



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

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House Committee on Higher Education
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by
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HB 457 – RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Chair Choy, Vice Chair Ichiyama, and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai'i appreciates the opportunity to strongly support HB 457, which acknowledges the importance of having adequate resources to not only comply with the federal requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX) and the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (VAWA), but effectively advance the spirit and intent of such laws.

In 2013, President Obama signed a bill that strengthened and reauthorized the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). Included in the bill was the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (Campus SaVE), which amends the Jeanne Clery Act and affords additional rights to campus victims of sexual violence, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking. To this end, effective July 2015, every post-secondary institution who receives federal funds is affected with additional reporting, policy and procedural requirements – as they relate to sexual violence, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking.

At the University, each campus is responsible for ensuring compliance with Title IX and VAWA. From an organizational standpoint, this is primarily executed through a designated Title IX coordinator. Historically, such a designation was assigned to an existing University official already tasked with other related duties. However, given the increased requirements associated with VAWA, the University believes dedicated, full-time Title IX coordinators for each 4-year campus and the Community Colleges system with specific experience and knowledge in the areas of sex discrimination and sexual violence are warranted.

Additionally, the increased program, procedural, and investigatory requirements associated with VAWA across all ten (10) campuses also warrant additional dedicated, full-time professionals with specific experience and knowledge in the areas of sex discrimination, including sexual misconduct. The bill supports a centralized approach to meeting these requirements at the system level because many of the issues, policies, programs, and training are better addressed from a comprehensive approach instead of each campus individually developing their own programs. This centralized approach advances principles of operational efficiency and economies of scale.

In closing, the University strongly supports HB 457 because it acknowledges the importance of having adequate resources to comply with and advance the federal requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX) and the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (VAWA).

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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Testimony presented to the House Committee on Higher Education
February 10, 2015 at 2:00pm
By
Farrah-Marie Gomes, Chair

HB457 – RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Dear Chair Choy, Vice Chair Ichiyama and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on HB 457 that appropriates moneys for positions and materials to comply with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013. My name is Farrah-Marie Gomes and I present this testimony as Chair of the University of Hawai'i President's Commission on the Status of Women (UH-CSW).

The UH-CSW strongly supports this bill. Formed in 1972 at the UH Manoa campus, the UH-CSW expanded in 1986 to include faculty, staff and students appointed by the President of the University of Hawaii, with representatives from our system offices and 10 campuses across the State. The UH-CSW is committed to supporting the well-being, development, and advancement of all University women. The Commission actively promotes a working and learning environment free of sexism and discrimination through policy, advocacy and education.

This mission is achieved through serving as a conduit for information between the administration and the total University community by making recommendations to the UH President on issues that have particular relevance for women, including, but not limited to safety and security, equity, access, retention, and advancement; fostering an awareness, understanding and recognition of the potential, contributions, special challenges and many roles women play in a University community; and developing alliances with like organizations throughout the community, state, and nation.

The positions and materials requested through this bill will enable the University of Hawai'i system to comply with recently expanded mandates relating to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013, which are at the core of the mission of our Commission on the Status of Women.

For the reasons stated above and on behalf of our commission, I strongly encourage the Committee to support this bill. Again, thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MĀNOA

LGBT Student Services Office

TO: House Committee on Higher Education
Conference Room 309
Hawai'i State Capitol
February 10, 2015, 2:00 p.m.

FROM: Camaron Miyamoto,
Coordinator, LGBT Student Services
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa



RE: SUPPORT FOR HB457 with AMENDMENTS

Chair Choy, Vice Chair Ichiyama and Members of the House Committee on Higher Education:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit written testimony on behalf of the Office of LGBT Student Services at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in support for HB457 with amendments.

While my testimony is not the official stance of the University of Hawai'i, I am writing to share my expertise as tenured UH Mānoa faculty who work with students on a daily basis, including those who benefit from the professional services of our Pau Violence coordinators in the UH Mānoa Women's Center. I also serve on the Hawai'i State Department of Health Sexual Violence Prevention Hui and Community Action Team.

I support HB457 with the amendment that funds be specifically appropriated to The UH PAU Violence Program, or **Prevention Awareness Understanding Violence Program**.

I support this amendment because our students deserve more than additional investigators or administrators.

Instead of only hiring new investigators, **our university needs to retain current staff in PAU Violence that support the immediate needs of survivors, provides prevention education for the entire campus community, outreach and advocacy.**

Our university has these services in place, but an appropriation is needed to ensure seamless staffing through PAU Violence. PAU Violence has in place a UH systemwide network developing infrastructure to provide awareness and education, as well as academic, personal, and mental health support for survivors. It is unique in that it encompasses both prevention and crisis services.

