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Testimony for WAM 4/3/2012 8:30:00 AM HB304

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Comments:

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TO: Senator David Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Alex Santiago, Executive Director
PHOCUSED

HEARING: April 3, 2012 at 8:30AM in Capitol Conference Rm 211

RE: Support of HB304 HD1, Relating to State Finances

Chair Ige, and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means,

I am Alex Santiago, Executive Director of PHOCUSED, a coalition of health, housing, human service agencies and individual advocates voicing the needs of the marginalized and underserved in Hawai'i. **PHOCUSED supports the HB304 HD1, which appropriates moneys from the general fund to maintain funding levels of programs for public health, welfare, and education.**

PHOCUSED believes that these programs are essential, particularly during these hard economic times, to supporting the most needy citizens in Hawaii and without these funds, they would lose the safety net and support that our state has worked so hard over the years to provide.

Furthermore, we appreciate that these programs are being funded with monies from the General Fund rather than another mechanism.

Attached is a PHOCUSED policy paper that can serve as a guideline for priorities and funding needs that we want to ensure are not overlooked.

Your leadership in this area is admirable. We look forward to working with you as we go through on of the most devastating economic storms we have ever faced.

Please let us know how we can be of service as you move these measures forward.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.



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PHOCUSED stands together on behalf of our community *to promote and protect health, housing, and human services funding* during these difficult economic times. While the economy is in a fragile recovery, this is clearly not a time to cut critical health and human services. Rather it is a time to RESTORE needed services and programs and an opportunity to INVEST in the people of Hawai'i.

The negative consequences of cutbacks today on the most vulnerable people in our community will be multiplied in the future. Prevention of and attention to the serious problems of individuals and families is not only the humane and right thing to do, but is also a smart economic investment of our limited resources.

We appreciate the support of the legislature and the administration in funding crucial health and human services from the "*Rainy Day Fund*" In 2010. As you are aware, this fund was designed to support health and human services when the state hit economic bad times and needed more dollars to support those in need. It was depleted last year and some of those funds were used to restore the most serious cuts in social services. Replenishing this fund is a good idea to protect us from future rainy days... however, NOW, the state must turn its attention to finding and funding the crucial services that were cut with new general fund appropriations. Funding is necessary to maintain our community's core commitment to our people's basic health and human needs. It is essential to rectify and restore these programs and services to maintain a healthy community.

PHOCUSED this year will advocate and focus on a few, crucial issues during this Legislative Session and strongly support the following programs and services:

- Rainy Day Fund: **\$23.7M was used to support programs and services over the past two years.** Should none of those programs receive funds this year that money will be lost and represent another cut.
- Child welfare services: **\$5.8 million was cut from child welfare related services and must be restored.** We see as MOST essential, the following services totaling \$2.5. million.

Child Welfare Services Program	Restoration
Resource Family Recruitment, Licensing & Training-	\$ 1,000,000
Comprehensive Counseling and Support Services-	\$600,000
Ohana Conferencing, Multi-disciplinary Teams/Psych Evaluations, Waianae Receiving Home, Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children	\$500,000
Title IV-B-2-Contracts:	
Mauui Substance Abuse Counseling Services, Oahu	
Permanency Support Services, Kauai Family Centers (Nana's House and Hale Ho'omaluu)	\$400,000
TOTAL RESTORATION RECOMMENDATION	\$2,500,000

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families: **The total needed for restoration and stabilization is \$5.5 million .** The following essential programs and services must be funded:

TANF Program	Amount
Family Literacy	\$1,200,000
Family Strengthening Services	\$ 3,000,000
Parenting Skills Training	\$400,000
Teen Pregnancy Prevention	\$600,000
Employment Core Services for Low-Income populations	\$300,000
TOTAL RESTORATION RECOMMENDATION	\$5,500,000
TOTAL Including DV Shelters	\$6,100,000

- Community Domestic Violence Services: **The total needed for restoration and stabilization is \$7.3 million .** The following essential programs and services must be funded:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM	AMNT	DEPT
advocacy (survivor & system) and court outreach	\$700,000	DHS and JUD
batterer's intervention services	\$800,000	JUD
children's (witnesses/exposed to violence) services	\$400,000	DHS, DOH, JUD

dating violence services	\$200,000	DHS, DOH
dv lawyering- specialized legal services	\$750,000	JUD
prevention and education	\$400,000	DHS, DOH
shelters	\$2,500,000	DHS DHS, DOH,
training	\$50,000	JUD
victim support (groups) services	\$750,000	JUD
visitation services	\$750,000	JUD
TOTAL RESTORATION RECOMMENDATION	\$7,300,000	

➤ **Mental Health Services: Total cuts to Adult mental Health: \$25M over past 4 years, plus \$1M this year.**

It is essential to fund \$6M every year to restore eligibility to the diagnostic categories that were formerly covered and have been removed. (SB 2145, HB1737.)

It is necessary to double case management hours provided to persons with serious mental and behavioral problems from the current 3.5 to 7 hours per month. **This would cost an additional \$15M per year.**

➤ **Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Services: the total needed for restoration of Substance Abuse services is \$1.3M.** The following essential programs and services must be funded:

Estimated Funding Cuts to Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Over 2-3 Years	Restoration Needed by Legislature 2012		Notes		
	Prevention	Treatment			
ADAD (10-20% reductions)	\$600,000	\$3,000,000	\$200,000	\$300,000	\$220K in 2012 Gov's Budget for TX \$1.4 m RDF 2010 for TX
Judiciary (30% reductions)	\$400,000	\$800,000	\$150,000	\$300,000	Across the Board reductions
DHS/ OYS (TANF & Other Federal Funds reductions)	\$1,000,000		\$300,000		TANF – Wiped out OJJDP & SDFSC Funds reductions
TOTALS	\$2,000,000	\$3,800,000	\$650,000	\$600,000	

➤ We will also support the efforts by the Governor and the Community-based Collective Impact Initiatives re: Homelessness, Early Childhood, Kupuna Care, Unemployed and Working Poor, and Youth at Risk/Aging out Foster Youth.

We would be happy to provide policy papers on each area to support these requests.

SUMMARY:

Area of Need	
CWS	\$2.5M
TANF	\$5.5M
Mental Health	\$6.0M
Domestic Violence	\$7.3M
Substance Abuse	\$1.3M
TOTAL FUNDING	
RECOMMENDATION	\$22.6M

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Submitted on: 4/2/2012

Comments:

please support the Judiciary's request for \$175,000 for this initiative for Judiciary's HB 2798 HD3 SD1, establishment of Veterans Treatment Court testimony/budget request.

This allocation is the least that the state can do in order to support the Veterans within this community. The nation as a whole and the state of Hawaii owes it to the veterans. Active Duty, National Guard, and Reserve members have defended and supported the community. Natural and Man Made Disasters have all been responded to by the military community.

Prior to the Iraq and Afghanistan missions the 25th Infantry Division Air element was who responded to EVAC for critical patients on Oahu, providing support for the State. Triple Army Medical center is on the road to alleviating the emergency Room hospital shortage on Oahu. The military also provides a large portion of the States budget.

Not supporting this is the same as telling the veterans that once you are no longer on Active Duty you are of no use to the State and should just quietly be filed away except for those special occasions when the community can then feel that they are paying us back. A BBQ and a holiday is not the same as actually helping a veteran.

The veteran community is the only community that has had to bear the brunt of the actions of the entire community and nation. We deserve at a minimum to be given a court that can address the needs which we have that we did not create. The issues that we have created by the necessity of the country to protect itself and its interests. Not supporting this bill with the funding that it requires is the same as stating that we sacrificed for nothing and are a disposable commodity that can easily be thrown away by the Nation, State, and Community. Please do not let this happen.

Alexander T. Eteuati

Combat Veteran Iraq 2005-2006

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Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 4/2/2012

Comments:

I am writing in support of HB304 HD1. As a marriage and family therapist in Hawaii, I have seen the difficulty of people trying to obtain needed services. Restoring funding to these causes would help to alleviate some of the costs of long-term mental health and substance abuse care. Mahalo for your courage and consideration.

