**House Judiciary Committee** 

Written Proponent Testimony in Support of SB157

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Chairman Patton and members of the Committee,

My name is David Bayouth. I'm a single father of two remarkable children. I support SB 157.

I believe when the custody process begins and both parents start with equal parenting there will be less conflict. When both parents know up front that they are expected to share equally they are more likely to get on with the process.

When one parent goes into the process with an advantage, it often leads to that parent exploiting the opportunity, often not for the benefit of the children, but for their own personal advantage.

Children need their fathers to be involved in their upbringing and fathers should not start the process in an inferior position.

I am always available for questions.

Thank you,

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