I strongly believe that without funding for systemwide PAU Violence professional staff our students will suffer because:

- **PAU Violence staff support students in crisis after sex assault and offer a safe and confidential means for them to do so.**
- **Elimination of PAU Violence staff will be a disservice to our students' well-being**
- **PAU Violence is the only program at the University with staff that supports the immediate needs of survivors, provides prevention education for the entire campus community, outreach and advocacy.**
- **Creates a lack of compliance with Title IX and other federal/state requirements.**

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I support HB457 because without this bills passage, I fear we will lose critical staff at our university who work tirelessly to prevent violence on our campuses. We already have offices in place that investigate harassment and are responsible for Title IX reporting. However, **my colleagues in PAU do more than respond to or report and investigate sex assault and other forms of violence; they work to prevent it through education.**

I believe that it is critical for our campus and university system to be able to maintain both sexual violence prevention and direct services for students. These are functions that extend beyond the responsibilities of a Title IX coordinator or an investigator on our campuses. **For these reasons, I support HB457 and any proposed amendments made by the UH PAU Violence Team.**

Please vote in support of HB457 with the addition of an appropriation for the UH PAU Violence Program.

Mahalo.

To: House Committee on Higher Education
Conference Room 309
February 10, 2015, 2:00 PM

From: Jennifer Pagala Barnett
Program Coordinator, UHM Women's Center



Re: SUPPORT FOR HB457 with AMENDMENTS

To Honorable Chair Choy, Vice Chair Ichiyama and Members of the House Committee on Higher Education:

Thank you to the committee for bringing forth the importance of Title IX compliance. I work for the Women's Center at the University of Hawaii and I also assist with coordinating one of our programs, PAU (Prevention, Awareness, Understanding) Violence.

My testimony is not the official stance of the University of Hawai'i, but am writing to share my experience as a staff who works with students that are affected by issues of Title IX. I am submitting testimony in support of HB457 but am suggesting amendments specifically to include funding for prevention efforts and survivor services that exist through the PAU Violence Program.

The PAU Violence program assists our 10-campus system in creating an infrastructure to provide awareness education to address sexual violence, intimate partner violence, sexual harassment and stalking. PAU Violence and the Women's Center has worked collaboratively with the UH system to provide awareness raising events to educate our campus communities about interpersonal violence and how to foster healthy relationships. PAU provides bystander intervention training to educate and encourage all of our students to become active peers and to move towards changing the campus climate. In addition, PAU also strives to engage and include male students and interested peer leaders in our discussions and efforts to end interpersonal violence. In 2014, the PAU Violence program provided education and outreach to at least 8,000 students, faculty and staff within the UH system. Annual educational workshops are provided through New Student Orientation, transfer programs, bridge programs, new student athletes, housing, and department program orientations.

The PAU Violence program is not only committed to primary prevention, but is unique in also providing direct services to students. We support student survivors of gender violence by providing confidential crisis referral support, advocacy and connections to both campus and community resources. Most of the students who are referred or seek our services are students who are protected under Title IX but services are provided to any student regardless of who the alleged perpetrator is. System wide faculty and staff professionals who provide prevention and advocacy services do so in addition to their assigned positions and job duties on their campus.

HB457 directly affects the work that PAU Violence program is committed to doing. The program needs funding to maintain its services. **Please consider amending HB 457 to include at least 4 staff FTE along with resources for education and outreach.**

Currently HB457 supports the need for Title IX investigators but is not specific on the efforts to provide work for advocacy and prevention, both pieces that are significant to Title IX compliance.

Thank you for the opportunity to share this testimony. Please vote in support of HB457 with the addition of appropriations for the PAU Violence Program.

Mahalo.

TO: Committee on Higher Education
Rep. Isaac W. Choy, Chair
Rep. Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair

FROM: Teresa Bill tbill808@gmail.com Honolulu Resident

RE: Testimony Support With Comments / Amendments HB 457
Relating to Univ. of Hawai'i, Title IX & VAWA Compliance
Tues. Feb. 10, 2015 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 309

I am Teresa Bill, testifying in support of HB457 allocating funds to the University of Hawaii to ensure compliance with Title IX and the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and to begin effectively addressing sexual violence on campus. Although an employee of UH, I am submitting testimony as a private citizen.

Thank you to the Women's Legislative Caucus and the Women's Coalition for bringing needed attention to these issues.

The University of Hawai'i requested funding for positions including Title IX Coordinators and investigators. I believe the Women's Coalition astutely and correctly included language in HB457 addressing prevention education and direct services to students. I urge the Committee to ensure that this funding to the Univ. of Hawai'i includes some funds for UH PAU Violence to provide prevention education, awareness and direct student support services mentioned in HB457.

While "legal compliance" issues are important, as an advocate for students I know students need engaged prevention and awareness training as well as easy access to crisis services. The lack of and underfunding of such direct student services are acutely felt by students. Beginning July 1, 2015, the Violence Against Women Act requires Universities to engage in prevention strategies and ensure that students have access to needed services. This is in addition to the Title IX requirements of accurately reporting and investigating these criminal acts. Prevention and awareness, building a new culture of non-acceptance of violence among our students, must occur simultaneously with services to victims of assault.

The UH PAU Violence Program (**P**revention **A**wareness **U**nderstanding **V**iolence Program) has in place a UH systemwide network developing infrastructure to provide awareness and education, as well as academic, personal, and mental health support for survivors. It is unique in that it encompasses both prevention and crisis services. It is not unique in that such important services are not regularly funded by UH. Funding is always cobbled together of funds begged from this office & that, with campus-based personnel volunteering much of their time and energy.


