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Aloha Standards of Conduct Committee,

I submit this testimony today to as the father of a special needs child who was abused by his mother. A bill, HB1933, was introduced by Rep. Yamane and named after him, "Calvin's Law," and passed 3 committee's unanimously and received zero opposition testimony. During the final two minutes of the last committee hearing, without warning, the JHA chair, Rep. Nakashima went against the rest of the committee and decided the bill should not be voted on. Sylvia Luke had already analyzed and cleared the bill for any financial hurdles.

The chair unilaterally "killed" my son's bill and did not give a reason for doing so. The bill would have established conflict of interest violations for Custody Evaluators, made it illegal for them to accept bribes, have sex with clients while deciding which one should receive custody, etc. Very basic rules which other states have. When asked why he would be opposed to such a law, Rep. Nakashima refused to return phone calls, emails, take a meeting, etc.

Rep. Nakashima's "assistant," Mona, said she has friends who are Custody Evaluators, still has ties to that very lucrative industry, and told me she is the "gatekeeper" to Rep. Nakashima, and said, and I quote, "If you want to talk to the representative, you have to convince me to vote for the bill first." Mona is not an elected official and this is not an ethical way to run a state office. The brazen admission that Mona is somehow financially gaining from not passing this bill and/or her friends are benefitting from killing this bill is downright corruption.

**I am hereby respectfully requesting the Committee to recommend placing an immediate moratorium on all Committee Chairs' ability to unilaterally stop bills from being voted on.**

There should be a bill introduced eventually to stop this practice from moving forward indefinitely, but in the meantime, a moratorium put in place before 2023's legislative session is imperative to stop this type of corruption and "backdoor politicking" from occurring. Mahalo for your understanding. Please send me an email confirming receipt in time for the next public hearing. Aloha!

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Mahalo Nui Loa,

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"'A'ohē Pu'u Ki'eki'e Ke Ho'a'o 'Ia E Pi'i [No cliff is so tall it cannot be climbed.]"