Windward Spouse Abuse Shelter

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24 HOUR HOTLINE 528-0606



April 2, 2012

To: The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Jr., Vice-Chair
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

From: Avis Alokele Kalama, Executive Director
Windward Spouse Abuse Shelter

RE: HB304, HD1 -**SUPPORT**

Hearing Date and Time: 4/3/2012 8:30:00 AM

Good morning Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. Windward Spouse Abuse Shelter respectfully submits the following testimony in support of HB304, HD1. As a private nonprofit emergency shelter for almost 20 years, our mission is to save the lives of women and their children victimized by domestic violence and homelessness. In doing so, we operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, year round.

We learned from an annual survey conducted by the National Network to End Domestic Violence on September 15, 2011 – an one 24-hour period – domestic violence advocates in Hawaii served 485 victims and answered more 78 emergency hotline calls across the state. There were, however, 23 unmet requests because of insufficient funding for staff, programs and services. When fewer community resources are available for advocacy, legal representation, **emergency shelter**, interpretation, counseling, support groups, and case management, victims become more isolated, risking their safety and recovery. Funding shortages have created greater and greater vulnerabilities in the network of services that survivors rely upon for their safety, escape, and self-sufficiency. Many agencies have been forced to cut staff or services, or both, while working diligently to meet the needs of victims.

HB304, SD1 appropriates support from the general fund to maintain funding levels of programs for public health, welfare, and education. We specifically support:

- SECTION 58. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$350,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013

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for education and prevention related to children exposed to domestic violence and dating violence.

- SECTION 59. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,250,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for auxiliary necessary staffing for domestic violence shelters.
- SECTION 61. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$975,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for domestic violence services. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the judiciary for the purposes of this Act.

These general funds will help many domestic programs and shelters such as ours, to keep our doors open to an extremely vulnerable sector of women and children. These families endure variant kinds of abuses such as emotional, financial, sexual, physical, etc. from the very ones who they trust and love, until they have had enough and decide to flee from their frequent volatile and even life-threatening lifestyle.

We ask that you support HB304, SD1, specifically the Sections iterated above, so that we can continue to provide vital services to the survivors. We strive to keep them safe, supported and self-sufficient and ask that you please join us in helping to save one life at a time.

We therefore, respectfully request that the committee passes HB304, HD1. Mahalo for your kokua and favorable consideration.

Most Sincerely,



Avis A. Kalama
Executive Director

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Submitted on: 4/2/2012

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Submitted on: 4/3/2012

Comments:

To take this support away from these already struggling people is almost a crime. A travesty and a tragedy creating more crime and devastation. To take from the already POOR and tax break the rich is madness!

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Submitted on: 4/2/2012

Comments:
please restore funding for child welfare and family centers on Kauai eliminated on Nov.30, 2011.

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Submitted on: 4/2/2012

Comments:
You represent the people, not pocketbooks!

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Mahalo,

Carolyn Lum

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Comments:
CFS is such an important service to our island!

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Kauai, and Substance Abuse Counseling Services-Maui.

2) Please support the Department of Human Services' supplemental budget request for \$1.5 Million for the Domestic Abuse Shelters (HMS 301).

I am most interested in the Family Centers, as these are so effective and also cost effective for so many family issues. This is money well spent



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To: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice-Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

From: L. Dew Kaneshiro, Executive Director
Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii

Re: Testimony on H.B. 304 H.D. 1, S.D. 1 (AMENDED)
Relating to State Finances

Hearing: April 3, 2012 at 8:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Kidani, and members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of H.B. 304 H.D. 1, S.D. 1, Relating to State Finances. Section 63 of the bill appropriates \$300,000 to Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii for pro bono legal services to indigent persons.

Established in 1981, Volunteer Legal is the only organization in the state whose sole mission is to provide legal services using volunteer attorneys. By marshalling the dedication of civic-minded attorneys, the organization leverages a small staff to help more than 2,500 individuals and families each year. Our cases cover a myriad of civil legal issues – family law, housing, bankruptcy, employment, guardianship, immigration, public benefits, to name just a few. These diverse needs are met by a pool of volunteer attorneys who collectively encompass many areas of legal expertise. Volunteer Legal encourages attorneys to donate their legal services by creating a range of pro bono options, from half-hour consultations to taking a case for full representation. In short, the pro bono service delivery model allows our organization to provide the state's low-income population with cost-effective legal services of the high-quality, while providing attorneys with opportunities to give back to the community.

Volunteer Legal is the last resort for individuals and families who have exhausted all other government and non-profit service options. More than 40% of Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii's intakes are referrals from other legal service organizations because the client did not meet the organization's mission, funding restrictions, or financial criteria. These days, as legal service providers deal with resource constraints, Volunteer Legal receives more and more requests for assistance.



what matters.

Faced with a drastic drop in funding over the past two years, Volunteer Legal has taken harsh cost cutting measures that include reduction in force, pay decreases, and cutbacks in non-personnel operating expenses. Volunteer Legal now operates with 7.2 full time equivalent employees, down from 11.5 at the beginning of 2011. In 2010, Volunteer Legal processed 3,456 intakes and provided 2,601 services. In 2011, the intakes fell to 2,925 (15%); service provided dropped to 1,928 (26%). Every day, 100 telephone calls go directly to voicemail while staff assists other callers and walk-ins. Unquestionably, hundreds of individuals and families needing legal assistance have been – and will continue to be – turned away.

The requested appropriation will help Volunteer Legal maintain the barest level of staffing and ensure continuity of services while the organization continues to aggressively seek new sources of funding. Without the funding, Volunteer Legal would have to further reduce its operations or close its door altogether. For many local families, it will be the difference between shelter and homelessness, economic survival and destitution, financial stability and bankruptcy. We respectfully ask for your support of Section 59 of H.B. 304 H.D. 1, S.D. 1.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted on: 4/2/2012

Comments:

The restoration of this funding is essential to ensure the safety net of services and support for keiki and families on all the islands. Without these services the costs will be shifted to the criminal justice system due to the resultant decay of family support systems.

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Submitted on: 4/2/2012

Comments:

As a behavioral health provider on Kauai I can attest that we desperately need the services in jeopardy.

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April 2, 2012

COMMETTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Senator David Y. Ige Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

HB 304 HD1 TESTIMONY RELATING TO STATE FINANCES
Appropriates moneys from the general fund to maintain funding
levels of programs for public health, welfare, and education.

Aloha Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and members of the committee:

The Hawaii Family Law Clinic dba Ala Kuola is non-profit organization that has provided services to victims of domestic abuse/violence since 2006 to obtain temporary restraining orders against their alleged abusers.

During these difficult economic times, the Hawaii Family Law Clinic relies on it funding sources to keep its doors open and services available to the public. However, in these difficult times, our level of funding and private donations has drastically decreased.

We strongly support passage of HB 304 HD1 so we may continue to provide safety to victims of domestic abuse/violence.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

Ed Flores
Executive Director



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To: Senator David Ige, Chair
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From: Fawn Jade Koopman, Law Student Board Member
Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii

Re: Testimony on H.B. 304 H.D. 1, S.D. 1 (AMENDED)
Relating to State Finances

Hearing: April 3, 2012 at 8:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Kidani, and members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of H.B. 304 H.D. 1, S.D. 1. This written testimony is submitted to support of the appropriation of \$300,000 to Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii under Section 63.

Volunteer Legal offers legal services to hundreds of families and individuals in Hawaii who are in need of assistance and representation. Many of these clients (approximately 40%) would not be able to obtain assistance elsewhere and look to Volunteer Legal as their last resort to access to justice.

Volunteer Legal has recruited many volunteers from Richardson law school and the community to assist with fundraising efforts, and day to day operations. However, Volunteer Legal may not be able to survive on volunteer recruitment alone. The funds under Section 63 would be used to ensure our organization is not forced to close its doors on the hundreds of clients that rely on our pro bono attorneys to offer legal help that is often critical to a client's well-being and survival.

I respectfully request your support of H.B. 304 H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Testimony by Heidemarie Koop, Director of Hawaii Island Programs on HB 304 Relating to State Finances, Senate Ways and Means Committee, April 3, 2012, 9:30 a.m., Room 211, State Capitol

Chair Senator David Ige and Vice-Chair Senator Michelle Kidani and Committee Members:

I am Heidemarie Koop, Director of Hawaii Island Programs of Child & Family Service. This testimony is in strong support for HB 304 to restore the following funds:

1- Restore all three child welfare contracts that were terminated effective November 30, 2011 including the Family Centers on Kauai, Permanency Support Services on Oahu, and Substance Abuse Counseling Services on Maui.

