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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VICTIMS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that sexual violence and  
2 abuse are extremely prevalent in the United States. One in six  
3 women and one in thirty-three men have experienced an attempted  
4 or completed rape in their lifetimes, while one-in-four girls  
5 and one-in-six boys will be sexually abused before they turn  
6 eighteen. According to The Centers for Disease Control and  
7 Prevention, an estimated 43.9 per cent of women and 23.4 per  
8 cent of men have experienced forms of sexual violence other than  
9 rape within their lifetimes.

10           The legislature further finds that sexual violence and  
11 abuse can have severe and lasting emotional and mental health  
12 impacts on victims. Victims of sexual assault during adulthood  
13 suffer post-traumatic stress disorder at a rate between thirty  
14 to sixty-five per cent, as well as elevated rates of depressive  
15 disorders, parasuicidal behaviors, and substance use disorders.  
16 Victims of sexual abuse during childhood face numerous  
17 psychological challenges at rates higher than people who have



1 not experienced sexual abuse including being three to five times  
2 more likely to be diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder,  
3 fifty-two per cent higher lifetime depression rates, experience  
4 increased rates of suicide, self-harming behaviors, alcohol use,  
5 eating disorders, and disruptions to developmental processes  
6 that lead to personality disorders. Consequently, many victims  
7 of sexual violence and abuse represent mental health cases that  
8 require clinical victim support services by qualified mental  
9 health providers, in addition to psychotherapy, to effectively  
10 manage mental disorders related to sexual violence and abuse.

11 The legislature also finds that it can be difficult for  
12 victims of sexual violence and abuse to obtain appropriate  
13 mental health services due to the limited availability of  
14 qualified mental health providers who are able to take on  
15 potentially complex mental health cases. Clinical victim  
16 support services, which are required for treatment of mental  
17 disorders caused, in whole or in part, by sexual violence and  
18 abuse, are not generally covered by health insurers. This is a  
19 barrier to sufficient provider availability, as clinical victim  
20 support services are often an unreimbursed expense that  
21 discourages providers from accepting potentially complex cases.



1           The purpose of this Act is to improve mental health service  
2 availability for victims of sexual violence and abuse by  
3 requiring that accident and health or sickness insurance  
4 policies provide coverage for appropriate clinical victim  
5 support services provided by qualified mental health providers.

6           SECTION 2. Section 431M-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
7 amended by adding two new definitions to be appropriately  
8 inserted and to read as follows:

9           "Clinical victim support service" means a professional  
10 intervention conducted by a qualified mental health provider to  
11 identify needs and assist in obtaining coordinated, appropriate  
12 services, and resources for a victim of sexual violence and  
13 abuse to curtail or prevent the progression and worsening of  
14 mental disorders and associated functional impairments caused,  
15 in whole or in part, by the sexual violence and abuse. Clinical  
16 victim support services include:

- 17           (1) Coordinating with other health care providers, such as  
18 primary care physicians, behavioral and mental health  
19 care providers, and hospitals;  
20           (2) Assisting victims of sexual violence and abuse in  
21 obtaining appropriate government entitlements, access,



1 insurance coverage, and other appropriate programs and  
2 services offered by government agencies and community  
3 organizations; and

4 (3) Coordinating with schools, employers, and other  
5 individuals and entities concerning a victim.

6 "Victim of sexual violence and abuse" means an individual  
7 who suffers from one or more mental disorders caused, in whole  
8 or in part, by sexual violence and abuse."

9 SECTION 3. Section 431M-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
10 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

11 "(a) All individual and group accident and health or  
12 sickness insurance policies in this State, individual or group  
13 hospital or medical service plan contracts, and nonprofit mutual  
14 benefit society, fraternal benefit society, and health  
15 maintenance organization health plan contracts shall include  
16 within their hospital and medical coverage the benefits of  
17 alcohol use disorder, substance use disorder, and mental health  
18 treatment services, including services for alcohol dependence  
19 and drug dependence [7] and clinical victim support services for  
20 victims of sexual violence and abuse, except that this section



1 shall not apply to insurance policies that are issued solely for  
2 single diseases, or otherwise limited, specialized coverage."

