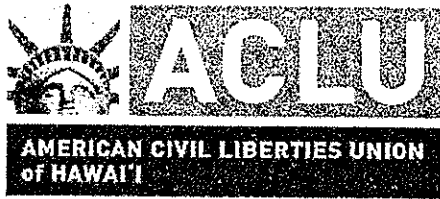


SCR 46/SR 22



Committee: Committee on Human Services
Hearing Date/Time: Tuesday, March 29, 2011, 3:30 p.m.
Place: Conference Room 016
Re: Testimony of the ACLU of Hawaii in Support of S.C.R. 46/ S.R. 22

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 S.C.R. 46/S.R.22, recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.

Gender-based violence in the form on 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 S.C.R. 46/S.R. 22 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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DATE: March 29, 2011

RE: Support for SCR46/SR22

Good afternoon Senators. Please support the passage of this proposal that would recognize April as Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month.

By the time they turn 18, one in 3 girls and one in 6 boys will have been the victim of some form of inappropriate sexual behavior instigated by an adult. If these statistics come as a surprise to you, please ensure that every April is recognized as Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month (represented by the color TEAL). April is also Child Abuse Awareness Month (represented by the color BLUE) and sadly, these two issues often collide and overlap.

Respectfully,

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