2-Restore funding reductions we received effective November 30, 2011 in our Comprehensive Counseling and Support Services contracts on Maui, Kauai and Oahu

3-Provide proposed funds for Kupuna Care in case SB 2320 does not get passed by the House Finance Committee or dies somewhere else along the way

4-Provide proposed funds for Domestic Violence Intervention Services from the Judiciary for the court ordered counseling for male perpetrators and victims. These funds would replace the Rainy Day Funds that run out by 6-30-12

5-Provide proposed funds for Domestic Violence Shelters in addition to what the Department of Human Services has put in its budget for FY '13.

These funds will ensure essential services in our communities. When the Rainy Day Funds run out by 6-30-12 for our domestic violence programs, services will have to be reduced without funds to replace the Rainy Day Funds that will be fully spent. This will result in reduced services to perpetrators and victims and will jeopardize the safety of women and children who are victims of domestic violence. With fewer services available or longer waiting lists for services, the risk of domestic violence will increase and less service will be provided to protect women and children who are victims. We are pleased to see the DHS budget add at least \$ 1.5 million for the domestic abuse shelters, but this will only keep the shelters open but still will not support adequate services to the women and children in the shelters. That is why there are additional funds proposed in HB 304 to enable the shelters not only to keep their doors open but to provide more than just the bare minimum of a roof over their heads and food and safety. The additional funds proposed for shelters in HB 304 would allow for more staff coverage in the shelters rather than the one person working for what could be as many as 41 women and children at any one time. These funds would allow for counseling services and not just a roof over their heads, food, and safety.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony on such an important matter that relates to protecting children and victims of domestic violence.

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Committee on Ways and Means
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
State Capitol, Conference Room 308
Tuesday, April 3, 2012; 8:30 a.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON H.B. 304, HD1
RELATING TO STATE FINANCES**

The ILWU Local 142 supports H.B. 304, HD1 (proposed), which appropriates moneys from the general fund to maintain funding levels of programs for public health, welfare, and education.

The bill includes funding for a number of deserving programs. Among those are programs to serve the needs of the elderly, a population that is growing faster than any other group. All of the programs for the elderly--i.e., respite services, senior centers, Kupuna Care, Aging and Disability Resource Centers, Healthy Aging Partnership--as well as programs serving other populations are clearly worthy of legislative support and State funding.

We recognize the State's budget constraints, which caused the Legislature to be prudent with funding over the past several years. However, it appears that Hawaii's economy is in recovery and the time may be right for appropriations to take care of some of the most vulnerable citizens of this state.

We have no opinion about whether or not this bill is the best and most appropriate vehicle to address the multitude of needs. However, we do know that services for the elderly are vitally needed to keep them in the community and out of costly institutions.

The ILWU urges passage of this comprehensive bill to address the needs of the elderly and others in Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to offer our support for this important measure.



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RE: HB 304 HD1 (PROPOSED SD 1) - RELATING TO STATE
FINANCES

Dear Chair Ige and Members of the Committee,

The Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC), Hawaii's State
Advisory Panel under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
(IDEA), **supports** the intent of the **PROPOSED SD 1** of **HB 304 HD1**
which appropriates money from the general fund to maintain funding
levels of programs for public health, welfare and education.

In particular, SEAC supports funding for the following programs that
provide benefit to students with disabilities and their families:

- **Department of Health respite funds** (Section 2) to enable families of students with disabilities to better participate in their child's educational and vocational goals by providing periodic breaks from caregiving;
- **Healthy Start screening and family visiting** (Section 3) to mitigate the effect of poverty and other high risk factors for educational failure for young children aged birth to five;
- **DD Waiver services** (Section 7) to allow students with developmental disabilities the opportunity to pursue vocational and independent living goals;
- **Preschool developmental screening** (Section 23) to identify young children with disabilities or at-risk of disabilities, so that timely individualized services may be provided;



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- **Preschool Open Doors** (Section 56) to enable economically disadvantaged preschoolers to attend preschool and be better prepared for academic success; and
- Department of Education **training to prevent and intervene appropriately to bullying and cyber-bullying** (Section 68) of students with disabilities and their nondisabled peers.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important legislation. If you have any questions, I will be happy to answer them.

Respectfully,

Ivalee Sinclair
Chair

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Senate Ways and Means Committee

Committee Hearing on HB 304, HD 1 and SD 1

Tuesday, April 03, 2012

8:30 am, Conference Room 211

Chair David Ige and members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on behalf of **HB 304, HD 1 and SD 1**. I am Jill Kitamura, Senior Program Director with the Moiliili Community Center Senior Center Program. I refer especially to **Sections 4 and 5**, and note that we are in favor of both sections.

The opening statements of HB 304 clearly note the economic impact on so many different programs statewide. The programs noted are important to the well-being of our citizens young and old. I do not envy your task of setting priorities on what programs to fund within the general fund budget. Many of the programs under non-profits, like those assisting the elderly, have been cut from departmental budgets; have received reduced appropriations; or have been at level funding with costs and demand continually rising. The wave of Baby Boomers has arrived. Non-profits face uncertainty with a time frame of not knowing until after the legislature closes, and whether any monies will be released.

The senior center programs at the different community centers help the senior to remain independent at home and in their community, a cost saving alternative to being institutionalized. Being socially involved keeps the mind active, exercise classes help with one's physical fitness, learning new things and the awareness of resources in the community -- all contribute to the well being of the senior. These seniors not only gain personally but contribute back to the community in many ways.

Kupuna Care Services are essential to helping seniors stay in their homes as long as possible. They provide important services, such as case management, transportation, bathing, meals, respite for the caregiver. Seniors can and will contribute for services, but many cannot afford the actual cost of these services. These lower income, gap group individuals will fail very quickly, needing costly institutional care earlier than if intervention services were readily available.

I urge you to seriously consider programs and services for seniors to be one of your priority areas. Thank you for your kind attention.

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Comments:

PLEASE RESTORE \$446,000 for child welfare services on Maui, Oahu and Kauai. PLEASE SUPPORT the Department of Human Services' supplemental budget asking for 1.5 million for domestic abuse shelters - HMS301.

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Comments:

Please support the Human Dept.Services. Please do not cut this from the budget.

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Comments:

I am a physician who supports CFS on Kauai. The two homes that are available to individuals in crisis need to be kept open. I am appalled that the legislature would even consider closing them. My motto is: there but for the grace of God go I. Please think of yourself in the place of these people in unfortunate individual who are in need of your help.

Judy Shabert M.D.

This is a second submission: I meant to mark SUPPORT

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Testimony by Karen Tan, Vice President of Programs on HB 304 Relating to State Finances, Senate Ways and Means Committee, April 3, 2012, 9:30 a.m., Room 211, State Capitol

Chair Senator David Ige and Vice-Chair Senator Michelle Kidani and Committee Members:

I am Karen Tan, Vice President of Programs for Child & Family Service. This testimony is in strong support for HB 304 that restores certain Child Welfare funds that were cut effective November 30, 2011. These funds supported certain critical services to children and families who are either in the child welfare system or are at risk of entering the system. I ask for your support of this funding restoration. The services they provide are essential in supporting at-risk children and families in our community. They also help to prevent child abuse and neglect, which is much more costly to the system than the services themselves.

Some of the services this Bill will restore includes;

- Permanency Support Services—Oahu, which helps maintain adoptive placements for children in the Child Welfare system.
- Family Centers—Kauai, which provide one-stop, community-based services and resources to families in need.
- Substance Abuse Counseling Services –Maui, which supports families in recovery toward the reunification of their children through the Child Welfare System.
- Domestic Violence Intervention Services to Perpetrators and Victims—Statewide, which will restore services that are currently being funded with Rainy Day Funds.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on such an important matter that relates to protecting children and victims of domestic violence.

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Testimony in Support of 304HD1SD1 proposed

Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Tuesday, Tuesday, April 3, 2012 8:30 a.m.
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The National Alliance on Mental Illness, Hawaii State Chapter, supports this bill which would continue vital services in our community. Each cut to Health and Human Services programs directly affects someone in need of assistance. No one has been hurt more by this recession than those who were already sick and already living in poverty.

