if the donor and receiving family are in mutual agreement.)

One obstacle to achieve truth and transparency for children about their origins is the current practice of assisted reproduction often using anonymous gametes.

Another consideration for discussion is if a certificate of live birth should be amended at all. Other options for a parentage document for everyone might better reflect our current society.

The other parentage bill currently under consideration by the legislature seems to repeat myths and practices of the past, by not valuing the importance of one’s actual biological, genetic, and family connections. It also doesn’t allow access to the documents and proceedings about the child to the child even when they are grown up.

Making changes to the parentage law is a complex issue and warrants a task force to figure out a path for the State of Hawaii that reflects our care for children, our culture and values.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to testify.

Some organizations for the donor-conceived and other resources follow.

Respectfully,
Kat McGlone

Organizations that support the donor-conceived:

- **Donor Sibling Registry**

“Educating, Connecting & Supporting Donor Families” *DSR's core value is honesty, with the conviction that people have the fundamental right to information about their biological origins and identities.*

<https://donorsiblingregistry.com/>

- **We are donor conceived**

“resource center for donor conceived people.” “We all deserve the truth.”

<https://www.wearedonorconceived.com/>

- **U. S. Donor Conceived Council**

“strives to increase awareness of the needs, interests, and challenges of donor conceived people and advance change that promotes and protects their health, welfare, and human rights.”

<https://www.usdcc.org/>

- **donor conceived community**

“provides peer support, education, and resources for people navigating donor conception & dna discoveries.”

<https://donorconceivedcommunity.org/about>

Other resources:

Session by donor-conceived and surrogate-born at the United Nations on 30th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. (2019).

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL3PTiHF4egBG2KaSTYLDZUplY_f1-BYy2

Concise, powerful testimony that highlight the issues for those who are donor-conceived

Samuels, Elizabeth. (2018). An Immodest Proposal for Birth Registration in Donor-Assisted Reproduction, In the Interest of Science and Human Rights.

https://scholarworks.law.ubalt.edu/fac_articles/5

Cahn, Naomi. (2014). "Do Tell! The Rights of Donor-Conceived Offspring," *Hofstra Law Review*: Vol. 42 : Iss. 4 , Article 3. <https://scholarlycommons.law.hofstra.edu/hlr/vol42/iss4/3>

Cahn, Naomi. (2011). Old Lessons for a New World: Applying Adoption Research & Experience to ART.

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/228139419_Old_Lessons_for_a_New_World_Applying_Adoption_Research_and_Experience_to_Art

United Nations. (1990). **Convention on the rights of the child.**

<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/professionalinterest/pages/crc.aspx>

Article 8 - States Parties undertake to respect the right of the child to preserve his or her identity, including nationality, name and family relations as recognized by law without unlawful interference. Where a child is illegally deprived of some or all of the elements of his or her identity, States Parties shall provide appropriate assistance and protection, with a view to re-establishing speedily his or her identity.

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Submitted on: 3/15/2023 3:46:38 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/17/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michdelle Melendez	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The health department and attorney general CANNOT make laws of how parents will raise their children! If the child is not endangered, the government needs to back off!

I can't think of anything more to add here:

From Holy Love Ministry – St. Joseph to visionary, Maureen, October 4, 2015:

St. Joseph is here and says: "Praise be to Jesus."

"Families must not be based upon falsehoods or decadent moral practices. If they are, they are not a firm part of the foundation in the heart of the world. A marriage, as God planned it, is between a man and a woman in cooperation with God towards the procreation of life. **If there is any other interpretation of marriage and family, it is not of God."**

"A strong family unit makes for a strong heart of the world - a world devoted to Truth through Holy Love. These parts cannot be interchanged or compromised and still produce the same end result. **Because families are being redefined these days, the heart of the world is compromised."**

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Submitted on: 3/15/2023 5:46:29 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/17/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
alison hamman	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Sirs,

i strongly oppose this! There is no universal Parenteau act that would reflect our diverse community properly. If you are not in the childbearing years surely must have grandchildren and children that would be negatively affected by this.