The University needs to partner with community-based providers, and I have submitted testimony supporting the on-going funding of SATC (Sex Abuse Treatment Center) because we refer students to their services and they do incredible work. **But the University also needs to fund and ensure the stability of direct student services -- people who engage with students in prevention and awareness, which also establishes a trusted portal for students needing and seeking crisis services.**

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

February 9, 2015

To: House Committee on Higher Education

Fr: Leslie D. Cabingabang



Re: HB457: Relating to the University of Hawai'i Title IX Compliance

Position: **IN SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS**

Aloha Chair Choy, Vice Chair Ichiyama and Members of the Committee,

I would like to thank the committee and the University administration for prioritizing Title IX Compliance. While my testimony is not the official stance of the University, I am writing as a coordinator for the UH Prevention Awareness Understanding Violence or PAU Violence Program and as a long time advocate for students who experience sexual violence, intimate partner violence, sexual harassment and stalking.

I am in support of this bill to provide resources for Title IX compliance, however I ask the committee and the university to clarify how the \$1.13 million request will be used and distributed to support the declared priorities of prevention education. Furthermore, I am requesting the support for direct student services through the existing UH System PAU Violence Program.

The UH PAU Violence Program is a systemwide network developing infrastructure to provide awareness and education. The UH PAU Violence Program is underfunded and exists due to the volunteer efforts of faculty and staff on each campus. In 2011, we were denied continued funding from the Department of Justice Office of Violence Against Women Campus Grant Program due to lack of evidence our home institution would support our prevention education efforts. We are asking the State of Hawai'i and the University to support the UH System PAU Violence Program to continue and expand our direct student services.

In addition to prevention education, UH PAU Violence also provides academic, personal, and mental health support and advocacy for survivors. We define advocacy as assisting students at whatever point in their healing process, regardless of the alleged perpetrator's affiliation with the university. We recognize that students who survive sexual violence are not always immediately ready to seek legal (campus or civil) remedies to address their experience. Even more, students in violent relationships are less likely to report to authorities for fear their partners will get into trouble or the violence will escalate. UH PAU Violence advocates inform student survivors of all their options and assist in what the student needs help with, like connecting with counseling, finding the nearest health clinic, up to filing complaints or how to obtain protective orders.

On Page 2 Lines 7-16 of HB457, it states that “comprehensive ongoing prevention education, bystander intervention training, and training to students, faculty, and staff to address these criminal acts” are just as important as the investigation and reports of sexual violence. The measure does not indicate, however, how the university’s desired appropriations will be used to provide prevention education.

Sexual violence, intimate partner violence, sexual harassment and stalking amongst students are issues beyond Title IX and the Violence Against Women Act. Title IX coordinators and investigators are essential in the administration of institution policies, however do not meet the education and advocacy needs of students.

The UH System PAU Violence Program is dedicated to providing education to change the culture of acceptance of violence and promote healthy and safe relationships.

We humbly ask that the university dedicate funds to the existing infrastructure of the UH PAU Violence Program to provide continued outreach, prevention education, awareness and advocacy. Dedicated funding for the UH PAU Violence Program should include staff FTE and resources for training, outreach, education and direct student services.

My suggested amendment to this measure is to insert “PAU Violence” on Page 3 Line 16 to say, “**Staff, including investigators, coordinators, PAU Violence educational specialists, and trainers**” to ensure continued prevention education and advocacy for students. Specifically, I ask that the University **dedicate funds for four 1.0 FTE for UH PAU Violence Program coordinators at these designated offices: 1) UH Mānoa Women’s Center; 2) UH Maui College Personal Support Counselor; 3) UH Hilo Student Health and Wellness Program; and 4) UH Community College Coordinator housed at the UHM Women’s Center. Funds shall also include materials and professional development for each campus.**

Please vote for passage of HB457 with our proposed amendments to ensure dedicated funding to the existing, pertinent education and advocacy services of the UH System PAU Violence Program.

I am grateful for your time and consideration.

Mahalo

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Alexandra Chou	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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To whom it may concern,

As a graduate student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, I can speak to how it feels to be a female in the campus setting. For the most part, I've appreciated studying in such a warm and welcoming environment, many of my classes end as late as 8:00pm, when the campus is poorly lit and I feel more vulnerable. I recognize that, as far as we've come in terms of women's rights and equality, that I often have to think about my surroundings and safety, because I can't trust that my right to my own body and autonomy is a given to most people.

I recognize the need for a societal shift. People need to be educated regarding respect, consent, and boundaries, and the university setting is the most natural start to implement such a change. When young people are experiencing independence, new friendships, and intimate relationships for the first time, they are being fed many messages by their environment. Having already lived in a campus setting while obtaining my undergraduate degree, I am all too familiar with these messages. Men are taught that their status as men rests on how many women they are able to get into bed with them. Little is mentioned as mutual enjoyment, safety, respect, or communication. Nothing is mentioned about the partner's ability to say no.

