

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

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**HB2133** RELATING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

HMS/EDT

Designates October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

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Testimony for HMS/EDT 4/3/2012 1:00:00 PM HB2133

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**Comments:**

The Hawai`i Women's Coalition is in support of this measure as in previously submitted testimony.

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Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair  
COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

Tuesday, April 3, 2012  
1:00pm, Conference Room 016  
State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

My name is Ashley Shearer and I am a Master in Social Work candidate at Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work, University of Hawaii, Manoa. I am testifying in support of HB2133 for the following reasons:

- Designating a Domestic Violence Awareness Month will promote needed public awareness that domestic violence is a significant societal, public health, and criminal justice problem in Hawaii.
- Breast Cancer Awareness Month and AIDs Awareness Month have greatly increased public awareness of these issues. Domestic Violence Awareness Month will likely have a similar impact.
- As a survivor of domestic violence, I feel it is important for the empowerment of women that the issue of domestic violence is addressed publicly, as domestic violence survivors often feel ashamed and alone.
- A designated Domestic Violence Awareness Month promotes synergy between agencies, statewide and nationally, whose missions intersect with domestic violence issues.
- October is already unofficially recognized as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to support HB2133 to designate October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

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The Senate Committee on Human Services  
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
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The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology  
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair  
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

HB 2133

Tuesday, April 3, 2012

1:00 PM, Conference Room 016

My name is Courtney Voss, I am a graduate student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, from the School of Social Work. Today I am testifying in favor of passing House Bill #2133 which designates October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the State of Hawaii.

By passing this bill, the State of Hawaii will affirm its commitment to spreading awareness and protecting victims of domestic violence. I have worked with women who have been victims of spousal abuse and believe that the importance of this message cannot be overly emphasized.

I thank everyone for taking the time to listen to my testimony and hope that HB #2133 will be passed to spread awareness and advocacy for protecting victims of domestic violence.

Sincerely,

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Submitted on: 4/2/2012

**Comments:**

Please support this proposal that would call the community's attention to domestic violence in the month of October which is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

DV Awareness Month shares the month of October with Breast Cancer Awareness Month and while not to minimize breast cancer in any way, breast cancer affects 1 OUT OF 8 women while Domestic Violence affects 1 OUT OF 4 women. More women and children are injured and killed as a direct result of domestic violence each year, way over and above the number of lives breast cancer claims every year yet despite this fact, domestic violence is still kept "out of sight and out of mind". Please help to change that by supporting this measure so we can get the conversations that need to take place going around dinner tables, cafeterias, schools, churches, etc.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully,

Dara Carlin, M.A.  
Domestic Violence Survivor Advocate

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I am providing written testimony in support of HB2133 RELATING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. I support this measure, because it will place into law a month to educate our public and community of the concerns with domestic violence. By designating October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the public will be better informed about this issue of domestic violence and how to reach out for help. In fact, education and awareness will save lives of many domestic violence victims.

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Comments:  
Yes Pass Bill

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2133**

**HMS/EDT HEARING APRIL 3, 2012 1:00 P.M. CAPITOL ROOM 016**

**Chairs Suzanne Chun Oakland & Carol Fukunaga & committee members:**

**I provide this testimony in support of HB 2133 to designate the month of October as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month."**

**This bill will help to promote public awareness of domestic violence and ultimately encourage the domestic violence victims to seek the help they need. The measure will also provide attention and awareness to the abuser, to allow the abuser to perhaps get the help they need to prevent a violent house environment.**

**Domestic violence affects women, men, girls, boys, the elderly and disabled. Therefore, a measure to promote public awareness will assist in reducing the number of domestic abuse cases and may save lives.**

**Erwin Gabrillo**