NAMI Hawaii is especially concerned about the deep cuts in funding of mental health care and the impacts the cuts have had on people who are very seriously mentally ill. People with several severe mental illnesses were cut off from all mental health services. It is no mystery why more and more people with mental illnesses are living on the streets. The very state services that held them up were pulled out from under them.

\$ 6 million in funding for the Adult Mental Health Division would restore case management, psychosocial rehab and supportive housing for these people in need.

Please pass this bill with those funds in it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kathleen Hasegawa
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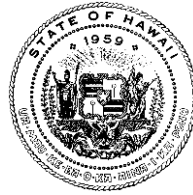
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Comments:

I have been an advocate for over 20 years for victims of Domestic Violence. I am presently employed as an advocate for Child and Family Service, in the DVA Program. The lack of resources for these survivors are becoming less and less available for these women and their children. The shortage of staff does not allow the women to receive as much advocacy as they need and we would love to provide, there are just too little of us and many victims/survivors and their children. Please consider this bill as a positive move towards providing those in need more help in reaching their goal of productive, safe, healthy lives.

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LORETTA J. FUDDY, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.
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Senate Committee on Ways and Means

April 4, 2012

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

HB304 SD1 PROPOSED, Relating to State Finances

1 **Department's Position:** The department supports the measure's intent of providing sustainable
2 resources to important public health programs.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** Numerous.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose of sections of this measure the Department of Health is
5 testifying in support of is to appropriate moneys to support programs essential to public health for fiscal
6 year 2012 – 2013.

7 Appropriations from the General Fund will bring much needed stability and security to programs serving
8 some of Hawaii's most vulnerable residents, and the Department is pleased to provide information on
9 how and where these services touch lives below:

10

11 SECTION 2 – Respite Services appropriation of \$114,467: Funding is shared by the Family Health

12 Services Division, Developmental Disabilities Division and Child and Adolescent Mental Health

1 Division. The funds provide support services and training to families and caregivers who provide home
2 care to approximately 300 DOH participants

3 SECTION 3 – Health Start appropriation of \$3,000,000: The Affordable Care Act (ACA) Maternal,
4 Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program is designed to strengthen and improve
5 home visiting programs, improve service coordination for at risk communities, and identify and provide
6 comprehensive evidence-based home visiting services to families who reside in at risk communities.
7 Current funding through the Federal grant requires a Maintenance of Effort (MOE) in the amount of
8 \$1,320,000 in FY 2014 for both the formula and development grants. Funds are required for
9 Maintenance of Effort.

10 SECTION 4 – \$285,000 appropriation to various 42F funds to senior and community centers: Funds
11 would provide ongoing activities and services at the three (3) senior centers, offering an array of
12 services to older adults such as health screening, physical fitness, education, and case management.

13 SECTION 5 – Kupuna Care appropriation of \$4,800,000: Funds would provide ongoing activities and
14 services at the three (3) senior centers, offering an array of services to older adults such as health
15 screening, physical fitness, education, and case management.

16 SECTION 6 – Aging and Disability Resource Centers appropriation of \$1,400,000: Funding is needed
17 for Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) so that the State can continue to expand the
18 significant progress of moving away from a siloed, fragmented system towards an integrated system. A
19 single, coordinated system of information and access for all persons seeking long-term supports
20 minimizes confusion, enhances individual choice, and supports informed decision-making. It also
21 improves the ability of State and county governments to manage resources and monitor program quality
22 through centralized data collection and evaluation.

1 SECTION 7 – Developmental Disabilities Medicaid Waiver Program appropriation of \$1,500,000:
2 Additional funding will enable the Developmental Disabilities Division (DDD) to focus on developing
3 the DDD’s employment initiative to work with participants and their families to realize employment
4 opportunities. Additionally, funding will help to utilize much needed technology and services to
5 accommodate the needs of these individuals. The \$1.5 million will be maximized with federal matching
6 funds at 50.48% (federal) and 49.52% (state). DDD currently serves 2800 clients providing following
7 waiver services: employment, personal assistance habilitation, adult day health, skilled nursing, training
8 and consultation, transportation, chore services, emergency shelter, emergency respite, emergency
9 outreach and respite.

10 SECTION 8 – Adult Mental Health Services appropriation of \$7,500,000: The additional funding for
11 mental health will be used to support recovery services to individuals with severe and persistent mental
12 illness. These services include case management, peer counseling, psychosocial rehabilitation, and
13 housing.

14 SECTION 9 – Long-Term Adult Supports and Resources program appropriation of \$150,000: The
15 Developmental Disabilities Division will be able to continue services and supports to individuals with
16 developmental disabilities and/or intellectual disabilities and their family members to be integrated into
17 the community. The total number of participants to be served in FY 12 is approximately 1400.

18 SECTION 10 – Substance Abuse and Prevention Services for Adults and Adolescents appropriation of
19 \$1,260,000: The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division will be able to continue providing substance abuse
20 treatment services to approximately 355 clients (195 adults and 160 adolescents). Funds are required for
21 Maintenance of Effort.

1 SECTION 12 – Healthy Aging Partnership appropriation of \$426,722: The Healthy Aging Partnership is
2 a national initiative for older adults to participate in evidence-based health promotion programs. In
3 Hawaii, Better Choices, Better Health, and EnhanceFitness, are the two programs being offered
4 statewide. Funds are used for workshop facilitators/trainers and future recruitment/training, program
5 coordination, facility rental fees, classroom supplies, program licenses, and program evaluation.

6 SECTION 13 – Waianae District Comprehensive Health and Hospital appropriation of \$332,000:
7 Funding will enable the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center (WCCHC) to maintain the sole
8 24-hour emergency room services in the Waianae area until a long-term financial solution is obtained.
9 Approximately 805 individuals could be served if the \$332,000 is restored and WCCHC can operate
10 emergency room services during the hours of midnight to 8:00 a.m.

11 SECTION 14 – HIV/AIDS appropriation of \$270,000: These funds will be used by two AIDS service
12 Organizations to provide HIV prevention and testing and referral services for high risk populations
13 including women, transgendered persons and injection drug users to reduce new HIV transmission.
14 Funds will be used by another agency to support housing access for people living with HIV who would
15 otherwise be homeless or at high risk of homelessness, which makes public health and individual
16 measures to prevent HIV transmission very difficult.

17 SECTION 17 – Kokua Kalihi Valley appropriation of \$500,000: The grant funds will allow Kokua
18 Kalihi Valley (KKV) to be reimbursed for primary care services provided to individuals not covered by
19 insurance and for adult dental care at the Medicaid FQHC Prospective Payment System (“PPS”) rates.
20 In addition, the grant funds will also allow KKV to be reimbursed at actual cost for specialty medical
21 services of up to \$2,000 per patient per year, and for dental appliances deemed medically necessary.

1 SECTION 19 – Baby S.A.F.E. appropriation of \$699,557: The Baby S.A.F.E. program was redesigned
2 as Perinatal Support Services and Triage (PSST) to provide support services to pregnant women
3 identified to have a substance abuse problem. With funding, an estimated 661 women would be served
4 annually and savings realized in improved birth outcomes.

5 SECTION 20: Fetal alcohol spectrum disorder of \$110,000: Funding to develop Fetal Alcohol
6 Spectrum Disorders (FASD) coordination to provide key educational, informational, and coordination
7 links between departments and agencies dealing with persons with FASD. The establishment of a
8 FASD program within the department will allow for the better identification of individuals affected,
9 allow for improved assessment and linkage to an appropriate array of services, the identification of best
10 practice strategies, and support for families who live with the sequeli of FASD for a lifetime.

11 SECTION 21 – Family Planning Services appropriation of \$546,021 - Family planning services are
12 often co-located with the community health centers serving clients at highest risk and need. Resources
13 are required to assure access to these preventive health services including preconception and
14 interconception care (prior to or between pregnancies to improve individual health and outcomes). With
15 the funding, 5460 additional clients could be served (8190 total visits annually).

16 SECTION 22 – Perinatal Health program appropriation of \$94,229: The PSS Program services include
17 outreach to recruit high risk pregnant participants in all islands with the exception of Hawaii County
18 (which has a disparities grant). Services for these vulnerable high risk pregnant women include
19 screening, counseling and opportunities for follow-up care for complex social and medical conditions.
20 The funding will provide for an additional 157 high risk pregnant women to be provided care, with 785
21 additional service visits.

