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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jennifer Azuma Chrupalyk	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Spousal support is a thing of the past and should no longer be included in the law. In a modern world where people are responsible for themselves, let's not blur the lines of who is responsible. According to Child and Family laws, a child is fully responsible for themselves at 18 years of age. When did marriage change that? Marriage is a vow of love, not a vow to your bank account. When I went to Child Support Enforcement, the State of Hawai'i told me that they would rather give my children Food Stamps, than to fight for child support. Was the father of my children *not* responsible for the creation and costs of their lives? But the State of Hawai'i preferred to give us a temporary handout, rather than a hand up. The State of Hawai'i chose to make taxpayers responsible for the cost of my sperm donor's responsibility. And the State of Hawai'i then told me what we could *not* have - in terms of assets, to maintain the support that was given to us. That led to my raising my children in pure poverty because it was illegal for me to advance our lives, or the consequences would have been to lose the help that we so sorely needed to advance away from dependence upon the system. I may be using myself as an example, but why don't you ask some welfare recipients why they don't get jobs? We don't get jobs because in attempting to advance ourselves economically, it forces our kids to starve and to make sacrifices related to their ability to overcome poverty - thus contributing to the general issues that the State of Hawai'i has today. And it is more expensive to exacerbate your citizens, than it is to simply empower them. But the State of Hawai'i hasn't figured that out yet because there is no diversity in the state. Every elected official comes from one school of thought - a school of thought that does not represent a majority of the people.

Why would people be told that they are responsible for themselves, then we have alimony or spousal support? This isn't the 1950s. Women aren't at home posing as June Cleaver anymore. Women are more than welcome to join the workforce and be responsible for their own lives now. How does the State empower people by micromanaging their lives and holding them back? It's a fake horse and pony show that indicates the amount of auditing that has to be done on the state level.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Glenda Pinheiro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Glenda Pinheiro and I support SB 2869 SD1 as written. Unfortunately Hawaii does not have a means of collecting alimony due through a court-order and this bill allows my ex-husband to have his check garnished as a result of neglecting his alimony payments. I am begging that you assist me in trying to get help with garnishing my ex-husband from his payroll. The judge granted it but my ex Derrick Pinheiro mentioned that he does not have to pay.

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