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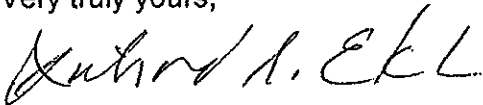
Re: SB 2368 Relating to Child Visitation
Senate Committee on Human Services
Hearing on Thursday, January 28, 2010 1:50 pm, Conference Rm 016

Dear Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland and members of the Committee:

My name is Richard Ekimoto and I am concerned about the ability of grandparents to visit their minor grandchildren. Particularly in Hawaii where family is so important, the right to visitation by grandparents should be protected. The bill protects the interest of the parents by providing a rebuttable presumption that the parent's decision is in the best interest of the child. However, it also allows the grandparents to rebut the presumption and provides factors for the court to consider when determining whether the presumption is rebutted.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that this Committee pass this bill to protect this important relationship.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard S. Ekimoto". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'R'.

RICHARD S. EKIMOTO