1 SECTION 23 – Preschool Developmental Screening program appropriation of \$436,596: Preschool
2 Developmental Screening Program (PDSP) provided developmental screening, consultation, and follow-
3 up for approximately 2000 children each year until the program ended in 2009. Funding will enable the
4 implementation of a pilot project to provide training on standardized screening tools to primary care and
5 community providers, develop a referral/follow-up process and forms, and identify/obtain parent
6 education materials on development.

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8 Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of these critical public health programs.

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Comments:

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- 2) Please support the Department of Human Services' supplemental budget request for \$1.5 Million for the Domestic Abuse Shelters (HMS 301).

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Comments:

Please restore funding for the family centers on Kauai and the other programs in this bill- Also please support the DHS budget request for moneys for domestic abuse shelters. I look forward to the time when these programs are no longer needed, but that time has not arrived yet. Remember that we are judged on how we treat the least fortunate among us.

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April 2, 2012

Hon. David Ige, Chair
Hon. Michelle N. Kidani, Vice-Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: House Bill 304, HD1, SD1 (Section 63, Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii)
Hearing: April 3, 2012, at 8:30 a.m.

Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Committee:

Please accept this as my testimony in support of Section 63 of House Bill 304, SD 1, which would appropriate \$300,000 for the continued operation of Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii.

I am a volunteer attorney through VLSH. My time spent with VLSH has increased over the years as I've witnessed the need grow especially during these challenging economic times. Legal problems are not affected by the economy – they are always there. Some may even say legal problems increase during tough economic times.

VLSH assists clients with a wide range of needs, from simple advice to full representation. Lately, most of the clients I have met at VLSH are well spoken and capable individuals who require legal guidance to navigate the legal system. The judiciary's "Access to Justice" approach resulted in many of the commonly used court forms being accessible on their website. Thus, pro se individuals are better equipped to handle their own matters than ever before. But this is no substitute for interaction with an attorney. Many VLSH clients need that interface with an attorney to guide them with arguments, strategy, and general knowledge of the law pertaining to their particular situation. VLSH clients are so thankful for the opportunity to consult with an attorney at an extremely affordable rate.

Having VLSH in our community is important because it provides a way for volunteer attorneys to serve those amongst us who cannot afford to pay for legal services. I appreciate the organized manner in which VLSH handles the many requests that come into their doors to sort, manage, screen, and match attorneys and clients. It is a win-win for both clients and attorneys, and I feel that my time with VLSH is well spent. VLSH also has different volunteer programs for attorneys to participate in based on their time and level of commitment. So even though I may not have time to take on a case for full representation, I can assist through their clinics by providing consultation services. Unfortunately, I cannot say with confidence that my level of volunteering would be sustained at its current level without VLSH around. They make it easy for attorneys to volunteer and best harness the attorneys' energies. The VLSH staff is so

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dedicated to helping this community and deals with their clients in a very professional and compassionate manner.

I shudder to think what will happen to these people if VLSH ceases operation in this community. VLSH is very similar to a "legal hospital" where people come who need help and cannot afford it. Legal services should not be a privilege for the wealthy. Access to justice is a right to all of us in this state. Therefore, I strongly urge you to support VLSH and this bill.

Thank you for your time and careful consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynnae Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lynnae Lee

Cc: Dew Kaneshiro, Esq., VLSH

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TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2012

Committee on Ways and Means Testimony in Support of H.B. 304, Proposed SD1 Relating to State Finances

Tuesday, April 3, 2012, 8:30 A.M.
Conference Room 211

Chair Ige and Members of the Committee:

Mental Health America of Hawaii is writing in strong support of this bill. In addition to supporting numerous critical human services programs, it also provides additional funding in the amount of \$7.5M to the Adult Mental Health Division of the Department of Health in Section 8 of the proposed bill.

As you no doubt know, the Adult Mental Health Division has been cut back by millions of dollars during the last administration, and this is resulted in tremendous cuts in services – reduction in housing options, eliminating Assertive Case Management teams, dramatic reductions in Community Based Case Management services, and the elimination of many diagnostic categories for eligibility for services –including, for example, Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome, serious clinical depression, anxiety disorders, and others.

The additional funding in this bill could help restore some of the vitally needed services. We know that reducing services to the severely and persistently mentally ill merely increases homeless, police emergency room, hospitalization, and prison costs.

Funding the Adult Mental Health Division is ultimately a cost-saving measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

TESTIMONY on HB 304 HD 1
Propose SD 1
Relating to State Finance

Presented to the Senate Ways and Means Committee
Senator David Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Monday, April 2, 2012

By McKay Schwenke
Adult Friends for Youth
Vice President

Chair David Ige and Members of the Ways and Means Committee,

Adult Friends for Youth testifies in support of HB 304, HD 1 and the proposed amendments in SD 1. The proposed SD 1 provides funding to Adult Friends for Youth for youth gang prevention and intervention services. There is a critical need for these services.

Adult Friends for Youth currently works with 26 groups and 400 high-risk youth/gang members from low income families weekly to redirect their destructive behavior to constructive behavior. This not only helps the youth, providing them the opportunity to move from the generational binds of poverty in which they were raised, but also creates a safer environment in their neighborhoods and schools, and prevents a costly law enforcement and criminal justice response from being needed later in their lives.

Another key service provided by Adult Friends for Youth is that it is able to mediate effectively between rival gangs when a conflict breaks out. When such a conflict breaks out on a high school campus or public housing, the potential for injuries is great. Adult Friends for Youth has been able to calm such situations, restoring peace to the school and community. Without continued Legislative support such interventions would not be possible.

Thank you.

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To: The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
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Senate Committee on Way and Means

From: Laura Robertson Smith, President/CEO
Danielle Moskowitz, Vice President of Human Services
Wanda Villareal, Senior Director of Human Services
Scott Fuji, Assistant Director of Community Services
Goodwill Industries of Hawaii, Inc.

Date: April 2, 2012

Re: Testimony in Strong Support of HB 304 – Relating to State Finances

Goodwill Industries of Hawaii, Inc. (Goodwill) is among the largest human service non-profit organizations in Hawaii. Our mission is to help people find and succeed in employment. With a statewide footprint, and offices on Oahu, Maui, Hilo, Kona and Kauai, last year Goodwill served over 15,000 people and successfully placed over 1,500 into jobs in our community.

Significant budget cuts in state government core human services programs have directly impacted the well-being, education, health and safety of Hawaii's economically vulnerable and developmentally disabled residents and their families who have very limited socioeconomic resources available to them. Appropriating moneys to support programs essential to education, public health, and public welfare is urgently necessary to protect the health and welfare of Hawaii's economically vulnerable and developmentally disabled residents and their families.

In particular:

Section 2: Respite Services: Goodwill supports the appropriation to the Department of Health to provide respite services to persons with developmental disabilities.

Section 7: Medicaid Waiver: Goodwill receives funding from the Department of Health-Developmental Disabilities Division (DOH-DDD) via a DHS Medicaid Waiver Contract to operate crucial programs for individuals with significant developmental disabilities on Oahu and in East Hawaii (Hilo). Participants in Goodwill's programs and their families are Medicaid Waiver recipients who have limited socioeconomic resources. Medicaid Waiver programs are essential for the public health, safety, welfare and education of individuals with developmental disabilities.

Goodwill's Medicaid-Waiver participants have been facing reduced services and insufficient rate levels during the past budget cuts. Goodwill's developmentally disabled Waiver Program participants are in dire need for their services to be fully restored in order to grow and prosper.

Section 9: Partnerships in Community Living (PICL): Goodwill supports the appropriation to the Department of Health for the Partnerships in Community Living (PICL) Program.

Section 64: Veterans' Treatment Court: Goodwill supports the judiciary's establishment of a Hawaii veterans' treatment court on the island of Oahu and recommends full funding to support fiscal year 2012-2013.

Section 67: Employment Core Services: Goodwill also receives funding from the Office of Community Services to operate statewide programs providing employment core services to low-income persons and employment core services to immigrants. Program participants are low-income economically vulnerable residents with significant employment barriers. Programs providing employment core services are a critical need to help these individuals and families locate employment, avoid homelessness, reduce dependence on public assistance and achieve self-sufficiency.

Maintained funding for Goodwill's employment and training programs is critically necessary to help low-income economically vulnerable residents of Hawaii survive in the economic downturn.

Goodwill submits this testimony in Strong Support of House Bill 304.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.



