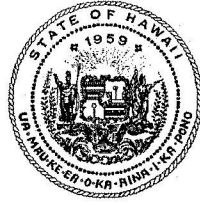


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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2818 SD2
RELATING TO CRIME

by

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House Committee on Human Services and Housing
Representative Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Chair
Representative Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

Tuesday, March 11, 2008; 8:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 329

Good morning Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Rhoads and Members of the House Committee on Human Services and Housing. 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 Senate Bill 2818 SD2. This bill extends the sunset date for the Hawaii Anti-Trafficking Task Force to 2010; adds additional members to the Task Force, including the Commission; and makes an appropriation to fund the activities of the Task Force.

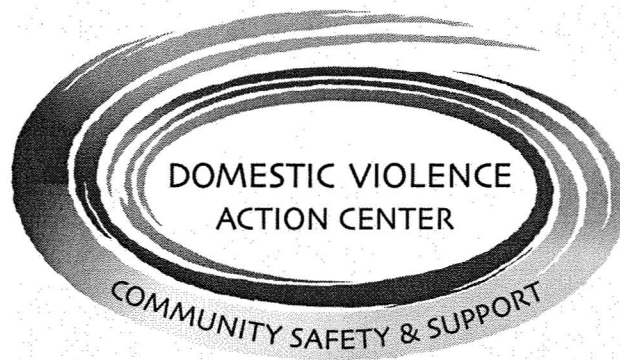
The Commission was established in 1967 to mitigate the suffering and financial impact experienced by victims of violent crime by providing compensation to pay unreimbursed crime-related expenses. Many victims of violent crime could not afford to pay their medical bills, receive needed mental health or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

Thank you for providing the Commission with the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 2818 SD2.



TO: Maile Shimabukuro, Chair
Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Human Services and Housing

FR: Nanci Kreidman, M.A.

RE: S.B. 2818, S.D. 2

Aloha, and thank you for hearing S.B. 2818, S.D. 2. We are in support of this measure to extend the sunset date for the Anti-Trafficking Task Force.

Our agency has served on the task force and put forth our best efforts to address the issues that came before us. Much has been accomplished and there is still more to be done. This bill would give the task force the time to complete their very important work.

Thank you for inviting community testimony on this important issue.



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To: The Honorable Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Chair
The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair
Committee on Human Services & Housing

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

RE: Support for SB2818/SD2
Hawaii Anti-trafficking Task Force, extends sunset date

Good morning Representatives Shimabukuro and Rhoads and members of the Committee on Human Services & Housing. 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 SB2818 SD2 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.