

HCR60

Measure Title: RECOGNIZING APRIL AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH.

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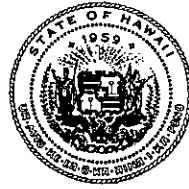
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Senate Committee on Human Services

H.C.R. 60, Recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month

**Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.
Director of Health**

April 14, 2011

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports this resolution.

2 **Fiscal Implications:** None

3 **Purpose and Justification:** H.C.R. 60 reinforces the continued need to raise community awareness on
4 the value of preventing sexual assault in Hawaii.

5 The Department is committed to and administers a number of public health prevention programs
6 including women's health, domestic violence prevention, and sexual assault prevention. The Sexual
7 Violence Prevention Program receives a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) grant for
8 primary prevention in the State. This grant funds a wide variety of prevention activities throughout
9 Hawaii, including a state-wide planning process that engaged community members and organizations in
10 the creation of an eight-year plan for preventing sexual violence. The Plan has identified youth ages 10-
11 21 as the target population for prevention efforts in the State. It is clear that youth and young adults are
12 at particular risk in Hawaii for sexual violence:

- 13 • 10.3% of Hawaii high school students, grades 9-12, reported that they had been physically forced
14 to have sexual intercourse when they did not want to (YRBS, 2009).
- 15 • 10% of UH Manoa (UHM) students reported being sexually assaulted since they started school at
16 UHM; of those 40% reported that the assault occurred on campus, 25% told no one (Bopp,
17 2005).

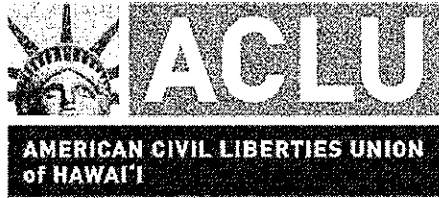
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1 There is a great deal of work to be done; the eight-year Sexual Violence Prevention Plan outlines
2 goals, objectives, and strategies for approaching prevention with both youth and other at-risk
3 populations.

4 The Department would like to extend gratitude to all of the dedicated organizations and
5 individuals that have been involved in the prevention of sexual assault and the provision of services for
6 survivors. In addition to building upon the on-going work to create safe communities in Hawaii,
7 acknowledging April as Sexual Assault Awareness month provides further opportunity to engage new
8 partners in continued prevention, education, and awareness activities.

9 The Department recommends that certified copies of the resolution be transmitted to the
10 Department of Health, the Hawaii Coalition Against Sexual Assault and the Department of the Attorney
11 General. These partners in sexual violence prevention have the facility to distribute copies of this
12 resolution to partners.

13 Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this resolution.



Committee: Committee on Human Services
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, April 14, 2011, 1:15 p.m.
Place: Conference Room 016
Re: Testimony of the ACLU of Hawaii in Support of H.C.R. 60

Dear Chair Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee on Human Services:

The American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii ("ACLU of Hawaii") writes in support of H.C.R. 60, recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.

Gender-based violence in the form of intimate partner abuse, sexual assault and stalking can have devastating consequences that far outlive the violence itself. The ACLU of Hawaii strives for a world in which women and girls live free from violence by challenging discrimination against survivors of violence in housing, employment and education, and by holding governments accountable for responding to and taking proactive measures to stop the cycle of violence. The ACLU of Hawaii supports H.C.R. 60 as an example of a proactive measure by our state government that will further these goals.

The mission of the ACLU of Hawaii is to protect the fundamental freedoms enshrined in the U.S. and State Constitutions. The ACLU of Hawaii fulfills this through legislative, litigation, and public education programs statewide. The ACLU of Hawaii is a non-partisan and private non-profit organization that provides its services at no cost to the public and does not accept government funds. The ACLU of Hawaii has been serving Hawaii for over 45 years.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,
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Decide to End Sexual Violence!

TO: Senate Committee on Human Services
The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
The Honorable Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services

FROM: Paula Chun, Executive Director
Hawai'i Coalition Against Sexual Assault

DATE: Thursday, April 14, 2011

RE: HCR 60, Recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month

The Hawai'i Coalition Against Sexual Assault (HCASA) joins with our State Legislature in recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Hawai'i. HCR 60 acknowledges the vital importance of designating a time devoted to increasing the general public's awareness and support of agencies providing services to sexual assault victims.

Hawaii's sexual violence victim service providers have a thirty-year track record of serving our community. They are:

- The Hawai'i Island YWCA, Sexual Assault Support Services
- The Kaua'i YWCA, Sexual Assault Treatment Program
- The Maui Child & Family Services, Sexual Assault Support Services
- The O'ahu Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children, Sex Abuse Treatment Center

In addition, we also acknowledge Hawaii's military who, through their Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Programs, affirm their commitment to preventing sexual assault. As stated in the US Army Garrison, Hawaii Sexual Assault Awareness Month proclamation: "Hurts one. Affects all ... Preventing Sexual Assault Is Every Soldiers Duty."