I strongly oppose and consider that you shut this down thank you sincerely Alison

SB-944-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 6:44:27 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/17/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joanna Weber	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please, OPPOSE SB 944.

MAHALO, JOANNA WEBER

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Submitted on: 3/15/2023 7:24:21 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/17/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan Barrackman	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill as it violates my rights and has no business in a free society and serve only to harm the island

The attorney General and the health department have no business making parental decisions. The pharma industry has a shameful record of lack of testing and tracking of injuries from vaccines .if you so choose to vote kn this without actually doing any research then shame on you. Because any thinking person can look up any of these particular studies on the NIH web site and when you actually exami e rhe study design and data you'll know ...the attorney General needs to arrest them all. And that no child is safe at the pediatricians office when the doctor is financially incentivized to push every vaccine I to every kid and continue to recommend boosters even after your kid gets shingles.

Ask me I know 1st hand.

Do not do this it is shameful...and we will follow the money. don't betray the people you have sworn to serve.

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Submitted on: 3/15/2023 7:38:22 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/17/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rita Wong	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB944

The health department & attorney general cannot make laws of how parents will raise their children.

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Submitted on: 3/15/2023 8:20:11 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/17/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
tania victorine	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The government shouldn't have any rights regarding minors without parental consent.

This is not a communist country and we are free people whose inalienable rights come from God. You, GOVERNMENT selected workers, WORK FOR US.

SB-944-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 9:08:22 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/17/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
juhl rayne	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The health department and attorney general CANNOT make laws of how parents will raise their children! If the child is not endangered, the government needs to back off! it is up to parents how to raise their children.. NOT the government

SB-944-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 9:16:22 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/17/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mane Futo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

No, no, no! Children belong to the parents and parenting should have nothing to do with any government!

SB-944-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 6:49:44 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/17/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sarah Martins	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose creating a task for parenting laws. This is too much involvement in family life; government is overstepping

SB-944-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 7:44:12 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/17/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
noela von	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose. Thank you.

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Submitted on: 3/16/2023 8:47:11 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/17/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ali Ameden	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Leave parenting to parents, enough said.

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Submitted on: 3/16/2023 9:32:31 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/17/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chase Uwaine	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I do not consent with the taking of parental rights. The Government does not, should not intervene in the rights of a parent and their child.

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Submitted on: 3/16/2023 9:33:27 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/17/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jason Klahr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The raising of our children is a right and responsibility given by God to the the biological parents. The fear of government is that the parents would not raise them in the myopic way that it would. Begining with the education act, the government has sought after more and more control over the free people of Hawaii which has created forced dependance on government. We are at a place now where government run schools have fraudulently removed the parents God given rights to raise their children with Godly values. this has in effect made government a god who forces the people of Hawaii to obey. You and your predecessors in the Hawaii state govrnment have consistantly left the true purpose and have abdicated your rights to govern. The purpose for your election is to uhhold the constitutions of the united states and Hawaii. SB944 SD1 violates those constitutions in truth and spirit

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Submitted on: 3/16/2023 9:54:10 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/17/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Adrienne Hew	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is a total government OVERREACH! By definition, parents have the right to raise their children as they see fit -- barring any mutilation or other forms of physical and psychological violence. The very idea that this bill exists is a violent act against the families and reads as an endorsement of the mutilation of children.

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Submitted on: 3/16/2023 10:01:55 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/17/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Maria Owl	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose the formation of a task force to review the Parentage Act in Hawaii. The government of a state should have no involvement in how parents raise their children. This is not a communist country. We are a republic. To create a task force would be a waste of money, time and energy. This is not what the people of Hawaii want our public servants to be doing.

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Submitted on: 3/16/2023 10:19:36 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/17/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Melissa S. Chang	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is unconstitutional. It must not be passed!