I believe that change is in motion, and that the University of Hawaii System should be on the right side of this movement. Whenever a paradigm change is to occur, there is going to be resistance, but that is why we must be active. Integrating education regarding resources, help, consent, and healthy relationships into the college experience may save many students from falling into the promoted norms of rape culture. PAU Violence is the best way for this to happen.

By providing prevention education and direct intervention resources for students, PAU Violence is on both ends of making sure that students are living and studying in an environment that is promoting their well being and supporting them. Education and promoting an image that is embraced by students that sexual assault and interpersonal violence are not acceptable is a campaign that can be led by this program, and will not be launched on its own. Further more, until we see an absolute change in the environment where NO person falls victim to these traumas, the university is responsible to provide the resources to allow students who have experienced interpersonal violence and assault to go about their academic studies in the most positive and healthy way possible.

In summary, I believe that PAU Violence is key to providing the necessary environment and elements for change that the university setting demands to ensure that all students can have positive experiences and overcome the pressures of engaging in a negative culture of objectification and lack of respect. Please allow the PAU Violence program not only to continue, but also to expand to support students in new and creative ways.

Thank you,
Sarah Connor
Myron B Thompson School of Social Work
University of Hawaii at Manoa

Date: Tuesday, February 10, 2015

Time: 2:00 PM

Place: Conference Room 309

To: House Committee on Higher Education
Representative Isaac W. Choy, Chair
Representative Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair

Re: Support of HB 457 Relating to the University of Hawaii

My name is Kristine Jan Espinoza and I am a higher education graduate student at the University of Hawai'i (UH) at Mānoa. I am writing in strong support of HB 457, which appropriates moneys for positions and materials to comply with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013.

Title IX requires universities to have a statement about providing sexual violence prevention. As of **July 1, 2015**, the **Campus SaVE Act of the Violence Against Women Act** will *require* universities to provide primary prevention and bystander education for new students and employees.

The UH PAU Violence Program, or **Prevention Awareness Understanding Violence Program**, has in place a UH system-wide network developing infrastructure to provide awareness and education, as well as academic, personal, and mental health support for survivors. The PAU Violence Program is unique in that it encompasses both prevention and crisis services. Each UH campus has a PAU Violence group/program.

It is said that, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Investing in **existing efforts** at the UH campuses not only complies to these mandates but also helps in the effort to begin changing campus culture, climate, and norms surrounding sexual violence.

Respectfully submitted,
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Rep. Isaac W. Choy, Chair
Rep. Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair
Committee on Higher Education

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February 10, 2015, 2:00 PM

RE: Support for HB457 Relating to the University of Hawaii

Aloha Chair Choy, Vice Chair Ichiyama, and Members of the Committee:

Mahalo for this opportunity to submit testimony in support for HB457. My name is Samantha Herrera, a student in the Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work at the University of Hawai`i at Manoa.

I support HB457 with the amendment that funds be specifically appropriated to the UH PAU Violence Program, or Prevention Awareness Understanding Violence Program.

PAU Violence provides students confidentiality and support in crisis and complies with Title IX in which its staff members take immediate action to ensure a complainant-victim can continue his/her education free of ongoing sex discrimination, sexual harassment, or sexual violence. PAU Violence also educates all departments and campuses in University of Hawai`i system in responding to sexual violence cases. It educates students in the reality of sexual violence creating advocates for victims.

Although I personally have not been exposed to sexual violence, I often find respite and study in UH Manoa's Women's Center lounge where I've witnessed PAU Violence staff quickly and efficiently respond to crises. I've also attended multiple events where PAU Violence staff have educated and publicized the dark realities of domestic and sexual violence. All events have been informational, interactive, and eye opening.

It is essential that our university preserve current, fully qualified, and capable PAU Violence staff that work vigorously toward a domestic and sexual violence free future through response and education.

I support HB457 with the appropriation for the UH PAU Violence Program so that our university through the services of PAU Violence can continue to comply with Title IX and provide direct services and education to its all its members—students, faculty/staff, and community.

Please vote in support of HB457 with the addition of an appropriation for the UH PAU Violence Program.

Mahalo nui loa for your time and consideration.

TO: House Committee on Higher Education
Conference Room 309
Hawai'i State Capitol
February 10, 2015, 2:00 p.m.

FROM: Michelle Malia Ka'io
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
Graduate Student

RE: **SUPPORT FOR HB457 with AMENDMENTS,
Hearing set for Feb. 10, 2015 at 2pm**

Chair Choy, Vice Chair Ichiyama and Members of the House Committee on Higher Education:

Mahalo nui for this opportunity to submit written testimony in support for HB457 with amendments.

I am a current student at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. I support HB457 with the amendment that funds be specifically appropriated to The UH PAU Violence Program, or Prevention Awareness Understanding Violence Program. I back this amendment because our students deserve more than additional investigators or administrators within the UH system. Instead of only hiring new investigators, our university needs to retain current staff in PAU Violence that support the immediate needs of survivors, provides prevention education for the entire campus community, outreach and advocacy.

The UH PAU Violence program has been providing this education through dedication and volunteer efforts of faculty and staff on each UH campus. Please amend HB457 to specify funding and staff FTE for prevention education, outreach and advocacy through the UH PAU Violence Program.

