



February 10, 2003

To: The Senate Human Services Committee  
The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
The Honorable Lorraine Inouye, Vice Chair  
Honorable Committee Members

From: Kelly M. Rosati, J.D.  
Executive Director

Re: Support for SB 980, Making an Appropriation for the Needs and Rights of Children

Hawaii Family Forum is a non-profit, pro-family education organization committed to preserving and strengthening families in Hawaii. As such, we support SB 980, making an appropriation for the needs and rights of children, which will go toward the continued funding of the Na Keiki Law Center.

The Na Keiki law center provides crucial legal assistance to many foster and adoptive parents who, having provided 24 hour a day care for their little ones, are in the best position to advocate for the best interest of those same children.

Unfortunately, however, these kids and the parents who know what is best for them, often have no one to be 'their voice' throughout the legal process. Na Keiki law center has often been that voice.

Na Keiki has served the community with distinction. When it comes to the very least among us, those little ones who have no forever families, Na Keiki has served as a voice for the voiceless.

We urge you to continue to fund their vital work. Mahalo for your kind consideration.

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