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RE: S.B. 503; RELATING TO VICTIMS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE.

Chair Baker, Vice-Chair Nishihara, and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu submits the following testimony in support of Senate Bill 503.

The purpose of Senate Bill 503 is to require health insurers to provide coverage for case management services by licensed mental health providers for victims of sexual violence.

Trauma from sexual violence can have significant, lasting impacts on mental health that interfere with a survivor's functional ability to engage and interact with the world. In addition to psychotherapy, survivors with mental health conditions caused in whole or in part by the violence can require case management services, a professional intervention where a survivor's mental health provider helps the patient to link to and coordinate with other service providers, systems, programs and entitlements.

Requiring insurance coverage for case management in these situations will ensure that more survivors receive this type of coordinated, multi-disciplinary care that is considered medically necessary for some survivors to recover and heal. Not only will this provide them the best chance of avoiding future harm or decompensation, but in doing so, it also provides an efficient means of minimizing the chances of needing more costly interventions later on.

For the foregoing reasons, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu supports the passage of S.B. 503. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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Michael Golojuch Jr	LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments: The LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i stands in STRONG SUPPORT.

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Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and committee members:

I am a survivor of childhood sex abuse and support SB503. Funding case management services to survivors of sexual violence will help them heal and become productive members of society. As stated in the bill, sexual violence can have severe and lasting emotional and mental health impacts. I've learned in my own recovery that treatment is not "one size fits all". I've gone through multiple therapists and body workers to help heal my mind, body and soul. Some were experienced with PTSD and the effects of trauma on the brain, but many times were not. I've found the right treatment through trial and error over the past decade, but wish I had some professional help to direct me in my journey towards recovery. This bill, by providing survivors case management services, will help them get the appropriate help they need and provide access to other effective modalities of treatment in a timely manner.

Thank you very much,

Andre Bisquera

Lindsey McGlinn

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Aloha, I am Lindsey, a social work graduate student from UH Manoa, and a supporter of S.B. No. 503. Sexual violence is exceedingly prevalent and sadly very common in our nation and in our state, and I feel that case management services are necessary to support victims. Victims of sexual violence endure very traumatic incidents or events, which often leave them feeling depressed, alone, and sometimes suicidal. I was previously a mental health case manager, and was able to firsthand see the benefits of case management services for clients. Case management services can assist victims of sexual violence to access supportive services such as psychotherapy and psychiatry, and address their mental illness related to sexual violence. Mental illness affects an individual's overall health, and health insurers should cover these supportive services and make them more readily available to all they insure. I support S.B. No. 503. Thank you for the opportunity to speak.