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March 17, 2016

TO: The Honorable Dee Morikawa, Chair
House Committee on Human Services

The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair
House Committee on Health

FROM: Rachael Wong, DrPH, Director

SUBJECT: **HR2/HCR 5 REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF AN EARLY CHILDHOOD
SEXUAL ABUSE WORKING GROUP TO ADDRESS AND REDUCE CHILD SEXUAL
ABUSE IN HAWAII**

Hearing: Thursday, March 17, 2016, 9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department appreciates the intent of this resolution and offers the following comments regarding the similar multiple efforts and data gathering.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this bill is to convene an early childhood sexual abuse working group to address and reduce child sexual abuse in Hawaii.

In addition to this Keiki Caucus resolution, HB1787 HD2 creates and appropriates funds for Erin's Law Task Force to review policies, programs, and curricula for educating public school students about sexual abuse prevention, and report recommendations for the establishment of a program to educate public school children on sexual abuse prevention through age-appropriate curricula. Amongst others, HB1787 HD2 similarly names the Department as a member to the Erin's Law task force and lists members of the Senate and House of Representatives to serve as co-chairs. The Department is concerned that education and prevention efforts for parents, providers, and children should contain fundamental principles and consistency which provides continuity across the children's ages and settings.

The Department supports and participates in multiple collaborative efforts to improve system response and reduce child sexual abuse, such as:

1. Hawaii Children's Justice Centers' (CJC) Interagency Advisory Committee (Judiciary)

The CJC brings together a multi-disciplinary team of professionals to coordinate and improve the investigation of and system response to child abuse and neglect reports.

2. Hawaii's Commercially Sexually Exploited Children Response Protocol Development Workgroup (Family Court of the First Circuit)

Under the leadership of the Family Court, a multi-disciplinary team of federal, State, and county government agencies is developing protocols for the detection, classification, and accompanying of commercially sexually exploited children through appropriate systems of trauma-informed care.

3. Hawaii Coalition Against Human Trafficking (Department of the Attorney General)

The Hawaii Coalition Against Human Trafficking is a statewide partnership of victim service providers and federal, State, and local government agencies that work collaboratively to: a) identify, investigate, and prosecute human trafficking cases; b) provide services to victims of trafficking; and c) increase public awareness of human trafficking, including the commercial sexual exploitation of minors.

4. Zero to Three Court (Judiciary)

The Zero to Three Court is a specialty child abuse court established by the Judiciary to provide early intervention to prevent or alleviate problems that babies and toddlers experience as a result of harm and dysfunctional family dynamics.

5. Sex Offender Management Team (SOMT) (Department of Public Safety)

The SOMT is a multi-disciplinary team established to develop and implement, through a collaborative effort and legislative support, best practice standards statewide for the evaluation, treatment, disposition, ongoing assessment, and supervision of sex offenders and youth with sexualized misbehavior.

6. Violence Against Women's Act (VAWA) State Planning Committee (VPC) The VPC was lead by the Department of the Attorney General and its membership was

comprised of representatives from state and county agencies and non-profit victim service agencies that sets forth funding priorities for the State's VAWA funds.

Regarding information concerning child sexual abuse in Hawaii, the best information readily available is contained in two reports: Sexual Assault Victims in the City and County of Honolulu, 2001-2010 Statistical Profile, which is accessible at <http://satchawaii.com/pdf/sexual-assault-victims-2001-2010-statistical-report.pdf>, and the 2004 report entitled "Sexual Assault Victims in Honolulu" --A Statistical Profile--, is accessible at <http://ag.hawaii.gov/cpja/files/2013/01/Sex-Assault-Victims-2004.pdf>. While the reports are limited in the sense that the data are derived from Sex Abuse Treatment Center client information, the analysis is comprehensive, impactful, informative, and instructive in terms of developing a strategy.

