



LATE TESTIMONY

WOMEN'S CAUCUS

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII

February 16, 2016

To: Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair
Senator Male Shimabukuro, Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor

From: Jeanne Y. Ohta, Co-Chair

RE: SB 2318 Relating to Address Confidentiality
Hearing: Thursday, February 16, 2015, 9:00 a.m., Room 016

POSITION: Strong Support

The Hawai'i State Democratic Women's Caucus writes in strong support of SB 2318 Relating to Address Confidentiality which would establish an address confidentiality program for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. This measure would provide a life-saving tool by allowing survivors to use a substitute legal address in place of their physical address. Additionally, it would provide for a mail forwarding system so that their physical address would remain confidential.

We support the amendments proposed by the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women.

Thirty-six other states in the nation have implemented address confidentiality programs. Violent partners are very resourceful and determined to harm their victims; the availability of search engines, social media, and other on-line resources have made it easier to discover personal information.

This confidentiality program will help to keep vulnerable women and children safe from their abusers. We urge the committee to pass this measure.

The Hawai'i State Democratic Women's Caucus is a catalyst for progressive, social, economic, and political change through action on critical issues facing Hawaii's women and girls. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Ann S Freed	Hawaii Women's Coalition	Support	No

Comments: The Hawaii Women's Coalition supported this bill last year and continues to support it this year. Women victims who are fortunate enough to survive leaving their batterer deserve every protection that the law can allow. Keeping their address confidential, ESPECIALLY in the TRO process, seems like a common sense, logical step in protecting victims of domestic violence, Mahalo, Ann S. Freed Co-Chair, Hawaii Women's Coalition

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