
From: Dara Carlin, M.A. [breaking-the-silence@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 3:13 PM
To: HUS testimony
Subject: HB740 to be heard Thursday, 01/27/11 in Room 329 at 9:00am

Importance: High

TO: Representative John Mizuno, Chair
Representative Jo Jordan, Co-Chair
Human Services Committee Members

FROM: Dara Carlin, M.A.
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DATE: January 27, 2011

RE: Support for HB740

Good Morning Chair Mizuno, Co-Chair Jordan and Human Services Committee Members,

I am an independent Domestic Violence Survivor Advocate who would love to see a domestic violence task force as proposed be realized.

Domestic Violence is most recognized as PHYSICAL violence but the primary form of domestic violence is PSYCHOLOGICAL abuse; physical violence and sexual abuse in any relationship cannot take hold in absence of psychological power and control. Just this basic fact alone has tremendous implications in terms of accurate identification and appropriate response.

The second overlooked fact about domestic violence is that the violence and abuse don't necessarily end once the victim has fled or been separated from the abuser. The family court dockets across the islands are overwhelmed in what's called "high conflict" divorce, custody and visitation cases but an estimated 70 to 80% of these "high conflict" cases are really domestic violence cases who are being inaccurately identified and inappropriately treated.

A task force such as this will be able to illustrate that domestic violence it is far more than a crime and is beyond a "personal family matter" - it is a public health and safety issue as well as an educational concern that exacts a high toll on EVERYONE, now and on future generations. We do have the ability to bring domestic violence to an end so let's take a firm step in that direction by convening this task force.

Thank you for this time and opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully,

Dara Carlin, M.A.
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From: classicpsy@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 9:57 AM
To: HUS testimony
Subject: Strong Support for HB740, Relating To Domestic Violence

**TO: Representative John Mizuno, Chair
Representative Jo Jordan, Co-Chair
Human Services Committee Members**

FROM: Michelle Chaney
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**RE: Strong Support for HB740, Relating To Domestic Violence
January 27, 2011 at 9:00am in Room 329**
Please vote in support of HB740.

Sincerely,

Michelle Chaney

From: omguru07@gmail.com on behalf of May Lee [ohanaprana@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 2:27 PM
To: HUS testimony
Subject: Strong Support for HB740, Relating To Domestic Violence

Please vote in support of HB740

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