

LATE Testimony

TO: The Honorable John Mizuno, Chair.
Committee on Human Services

From: Paige Calahan, Mother of a child abused by the Father

Subject: Testimony **CONDITIONAL SUPPORT IF AMENDED** of SB923,
HD2/SSCR513
RELATING TO COMMISSION ON FATHERHOOD.

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Good Afternoon Legislators and thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

Hawaii is under severe financial distress at this time. Inappropriate application of the many dollars it receives and general failure in its application of morals, ethics statutes and doing what benefits the community most is rampant and out of control! Our history can be different! If amended, you can create community of actual support and create real benefit for the children as we are seeing done in other legislation.

My case is under joint legislative investigation through the Joint Legislative Investigative Task Force headed by the Honorable Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland for court corruption and failure to follow statute resulting in harm to a child by Judge Keith E. Tanaka of Maui's 2nd Circuit. It involves documented and testified on child abuse, domestic violence, bias of the Judge for the father and multiple crimes committed by the father and paternal grandfather against myself and my son which remain un-addressed and not in compliance with statute. It involves child abuse known by CWS Staff members and supervisors who disregarded abuse while (and because) the FATHER and GRANDFATHER claimed innocence in contradiction to evidence presented! Part of the corruption is the concrete and inflexible rights of the father being upheld over those of the mother and children and this is in violation of our statutes and Constitution! **Illegal and inappropriate involvement of the perpetrators parents** in my case were and are allowed while myself and my Mother, with whom my Son has resided with or next to the majority of his life have been cut off from even the most basic of contact. No one on the maternal side of the family has a criminal history or is allowed contact! In my case the **FATHER and the PATERNAL GRANDFATHER were accused by my son of abuse!** This is documented. **BOTH were accused by the FATHER's children** from his previous marriage! This is documented. **BOTH lied on the stand and supported and participated in known criminal activity yet they BOTH remain in violation of HI statute, now reside with my Son in another state and both practice total alienation of the entire MATERNAL SIDE OF MY SON's FAMILY!!** Judge Keith Tanaka in violation of HRS 571-46(a) (91-14) ordered custody of my Son to his abuser.

Outside of his jurisdiction Judge Tanaka ordered my Son relocated with his documented abuser father from this state while in State Custody and the FATHER being looked at for sexual and psychological abuse of a child! The grandfather was accused of child abuse in another state and my son accused him of watching his father abuse him and guarding the door. Both paternal grandparents are aware of DV in my case and harm to my son, the history of DV, violence, substance and alcohol abuse and child abuse by their own son who they choose to protect **AND WHO THE STATE CHOOSES TO PROTECT**. I also was accused by CWS of psychological abuse and the ICA upheld a trial court decision of my innocence, yet my child is gone and my side of the family banned from his school and life because my ex made unsubstantiated statements to a bad and biased Judge.

Statute 571-46 (and others) is present to stop this kind of behavior but has no oversight and is not being enforced and this is why the Joint Legislative Task Force Exists. Such a task force would not exist if appropriate behaviors to apply law and treatment fairly existed and was enforced, and if the best interests of the child criteria were used correctly! Until there is oversight and enforcement for failure to correctly apply statute there is no incentive to stop the behaviors from renegade judges and abusive parents. Funding these inappropriate behaviors and allowing immunity will not resolve them. Funding the correction of these behaviors WILL resolve them.

But the problem is greater than a bad and biased judge who prefers men raise children regardless of how OUR COLLECTIVE FUTURE is DESTROYED! It is more than economic misapplication and failure. It is the failure of the basic premise on which God and others have founded our families! It takes a tribe to raise a child. A tribe is not a father. It is a Father, Mother, extended family and a supportive community. It is the basis of the best interests of a child criteria. All of these different parties need to interact to provide that child, any child, with the resources needed to mature into a balanced person who brings value to society. A child without safety, health, peace and joy is less than the potential that they were birthed on this earth to be. Support for this is found in http://money.cnn.com/2007/05/25/pf/mobility_study/index.html where in it states "The expectation that each generation will do better than their parents has become a fundamental part of what we call 'The American Dream,'" said Morton. "But this new analysis suggests this bedrock belief may be shifting under our feet." This supports that how we raise our children and support those parents who do this correctly is of paramount importance!

In 2007 the Commission on Fatherhood was made permanent and a legal and sexual based bias created which has been fed with dollars paid for by MOTHERS and the tribe! This is a violation of the CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS of Mothers and tribe members which include good, non-violent Fathers! The initial purpose was to recognize the important role fathers play in the lives of children and the founder of this organization is against ALL forms of abuse This

has instead morphed into an attack on Mothers which has escalated far beyond what may have been the initial intention of the commission. ALL sexual based bias, economic or otherwise, harms children who deserve parents that are safe for them to be around and who nurture their bodies and soul. The possession of testicles does not in itself a good father make. Both Men and Women can be good parents and by majority are. The individuals who have misused these types of groups have given fuel to a fire that burns our children and our Constitutional Rights and paves the path for continued judicial corruption! I am in full support of the family and I define family as safe, nurturing, non-criminal Mothers and Fathers. Where this deviates (child abuse and domestic violence) criminal statute should apply.

I would like this Bill **amended to reflect the inalienable rights afforded each of us in the Constitution** and:

1. A title change to **Commission on Parenthood**.
2. A **change in purpose** to reflect the **unique role PARENTS** play in the lives of their children. Parents are defined as MOTHER, and FATHER or those by adoption legally holding those roles.
3. The Commission on Parenthood should NOT support those parents that harm their children and are in violation of statute 571-46 (and others) where harm (or a history of harm) to children or another is present.

Amendments need to be made because if all that is needed to gain custody and financial support from the State of Hawaii and the Federal Government, regardless of the term of the commissioners, is the possession of testicles than we fall short of wanting our children to meet and exceed their God given potential. When Mothers remain as nothing more than vessels to birth children and continue to be taken away from the nurturing of those children we as a society have failed and we have failed good fathers subjected to false allegations. **It is this legislative body that has responsibility to make Hawaii a great place.** I challenge you to make Hawaii paradise for Mothers, Fathers and Children and to eliminate the competition for financial dollars and political power between Mothers and Fathers. Support Family! Support Children! Support Safety! Support Joy!

If this goal can not be achieved through Amendment of this and other similar legislation than the Commission on Fatherhood should be disbanded and the money put forth to correct the real problem which is judicial corruption and it's failure to follow statute all of which results in good parents wrongly accused and children being harmed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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