

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF H.B. NO. 1883

My name is Edwin K. Flores, and I am the Executive Director of Hawaii Family Law Clinic, dba Ala Kuola, an agency that serves victims of domestic violence.

The 2009 State Legislature provided approximately 13 provisos for TANF monies to be used to assist victims of domestic violence to obtain temporary restraining orders in the county of Honolulu. My agency, along with many others, are awaiting the award and release of these monies.

I fully support H.B. No. 1883 as it will clarify and confirm the process by which awards are made to nonprofit agencies that receive funds from the Department of Human Services for domestic violence, a list of nonprofit agencies that received awards and the amounts thereof, and the resultant number of victims that were assisted as a direct result of the award of these funds.