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Submitted on: 3/16/2023 12:36:30 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/17/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jessica Caiazzo	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I strongly oppose.

Mahalo.

SB-944-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 12:56:13 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/17/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Annie U.	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The health department and attorney general CANNOT make laws of how parents will raise their children! If the child is not in danger, the government needs to back off!

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Submitted on: 3/16/2023 1:54:12 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/17/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Terri Yoshinaga	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The health department and attorney general CANNOT make laws of how parents will raise their children! If the child is not in danger, the government needs to back off!

SB-944-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 2:26:21 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/17/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Teresa Lyons	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The government is NOT allowed to interfere with parental laws on how to raise their children!
Stop this nonsense!

SB-944-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 2:30:56 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/17/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Paula Blum	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We don't need a task force. Let parents be parents.

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Submitted on: 3/16/2023 3:05:29 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/17/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Donna Grabow	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB 944

Hawaii's Department of Health and Department of the Attorney General want to create a task force to change parenting laws.

I'm writing to remind the State of Hawaii, that it will not *strategically* become the Big Brother State of the people.

Why else would the Act say that it comes into effect in the year 2075?

The health department and attorney general cannot make laws of how parents will raise their children!

SB-944-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 3:33:05 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/17/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nikki-Ann Yee	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support!

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Submitted on: 3/16/2023 7:00:36 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/17/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marlies Lee	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We don't need this!
Save your effort for 2050

Marlies Lee

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Submitted on: 3/16/2023 7:03:33 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/17/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Donna Melcher	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The department of health and the attorney general can not make laws on how parents raise their own children.

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Submitted on: 3/16/2023 10:07:51 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/17/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mary Meheula	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The government should have NO say in parenting!!The health department and attorney general cannot make laws on how to parent children.

SB-944-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 10:55:32 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/17/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mr. & Mrs. O'Neill	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB 944

The health department and attorney general CANNOT make laws of how parents will raise their children! If the child is not in danger, the government needs to back off! This is a very dangerous precedent. Please stop this insanity.

SB-944-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/17/2023 6:57:46 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/17/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lei Tata	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose and come against the evil agenda in which this bill was created and intended for. Philippians 2:3 says, "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves." The health department and the attorney general CANNOT and SHALL NOT make laws of how parents will raise their children! If the child is not in danger, the government needs to back off.

Testimony for SB 944: Task Force to study issues surrounding parentage

Currently, members does not include a rep from either an organization or someone representing those affected.

I have been an active board member of the Adoption Circle of Hawaii for over 24 years and have raised two adopted children. I strongly urge that the task force members include a representative of those affected who can personally understand and appreciate the complex issues surrounding "parentage" including but not limited to emotions and mental health concerns, heritage and medical dilemmas, legal and ethical obstacles, financial implications and more.

SB-944-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/17/2023 9:16:57 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/17/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
kari Larson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The state or government cannot make laws to tell
parents how to parent their children.

SB-944-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/17/2023 9:34:11 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/17/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Harry Akamine	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I recommend that the Task Force membership also include an adoptee.

Thank you.

SB-944-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/17/2023 10:47:26 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/17/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mark Shapiro	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As currently written, it still doesn't include anyone representing the children's right to know or donor-conceived persons.

Please add to the task force donor-conceived persons and advocates for children and their right to know their origins.

SB-944-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/17/2023 4:18:23 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/17/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrew Crossland	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I **strongly oppose** this woke nonsense Bill.

SB-944-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/17/2023 5:57:12 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/17/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
B.A. McClintock	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is common sense. Please support this important bill. Mahalo.

SB-944-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/17/2023 7:19:42 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/17/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
cheryl B.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I SUPPORT this bill and look forward to the paths that this will lead to in the updating of the ways we view parenting.

SB-944-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/17/2023 8:20:53 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/17/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Crystal Leilani Dudoit Huihui	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB944.