3 SECTION 4. Section 431M-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

5 "(b) Mental illness benefits.

6 (1) Covered benefits for mental health services set forth  
7 in this subsection shall be limited to coverage for  
8 diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders. All  
9 mental health services shall be provided under an  
10 individualized treatment plan approved by a physician,  
11 psychologist, licensed clinical social worker,  
12 licensed marriage and family therapist, licensed  
13 mental health counselor, advanced practice registered  
14 nurse, or licensed dietitian treating eating  
15 disorders, and must be reasonably expected to improve  
16 the patient's condition. An individualized treatment  
17 plan approved by a licensed clinical social worker,  
18 licensed marriage and family therapist, licensed  
19 mental health counselor, advanced practice registered  
20 nurse, or a licensed dietitian treating eating  
21 disorders, for a patient already under the care or



1 treatment of a physician or psychologist shall be done  
2 in consultation with the physician or psychologist;

3 (2) In-hospital and nonhospital residential mental health  
4 services as a covered benefit under this chapter shall  
5 be provided in a hospital or a nonhospital residential  
6 facility. The services to be covered shall include  
7 those services required for licensure and  
8 accreditation;

9 (3) Mental health partial hospitalization as a covered  
10 benefit under this chapter shall be provided by a  
11 hospital or a mental health outpatient facility. The  
12 services to be covered under this paragraph shall  
13 include those services required for licensure and  
14 accreditation; ~~and~~

15 (4) Mental health outpatient services shall be a covered  
16 benefit under this chapter~~[-]~~; and

17 (5) Clinical victim support services provided by qualified  
18 mental health providers for victims of sexual violence  
19 and abuse shall be a covered benefit under this  
20 chapter."



1           SECTION 5. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary,  
 2 the coverage and reimbursement for clinical victim support  
 3 services for victims of sexual violence and abuse required under  
 4 sections 2, 3, and 4 of this Act shall also apply to all health  
 5 benefit plans under chapter 87A, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
 6 issued, renewed, modified, altered, or amended on or after the  
 7 effective date of this Act.

8           SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
 9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

10          SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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# H.B. NO. 2128

**Report Title:**

Insurance Coverage; Clinical Victim Support Services; Victims of Sexual Violence and Abuse

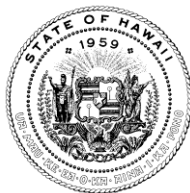
**Description:**

Requires that health insurance policies include coverage for clinical victim support services for victims of sexual violence and abuse who suffer from mental disorders.

*The summary description of legislation appearing on this page is for informational purposes only and is not legislation or evidence of legislative intent.*







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TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2018

Wednesday, February 7, 2018  
10:30 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2128, RELATING TO VICTIMS OF SEXUAL  
VIOLENCE.**

TO THE HONORABLE JOHN M. MIZUNO, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE  
COMMITTEE:

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (“Department”) appreciates the opportunity to testify on H.B. 2128, Relating to Victims of Sexual Violence. My name is Gordon Ito, and I am the Insurance Commissioner for the Department’s Insurance Division. The Department submits the following comments on this bill, which is a companion to S.B. 2342.

The purpose of this bill is to require coverage for clinical victim support services for victims of sexual violence and abuse who suffer from mental disorders.

This bill purports to mandate appropriate, related clinical victim support services by qualified mental health providers, and this may be viewed as a new mandate. The addition of a new mandated coverage may trigger section 1311(d)(3) of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (“PPACA”), which requires states to defray the additional cost of any benefits in excess of the essential health benefits of the State’s qualified health plan under PPACA.

Additionally, any proposed mandate providing coverage for care requires the passage of a concurrent resolution requesting the State Auditor to prepare and submit a report assessing the social and financial impacts of the proposed mandate, pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes section 23-51.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

DAVID Y. IGE  
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**STATE OF HAWAII  
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February 6, 2018

TO: The Honorable Representative John Mizuno, Chair  
House Committee on Health and Human Services

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **HB2128 - RELATING TO VICTIMS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE**

Hearing: Wednesday, February 7, 2018; 10:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

**DEPARTMENT'S POSITION:** The Department of Human Services (DHS) appreciates the intent of this measure and offers comments on this bill.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the bill is to require health insurance policies to include coverage for clinical victim support services for victims of sexual violence and abuse who suffer from mental disorders.