April 2, 2012

To: The Honorable Senator David Ige, Chair
The Honorable Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Ways and Means

From: Michael Lee, Interim Executive Director

RE: Waikiki Community Center – Relating to Aging

Hearing: HB 304 H.D. 1, Proposed S.D. 1 – Relating to State Finances
Hearing Date: Tuesday, April 3, 2012
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Place: Conference Room 211

Dear Chair David Ige, Vice Chair Michelle Kidani and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

My name is Michael Lee, Interim Executive Director of Waikiki Community Center (WCC).

Waikiki Community Center (WCC) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) agency that has provided services to Waikiki's elders since 1978 and currently serves over 500 older persons each year. Our Senior Program provides vital fitness, cognitive stimulation, social connectivity, education and case management that enable hundreds of older adults to maintain wellness and age in place, for as long as it is possible.

Waikiki Community Center is a community-based focal point for seniors to receive needed services and activities that support their independence and avoid pre-mature institutionalization, thereby saving the State of Hawaii over \$100,000 per person annually in long-term care costs. The Center provides a continuum of over 80 educational, recreational and social services, including health screenings, financial education, physical fitness classes, information and assistance, counseling and case management by a licensed social worker, that helps seniors not only maintain their independence and health, but also assists them as they transition through life changes.

WCC utilizes a preventative health, community-based model for services to older adults, with a focus on 3 major areas that national research documents as imperative to maintaining the ability to age in place:

- physical activity;
- new learning or cognitive stimulation; and
- social connections

The importance of this 3-pronged approach is based on the following evidence: The Bureau of Labor and Statistics states that only 2% of adults aged 75 and older are involved in exercise or recreational activity. Fifty-four (54%) percent spent their time watching TV. It is well established that physical activity has a positive effect on health, leading to better mental health and cognitive functioning. Exercise also reduces the risk of dementia by 50%, even among people who begin exercise after age 60.



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According to research at the Rush Alzheimer’s Disease Center, “Loneliness and Risk of Alzheimer’s Disease”, loneliness has a negative impact on cognitive health and increases the risk of dementia. Elders with higher loneliness scores may be twice as likely to develop dementia. In a study of 7 senior centers in 7 states, over 90% of seniors indicate that they have developed important close friendships at the senior center that provide them with needed emotional security.

For the elders of Waikiki, this is especially important. Approximately 25% of Waikiki’s 20,000 residents are over the age of 60 years old. Waikiki has one of the highest numbers of senior citizens per area density on Oahu. Waikiki elders live alone among a proliferation of secured, mixed residential condominiums, and are especially at risk to social isolation and physical and cognitive deterioration. The typical elderly resident is female, mid 70’s, living alone, with little or no family support systems nearby. When they become frailer, they have little choices of independent living and are often confused by services available to support them. Waikiki Community Center’s continuum of services, ranging from health maintenance activities to case management and counseling provide the needed support to these elders.

Waikiki Community Center has submitted a Grant-in-Aid request to support senior services for 2012-2013, in the amount of \$60,000.

While we understand the great financial challenges faced by the State of Hawaii the Waikiki Community Center remains in jeopardy of discontinuing its services to seniors in the community. We have already reduced some services to our seniors, furloughed program staff in order to keep the program operations available to the community, and will likely terminate case management and counseling services for older adults if funds are not available.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Testimony for WAM 4/3/2012 8:30:00 AM HB304

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Submitted by: monica evslin
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Submitted on: 4/2/2012

Comments:

It is simply unthinkable that the very programs that are a lifeline for the needy have had their funding taken away. I am the co-chair of The Kaua'i Guild, a volunteer organization of 250 women that helps Child and Family Service on Kaua'i. We have all seen firsthand how these family centers and programs help people on the "edge". Without these centers, there would be more crime, child abuse and substance abuse, which the state eventually would pay much more to address. Intervene now!!! We beg you to do the right thing!!

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To: Chair Ige
Vice Chair Kidani
Members of the Committee on Ways and Means

Fr: Nanci Kreidman, M.A.

RE: HB 304 SD1

Good morning. We join our community allies in reinforcing what is well understood by the Senate: funding to meet the needs of those in our community suffering homelessness, disability, mental illness, hunger, poor health, and violence in their family is essential to create a community that recognizes a quality of life for **all** including those less fortunate, less equipped or less able than we.

As an agency working to bring peace to our island families, this testimony is provided to request your favorable action in restoring funds to the Domestic Violence Action Center (DVAC) for the upcoming fiscal year. After a budget cutback of \$570,000 in 2009 imposed by the Judiciary (with whom DVAC has a POS contract), the agency was forced to cut services, through significant staff lay-offs, to those in desperate need of the specialized, unduplicated DVAC programs designed with their needs in sharp focus.

The loss of Rainy Day funds are imminent – June 30, 2011, and catapults the agency and its services into a spin. Staff will be laid off again, and additional services will be eliminated.

At fiscal year-end 2011, DVAC had 11,155 callers on its Helpline, with victims on our caseload and the community. We received 399 requests for legal representation, opened legal 215 cases, with attorneys making 366 appearances in court. Advocates opened an additional 189 cases, and staff completed 4,500 safety plans, as well as 3,514 risk assessments.

At the half year point for FY 2012, domestic violence shows no signs of abating. Staff has had 2,635 contacts with agency clients, answered 741 Helpline calls, accepted 74 complex and potentially lethal cases, and closed an additional 61 cases. Staff completed 3,090 safety plans in just six months –with Helpline callers, petitioners for protective orders and clients on the agency caseload.

Your willingness to allocate funding to maintain safety and create hope through the work of the Domestic Violence Action Center will make all the difference in the world for those survivors our programs can reach. Thank you.

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Submitted by: Pamela Brown
Organization: Individual
E-mail: writepath@earthlink.net
Submitted on: 4/2/2012

Comments:

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Submitted by: Patti Bates
Organization: Individual
E-mail: bates.patti@gmail.com
Submitted on: 4/2/2012

Comments:

Please support using monies from the general fund to restore and maintain services. These services were once in the base budget but were cut due to the economy. Services include three child welfare contracts that were terminated on November 30, 2011 (Family Centers, Permanency Support Services, and Substance Abuse Counseling); other child welfare services that were cut (Comprehensive Counseling and Support Services); Kupuna Care services; Domestic Violence Intervention Services from the Judiciary; and Domestic Violence Shelter services.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Submitted by: Pauline Ventura
Organization: Individual
E-mail: pdv@aloha.net
Submitted on: 4/2/2012

Comments:

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Submitted by: Peggy Ellenburg
Organization: Individual
E-mail: peggy@ischool.org
Submitted on: 4/2/2012

Comments:

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Submitted by: Peggy Granda
Organization: Individual
E-mail: granda@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 4/3/2012

Comments:

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Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Rae-Marie May
Organization: Individual
E-mail: trmay@hawaiiantel.net
Submitted on: 4/2/2012

Comments:

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Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Renee Hicks
Organization: Individual
E-mail: reneehicks@mac.com
Submitted on: 4/2/2012

Comments:

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**WAIANAE COAST
COMPREHENSIVE
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April 2, 2012

TO: Committee on Ways and Means

FR: Richard P. Bettini
President and Chief Executive Officer

RE: Testimony in Support of HB304 HD1 SD1 Proposed – Relating to State Finances

The Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center strongly supports HB304 HD1 SD1 Proposed. Each of the items identified for funding is important to the health and well-being of Hawai'i.

Of particular interest to the Health Center is Section 13 that appropriates \$332,000 to subsidize the costs of the emergency room at our Health Center. Support for the Health Center's emergency room is essential for its survival.

The emergency room is one of the most heavily utilized on Oahu. In particular with the closing of the emergency room and hospital at Hawaii Medical Center West, the Health Center's emergency room has experienced a higher level of visits and the need to hold and monitor hospital-bound patients longer until a hospital bed opens at one of Oahu's remaining hospitals. The majority of the Health Center's emergency room visits are for conditions related to asthma, upper respiratory infection, complications from insulin-dependent diabetes, cardiovascular conditions such as chest pains and heart attacks, threatened labor, and injuries and wounds, many which are violence related. Time is crucial in many of these situations and the Health Center's emergency room is the safety net on the Leeward Coast since the next nearest emergency room is 40 minutes away (an hour and a half during rush hour traffic).

