

SB 223



TO: Chair Clayton Hee
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Members of the Committee

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RE: SB 223 SD1 Support

Aloha and good morning. We offer this testimony in support of SB 223 SD1, believing the proposed SD1 delivers a clear message and guides law enforcement to respond to domestic violence in a manner that increases the likelihood of safety for victims.

Requiring that a perpetrator leave the premises, and stay away after an assault has occurred provides less interruption for victims and children, establishes a period of time to make some decisions about next steps, and prohibits the abuser from committing additional acts of violence. These outcomes have the same effect as a temporary restraining order –which a victim may seek at the opening of court, following the incident for which police responded.

Thank you for your consideration of this Bill and permitting our testimony in support of this measure.