The State's Medicaid program, QUEST Integration (QI) and its fee-for-service programs provide coverage for behavioral health services if determined to be medically necessary. The DHS has concerns regarding coverage of coordination of services that could potentially not be medically necessary such as coordinating with schools, employers, and assisting with obtaining government benefits. If required to cover these services, these services would have to be covered with 100% State funds.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this measure.

**HB-2128**

Submitted on: 2/3/2018 11:29:32 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/7/2018 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dara Carlin, M.A.	Domestic Violence Survivor Advocate	Support	No

Comments:

Testimony of  
John M. Kirimitsu  
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Before:  
House Committee on Health & Human Services  
The Honorable John M. Mizuno, Chair  
The Honorable Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

February 7, 2018  
10:30 am  
Conference Room 329

**Re: HB 2128 Relating to Victims of Sexual Violence**

Chair, Vice-Chair, and committee members thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on this bill relating to insurance coverage for mental health services for victims of sexual violence.

**Kaiser Permanente Hawaii supports the intent of this bill, but requests an amendment.**

Kaiser Permanente Hawaii supports this bill's intent to promote mental health service availability for victims of sexual violence and abuse. Kaiser Permanente already provides clinical counseling for sex abuse victims through its Integrated Behavioral Health (IBH), which is an integration of Kaiser Permanente's psychiatry/psychology/licensed social work counselor departments.

However, as this bill recognizes, there is a lack of access to professional clinical services due to the "limited availability of qualified mental health providers who are able to take on potentially complex mental health cases." See Page 2, Lines 13-14. To free up much-needed access to professional clinical services by qualified mental health providers, we request an amendment to add unlicensed clinical staff, under the supervision of qualified mental health providers, to assist in providing the case management functions included under "clinical victim support service", i.e., coordinating with other health care providers, assisting victims in obtaining government entitlements, and coordinating with schools, employers, etc. This addition will allow more flexibility by allowing clinical staff such as case managers/care coordinators, under the supervision of qualified mental health providers, to perform these more administrative case management functions and ease demand strain on qualified mental health providers (to allow more opportunity for these providers to focus on providing psychotherapy services, etc.).

Therefore, based on the foregoing, we request the following amendment on Page 3, Lines 9-10:

- 9 "Clinical victim support service" means a professional  
10 intervention conducted by a qualified mental health provider [or unlicensed clinical  
11 staff, under the supervision of a qualified mental health provider] to  
12 identify needs and assist in obtaining coordinated, appropriate  
13 services, and resources for a victim of sexual violence and  
14 abuse to curtail or prevent the progression and worsening of  
15 mental disorders and associated functional impairments caused,  
16 in whole or in part, by the sexual violence and abuse. Clinical  
victim support services include:
- 17 (1) Coordinating with other healthcare providers, such as  
18 Primary care physicians, behavioral and mental health  
19 care providers, and hospitals;
  - 20 (2) Assisting victims of sexual violence and abuse in  
21 obtaining appropriate government entitlements, access,  
1 insurance coverage, and other appropriate programs and  
2 services offered by government agencies and community  
3 organizations; and
  - 4 (3) Coordinating with schools, employers, and other  
5 individuals and entities concerning a victim.

\*Added language in [brackets] and underscored.

Thank you for your consideration.



An Independent Licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association

February 7, 2018

The Honorable John M. Mizuno, Chair  
The Honorable Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

Re: HB 2128 – Relating to Victims of Sexual Violence

Dear Chair Mizuno, Vice Chair Kobayashi, and Members of the Committees:

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify on HB 2128 requiring health insurance coverage for clinical victim support services for victims of sexual violence. HMSA appreciates the intent of this measure and respectfully offers the following comments.

On the Committee's recommendation last Session HMSA met with the proponents of the bill during the interim to better understand the type of services that they seek to include as part of this benefit. We received a list of those services on the afternoon of 1/29/18 and are in the process of comparing it to the qualified case management services we provide.