During Sexual Assault Awareness Month, we urge our citizens to learn more about the pervasiveness of sexual assault in our state and become involved in the fight against it by supporting local programs and activities so that we as a collective group and community can be part of the solution to end sexual violence.

Finally, we recommend that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution also be transmitted to the Hawai'i State Department of the Attorney General, Hawai'i State Department of Health, and the Hawai'i Coalition Against Sexual Assault.

Thank you for introducing this resolution and demonstrating your commitment to raising awareness of sexual assault issues and services in Hawai'i.



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DATE: April 14, 2011

TO: The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
The Honorable Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair
Committee on Human Services

FROM: Adriana Ramelli, Executive Director
The Sex Abuse Treatment Center

RE: In support of HCR 60
Recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month

Good afternoon Senators Chun Oakland and Ihara and members of the Committee on Human Services. 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.

We strongly support HCR60 which serves to highlight the reality that sexual violence touches the lives of many adults and children in Hawai'i and the importance of supporting survivors and taking action to prevent this terrible crime.

Designating April as Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month in Hawai'i provides an excellent opportunity to draw public attention to SATC's services. For over 30 years, we have dedicated ourselves to meeting the physical, emotional and psychological needs of thousands of sexual assault survivors and their families by providing high quality comprehensive services. Our team of specially trained physicians, psychologists, social workers, and crisis workers are committed to the support and recovery of those we are honored to serve every year.

The SATC is also dedicated to creating awareness about sexual violence and prevention education. We encourage community members to visit our website to learn more (www.satchawaii.com). The website explains sexual violence, the facts and how it impacts victims; provides a detailed description of SATC's crisis intervention, medical and counseling services and how to access them; and a Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Toolkit for parents and other child caregivers. The toolkit includes a range of resources, such as a brochure on how to talk to your child and teen about personal safety, and an educational coloring book, posters and a downloadable sing-a-long CD. Also on the

website is information on SATC's very successful school-based sexual abuse prevention curricula and teacher training program. To date, over 450 teachers statewide have been trained to teach their students in K-12th grade.

We applaud legislators for proposing this important resolution, and request that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be sent to the Hawai'i State Department of the Attorney General, Hawai'i State Department of Health, and the Hawai'i Coalition Against Sexual Assault. Through awareness and education we can create safer communities, free of sexual violence.

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Aloha members of the Judiciary committee.

I stand in support for HCR60/HRS3 RECOGNIZING APRIL AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH. I have been working for Child and Family Services for three years here on Molokai.

As we all know Sexual Assault is a rising issue and happening in the state of Hawaii as well as everywhere else, and it is affecting our children all the way to our Kupunas. Because of that it is important for all our communities to be aware of this issue through Education and awareness in understanding, that there is tools and services available for them in the state of Hawaii.

Please find it in Hawai'i's best interest to support agencies like ours to continue the important work that we do. Thank you for your time and attention along with the continued hard work that you do for the entire State of Hawai'i..

Mahalo,

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April 13, 2011

Aloha Kakou,

I am writing to support the bill H6R60 the Coalition Against Sexual Assault. I work for Child and Family Services on Moloka'i as a Crisis Health Worker and am in full support of this bill.

I urge the powers that be to also support this bill due to the alarming numbers of adult sexual assault that is now present not only in Hawai'i but in the nation. Without your support agencies like ours are unable to serve our already underserved rural community with the outreach and education that we do.

Please find it in Hawai'i's best interest to support agencies like ours to continue the important work that we do. Thank you for your time and attention along with the continued hard work that you do for the entire State of Hawai'i..

Mahalo,

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Aloha,

Please support the passage of HCR60 that would recognize April as Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.

I represent the Sexual Assault Support Services Program at the YWCA of Hawaii Island. It is critical that our community be aware of the pervasiveness of sexual assault on the island of Hawaii. By the time a child turns 18, one in three girls and one in six boys will have been a victim of sexual assault. This is unacceptable.

Studies have shown that the effects of such victimization are long term if left untreated and ultimately cost the victim and society in a myriad of ways. Depression, increased suicide attempts, increased substance abuse, and mental and physical illnesses are manifested when victimization is left untreated.

In the last year, our program reached almost 8,000 people on our island through prevention education activities or by providing direct service to a victim and their family. We took 907 calls on our hot line, provided face to face intervention services to 192 victims and provided therapy to 236 survivors of sexual assault. The demand for services is increasing. We can help stop the abuse through community awareness and prevention education activities. We can not do this alone and we need your support. Please show your support by the passage of this bill.

I humbly request that the resolution be transmitted to the Department of Health, the Department of the Attorney General and the Hawai'i Coalition Against Sexual Assault.

Thank you for your consideration.

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DATE: April 14, 2011

TO: The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
The Honorable Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair
Committee on Human Services

FROM: Allicyn Floyd
Survivor of Childhood Sexual Abuse

RE: In support of HCR 60
Recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month

Good morning Senators Chun Oakland and Ihara and members of the Committee on Human Services. My name is Allicyn Floyd and I am submitting this testimony in full support of HCR 60: Recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.

