

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2118

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 2118 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISCRETIONARY TRANSFERS TO THE SUPREME COURT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to allow child custody appeals to be transferred from the Intermediate Court of Appeals to the Supreme Court, except in cases brought under the Child Protective Act.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary.

Your Committee finds that under existing law, litigants in child custody matters, other than matters involving the termination of parental rights, are required to wait until the Intermediate Court of Appeals (ICA) issues a decision before being able to file an application for certiorari with the Supreme Court. This measure would allow for expedited resolution of child custody matters by enabling the litigants to bypass the ICA and apply for transfer directly to the Supreme Court.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2118 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,

Karl Rhoads

KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary
JDC

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2118	Committee Referral: HMS, JDC	Date: 2/24/2020		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	//			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)	//			
GABBARD, Mike				/
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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