I strongly believe that without funding for systemwide PAU Violence professional staff our students will suffer because:

- PAU Violence staff support students in crisis after sex assault and offer a safe and confidential means for them to do so.
- Elimination of PAU Violence staff will be a disservice to our students' well-being
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- Creates a lack of compliance with Title IX and other federal/state requirements.

I support HB457 because without this bills passage, I fear we will lose critical staff at our university who work tirelessly to prevent sexual and interpersonal violence on our campuses. **Please vote in support of HB457 with the addition of an appropriation for the UH PAU Violence Program.**

Mahalo nui,



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Unhee Lim	Individual	Support	No

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Stephen Nishihara	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As an individual, speaking from the office of the President of the Associated Students of the University of Hawaii, I support this bill because it is essential to fund the support and resources needed to fulfill HB451

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Place: Conference Room 309

To: House Committee on Higher Education
Representative Isaac W. Choy, Chair
Representative Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair

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Respectfully submitted,
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sara Perry	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: While this Bill addresses a critical and important issue for the safety of our students, I find that as a taxpayer, this should be funded by Federal funds and not those from our State tax coffers. I do agree with everything within the bill except that our State fund it. If some way could be found to support it without any state taxpayer funds, I could support this bill. Mahalo for your consideration of my testimony, Sara E. Perry

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To Whom It May Concern:

Hello, my name is Nathalie Ruelas and I am a first-year graduate student at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. As a graduate student in the Myron B. Thompson School of social work, I am required to intern for an organization that works to serve the community. The organization I currently interning for is the UH PAU Violence Program at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, which directly impacts the large student community.

While interning for the UH PAU Violence Program, I have had the opportunity to reach out and provide preventative education, as well as the opportunity to offer support and advocacy for survivors of violence. Through this work I have also seen first-hand the importance and need of preventative education about gender-based and interpersonal violence. Countless times students have come up to me and thanked me for disseminating information about things such as partner violence, stalking and sexual assault. These are all issues that, unfortunately, plague our community. When students come up to me to thank me, it only reinforces that there is a strong community-based support for the prevention education that UH PAU Violence offers.

For this reason, I support the HB457 bill, but ask for an amendment to ensure that the proper allocation of funds be made to the UH PAU Violence Program. In addition to funding, staff FTE for prevention education, outreach and advocacy through the UH PAU Violence Program should also be strongly considered. The funds allocated to the UH PAU Violence and the staff FTE would be used to offer trainings, prevention education, and direct services to survivors of abuse such as academic, personal and mental health support for survivors.

Thank you,
Nathalie Ruelas
UH PAU Violence Program
MSW Practicum Student

February 9, 2015

House Committee on Higher Education
In strong support of HB 457

To: Rep. Isaac W. Choy, Chair
Rep. Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair
Members: Rep. Henry J.C. Aquino, Rep. Kaniela Ing, Rep. Ken Ito, Rep. Sam Satoru, Rep. Matthew S. LoPresti, Rep. Takashi Ohno, Rep. Calvin K.Y. Say, Rep. Roy M. Takumi, Rep. Cliff Tsuji, Rep. Lauren Kealohilani Matsumoto, Rep. Andria P.L. Tupola

From: Rouel Velasco, Private Citizen, Kapolei, Hawai`i

Dear Rep. Isaac Choy, Chair; Rep. Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair; and Members of the House Higher Education Committee:

I fully support House Bill 457 with amendments. I am deeply grateful to the House Committee on Higher Education for this proposed measure that will help to address and comply with Title IX Compliance.

Title IX requires universities to have a statement about providing sexual violence prevention. As of July 1, 2015, the Campus SaVE Act of the Violence Against Women Act will require universities to provide primary prevention and bystander education for new students and employees.

I support the inclusion of funding for and staffing of full-time positions for prevention education, outreach and advocacy through the existing UH PAU Violence Program. This legislation with amendments will initiate a major step in institutionalizing a program towards prevention and education against sexual violence, sexual assault and rape on college campuses across all UH campuses. This program has been at the forefront with prevention and education against sexual violence, sexual assault prior to the passage of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013. PAU, which stands for Prevention, Awareness Understanding Violence Program, has in place a UH system network to provide awareness and education, crisis services and and support for survivors.

Furthermore, as Title IX requires colleges to provide students with information on how confidentiality is protected and notification of victim advocacy, it is important to support the immediate needs of survivors as well. The UH PAU Violence Program provides direct services to any student who experiences sexual violence, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking, whether or not the alleged perpetrator has affiliation with the university. This is an important service on campus and should continue to be accessible to students as such experience has a detrimental effect on the survivors' college education towards completion of their degrees.

It is most appropriate that the State of Hawaii, be informed of the work that the UH PAU Program has done has to address prevention, education and advocacy. I urge you to pass HB 457 with amendments. I deeply appreciate the House Committee on Higher Education for your interest in this important national issue. Thank you for the opportunity to express my support of this important bill.

