

# LATE TESTIMONY

## HAWAII STATE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

To: The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
The Honorable Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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RE: HCR218-SUPPORT

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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. On behalf of our member agencies, we thank you for the opportunity to testify on HCR218.

Although section 571-46(a)(9)-(14), Hawaii Revised Statutes, has been in the books for several years, there are still concerns regarding judges' understanding of how domestic violence impacts the lives of women and children on a daily basis. There remains the need for judges to understand domestic violence, and how it impacts the entire family, including children, even if the child was never the target of physical abuse. For this reason, we support the intent of HCR218, but are hesitant to divert diminishing state resources to the proposed audit.

Thank you for your consideration.