



To: The Honorable John Mizuno, Chair  
The Honorable Jo Jordan, Vice-Chair  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

**LATE**  
**Testimony**

From: Veronika Geronimo  
Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence

RE: HCR155

Hearing Date: Monday, March 28, 2011, 9am in Room 329

The Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (HSCADV) is a statewide coalition of domestic violence programs and shelters. HSCADV and its member agencies advocate for policies and services to end domestic violence in Hawai'i.

Although we support the intent of HCR155, the issues raised need to be addressed through a coordinated system of services within the Department of Human Services. The establishment of a specialized domestic violence unit should be developed in the context of a comprehensive plan that responds to the multiple and unique needs of domestic violence survivors and their children.

Thank you for your consideration.

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**From:** Elena Marquez [elenamarquez3@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 27, 2011 11:03 AM  
**To:** HUS testimony  
**Subject:** HCR155/HR136

# **LATE Testimony**

I, Maria Elena Styke-Marquez stand in support of a DV Unit being established in CPS/DHS.

HCR155/HR136

Sincerely,

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**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 10:13 AM  
**To:** HUS testimony  
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**Subject:** Testimony for HCR155 on 3/28/2011 9:00:00 AM

# **LATE Testimony**

Testimony for HUS 3/28/2011 9:00:00 AM HCR155

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**Comments:**

There is a pattern with the perpetrators of Domestic Violence. With focused training in this we can stop the revictimization includingn that which come from the hands of the system

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**From:** Guy Yatsushiro [dr.guy1914@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 27, 2011 8:19 PM  
**To:** HUSTestimony  
**Subject:** March 28th Hearing at 9:00am - Testimony in support of HCR 155 / HR 136

TO: Representative John Mizuno, Chair  
Representative Jo Jordan, Vice Chair  
House Human Services Committee

**LATE  
Testimony**

FROM: Guy Yatsushiro, M.D.  
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DATE: March 28, 2011

RE: STRONG SUPPORT for HCR 155 / HR 136

This is probably the best legislation put forth this year, especially considering the state's budget problems and slashing of non-profit funds. Establishing a domestic violence unit within the Department of Human Service's Child Welfare division should have been implemented years ago. Social services face potential life-and-death situations everyday, similar to the medical profession (but if I treated patients beyond my education or area of experience, it'd be called MALPRACTICE.) If you took away the child protective service workers immunity and held them accountable for the quality of care they provide (as I am subject to as a physician) you might see an improvement in the way they handle their cases but for now, establishing a DV unit is a good start.

Sincerely,

Guy Yatsushiro, M.D.