Filipino American Citizens League

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House Committee on Higher Education and the Arts
February 10, 2015, 2 p.m., Conference Room 309

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TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB 457

To: Rep. Isaac W. Choy, Chair; & Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair
Members: Rep. Henry J.C. Aquino, Rep. Kaniela Ing, Rep. Ken Ito, Rep. Sam Satoru Kong,
Rep. Matthew S. LoPresti, Rep. Takashi Ohno, Rep. Calvin K.Y. Say, Rep. Roy M. Takumi,
Rep. Clift Tsuji, Rep. Lauren Kealohilani Matsumoto, Rep. Andria P.L. Tupola

From: Jake Manegdeg, President
Charlene Cuaresma, Vice President
Filipino American Citizens League

We are Jake Manegdeg, president, and Charlene Cuaresma, vice president, of the Filipino American Citizens League. We are proud to submit our strong support of this bill. The Filipino American Citizens League was formed over ten years ago to contribute to the advancement of civil rights and social justice for minority groups, underserved populations, and vulnerable communities through education, advocacy, and social action.

We fully agree with the intent of this bill. We also stand in strong support of comments provided by the University of Hawai'i PAU Violence Program, specifically the amendments recommended below:

1. Insert "PAU Violence" on Page 3, Line 16: "*Staff, including investigators, coordinators, PAU Violence educational specialists, and trainers*" to ensure continued prevention education and advocacy for students.
2. Dedicate funds for four 1.0 FTE for UH PAU Violence Program coordinators at: 1) UH Mānoa Women's Center; 2) UH Maui College Personal Support Counselor; 3) UH Hilo Student Health and Wellness Program; and 4) UH Community College.
3. Coordinator shall be housed at the UHM Women's Center.
4. Funds shall also include materials and professional development for each campus.

Thank you for hearing this bill, and for the opportunity to support your leadership to determine that these Title IX safeguards, advocated by our dear friend and former Congresswoman Patsy Takemoto Mink, are a priority, and merit full funding for the public safety of our University of Hawai'i system.

Very Sincerely,

Jake Manegdeg, President
Charlene Cuaresma, Vice President
Filipino American Citizens League



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TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB 457

To: Rep. Isaac W. Choy, Chair; & Rep. Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Higher Education

From: Jovanie de la Cruz, Chair, Executive Board of Directors, Filipino Coalition for Solidarity

Dear Chair Isaac Choy, Vice Chair Linda Ichiyama, and Members of the House Committee on Higher Education:

My name is Jovanie de la Cruz. I am an Executive Board of Directors Member for the Filipino Coalition for Solidarity. The Coalition strongly opposes HB 555. Since its inception in 1990, the Coalition has represented more than 50 Filipino community leaders, whose aim is to work for social justice issues to empower Filipinos to make socially responsible contributions to Hawai'i and our global neighbors through education, advocacy, and social action.

We fully agree with the intent of this bill. We also stand in strong support of comments provided by the University of Hawai'i PAU Violence Program, specifically the amendments recommended below:

1. Insert "PAU Violence" on Page 3, Line16: "*Staff, including investigators, coordinators, PAU Violence educational specialists, and trainers*" to ensure continued prevention education and advocacy for students.
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3. Coordinator shall be housed at the UHM Women's Center.
4. Funds shall also include materials and professional development for each campus.

Thank you for this opportunity to present our strong support from the Filipino community.

Respectfully,

Jovanie de la Cruz
Executive Board of Directors Member
Filipino Coalition for Solidarity

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February 9, 2015

To: Representative Isaac W. Choy, Chair
Representative Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Higher Education

From: Khara Jabola, Filipino Law Students Association

Re: Testimony in Strong Support of HB 457, Relating to the University of Hawai'i

On behalf of the Filipino Law Students Association, I would like to thank the Committee for this opportunity to testify. The Association strongly supports HB 457, which would appropriate funds that would strengthen the University of Hawai'i's commitment to upholding the tenets of Title IX and 2013 VAWA.

Despite over forty years under Title IX of the Education Act of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681 et seq. (hereinafter "Title X"), college campuses remain a violent place, especially for women. Only 12 percent of college students report their assaults.¹ While the true scope of sexual assault and harassment on state-operated campuses is difficult to determine, statistics suggest the problem is an epidemic. We know that at least one in five women are sexually assaulted while in college. One study revealed that 7 percent of male college students admit to committing or attempting to commit sexual assault, and two-thirds admitted to committing an average of six rapes each.² This phenomenon is in part due to the general lack of knowledge of the problem as a whole and of the University of Hawai'i's legal obligation to prevent this violence. What is clear is that education and prevention are as essential as post-assault responses in forging a solution to campus sexual assault.

Campus sexual violence is being perpetuated by the University of Hawai'i System itself. The University of Hawai'i has failed its students in providing an environment free of sexual violence, essentially burying its head in the sand to prevent damage to the school's public image that can come from increased reporting of sexual violence. If the scope of sexual violence on UH campuses were known and victims were more comfortable reporting, it would suddenly look like UH has a serious problem. The disconnect between appearance and reality has serious consequences for students. The lack of awareness and avoidance of awareness by most UH officials and students about sexual violence leave faculty untrained and student's unaware of their resources in the event of an assault. The school's legal obligation to prevent this violence must be addressed. Education efforts to combat sexual violence are notoriously underfunded and desperately needed. We urge the Legislature to end this deficiency ensure that UH fulfills its obligation to combat the persistent problem of campus sexual violence.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 457.