That being said, we do continue to believe this bill is unnecessary as there is no distinction made when a member has a mental health issue in regards to the cause or reason for the condition; we do, however, understand and appreciate that victims of sexual violence have particular support service needs that deserve specific consideration and we believe we meet these needs.

We also draw the Committee's attention to the following:

- HMSA's existing case management services meet the intent of this measure; however, as drafted this measure could expand benefits beyond what plans currently offer. In particular, Section 2(3), coordination with schools, employers, and other individuals and entities concerning the victim.
- Section 2, consider replacing "qualified mental health provider" with "licensed mental health provider" and include an accompanying definition consistent with the statute.

We will continue to work with stakeholders to find common ground. Thank you for allowing us to provide these comments on HB 2128.

Sincerely,

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Vice President, Government Relations

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Adriana Ramelli

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**Date:** February 7, 2018

**To:** The Honorable John Mizuno, Chair  
The Honorable Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair  
House Committee on Health and Human Services

**From:** Justin Murakami, Policy Research Associate  
The Sex Abuse Treatment Center  
A Program of Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children

**RE:** Testimony in Strong Support of H.B. 2128  
Relating to Victims of Sexual Violence

Good morning Chair Mizuno, Vice Chair Kobayashi, and members of the House Committee on Health and Human Services:

The Sex Abuse Treatment Center (SATC) strongly supports H.B. 2128.

According to The Centers for Disease Control, sexual violence is extremely prevalent in the United States. It is estimated that 22 million women and 1.6 million men are victims of rape, while 53 million women and 25 million men have experienced some other form of sexual violence in their lifetimes. Trauma caused by this sexual violence can have significant, lasting impacts on a victim's mental health that interfere with their functional ability to engage and interact with the world, with 81% of women and 35% of men reporting significant short- or long-term impacts such as post-traumatic stress disorder.

In addition to psychotherapy, victims with mental health conditions caused by sexual violence can require clinical victim support services, a professional intervention delivered by a qualified mental health provider with whom the victim has established a therapeutic relationship. Clinical victim support services can include working with schools, employers and other individuals and entities on such issues as safety planning and reasonable accommodations for the victim's mental health conditions; assisting a victim to obtain entitlements and access programs and services offered by government agencies and community organizations; and coordinating with a victim's other health care providers, such as primary care physicians and hospitals.

These services are particularly responsive to some victims' need for assistance coping with daily stressors, which they are unable to manage on their own due to their sexual violence-related mental health conditions. The trust and understanding developed between a victim and their therapist is critically important to the effectiveness of these services: the therapist, having received the victim's disclosure of sexual violence and possessing in-depth knowledge of how that trauma impacted the victim, is in the best position to identify the victim's specific needs and provide direct support to them.



As such, clinical victim support services are a best practice and are medically necessary for some victims to recover and heal, while avoiding additional harm and decompensation. These services are also consistent with a health care approach that invests in preventing the need for more costly interventions, such as hospitalization.

Unfortunately, clinical victim support services delivered by the victim's own therapist are not routinely covered by health insurers, which causes some qualified mental health providers to decline to accept cases that could be complex and require substantial unreimbursed time and effort, or to provide a lower level of service than may be needed to fully address a victim's condition. SATC notes that this contributes to a significant capacity issue that prevents victims from accessing services in the community and reduces their options for treatment.

H.B. 2128 is narrowly tailored to remove this barrier, by ensuring that health insurance coverage for mental health services allows qualified mental health providers are able to deliver both psychotherapy and clinical victim support services, and accurately reflects the range of medically necessary care that is needed for victims of sexual violence to recover and heal.

Therefore, we respectfully urge you to support H.B. 2128.

**HB-2128**

Submitted on: 2/5/2018 2:18:57 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/7/2018 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Laurie Field	Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:



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### **HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

#### **Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair**

#### **Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair**

#### **Testimony in Support of HB2128**

Wednesday, February 7, 2018, 10:30 am, House Conference Room 329

The Hawai'i Psychological Association (HPA) supports House Bill 2128, which requires health insurers to provide coverage for clinical victim support services by qualified mental health providers for victims of sexual violence.