As a survivor of childhood sexual abuse committed by multiple perpetrators and also a survivor of date rape, I can speak personally to the emotional scars discussed in your resolution. I can tell you that even a decade after reporting my abuse, I can still feel the embarrassment, humiliation, and shame of having endured that abuse for years. I still feel the fear of not being believed when I disclose my history even now; the fear of being blamed for my own inactions to prevent the abuse or actions perceived as encouraging the rape. As a survivor, it angers me that the community continues to question a victim's behavior rather than condemn a perpetrator's conscious decision to commit the crime.

A year after I reported my abuse, I learned that April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) when I read an article in my high school newsletter. The anonymous author, a sexual assault victim, wrote that she could not tell anyone about her assault, but that she was writing the article in hopes that another victim reading it would have the courage to tell someone. I decided then that I would be the survivor who would say publicly, "I endured. I told. I survived. You can too." I would be an example for other victims that they can disclose their abuse, survive and even thrive. With the help of the Sex Abuse Treatment Center, I am doing exactly what I set out to do and I continue to heal. I am a survivor who speaks openly about my abuse and helps to educate others about the victims of sexual abuse.

I know that if Hawai'i takes this step to officially recognize April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and if we openly discuss the traumas of sexual assault, other victims will recognize the community support and will come forward. We, as a state, can make the message loud and clear that sexual assault will not be tolerated.

I hope that you consider my testimony as you deliberate to approve this resolution. I also hope that I have given you incentive to support this proposal as I know, from first hand experience, that I could have benefited greatly from widespread discussion of sexual assault and childhood sexual abuse, which as previous testimony has mentioned, often goes hand in hand. Finally, I know that fellow survivors will appreciate this effort to raise awareness and I thank you for considering this resolution.

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Submitted on: 4/12/2011

Comments:

I support Sexual Assault awareness and prevention month. Education to our youth is so important. Please see attached article. A man was given a 10 year sentence because his victim reported the abuse after seeing a good touch/bad touch presentation at her school. Please have resolution transmitted to the department of health, department of the Attorney General, and the Hawaii Coalition against sexual assault.

Sexual assault nets 10-year sentence

Man pleaded no contest in case involving 2 girls

March 3, 2011

By LILA FUJIMOTO, Staff Writer

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WAILUKU - A 10-year prison term was ordered Tuesday for a man convicted of sexually assaulting two girls in separate incidents in late 2008 and early 2009.

"Under no set of circumstances can a 35-year-old person engage in any type of sexual conduct with minors," 2nd Circuit Judge Joseph Cardoza said as he sentenced Daerel Alexander. "In both incidents, you were aware of the fact that you were dealing with individuals who were minors."

The 35-year-old had pleaded no contest to nine reduced counts of second-degree sexual assault.

In one charge, the victim was a 10-year-old girl who was asleep on a sofa when she awoke to find Alexander sexually assaulting her in December 2008, according to police reports. Alexander had been staying at the home in Haiku.

The girl reported what happened after seeing a "Good Touch, Bad Touch" play at school, said First Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Robert Rivera. He said Alexander later told a friend that "he thought the 10-year-old girl wanted him."

The other counts involved a 15-year-old girl that Alexander had bought liquor for on Jan. 1, 2009, before partying with the girl and taking her to his residence in Paia, according to court records.

"That's what makes him a predator," Rivera said. "Most sex offenders, they are not violent. What they do is they befriend people. They're nice and they get what they want that way."

When the girl talked to police, she expressed mixed emotions about the defendant's predicament, the judge noted.

Rivera asked that Alexander be sentenced to consecutive prison terms totaling 20 years.

But defense attorney Jon Apo argued for probation for Alexander, who has been jailed for about a year in lieu of \$250,000 bail. While Alexander had "consensual sex" with the 15-year-old, Apo said there was a question about what occurred with the 10-year-old.

But Apo said that in order to take advantage of the prosecution's plea offer reducing the charges from first-degree sexual assault, Alexander had to plead no contest to charges involving both girls. "We were basically wrangled into this plea agreement," Apo said.

He said Alexander isn't a predator. "He was living his life in a way he knows how to live it, which is just living in peace and letting things come to him," Apo said.

Alexander was extradited to Maui to face the charges. Apo said Alexander was returning to Maui from Italy when he was arrested at an airport in Atlanta. He was ordered to pay \$3,824 in restitution.

* Lila Fujimoto can be reached at lfujimoto@mauinews.com.

It is with strong support that I submit testimony for HCR60 – Making April Sexual Assault Awareness month. Through the hard work of all the treatment providers across the state – Kapiolani Sex Abuse Treatment Center, The Ys on Kauai and Hawaii Island and Child and Family Service in Maui County, we are able to continue to work to eliminate sexual violence in our communities. These organizations along with the support from the Hawaii Coalition Against Sexual Assault and the Attorney Generals office, victims are provided services free of charge to help them help from the violence.

HCR60 sends a message that this work is IMPORTANT to everyone affected by sexual assault. Please join me in supporting this measure.

Respectfully submitted, Sheri Daniels