Sincerely,

Khara Jabola-Carolus

¹ *Rape and Sexual Assault*, White House Council on Women and Girls (Jan. 2014), available at http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/docs/sexual_assault_report_1-21-14.pdf.

² *Id.*

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TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB 457

To: Rep. Isaac W. Choy, Chair; & Rep. Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Higher Education

From: Amy Agbayani, Co-Chair
Filipinos For Affirmative Action

My name is Amy Agbayani. As Co-Chair of Filipinos for Affirmative Action, a proponent of civil rights, I submit strong support for this bill.

We fully agree with the intent of this bill. We also stand in strong support of comments provided by the University of Hawai'i PAU Violence Program, specifically the amendments recommended below:

1. Insert "PAU Violence" on Page 3, Line 16: "*Staff, including investigators, coordinators, PAU Violence educational specialists, and trainers*" to ensure continued prevention education and advocacy for students.
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 - UH Mānoa Women's Center;
 - UH Maui College Personal Support Counselor;
 - UH Hilo Student Health and Wellness Program;
 - UH Community College;
 - Coordinator shall be housed at the UHM Women's Center;
 - Funds shall also include materials and professional development for each campus.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our testimony and for your consideration of its passage.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Agbayani, Ph.D.
Co-Chair, Filipinos For Affirmative Action



Hawai`i Friends for Civil Rights
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February 10, 2015, 2 p.m., Conference Room 309

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB 457

To: Rep. Isaac W. Choy, Chair; & Rep. Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Higher Education

From: Faye Kennedy, Co-Chair, Hawai`i Friends for Civil Rights

Dear Rep. Isaac Choy, Chair; Rep. Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair; and Members of the House Committee on Higher Education:

As Co-Chair of the Hawaii Friends of Civil Rights, I submit strong support for this bill. HFQR is a group dedicated to fulfilling the work of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by addressing disparities and discrimination through the promotion of change agents for social justice through education, service and advocacy.

We fully agree with the intent of this bill. We also stand in strong support of comments provided by the University of Hawai`i PAU Violence Program, specifically the amendments recommended below:

1. Insert "PAU Violence" on Page 3, Line16: "*Staff, including investigators, coordinators, PAU Violence educational specialists, and trainers*" to ensure continued prevention education and advocacy for students.
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 - UH Hilo Student Health and Wellness Program;
 - UH Community College;
 - Coordinator shall be housed at the UHM Women's Center;
 - Funds shall also include materials and professional development for each campus.

Thank you for hearing this bill, and for the opportunity to provide our full support in your consideration of its passage.

Sincerely,

Faye Kennedy
Co-Chair
Hawai`i Friends of Civil Rights



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TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB 457

To: Rep. Isaac W. Choy, Chair; & Rep. Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Higher Education

From: Beatrice Ramos-Razon, RN, FACDA, President, NAMI

Dear Rep. Isaac Choy, Chair; Rep. Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair; and
Members of the House Committee on Higher Education:

My name is Beatrice Ramos-Razon. I am submitting our strong support of this bill, as the founder and president of NAMI (Nursing Advocates & Mentors, Inc.). NAMI's membership is comprised of over 75 volunteer nurses, instructors, allied health care professionals, and Filipino leaders, who are dedicated to improve the health of Hawai'i's people through education, mentoring, advocacy and service.

We fully agree with the intent this bill. We also stand in strong support of comments provided by the University of Hawai'i PAU Violence Program, specifically the amendments recommended below:

1. Insert "PAU Violence" on Page 3, Line16: "*Staff, including investigators, coordinators, PAU Violence educational specialists, and trainers*" to ensure continued prevention education and advocacy for students.
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3. Coordinator shall be housed at the UHM Women's Center.
4. Funds shall also include materials and professional development for each campus.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony to strongly support Title IX compliance through passage of this bill.

Sincerely,

Beatrice Ramos Razon, RN, FACDA
President, Nursing Advocates and Mentors, Inc.



To: Hawaii State House of Representatives Committee on Higher Education
Hearing Date/Time: Tuesday, February 10, 2015, 2:00 p.m.
Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 309
Re: Testimony of Planned Parenthood of Hawaii in support of H.B. 457

Dear Chair Choy and Members of the Committee on Higher Education,

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii (“PPHI”) writes in support of H.B. 457, which appropriates moneys for positions and materials to comply with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013.

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii is dedicated to providing Hawaii’s people with high quality, affordable and confidential sexual and reproductive health care, education, and advocacy. We are proud to stand in support of this legislation and to offer our support as a leading sexual and reproductive health care provider. The intersections of gender-based violence and reproductive health are clear. At PPHI, we work to meet the needs of survivors—and to prevent sexual assault from ever happening—in all areas of our work, from screening for intimate partner violence, to advocating for policies that support comprehensive sexual education, including teaching about healthy relationships and consent.

