

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR



STATE OF HAWAII
**CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION
COMMISSION**

1136 Union Plaza, Suite 600
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Telephone: 808 587-1143
FAX 808 587-1146

LISA A. DUNN
Chair

REBECCA S. WARD
Commissioner

THOMAS WATTS
Commissioner

PAMELA FERGUSON-BREY
Executive Director

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2772 HD3
RELATING TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING

by

Pamela Ferguson-Brey, Executive Director
Crime Victim Compensation Commission

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 12, 2008; 9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

Good morning Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Hee and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor. Thank you for providing the Crime Victim Compensation Commission (the "Commission") with the opportunity to testify before you today. The Commission supports the passage of House Bill 2772 HD3 with an amendment to appropriate funding to carry out the activities of the Hawaii Anti-Trafficking Task Force ("Task Force"). House Bill 2772 HD3 extends the sunset date for the Task Force to 2010 and adds additional members to the Task Force.

The Commission was established in 1967 to mitigate the suffering and financial impact experienced by victims of violent crime by providing compensation to pay unreimbursed crime-related expenses. Many victims of violent crime could not afford to pay their medical bills, receive needed mental health or rehabilitative services, or bury a loved one if compensation were not available from the Commission.

In 2006 the legislature established the Hawaii Anti-Trafficking Task Force (HATTF II) to investigate ways to combat human trafficking, to prepare a social service needs

assessment of human trafficking victims, to collect data, to draft legislation to reduce human trafficking, and to look at the social service needs of human trafficking victims. The Commission attended a number of the Task Force meetings and provided its members with input regarding the eligibility of human trafficking victims for crime victim compensation.

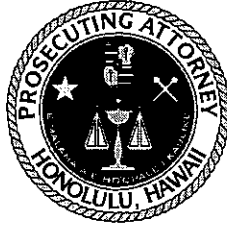
While the Task Force made significant progress towards achieving its legislative mandate, the sunset date for the Task Force should be extended to allow the Task Force to complete the analysis of the needs assessment, and to draft legislation to improve the provision of services to human trafficking victims.

The Commission urges the Committee to amend the bill to include the funding necessary to carry out the activities of the Hawaii Anti-Trafficking Task Force. Thank you for providing the Commission with the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 2772 HD3 with a funding amendment.

DEPARTMENT OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

ALII PLACE
1060 RICHARDS STREET, HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813
AREA CODE 808 • 527-6494

PETER B. CARLISLE
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY



DOUGLAS S. CHIN
FIRST DEPUTY
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

**THE HONORABLE BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR**

**TWENTY-FOURTH STATE LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2008**

**HEARING: Wednesday, March 12, 2008
9:00 A.M., Conference Room 016**

RE: HOUSE BILL 2772, H.D. 3, RELATING TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Good morning Chair Taniguchi and members of the Judiciary and Labor Committee, the Department of Prosecuting Attorney provides the following testimony **in support of H.B. 2772, H.D. 3**, which proposes to extend the sunset date for the Hawaii Anti-Trafficking Task Force established by Act 260 of 2006, to amend the list of Task Force members, and provide an appropriation to underwrite the cost of activities carried out by the Task Force.

As a participant in the Act 260 Task Force we have diligently pursued the development of the necessary support services for victims' services to meet the diverse needs of the victims of human trafficking as well as participated in the development of a comprehensive consensus proposal for a criminal statute address the crime of human trafficking in Hawaii. We believe that this Task Force has the promoted a positive and productive effort by the diverse interests concerned about this issue in resolving the personal and social devastation created by this insidious offense. Our Department stands ready to continue its full and meaningful participation in the Task Force and supports the inclusion of the additional members, as proposed in this bill. The proposed new members will be able to assist in the critical task of crafting legislation that will address the extensive service needs of the victims of human trafficking. The extension of the sunset date for the Task Force to June 30, 2010 will also facilitate the accomplishment of this task. Similarly the appropriation incorporated into the H.B. 2772, H.D. 3 will permit the full participation of Neighbor Island members by underwriting the cost of their travel expenses.

In summary, **we are strongly in favor of H.B. 2772, H.D. 3**, and recommend your favorable consideration.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



THE SEX ABUSE TREATMENT CENTER

A Program of Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children

Executive Director
Adriana Ramelli

Advisory Board
President
Mimi Beams

Vice President
Peter Van Zile

Marilyn Carlsmith

Senator
Suzanne Chun Oakland

Monica Cobb-Adams

Dennis Dunn

Senator
Carol Fukunaga

Tina Watson

Geraldine A. Hayes

Roland Lagareta

M. Stanton Michels, M.D.

Willow Morton

R. Carolyn Wilcox

Date: March 12, 2008

To: The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
The Honorable Clayton Hee, Vice Chair
Committee on Judiciary and Labor

From: Adriana Ramelli, Executive Director
Sex Abuse Treatment Center
Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women and Children

RE: Support for HB2772/HD3
Hawaii Anti-trafficking Task Force, extends sunset date

Good morning Senators Taniguchi and Hee and members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor. My name is Adriana Ramelli and I am the Executive Director of the Sex Abuse Treatment Center (SATC), a program of the Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children (KMCWC), an affiliate of Hawaii Pacific Health.

The SATC supports HB2772 HD3 to extend the sunset date for the Hawaii Anti-trafficking Task Force to 2010 and appropriates funding for it. This Task Force plays a vitally important role in addressing human trafficking, a serious and escalating crime that tramples on human rights in Hawaii and throughout the world. Every year trafficking impacts thousands of people, many of them children, who are forced to engage in sex acts or labor under slave-like conditions. Hawaii must be proactive in addressing this heinous crime. The SATC has actively participated in the Task Force since its inception and we strongly urge you to support its critically important work.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.