According to The Centers for Disease Control (CDC), 22 million women and 1.6 million men are victims of rape, and 53 million women and 25 million men have experienced some other form of sexual violence in their lifetimes. Among this population, 81% of women and 35% of men report significant short- or long-term trauma, experience significant symptoms interfering with daily functioning, and receive mental health diagnoses including post-traumatic stress disorder. Appropriate victim support services can include, but are not limited to, medical care, psychotherapy, assistance (including special accommodations) within academic and vocational environments, assistance in obtaining access to programs and services offered by government agencies and community organizations, and coordination of services between care providers.

However, clinical victim support services are not routinely covered by health insurers, making service providers unavailable in many of the areas described above. HB 2128 can help improve access to services by requiring health insurers to provide coverage for mental health services and clinical victim support services.

Therefore, we respectfully urge you to support HB 2128.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond A. Folen, Ph.D., ABPP  
Executive Director

**HB-2128**

Submitted on: 2/6/2018 7:02:20 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/7/2018 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Charles M. Lepkowsky, Ph.D.	Hawai'i Psychological Association	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Committee members,

I am a licensed psychologist and ask that you strongly support HB2128.

HB 2128 will significantly increase access to care for victims of sexual violence. HB2128 creates a mechanism to reimburse care providers for the significant case management time necessary in the care of victims of sexual violence or abuse, coordinating and obtaining services as needed. Until now, the considerable unreimbursed time required to coordinate care for this population has caused many care providers to decline to work with them. HB2128 will help increase access to care in a meaningful way.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB2128.

Charles M. Lepkowsky, Ph.D.

Licensed Psychologist PSY1529

To: Hawaii State House Committee on Health & Human Services

Hearing Date/Time: Place: Wednesday, February 7, 2018, 10:30AM

Hawaii State Capitol, Room 329

*Position Statement in Support of House Bill 2128*

Good afternoon Chair Mizuno, Vice Chair Kobayashi, and members of the committees,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of HB 2128 which requires health insurers to provide coverage for clinical victim support services for victims of sexual violence and abuse who suffer from mental disorders. Almost 90 percent of women in jail are survivors of sexual violence<sup>1</sup>. Additionally, evidence has shown that substance abuse is highly correlated with women's physical and sexual abuse<sup>2</sup>. Many have never received treatment for the trauma and the issues from the violence plague the person and can manifest in unhealthy and dangerous ways. However, with treatment the person is better able to lead a productive, normal life.

Beyond disrupting the patient-therapist relationship and inserting a delaying and distorting layer of bureaucracy between the survivor and services that may be urgently needed, this approach to case management could be construed as an intrusion when applied to a survivor of sexual violence.

An integral part of treatment is the support of a skilled mental health case manager. The case manager assists the person in recovery and healing by communicating and coordinating with systems, programs, and people. Although this seems a simple task, the stress it brings can be overwhelming and can cause additional harm to the survivors when attempted on their own.

Unfortunately, case management for survivors of sexual violence is not routinely covered by health insurers, which causes some mental health providers to decline to accept cases that could be complex and require substantial unreimbursed services, or to provide a lower level of service than may be needed to appropriately address a survivor's condition. This bill would ensure health insurance coverage for mental health services includes case management.

For these reason, I respectfully urge you to support House Bill 2128.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and for your consideration on this matter.

Kathleen Algire  
Director, Public Policy and Advocacy

**HB-2128**

Submitted on: 2/6/2018 9:16:22 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/7/2018 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Laura Anderson	Common Chord Psychology	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Committee members,

I am a licensed psychologist and have practiced in Hawaii for many years. I ask that you strongly support HB2128.

HB 2128 will significantly increase access to care for victims of sexual violence. HB2128 creates a mechanism to reimburse care providers for the significant case management time necessary in the care of victims of sexual violence or abuse, coordinating and obtaining services as needed. Until now, the considerable unreimbursed time required to coordinate care for this population has caused many care providers to decline to work with them. HB2128 will help increase access to care in a meaningful way. It is such important work and providers need the time and support to do it well.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB2128.

