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To: Chair Rep. Sylvia Luke

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on Finance

From: Howard S. Garval, MSW, President & CEO

Child & Family Service

Hearing Date and Time: March 6, 2013, 2:00 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 308

RE: HB197 - Relating to the Judiciary-SUPPORT

Good afternoon Chair Luke, Vice-Chair Nishimoto, Vice-Chair Johanson and members of the House of Representatives Committee on Finance. I am Amy Vasconcellos, Registered Nurse for Enhanced Healthy State, Child & Family Service, and I am testifying in strong support of HB197.

The funding in HB197 would allow Child & Family Services to provide Hawaii's families with domestic violence intervention services, including victim support groups, victim advocacy, legal assistance, legal representation, crisis and help lines, visitation centers, programs to support children who experience the trauma of domestic violence, and batterer intervention programs and services. Victims of domestic violence and their families require access to these community services to ensure their physical safety and to aid in their recovery from abuse. I therefore urge the Committee to pass HB197.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.

With Aloha,

Amy Vasconcellos, RN, Enhanced Healthy Start, Child & Family Service



## **HB197**

Submitted on: 3/6/2013

Testimony for FIN on Mar 6, 2013 14:00PM in Conference Room 308

Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Present at Hearing
Mark Yamakawa	Child & Family Service	Support	No

Comments: Strong support for HB197 which appropriates POS funds for the Judiciary for the fiscal biennium beginning July 1, 2013 ending June 30, 2015.

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Submitted on: 3/5/2013

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Present at Hearing
Arnold Martines	Individual	Support	No

#### Comments:

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Testimony for FIN on Mar 6, 2013 14:00PM in Conference Room 308

Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Present at Hearing
Jonathan H. Steiner	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a Member of the Board of Directors of Child & Family Service, and a member of the community, I support this bill.

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