If additional statewide information is required, gathering statewide data will take additional time and likely appropriations. Fortunately, the Hawai'i Department of the Attorney General and the four county police departments have very recently committed to transitioning from participation in the FBI's traditional Summary Reporting System (SRS) version of the nationwide Uniform Crime Reporting Program, to participation in the National Incident-Based Reporting System version. Whereas the SRS is based on simple aggregate tallies of reported offenses and arrests, NIBRS provides individual, case-level data (56 data elements) for each offense and arrest, including data on victim demographics. The transition process should take only a few years to complete, after which point statistics on juvenile (and other) victims of sexual assault (and other crimes) will be readily available on an annual basis. The NIBRS data can also be used for a variety of in-depth studies on special topics, including sexual assault.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



STATE OF HAWAII
Executive Office on Early Learning
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March 16, 2016

TO: Dee Morikawa, Chair
House Committee on Human Services

Della Au Belatti, Chair
House Committee on Health

FROM: Lauren Moriguchi, Director

SUBJECT: HR 2
Hearing Date: Thursday, March 17, 2016
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Conference Room 329

Purpose of Bill: REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF AN EARLY CHILDHOOD SEXUAL ABUSE WORKING GROUP TO ADDRESS AND REDUCE CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IN HAWAII.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON EARLY LEARNING'S POSITION: The Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) supports the intent of this measure and its commitment to addressing the safety and well-being of students (pre-kindergarten to grade twelve) in the prevention of sexual abuse. For the purpose of addressing age appropriate curricula and developmentally appropriate practice in pre-kindergarten settings, EOEL respectfully suggests that the director of EOEL, or the director's designee, should be a part of the working group.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



To: Hawaii State House of Representatives Committees on Human Services and Health
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, March 17, 2016, 9:30 a.m.
Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 329
Re: Testimony of Planned Parenthood of Hawaii in support of H.R. 2 and H.C.R. 5, and requesting amendments

Dear Chairs Morikawa and Belatti and Members of the Committees on Human Services and Health,

Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii (“PPVNH”) writes in support for and offers amendments to H.R. 2 and H.C.R. 5, requesting the convening of an early childhood sexual abuse working group to address and reduce child sexual abuse in Hawaii.

In short, we respectfully request that the CEO, or the CEO’s designee of our sister affiliate, Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest and the Hawaiian Islands (“PPGNHI”), be added as a member of the task force. PPGNHI’s experience working with the Department of Education (“DOE”) to implement a sexual health education program pursuant to BOE policy 103.5 and their knowledge of that program will greatly benefit the task force in researching and determining its educational goals pertaining to sexual abuse prevention education. Currently, public school sexual health education programs are required to help students “develop relationships and communication skills to form healthy relationships that are based on mutual respect and affection and are free from violence, coercion and intimidation.” Including on the the task force members who are knowledgeable and experienced with the sexual health education program will ensure that educational goals related to sexual abuse prevention will complement the sexual health education program going forward and better ensure that youth have the skills and tools to keep themselves healthy and safe.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,
Laurie Field
Hawaii Legislative Director and Public Affairs Manager

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March 16, 2016

To: Committee on Human Services
Representative Dee Morikawa, Chair
Representative Bertand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

Committee on Health
Representative Della Au Bellati
Representative Richard P. Creagan

From: Mahealani Austin

Hearing Date: Thursday, March 17, 2016

Time: 9:30 A.M.

Location: Conference Room 329

SUBJECT: IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HR 2 - REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF AN EARLY CHILDHOOD SEXUAL ABUSE WORKING GROUP TO ADDRESS AND REDUCE SEXUAL ABUSE IN HAWAII

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Committee Members,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify. My name is Mahealani Austin and I am a student in the School of Social Work at UH Mānoa. I am testifying in **favor of HR 2** Requesting The Convening of an Early Childhood Sexual Abuse Working Group to Address and Reduce Sexual Abuse in Hawaii.

I **strongly support** this bill for the following reasons:

- As an adult survivor of childhood sexual abuse, I have experienced first hand how devastating it can be for a child to be violated, manipulated, betrayed, and robbed of pure innocence, joy, and happiness. Two of the three men were my uncles, and one a family friend. I knew that it was wrong to be inappropriately touched but I didn't know what to do. When I told my mom about it she too didn't know what to do.
- I believe that sexual abuse prevention education in schools will help protect and empower our children. It will create a sense of normalcy amongst our children to protect their private parts and to tell someone if they are ever violated. It will also equip teachers and counselors with the necessary tools and training to effectively help children and families of all ethnic cultures and backgrounds.
- According to the statistics on Erin's Law website:
 - 1 in 4 girls, 6 boys are sexually assaulted before age 18. Over 90% by someone they already know and trust.
 - 1 in 10 sexually abused children tell someone.

These statistics break my heart. I strongly urge you to examine this bill and hope that it will pass for the sake of our children and their future. Mahalo for your time and once again for the opportunity to testify.