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Mele Carroll, Chair Committee on Human Services House of Representatives State Capitol Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: HB No. 340, Relating to Child Support February 14, 2013, 9:30 a.m. Conference Room 329

Chair Carroll and Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

As we are informed, teenage parents make up the majority of welfare recipients and take up the majority of welfare benefits paid. This significant outlay made to these teenage parents puts an obvious strain on the taxpayers of Hawaii. This burden on our taxpayers should be ameliorated whenever possible.

One possible source of relief for our taxpayers is to require the parents of a minor mother or minor father to contribute to the support of their grandchild according to their financial means. This obligation on the grandparents would continue until their responsibility to support the minor mother or minor father ceases.

In Hawaii, more than anywhere else, there is a sense of Ohana and grandparents in most instances are close to their grandchildren. Financially supporting their grandchildren whenever possible would be a natural extension of Ohana.

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Comments: Please consider passing this bill. As a donator to 501C organizations, the cap on tax deductions has limited our ability to contribute in a generous fashion. By eliminating the cap, we will feel we an donate again. Sincerely, Lynn Lally Kailua Kona, HI

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