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**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF BARBERING AND COSMETOLOGY**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
JUDICIARY AND LABOR

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2017

Tuesday, April 4, 2017
9:45 a.m.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 680, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, RELATING TO INTIMATE
PARTNER VIOLENCE.**

TO THE HONORABLE GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The Board of Barbering and Cosmetology (“Board”) appreciates the opportunity to present written testimony on House Bill No. 680, House Draft 2, Senate Draft 1, Relating to Intimate Partner Violence.

This bill proposes to require persons licensed under HRS chapters 438 and 439 to complete a one-time, three-hour training program that would enable them to be aware of and recognize signs of intimate partner violence shown by their barbering clients, beauty culture clients, and beauty school students. Should a licensee observe indications that an individual is experiencing such violence, the licensee would then have been educated and provided with resources to address the problem, such as referring the individual to the appropriate social services or domestic violence organizations.

Representing the supporters of the bill, Theresa Gilliland of the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence met with the Board at its meeting on March 16, 2017. Board members and Ms. Gilliland thoroughly discussed the measure and carefully considered its provisions. The Board continues to wholeheartedly support the intent of this bill; however, the following continue to be concerns that the Board had earlier identified and for which the Board respectfully requests the Committee's consideration at this time:

1. Board members who are licensed barbers, beauty operators, and instructors stated that in their many years of professional experience, no one had ever confided in them that he or she was a victim of intimate partner violence. They also stated that they had never witnessed physical indications that a client or student is experiencing such violence. The Board questioned whether the proposal would actually be beneficial to address the problem of intimate partner violence.
2. The Board also questioned why only barbers, beauty operators, and instructors were included in the proposal. Board members suggested that perhaps massage therapists and other personal service providers should be included in the measure.
3. Barbers, beauty operators, and instructors are engaging in their professions in order to provide beauty culture and barbering services to their clients, and, in the

case of instructors, to train individuals who wish to gain the education required to become licensed beauty operators. Board members expressed concern that the proposal would elevate the level of responsibility of the licensee beyond the scope of practice that a barber or beauty operator or instructor should be expected to perform.

4. Despite the provision in the bill that a person licensed as a barber, beauty operator, or instructor who completes the training program shall not be civilly or criminally liable for acting in good faith or failing to act on information concerning potential intimate partner violence obtained during the course of employment, the Board continues to be concerned about the real possibility of retaliation against licensees for being involved in recognizing signs of violence and advising their clients or students of available resources. Retaliation and additional violence are real possibilities should the perpetrator of the violence become aware of the licensee's involvement in the situation.
5. The Board is also concerned about the cost of such a program to provide training to applicants and to licensees as a condition of license renewal. Although there was discussion at the Board's meeting about acquiring a program without fees or charges to the individual, the Board continues to believe that the possible financial burden as well as the time away from employment or other endeavors

will certainly impact the licensee or applicant, and will need to be considered.

The Board thanks the Committee for the opportunity to present written testimony on House Bill No. 680, House Draft 2, Senate Draft 1, Relating to Intimate Partner Violence.

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