The Health Center has served the Waianae community since 1972 providing primary care, emergency medical services, and a wide range of other health and social services.

The Health Center is a safety net for the poor and underserved and needs the financial support provided through HB304 HD1 SD1 Proposed.

Mahalo for your support.

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Submitted by: Richard DeMarco
Organization: Individual
E-mail: rfdemarco@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 4/2/2012

Comments:

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Submitted by: Roberta Downs
Organization: Individual
E-mail: bobbeed@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 4/2/2012

Comments:

Kokua needed, YOURS!!!
(1) Please restore \$446,000 in funding for three child welfare contracts that were eliminated effective November 30, 2011: Permanency Support Services-Oahu, Family Centers-
; Kauai, and Substance Abuse Counseling Services-Maui.
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Yes this is a copied letter, however that in no way minimizes the absolute need for this funding. Take positive and life-changing action now, vote yes.
With much aloha, Roberta Downs

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Submitted by: Roberta L. Weil
Organization: Individual
E-mail: Berta@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 4/2/2012

Comments:

Please restore \$446 ,000 funding to three essential child welfare contracts for agencies on Oahu, Maui, and kauai which were eliminated effective nov., 2011.

Please support the supplemental request for \$1.5 million request for domestic abuse shelters requested by the dept. of human services. Hb 301

April 2, 2012

TO : COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

FROM: Hale Mahaolu
Roy K. Katsuda, Executive Director
Kathy Louis, Personal Care Director

HEARING: 8:30 am Tuesday, April 3, 2012
Conference Room 211, Hawaii State Capitol

SUBJECT: HB 304 Proposed SD1 Relating to State Finances. Appropriates moneys from the general fund to maintain funding levels of programs for public health, welfare, and education. (Proposed SD1)

We are in support of HB 304, HD1, Proposed SD1 (HSCR727-12) for the appropriation of funds for Hale Mahaolu Personal Care Program. This bill will allow our Program serving our frail elderly and disabled adults to continue to have access to services needed for them to remain safely at home, and prevent unnecessary or premature institutionalization.

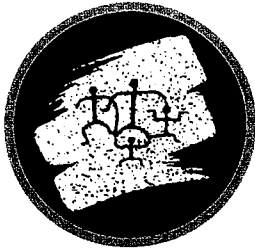
Hale Mahaolu is committed to expending allocated funds to our Personal Care Program in a prudent and fiscally responsible manner as we have done for the past 26 years.

The Department of Human Services has funded our Adult Personal Care Program since 1985. Through the years, Hale Mahaolu has helped many of Maui County's frail elderly and disabled adults to remain safely in their homes and prevent unnecessary or premature institutionalization. Our clients are struggling more than ever to have their needs met in the privacy of their home due to cuts in funding and services. It makes fiscal sense to maintain people in their homes, as long term care facilities cost the clients, community and State seven times more than it does to help them remain at home.

The clients we serve do not fit the mold for Medicaid Waiver services, as they are not nursing home level clients or they are in the "gap group" who do not qualify for Medicaid or Kupuna Care services because of their age and needs. Although they are not nursing home level clients, they require personal care services to help them safely maintain an independent lifestyle.

Our request for \$210,000 will provide over 10,500 hours of subsidized personal care services a year. In addition to our clients who receive personal care subsidies, we also serve more than 100 clients in the community who have received unsubsidized personal care attendant referrals through our registry.

Please contact either of us at 872-4100 (Roy) or 873-0521 (Kathy) if you have any questions or need further information.



**PACT PARENTS AND
CHILDREN TOGETHER**
A FAMILY SERVICE AGENCY

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair, Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Ruthann Quitiquit, President & CEO, Parents And Children Together (PACT)

DATE: April 2, 2012

SUBJECT: In support of HB 304, SD 1 (Proposed), Section 39 – The inclusion of an appropriation to Susannah Wesley Community Center (SWCC) for Youth Services in Kalihi

We are asking for your support for the inclusion of an appropriation for youth services in Kalihi in Section 39 of this bill. Susannah Wesley, PACT, and the Kalihi Branch of the YMCA of Honolulu have worked together for many years to provide comprehensive youth services in the at-risk Kalihi community. This request is a collaborative effort of these three agencies with Susannah Wesley as the lead agency.

Ideally, youth service centers should be community based, culturally appropriate, and accessible to youth – particularly those who live in the most at-risk situations and communities. Funding for the youth services, while never adequate to reach all youth in need, has been decimated during the current economic crisis resulting in staff layoffs, furlough days and, most importantly, fewer after school services for youth.

Funding for three of the youth service providers in the Kalihi community has been cut by nearly \$450,000 in the past year. Youth in Kalihi face many issues and needs and continue to be at extreme high-risk for academic and behavior related problems. In the past several years, the new immigrant population from Micronesia, Chuuk, Marshall Islands, and other COFA nations has increased dramatically in this community. In addition to facing the existing problems of gang participation, substance use and abuse, criminal behavior, and school failure, many of the children and youth from these new populations also face acculturation issues, bullying and prejudice. Youth need services and supervised activities to prevent their participation in these risky behaviors and increase their chances of school success, high school graduation and successful transition to adulthood. The new immigrant youth population is extremely at-risk for participation in these behaviors and need youth services to help the transition to the local culture and society here in Hawaii. As the economy recovers, it is our hope that youth services will again be a priority and become the vibrant resources that they were intended to be as well as be available in all communities, particularly in our most at-risk communities where our youth continue to struggle daily.

I would also like to inquire about the status of our request to include another GIA submitted by PACT in this bill. This GIA, entitled KPT Works! is dynamic and community based jobs program through the Office of Community Services/Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. KPT Works! will provide job recruitment, training, placement, and support program to ensure that at least 100 individuals from the Kuhio Park Terrace community will become successfully and consistently employed.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide this testimony.

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Submitted by: Sabra Kauka
Organization:
E-mail: sabrakauka@aol.com
Submitted on: 4/2/2012

Comments:

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Submitted by: Sally Wilson
Organization: Individual
E-mail: wilson.family7@hawaiiantel.net
Submitted on: 4/2/2012

Comments:

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Submitted by: sandra gerrard
Organization: Individual
E-mail: sandra.deitz@sbcglobal.net
Submitted on: 4/2/2012

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Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Sandra Takamine, Ph.D.
Organization: Individual
E-mail: san@hawaiianisp.com
Submitted on: 4/2/2012

Comments:

Dear Honorable Senator Ige,

I am the chair of the Hawaii Island Antibullying Coalition. Since the year 2000, our coalition has been coordinating and providing bullying prevention trainings on the Big Island. In Hawaii, we have had a couple of students who have completed suicide related to bullying. On the Big Island, we have had success with the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program in reducing bullying incidents in schools. National statistics indicate that 160,000 students throughout the nation reportedly stay home from school every day due to fear for their safety on campus. According to the Mental Health America-Hawaii report, Hawaii leads the nation in females who report being scared to go to school. Also, Hawaii leads the nation in youth who report having considered suicide, made a plan and attempted suicide. The State of Hawaii is in need of more local trainers to be able to conduct bullying prevention trainings in schools and the community. I support funds to build capacity within communities to train local trainers to address this very serious public health problem.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Takamine, Ph.D.
(808) 937-4107

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Organization: Individual
E-mail: kuipokauai@gmail.com
Submitted on: 4/2/2012

Comments:

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Submitted by: Scott Wall
Organization: United Self Help
E-mail: robertscottwall@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 4/3/2012

Comments:

Aloha,
My name is Scott Wall and I am writing on behalf of United Self Help. We strongly support HB304.
Mahalo,
Scott Wall
United Self Help

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Submitted by: Sharon Lasker
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Submitted by: Sioux Mackenzie
Organization: Individual
E-mail: wai.kiwi@hawaiiantel.net
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**TESTIMONY ON HB 304, SD 1 RELATING TO STATE FINANCES
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

April 3, 2012

8:30 am

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Aloha Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Kidani, and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. My name is Stephen Morse, and I am the Executive Director of Blueprint for Change (BFC). I am here to testify **strong support of HB 304, SD 1 Relating to Child Welfare.**

Members, BFC is a non-profit, charitable organization that is the technical, financial, and administrative support entity for five Neighborhood Place programs statewide that provide support and family strengthening services to families at risk of child abuse and neglect. We are a community-based prevention program that is funded primarily by a POS contract by the Department of Human Services as part of the Differential Response System. Our Neighborhood Place programs are unique among CAN prevention programs because they are the only places where children and families at risk of child abuse and neglect can get services without a referral or appointment and by simply knocking on the door.