Sincerely,

Laura S. Anderson, PsyD

**HB-2128**

Submitted on: 2/6/2018 9:41:14 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/7/2018 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities	Support	No

Comments:

**PRESENTATION OF THE  
OAHU COUNTY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES  
DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN  
SERVICES  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE  
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Wednesday, February 7, 2018  
10:30 a.m.**

Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 329

**RE: Testimony in Support** of HB 2128, RELATING TO VICTIMS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE

To the Honorable John M. Mizuno, Chair; the Honorable Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee on Health & Human Services:

Good morning. My name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee ("OCC") Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on House Bill No. 2128 regarding clinical victim support services for victims of sexual violence and abuse.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of House Bill No. 2128 and support its passage.

House Bill No.2128 is in accord with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it requires that health insurance policies include coverage for clinical victim support services for victims of sexual violence and abuse who suffer from mental disorders.

Specifically, the DPH Platform provides that we "believe in women's equality and right to privacy, including but not limited to equal access to reproductive services and care, shelter, and counseling for victims of domestic violence and the right of rape victims to emergency contraception in the emergency room." (Platform of the DPH, P. 4, Lines 170-172 (2016)).

We also support the establishment of adequate mental health and statewide drug rehabilitation programs set up in conjunction with policing policies aimed at enabling all that seek assistance to obtain whatever support assistance is needed to allow them to remain free of drug dependence" (Platform of the DPH, P. 7, Lines 383-384 (2016)).

Given that House Bill No. 2128 requires that health insurance policies include coverage for clinical victim support services for victims of sexual violence and abuse who suffer from mental disorders, it is the position of the OCC Legislative Priorities Committee to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ **Melodie Aduja**

Melodie Aduja, Chair, OCC Legislative Priorities Committee

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**HB-2128**

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Testimony for HHS on 2/7/2018 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Richard Kim	The Catalyst Group, LLC	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Committee members,

I am a licensed psychologist and ask that you strongly support HB2128.

HB 2128 will significantly increase access to care for victims of sexual violence. HB2128 creates a mechanism to reimburse care providers for the significant case management time necessary in the care of victims of sexual violence or abuse, coordinating and obtaining services as needed. Until now, the considerable unreimbursed time required to coordinate care for this population has caused many care providers to decline to work with them. HB2128 will help increase access to care in a meaningful way.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB2128.

Sincerely,

Richard J Kim, Ph.D.

**HB-2128**

Submitted on: 2/6/2018 4:47:07 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/7/2018 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Christopher Harkins	Hawaii School of Professional Psychology	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Committee members,

I am a Doctoral Student in Clinical psychology and you to please strongly support HB2128.

HB 2128 will significantly increase access to care for victims of sexual violence. HB2128 creates a mechanism to reimburse care providers for the significant case management time necessary in the care of victims of sexual violence or abuse, coordinating and obtaining services as needed. Until now, the considerable unreimbursed time required to coordinate care for this population has caused many care providers to decline to work with them. HB2128 will help increase access to care in a meaningful way.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB2128.

Sincerely,

Christopher Harkins



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**TESTIMONY FOR HOUSE BILL 2128, RELATING TO VICTIMS OF SEXUAL  
VIOLENCE**

**House Committee on Health and Human Services**

**Hon. John M. Mizuno, Chair**

**Hon. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair**

**Wednesday, February 7, 2018, 10:30 AM**

**State Capitol, Conference Room 329**

Honorable Chair Mizuno and committee members:

I am Kris Coffield, representing IMUAlliance, a nonpartisan political advocacy organization that currently boasts over 400 members. On behalf of our members, we offer this testimony in strong support of House Bill 2128, relating to victims of sexual violence.

IMUAlliance is one of the state's largest victim service providers for survivors of sex trafficking. Over the past 10 years, we have provided comprehensive direct intervention services to 130 victims, successfully emancipating them from slavery and assisting in their restoration, while providing a range of targeted services to over 1,000 victims in total. Each of the victims we have assisted has suffered from complex and overlapping trauma, including post-traumatic stress disorder, depression and anxiety, dissociation, parasuicidal behavior, and substance abuse. Trafficking-related trauma can lead to a complete loss of identity. A victim we cared for in 2016, for example, had become so heavily trauma bonded to her pimp that while under his grasp, she couldn't remember her own name.

