

LATE TESTIMONY

Chair Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran & Vice Chair Maile S.L. Shimabukuro

Judiciary and Labor Senate Committee

Bill No. SB 2409

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9:30 AM in Conference Room 016

Good Morning Judiciary and Labor Committee Members. My name is Breana Asuncion and I am currently a student at the University of Hawaii Manoa but I am here solely representing myself. Legislation has proposed the Bill SB 2409 relating to child visitation and also provide guidelines for the courts to consider in awarding visitation rights to grandparents. I am in full support of this bill because the foundation on which it stands on is of the best interest of the child.

I have to add that from my personal experience my grandparents where the ones always there for me when my parents could not be because of work related reasons or my parents were continuing their education. Being around my grandparents provided me with not only positive role models but also a deeper sense of respect and understanding of my family tree. It is in my experience that the love and attention of grandparents can have positive influence on the life of their grandchildren and for that reason grandparents should have the support broken down in this bill.

I would appreciate your support and careful consideration to this issue

Thank you for your valuable time and consideration,

Breana Asuncion
