

HB 1198

RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE HONOLULU FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER

Appropriates funds to the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu for the Honolulu Family Justice Center; provided that the City and County of Honolulu provides matching funds on a 1:1 basis

PSM/JDL, WAM



**WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE, 2015**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

H.B. NO. 1198, RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE HONOLULU FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER.

BEFORE THE:

SENATE COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS AND ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

DATE: Wednesday, March 18, 2015 **TIME:** 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 016

TESTIFIER(S): WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY.

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Chairs Espero and Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committees:

The Department of the Attorney General supports this bill.

This bill appropriates funds to the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu for the Honolulu Family Justice Center. The Center intends to provide a safe haven and necessary services for domestic violence victims. We believe that having these services provided at the Center, under one roof, may help protect the safety of victims.

In addition, the Center has agreed to oversee the protective order card program that is being established in H.B. No. 58, H.D. 1. The protective order card program will issue a laminated card upon request to those holding a long-term protective order, with specified relevant information about the order and all covered parties.

We respectfully ask the Committees to pass this bill.

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Pamela E. Tamashiro	Honolulu Family Justice Center	Support	Yes

Comments: Prosecutor Kaneshiro will be testifying at the hearing.

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**Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
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March 16, 2015

RE: H.B. 1198 – RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE HONOLULU FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER

Chair Espero, Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Baker, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney for the City and County of Honolulu (“Department”) submits the following testimony in strong support of H.B. 1198, with amendments.

The Honolulu Family Justice Center (HFJC) is a public safety initiative developed by the Department that will provide comprehensive services for victims of domestic violence, sex assault and human trafficking as well as long-term transitional housing. The HFJC will provide victims with a safe environment during some of their most vulnerable stages of separation from their abusers and encourage increased trust and understanding between victims and police and prosecutors, to better facilitate and follow-through on prosecution of these offenses. This, in turn, will help to hold more offenders accountable for their actions, and ultimately decrease incidents of recidivism.

H.B. 1198 would appropriate funds for the HFJC with the condition that the City and County of Honolulu ("City") provide matching funds on a one-to-one basis. The City fully supports the HFJC and has already made a substantial investment in the HFJC. In its FY 2015 Executive Capital Budget, the Honolulu City Council appropriated \$6,220,000 which has enabled the City to purchase a 24-unit, one (1) -bedroom apartment building in Makiki to house the HFJC. For FY 2016, the Department has requested the amount of \$350,000 for the HFJC in as part of its operating budget request to the Honolulu City Council. It is anticipated that the City will continue its support of the HFJC with continued appropriations to fund the operations of the HFJC. Accordingly, the Department has no objection to the matching fund requirement in H.B. 1198.

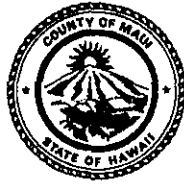
However, the Department requests that the following amendments be made to H.B. 1198:

- A. SECTION 1: The reference to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, should be deleted as that chapter authorizes grant funding to individuals, private organizations and non-profit organizations but does not authorize funding for government agencies; and
- B. SECTION 1, subparagraphs (2) and (3): The HFJC will be providing training to HFJC staff including, but not limited to, risk assessment training regarding domestic violence and sexual abuse and trauma as well as evaluation services for victims. The Department would prefer flexibility in the types of training that are provided to the HFJC staff and residents. Accordingly, the Department respectfully requests that the specific enumeration of risk assessment training and evaluation services in Section 1, subparagraphs (2) and (3), be deleted from H.B. 1198.

For the foregoing reasons, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu strongly supports the passage of H.B. 1198, with the amendments as noted above.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on this matter.

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TESTIMONY
ON
HB 1198 - RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE
HONOLULU FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER

March 18, 2015

The Honorable Will Espero
Chair
The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker
Vice Chair
and Members
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

The Honorable Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran
Chair
The Honorable Maile S. L. Shimabukuro
Vice Chair
and Members
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker, Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Committees:

The Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Maui, **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** HB 1198 - Relating to Appropriations for the Honolulu Family Justice Center. HB 1198 appropriates funds for the Honolulu Family Justice Center, including the hiring of necessary staff, risk-assessment training regarding domestic violence and sexual abuse and trauma, and for evaluation services for victims.

The Honolulu Family Justice Center is one of more than 80 such centers established across the country, with even more centers waiting to be established. They are the models for

providing effective services to crime victims. The services that the Honolulu Family Justice Center provides truly supports the "victim centric" approach to prosecuting criminal cases. We hope that some day, these centers will be established in all of Hawaii's counties.

Accordingly, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Maui, **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** the passage of this bill. We ask that the committees **PASS HB 1198**.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
HB1198 – RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE HONOLULU FAMILY
JUSTICE CENTER

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Senate Committees on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
AND Judiciary and Labor
March 18, 2015, 9:30 a.m., Conference Room 016

Chairs Espero and Keith-Agaran, Vice Chairs Baker and Shimabukuro, and
Members of the Committees:

The County of Kaua'i, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** HB1198 – Relating to Appropriations for the Honolulu Family Justice Center. The Appropriation would fund the Department's establishing of a Family Justice Center in Honolulu.

In supporting these Appropriations, we note that more than 80 Family Justice Centers are currently in operation across the United States, with many more in the planning process. They are a proven model to provide effective, expeditious, and compassionate services to victims of crime in an environment that does not worsen their traumatization. We hope that one day, the Family Justice Center model can be exported to the neighbor islands as well.

Accordingly, we are in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HB1198. We request that your Committee **PASS** the Appropriations.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide testimony on these Appropriations.

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TESTIMONY FOR HB 1198

Good morning, Chairs Espero and Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chairs Baker and Shimabukuro, members of the Committees on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and Judiciary and Labor, I am Edwin Flores, the Executive Director for the Hawaii Family Law Clinic, also known as Ala Kuola. We strongly support HB 1198.

We have supported prior efforts to pass similar legislation for the Honolulu Family Justice Center. We reiterate our strong support for the underlying intent and purpose of this Bill.

There clearly is a need for a "one stop shop" to address ongoing situations of domestic violence, sexual abuse and related trauma that currently does not exist. Ala Kuola has already committed to the completion and filing of Family Court TROs for the Honolulu Family Justice Center. The Honolulu Family Justice Center is intended to serve as a facility that provides comprehensive services to address all aspects of domestic violence at a single location which has been lacking up to this point in time.

I thank the Committee for the opportunity to present our position on HB 1198 and am ready to address any questions that the Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Committee members may have.

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