



Domestic Violence Action Center

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LATE
Testimony

RE: H.B. 275

Aloha. The intent of this bill is well understood. We must state concerns for the record.

It is often very difficult for family members to make reports of child abuse. Their unfamiliarity with the system, perhaps prior unsuccessful encounters with the system and fear of retaliation would all dissuade family members from reporting abuse or neglect.

How would enforcement be implemented, and if a family member did not comply, what are the consequences? The mandate would require a great deal of training in the community so that all families understood the mandate and the requirements.

We would ask that the Committee work with relevant parties to consider the implications for such a mandate.

Thank you