The need for action on college sexual assault in Hawaii is urgent. An estimated one in four women and three percent of men in the United States experience an attempted or completed rape while in college. Moreover, the University of Hawaii system is under federal investigation for Title IX violations and sexual violence case mishandling. This is unacceptable.

H.B. 457 would help strengthen campus resources and supportive services for college students. But education about healthy relationships and consent needs to start much earlier than college. In addition to these efforts, we need comprehensive sexual education in every school, starting in kindergarten, to make sure students learn about healthy relationships many years before they even think about going to college or entering into intimate relationships. The gaps that remain in Hawaii’s sexual health education have a significant impact on young people's well-being and future relationships.

We urge the legislature to pass H.B. 457, and we also call on the Hawaii State Department of Education to ensure that comprehensive, age-appropriate sexual health education is provided to every student, every year, from kindergarten through 12th grade."

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of H.B. 457.

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Sincerely,

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HB457

Submitted on: 2/9/2015

Testimony for HED on Feb 10, 2015 14:00PM in Conference Room 309

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bret Polopolus-Meredith	Individual	Support	No


Comments:

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TO: House Committee on Higher Education
Chair Choy, Vice Chair Ichiyama, and Members of the House Committee on
Higher Education
February 10, 2015, 2:00pm, Conference Room 309

FROM: Christine Quemuel 

RE: SUPPORT for HB457 with AMENDMENTS

Thank you for this opportunity to submit written testimony in support of HB457 with amendments. I appreciate the University's commitment to strengthening their Title IX programs through a request for funding for coordinators and investigators. These important positions are necessary to guarantee that our students have a resource to report incidences of gender based violence that they experience.

However, I would argue that just as, or even more important, is the need for primary prevention education and awareness, which is essential in the efforts to end sexual violence and relationship violence on our college and university campuses. It is important that prevention education and advocacy, which includes academic, personal, and mental health services for those who may have experienced assault is adequately supported and funded. One way that the University is currently providing these services is through the Systemwide PAU Violence Program. This statewide program is currently staffed by campus representatives who volunteer their time and energy to primary prevention efforts, in addition to their regularly assigned campus duties. It is my hope that the legislature can assist in these efforts through specified funding and position counts for the PAU Violence Program.

I thank the legislature for introducing this important bill and for their continued commitment to addressing violence prevention and for doing what they can to ensure that our campuses in Hawai'i are free from sexual violence. This testimony does not represent the official testimony of the University of Hawai'i, but reflects my personal support of HB 457. I strongly encourage the passage of this bill with amendment. Please support HB 457, relating to the University of Hawai'i.

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HB457

Submitted on: 2/10/2015

Testimony for HED on Feb 10, 2015 14:00PM in Conference Room 309

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dr. J.L. Walton	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose comprehensive sex education in the schools and the policy in place should remain "opt in". Please oppose HB457

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Rep. Isaac W. Choy, Chair
Rep. Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Thursday, February 10, 2015 2:00 PM

State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street, Conference Room 329

RE: HB542 RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

Appropriates moneys for positions and materials to comply with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013.

Aloha Committee on Higher Education:

My name is Christopher D. Yanuaria, a social worker and an anti-violence advocate for the last seven years here in Hawai`i and abroad. I am testifying in **STRONG SUPPORT of HB542.**

Through anonymous reports in 2006 on multi-campus surveys sampling thousands of college students nationwide reveals that one in four college women report surviving rape or attempted rape at some point in their lifetime (<http://www.oneinfourusa.org/statistics.php>).

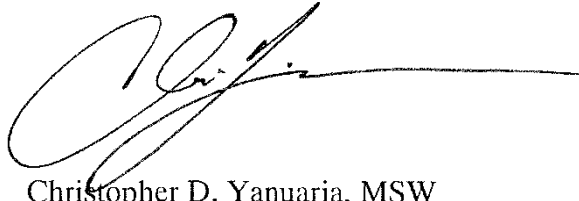
As a former intern and then employee of the University of Hawai`i Prevention Awareness Understanding (P.A.U.) Violence Program from 2009 – 2011, I have recognized the great need for violence prevention education and crisis services. During my time at the Women's Center I have learned many startling statistics (like the one above) that highlight the disparities of gender based violence on college campuses, which lead to help start UHM's Men's Peer Group in 2010 whose mission was to create and promote a safer and healthier campus environment, free from violence.

The UH PAU Violence Program is a vital resource for UH students, faculty and staff, and continues to do amazing work on developing infrastructure within the UH systemwide network to provide awareness and education, as well as academic, personal, and mental health for survivors.

Please support HB457 as it will allow the University to receive funds for Title IX coordinators and investigators- positions that will greatly help to prevent gender based violence from occurring on campus. I would also like you to support amendments presented by UH PAU Violence Program that will specify funding and staff for prevention education, outreach and advocacy through the UH PAU Violence Program.

I urge you to please SUPPORT HB457 with amendments presented by UH PAU Violence Program.

Mahala nui,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Yanuaria', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Christopher D. Yanuaria, MSW