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**Via electronic submission**

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 96813

The Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear President Kouchi and Speaker Nakamura:

Pursuant to Section 577-7.5, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS), the Judiciary is transmitting a copy of the *Report on Parental Preferences in Government Contracts*.

In accordance with Section 93-16, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, we are also transmitting a copy of this report to the Legislative Reference Bureau Library.

The public may view an electronic copy of this report on the Judiciary's website at the following link: [https://www.courts.state.hi.us/news\\_and\\_reports/reports/reports](https://www.courts.state.hi.us/news_and_reports/reports/reports).

Should you have any questions regarding this report, please feel free to contact Karen Takahashi of the Judiciary's Legislative Affairs and Special Projects Division at (808) 539-4896, or via e-mail at [Karen.T.Takahashi@courts.hawaii.gov](mailto:Karen.T.Takahashi@courts.hawaii.gov).

Sincerely,

*Brandon Kimura*

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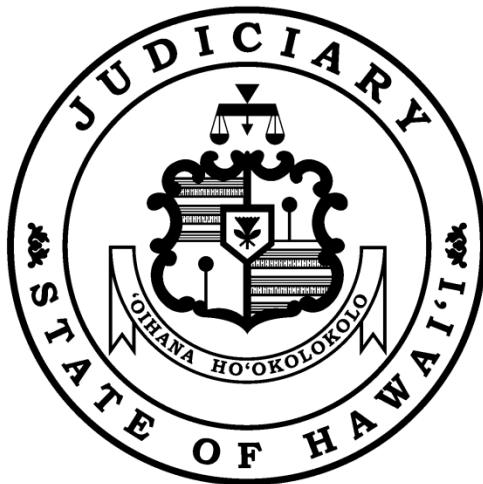
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**Pursuant to HRS § 577-7.5**



**Prepared by:**

**The Judiciary, State of Hawai'i**

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Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Section 577-7.5, provides that Judiciary contracts, programs, and services shall not favor one parent over the other in terms of child rearing and that the Judiciary provide an annual report to the Legislature.

We report that the Judiciary program administrators, program specialists, and contracting officers are continuing to monitor their contracts to ensure compliance with this Section. In addition to using standard contractual terms, our Judiciary staff attorney ensures compliance with all applicable laws by reviewing these contracts prior to finalization. Judiciary policies and procedures in the contracting of individuals or groups providing contractual services to the Judiciary do not and will not reflect any parental preference.