

# LATE TESTIMONY

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To: Chair Carroll, Vice Chair Kobayashi and Members of the Committee on Human Services  
From: Kim Sasaki, Ala Kuola  
Hearing Date and Time: February 12, 2013, 9:30 a.m.  
RE: HB 1006

Good afternoon, Chair Carroll, Vice Chair Kobayashi and Members of the Committee. My name is Kim Sasaki and I'm writing on the behalf of Ala Kuola. We are a nonprofit agency that helps victims of domestic violence (DV) to obtain temporary restraining orders (TROs) on Oahu. A family justice center has already been established through the Prosecuting Attorney's Office and a successful pilot program has been conducted. We support the intent of this bill due to the fact that domestic violence victims may definitely benefit from the wrap-around of services that such a family justice center provides. Through the aid of this legislature, more services through various state agencies will further assist domestic violence victims.

Thank you for allowing me to provide testimony on HB 1006.

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB1006 RELATING TO A FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER

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Chair Mele Carroll & Vice Chair Bertrand Kobayashi and committee members:

I provide this testimony in support of a Family Justice Center Task Force, regardless of whether it is under the Department of Human Services or not, because domestic violence is an extremely concerning issue and we need to continue to seek efficient ways to stop domestic violence.

Currently we have a Family Justice Center under the County of Honolulu and we should work with the Prosecutor's office on possibly expanding this concept to the neighbor islands.

Therefore, I strongly support HB1006 to assist victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, sexual assault, elder abuse.

Josephine Besario