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To: Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means  
From: Kim Sasaki, Ala Kuola  
Hearing Date and Time: March 15, 2013, 9:05 a.m.  
RE: HB 389, HD1

Good afternoon, Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee. My name is Kim Sasaki and I'm writing on the behalf of Ala Kuola. We are a nonprofit organization that has provided services to the public on Oahu for approximately seven years to help victims of domestic violence (DV) to obtain protective orders (TROs) through the Family Court.

Due to a lack of resources of the Judiciary, Ala Kuola provides such services on a daily basis. Our services are especially important on Tuesdays and Thursdays when the service is not available through the Judiciary in Honolulu. Unlike the Judiciary, Ala Kuola does not have a rigid intake appointment schedule and conducts services throughout the business day. We also provided this service to the public during the Judiciary's furlough closure during the economic recession.

As these funds are pursuant to HRS Section 601-3.6 and they are distributed per competitive bidding through a purchase of service through the Judiciary, this bill will increase the availability of funds. It is our hope that organizations such as Ala Kuola, who have persistently sought a purchase of service through the Judiciary, may have a better chance at obtaining this funding opportunity.

We strongly support HB 389, HD1.

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To: Chair Ige  
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Fr: Nanci Kreidman, M.A.

RE: HB 389, HD 1

Good morning. Thank you for the opportunity to lend our support to the Bill before you raising the amount permitted by taxpayers to support the important work supported by Hawaii's child and spouse abuse accounts. I am currently serving as the Chair of the Hawaii Children's Trust Fund and serve as CEO of a domestic violence agency as well as a Board member of the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence since its inception. We are enthusiastic about increasing the options for support to the Trust Fund and pertinent community programs.

As agencies providing critical community services endeavor to sustain programs and stabilize budgets, support from the members of our community can make an enormous difference. As you are abundantly aware, state and federal funds have shrunk and competition for private grants and participation at events is fierce.

The opportunity to make a small (but significant) contribution through a tax check off is a wonderful option. It will never make up the difference in budget cutbacks that programs have suffered—every penny helps-- and it is going to take all of us to sufficiently address domestic violence, child abuse and sexual violence among intimate partners.

Since the tax check off is an option taxpayers may select to contribute to this good work, we are hoping that the Committee on Finance will move favorably and pass H.B. 389 HD 1.

Thank you for allowing us to advocate for this adjustment to the statute.



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Arnold Cabang	Individual	Support	No

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Dara Carlin, M.A.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Good Morning Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Kidani and WAM Committee Members, While economic times have been difficult for everyone, non-profit and social service agencies have particularly felt the strain with severe budget cuts and reductions in funding. Services that treat some of our worst societal blights - domestic violence and sexual assault - have been hardest hit and funds taken away from children's services only hurt our future. This proposal can help to weaken the impact on such services by offering the public a visible and VOLUNTARY option to contribute to these causes; this measure can only better the odds for everyone all around. Please support and pass HB389 HD1. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony. Respectfully, Dara Carlin, M.A. Domestic Violence Survivor Advocate

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Dr. Guy Yatsushiro	Individual	Support	No

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Sabrina Kaawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill. One-third of the funds generated would go towards the Hawaii Children's Trust Fund. As a parent of two young daughters, this simple check off would go a long way to supporting Hawaii's children. Thank you for listening to my views.

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