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Honorable Jon Riki Karamatsu Chair, Committee on Judiciary State House of Representatives

Dear Chair Karamatsu and Committee members:

Thank you for allowing this testimony in support of SB 109, SD 2, HD 1, Relating to the Interstate Compact For Juveniles.

This bill will allow Hawaii to participate in the new compact that is replacing the existing Interstate Compact on Juveniles. It is needed to assure that Hawaii has the procedural means to regulate the movement of juveniles across state lines who are under court supervision, and to return runaways, absconders, and escapees with the majority of states that have adopted the new compact.

We hope for your favorable action on this bill.

Very truly yours,

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