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## <u>SB992</u>

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Arvid Tadao Youngquist	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Chairs, Senate Hawaiian Affairs/Human Services Joint Hearing Honorable Committee Members I support SB 992. As this is a single source sponsored (Sen. Maile Shimabukuro), and it has to further pass the hurdle of approval and recommendation to the full Senate by JDL/WAM, your favorable consideration is requested. Even if the Senate in in concurrence, a House committee or majority could still yet be in opposition. This measure takes into account the concepts of kuleana, kupuna, "it takes a village to raise a child", and "local values". I happen to believe in the concept of a "nation" within a State or what is commonly called a "City-State" governance, i.e., Athens, the Vatican, Suparta, etc. It would make a good test case and a model from which a pragmatic application of the host culture can be obtained. Thank you for your consideration and hearing this measure. Mahalo nui, Arvid Tadao Youngquist Oahu Resident and Voter (Aiea, Salt Lake, Wahiawa, Liliha, Kalihi Valley, Kalihi-Palama, Downtown, Kaimuki, and Maikiki)

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claire bailey	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Present at Hearing
Keao NeSmith	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Aloha mai e na luna aupuni e hoolohe mai nei, He makemake au e kakoo i ka SB992. He nui loa no na kamalii Hawaii i pilikia i ka weheia mai loko mai o ka poli o ko lakou ohana no ka nui loa o na pilikia i loaa'i na makua i ka hooikaika ana i ka noho ana. He nui no na kumu no ka pilikia, o ka pipii loa o ke kuai hale oe, ka pipii loa o ke kuai aina oe, a o ka emi loa hoi o ka uku e loaa nei ma ka hana. Mamuli o keia mau pilikia nui, pii pu ka loohia o ka noonoo o na makua i ka mea kaumaha a lilo ko lakou noonoo i kekahi manawa i ka haawipio me ka hana i ka mea lolo. No ia kumu weheia ke keiki mai na makua aku a haawiia na kekahi poe malihini o ka aina e nana e malama i ke keiki, a he pilikia hou no kela, oia ka weheia o ke keiki mai ka nui ohana (na hoahanau, makua hanauna hoi, na kupuna) a lawe hanaiia e ka lahui e ma ka aina e hoi. E oluolu, e malamaia na keiki Hawaii maloko no o ka ohana. Ina nui loa ka pilikia o na makua, e malamaia na keiki mawaena o na hoahanau, na akanala, anake, me na kupuna. Aole e haawiia na kahi poe malihini. Mahalo a nui no ka hoolohe ana mai. I support the testimony of Cheryl Kakazu Park on SB992. Please work to help us keep Hawaiian children with their parents. So many parents are impossibly stressed due to external factors that often affect their behavior. The real fix to such problems is to work with parents and families and not to take kids away and give them to strangers who too often take the kids and raise them in foreign destinations with no contact with extended family and no familiarity with their family heritage and local culture. Where parents are simply incapable of being responsible parents, the extended family must be provided the first priority to raise their family's kids. Mahalo nui for allowing me this testimony. Me ka haahaa no, Keao NeSmith

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