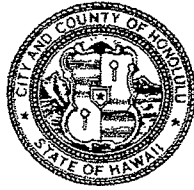


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The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
The Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui, Vice Chair
and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means
The Senate
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Tsutsui, and Members:

Subject: Support of SB 2150, Relating to Adult Protection

The Elderly Affairs Division supports SB 2150. However, we are concerned about a recent change made to the bill we feel would weaken the law by narrowing its criteria. We recommend use of the word "imminent" instead of "immediate" in Section 346-231, Subsection (c) (4). We feel that the original intent of the term "imminent" refers to an event that may happen whereas "immediate" refers to something that has to have happened.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Karen K. Miyake".

Karen K. Miyake
County Executive on Aging
Elderly Affairs Division

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cc: Office of the Mayor