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TESTIMONY FOR STANDARDS OF PRACTICE COMMITTEE AUGUST 24, 2022

At approximately minute 34 of the August 17 committee hearing, Rep. Belatti commented in response to a concern by a testifier. She said that HB2424 (Ariel's Law) was vetoed due to a "problem on the legal language". That is an egregious understatement. The Governor used the words "serious legal issues". The bill was unconstitutional, as referred to in my August 17 testimony.

ONE legislator directly involved in HB2424 went "on record" to state that home checks were going to be added into the bill (after they had been removed by the Attorney General testimony). **This is violation of the standards of conduct.**

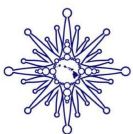
In 2008, the legislature submitted two separate bills that authorized illegal home checks in response to a child death. Both HB2558 and SB3056 deserved to fail. In 2021, a bill that attempted to lower 4th amendment standards failed.

Dean of the University of Connecticut Law School quote:

Entry into a home to investigate a child abuse report is a "search". A child removal is a "seizure". Both require consent, a court order or exigency ("emergency" circumstances).

I recommend that all elected officials, who take an oath to uphold the Constitution, receive a refresher course on the Bill of Rights, particularly the search and seizure rights in the 4th amendment. Suggest that legislative lawyers be used more often to catch unconstitutional errors and conflict with existing law. Should this even be necessary?

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