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February 21, 2013

To: Chair Rep. Luke
Vice Chair Rep. Nishimoto,
Vice Chair Rep. Johnason
Members of the Committee on Finance

From: Angie Doi, Director of Oahu Programs
Child & Family Service

Hearing Date: February 21, 2013 11am

Place: Conference Room 308

Re: HB 401- Support

Child & Family Service is Hawaii's oldest and most comprehensive human services organization founded 1899. Our mission is: **strengthening families and fostering the healthy development of children.** Our organization touches the lives of over 40,000 of Hawaii's residents each year serving keiki to kupuna on every island. We are the only organization that operates more than one domestic abuse shelter as we have two on Oahu and two on the Big Island

Child & Family Service strongly supports HB401 which appropriates POS funds for the Department of Human Services for fiscal year 2013-2014. These funds would provide support to the domestic violence shelter statewide. Child & Family Services continues to experience an increase use of emergency shelter services. Victims and their children are staying longer to receive support to help them heal from the damaging effects of trauma. Over the past two years the CFS domestic violence shelters are seeing and increase in the number of safe nights. In 2010 the four shelters provided 23,153 safe nights. In 2011 the four shelters provided 25930 safe nights. In 2012 CFS provided 26622 safe nights. During a point in time count the four shelters had 89 adults and children seeking shelter on one day.

Child & Family Service continues to strive to enhance the needed services to help each family heal and be safe. We have implemented services that focus on trauma informed care.

We ask for your support as we care for those who have experience trauma on their journey to have a life without violence and to break the cycle of violence.



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lisa Sims	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB401 to provide essential funding for specific social services formerly funded via the TANF program. Lisa Sims Hawaii Resident

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