During the past 15 years, the Neighborhood Places and other prevention programs that would be funded under this bill have been recognized as chiefly responsible for the turnaround in child abuse and neglect rates in Hawaii, from one of the highest in the country, to one of the lowest. For example, in 2003, there were 7,835 reports of CAN made to the State. In 2007, reports went down to 4,690. In the process of helping reduce CAN reports, these prevention programs have also saved the State billions of dollars in social costs, such as welfare payments, foster care payments, unemployment compensation, substance abuse treatment, and incarceration. As such, we are the most cost effective programs in the State system.

But, the severe downturn in our economy has had a huge negative impact on funding for our programs. Our budget, for example, has been cut by \$335,000 over the past three years, a combined 42% cut from 2008. These cuts have led to reduction in force and staff hours and have made it difficult to maintain service levels. We believe the reduction in prevention services has led to increases in CAN reports. For instance, in 2008, there were 4,628 reports to the State's Child Welfare System. In 2009, reports increased to 5,939. This increase of over 1,300 reports represents the single greatest jump in annual CAN reports since these statistics began being kept in 1975.

HB 304, SD 1 will provide the funds needed by prevention programs to keep our State's social safety net intact. Mahalo for allowing us the opportunity to testify this morning.

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April 2, 2012

Hon. David Ige
Chair, Senate Committee on Ways and Means
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: House Bill 304, SD1 (Section 63, Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii)

Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Committee:

I write in strong support of Section 63 of House Bill 304, SD 1, which would appropriate \$300,000 for the continued operation of Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii. I regret that I cannot appear in person at tomorrow's hearing.

After over thirty years, VLSH is in dire financial straits and in danger of closing. Although individual attorneys in Hawaii have made cash contributions of over \$85,000 this year, other sources of funding have dried up---a situation that many non-profits have faced.

The loss of VLSH would be a disaster to Hawaii's indigent population.

I have been a volunteer attorney with VLSH for over a decade, and I can attest to the tremendous benefit it provides to the community. For example, last year I handled a divorce case for a lady from Japan who was both deaf and mute. I can't imagine how she could have navigated the legal system without an attorney and she clearly did not have the means to pay for one. I was happy to take her case at no charge, but I would never have known about her were it not for VLSH. The Legal Aid Society of Hawaii also assists the indigent, however they operate on a very different model. Legal Aid uses paid employee attorneys, and is extremely limited in both the number and type of cases that it can take. VLSH lawyers don't get paid. VLSH relies on volunteer attorneys handling cases on a pro bono basis. However, somebody has to be the clearinghouse that brings people in need together with the attorneys who are willing to help. That is the vital function that VLSH performs, and it takes money to do so.

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I urge your favorable consideration of this appropriation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Farrell", written in a cursive style.

Thomas D. Farrell

cc: L. Dew Kaneshiro, Esq.



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April 2, 2012

To: Senator David Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

Re: HB304 HD1 – Relating to the State Finances

Dear Chairs Ige & Kidani, and Members of the Committee,

The 17 Community Children's Councils (CCCs) of Hawaii **supports** this bill and the testimony provided by the Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC).

Of particular importance are the DOH respite funds, healthy start screening and family visiting, DD Waiver Services, preschool developmental screening, preschool open doors and training, and support for the DOE to prevent and intervene appropriately to bullying and cyber-bullying.

The CCCs are community-based bodies comprised of parents, professionals in both public and private agencies and other interested persons who are concerned with specialized services provided to Hawaii's students. Membership is diverse, voluntary and advisory in nature. The CCCs are in rural and urban communities organized around the Complexes in the DOE.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Community Children's Council Office (CCCO) at 586-5363.

Thank you for considering our testimony,

Tom Smith, Co-Chair

Jessica Wong-Sumida, Co-Chair

(Original signatures are on file with the CCCO)

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EQUALITY HAWAII

Tuesday, April 3, 2012 • 8:30 a.m. • Conference Room 211

Testifying in Support of HB304 HD1 SD1 (Proposed) On Behalf of Equality Hawaii

Aloha, Chairman Ige, Vice Chair Kidani & Senate Ways & Means Committee Members:

On behalf of Equality Hawaii, the state's largest LGBT advocacy organization, we testify in strong support of the SD1 to HB304, relating to state finances.

The proposed language of SD1 funds many proactive solutions to many complex issues facing our state: kapuna care, family planning, those who are differently abled, education, mental health services, substance abuse and more.

However, Equality Hawaii is especially in favor of Section 68.

Section 68 will provide funding to empower the Department of Education (DOE) to train educators and staff to prevent and address bullying and cyberbullying. It will also help to promote peaceful relations among students and others who are a part of a public or private school community.

This is an issue that cannot wait. Bullying is a pervasive problem in Hawaii; it is as pervasive a problem as intolerance.

In Hawaii, the statistics for youth suicide - a direct result of bullying and cyberbullying - are startling. According to the most recent Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS) from the Centers for Disease Control, Hawaii leads the nation in many categories:

- Seriously considered suicide: 18.9 percent (highest in the nation)
- Made a suicide plan: 16 percent (highest in the nation)
- Attempted suicide: 12.8 percent (highest in the nation)
- Felt sad or hopeless: 30.6 percent (third highest in the nation)

For a state that prides itself on diversity and aloha, these numbers should trigger a sense of urgency in all of us to address this issue with our sleeves rolled up. Additionally tragic is that Hawaii is one of only six states in the nation that does not have a state law that addresses bullying.

While children are bullied for their perceived differences, those who target them take their cues from authority - from the very people and institutions in their lives who either encourage or condone such attitudes and behaviors.

Without a shift in culture where concern is validated and enforced through policy, no student, teacher, or administrator can trust that bullying does not create an environment hostile to a student's well-being AND to his or her ability to learn.

Although Hawaii is only one of a handful of states that has yet to address bullying on a state-wide level, the DOE does have administrative policies ... policies that are not promoted and lack resources to effectively train staff to address instances of bullying and cyberbullying.

Please equip the DOE to begin training its staff to train its staff on bullying and cyberbullying prevention programs. We cannot wait for the next youth suicide story to be from Hawaii.

We hope you pass this resolution as an indication of your care and concern for all our students' safety

and education.

Mahalo for allowing us to testify.

Aloha,
Scott Larimer
Co-Chair
Equality Hawaii

Valerie Smith
Legislative Affairs Committee
Equality Hawaii





HAWAII STATE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

To: The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Jr., Vice-Chair
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

From: Veronika Geronimo, Executive Director
Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence

RE: HB304, HD1 -SUPPORT

Hearing Date and Time: 4/3/2012 8:30:00 AM

Good morning Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. The Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence respectfully submits the following testimony in support of HB304, HD1. As a statewide coalition of domestic violence service providers, our mission is to engage communities and organizations to end domestic violence through education, advocacy, and action for social justice.

An annual survey conducted by the National Network to End Domestic Violence provides insight into domestic violence services in Hawaii. On September 15, 2011 – one 24-hour period – domestic violence advocates served 485 victims and answered more 78 emergency hotline calls across the state. However, there were 23 unmet requests because of not enough funding for staff, programs and services. When fewer community resources are available for advocacy, legal representation, emergency shelter, interpretation, counseling, support groups, and case management, victims become more isolated, risking their safety and recovery. Funding shortages have created greater and greater vulnerabilities in the network of services survivors need for their safety, escape, and self-sufficiency. Many agencies have been forced to cut staff or services, or both, while working tirelessly to meet the needs of victims.

HB304, SD1 appropriates moneys from the general fund to maintain funding levels of programs for public health, welfare, and education. Specifically we support:

- SECTION 58. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$350,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for education and prevention related to children exposed to domestic violence and dating violence.
- SECTION 59. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,250,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for auxiliary necessary staffing for domestic violence shelters.
- SECTION 61. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$975,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for domestic violence services. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the judiciary for the purposes of this Act.

These general funds will help many domestic programs and shelters keep their doors open so that they can continue to provide services for survivors; so that victims are safe, supported and self-sufficient.

We respectfully request that the committee passes HB304, HD1. Thank you for your consideration.