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Comments:

I am in favor of the bill BUT with some considerations regarding the penalties.
Instead of jail time, I recommend community service hours, to include manual labor.

Also, if the violator is a juvenile, I would STRONGLY advise MANDATORY counseling and/or training on CyberSafety for the parents/guardians.

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Child and Family Service

Coalition for a Drug Free Hawaii

Domestic Violence Action Center

EPIC, Inc.

Family Support Hawaii

Friends of the Missing Child Center of HI

Hale Kipa, Inc.

Hale 'Opio Kauai, Inc.

Hawaii Behavioral Health

Hawaii Student Television

Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition

Hina Mauka Teen Care

Hui Malama Learning Center

Kahi Mohala Behavioral Health

Kama'aina Kids, Inc.

KEY (Kualoa-Heeia Ecumenical Youth)
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Kids Behavioral Health

Kids Hurt Too

Kokua Kalihi Valley

Kula No Na Poe Hawaii

Lanai Community Health Center

Life Foundation

Marimed Foundation

The Maui Farm, Inc.

Maui Youth and Family Services

Palama Settlement

P.A.R.E.N.T.S., Inc.

Parents and Children Together (PACT)

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The Catalyst Group

The Children's Alliance of Hawaii

Waikiki Health Center

Women Helping Women

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February 13, 2012

To: Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
And members of the Committee on Economic Development
and Technology

TESTIMONY OPPOSING SB 2539 RELATING TO CYBERBULLYING

Hawaii Youth Services Network (HYSN), a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, opposes SB 2539 Relating to Cyberbullying.

At the 2011 Children and Youth Summit, bullying was the top priority for legislative action identified by the 125 participating youth and youth advocates. It received nearly 3 times as many votes as the second priority issue. Cyberbullying was identified as one of several forms of bullying that need to be addressed.

Creating a criminal offense for cyberbullying, however, will not be sufficient to prevent it from happening and damaging the lives of the victims. Criminal prosecution is often not the appropriate response to cyberbullying. Mediation and restorative justice approaches are to be preferred.

HYSN believes that that the Legislature should consider a more comprehensive approach to bullying prevention and intervention that includes:

- Bullying prevention education and character education designed to promote peace and harmony and positive ways of resolving disputes;
- Education for parents and community members;
- Training for teachers and school personnel on prevention and intervention skills, and alternative means of dispute resolution;
- Law enforcement involvement only when other means fail.

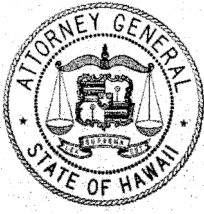
Senator Chun Oakland convened a work group that spent 3 months carefully crafting a comprehensive bullying bill (SB 2596 Relating to Education). HYSN believes that SB 2596 provides a more effective approach to bullying than HB 2295.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Judith F. Clark, MPH
Executive Director



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**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2012**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

S.B. NO. 2539, RELATING TO CYBERBULLYING.

BEFORE THE:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

DATE: Monday, February 13, 2012 **TIME:** 2:15 p.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 016

TESTIFIER(S): David M. Louie, Attorney General, or
Lance Goto, Deputy Attorney General

Chair Fukunaga and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General, while appreciating the intent of the bill in protecting the State's children, believes that the bill, as currently drafted, requires significant amendments.

The Department recognizes the need to find some way to provide a broader response to the issue of cyberbullying, which is an issue that occurs both inside and outside of school, and is therefore working with the bill's drafter to reframe the bill to find the best way to effect its purpose.

We respectfully ask the committee to insert a defective effective date in the bill and pass it on to the next committee to allow more time for discussion and the drafting of necessary amendments.