Sex trafficking is a profoundly violent crime. The Average age of entry into commercial sexual exploitation is 13-years-old, with 60 percent of trafficked children being under the age of 16. Approximately 150 high-risk sex trafficking establishments operate in Hawai'i. An estimated 1,500-2,500 women and children are victimized by sex traffickers in our state annually. Over 120,000 advertisements for Hawai'i-based prostitution are posted online each year, a number that is rapidly increasing as technology continues to outpace the law. More than 80 percent of runaway youth report being approached for sexual exploitation while on the run, over 30 percent of whom are targeted within the first 48 hours of leaving home. With regard to mental health, sex trafficking victims are twice as likely to suffer from PTSD as a soldier in a war zone. Greater than 80 percent

of victims report being repeatedly raped and 95 percent report being physically assaulted, numbers that are underreported, according to the United States Department of State and numerous trauma specialists, because of the inability of many victims to recognize sexual violence. As one underage survivor told IMUAlliance prior to being rescued, “I can’t be raped. Only good girls can be raped. I’m a bad girl. If I *want* to be raped, I have to *earn* it.”

Slavery has no place in paradise. For the sake of our survivors, we ask you to do all you can to ensure—and insure—their access to mental health services, including clinical case management. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in strong support of this bill.

Sincerely,  
Kris Coffield  
*Executive Director*  
IMUAlliance

**HB-2128**

Submitted on: 2/6/2018 4:39:25 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/7/2018 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jill	I Ola Lahui	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Committee members,

I am a licensed psychologist and ask that you strongly support HB2128.

HB 2128 will significantly increase access to care for victims of sexual violence. HB2128 creates a mechanism to reimburse care providers for the significant case management time necessary in the care of victims of sexual violence or abuse, coordinating and obtaining services as needed. Until now, the considerable unreimbursed time required to coordinate care for this population has caused many care providers to decline to work with them. HB2128 will help increase access to care in a meaningful way.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB2128.

Sincerely,

Jill Oliveira Gray, Ph.D.

Hawaii Licensed Clinical Psychologist

**HB-2128**

Submitted on: 2/6/2018 11:59:51 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/7/2018 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
June Ching, Ph.D.	Hawaii Psychological Association	Support	No

Comments:

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB2128.

Sincerely,

June W. J. Ching, Ph.D., ABPP

Board Certified Clinical Psychologist

**HB-2128**

Submitted on: 2/6/2018 6:32:09 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/7/2018 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Susan J. Wurtzburg	American Association of University Women, Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

AAUW-Hawaii strongly supports this bill.

February 7, 2018

To: Representative John Mizuno, Chair  
Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair  
House Committee on Health and Human Services

From: Mandy Finlay, Director of Public Policy  
Hawaii Children's Action Network

Re: **HB 2128 – Relating to Victims of Sexual Violence**  
**Hawaii State Capitol, Room 329, February 7, 2018, 10:30 AM**

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**On behalf of Hawaii Children's Action Network (HCAN), we are writing to support HB 2128 – Relating to Victims of Sexual Violence.**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that 9% of child maltreatment cases involve sexual abuse. Experiencing sexual violence or abuse at a young age can cause serious trauma, and significantly increases the likelihood that the child will experience negative health and well-being outcomes throughout their lifetime.

After experiencing sexual violence, children often require comprehensive medical and psychological services to help them heal, continue healthy neurodevelopment, and navigate everyday life. In addition to psychotherapy, sexual violence victims may require clinical victim support services, a professional intervention delivered by a qualified mental health provider with whom the victim has established a therapeutic relationship. This relationship of trust is especially important when dealing with child victims. Clinical support services could include working with a child's school or other entities to arrange reasonable accommodations to address the child's needs, helping a child and their family to access government or community programs and services, and coordinating with the child's pediatrician.

These services are often medically necessary to address a victim's needs and may prevent the need for more costly interventions. Unfortunately, these services are also routinely not covered by health insurance. This severely limits services' accessibility to children in low-income households. This bill is necessary because it will ensure that children are not denied access to the services they need to heal from sexual abuse simply because their parents cannot afford it.

**For these reasons, HCAN respectfully requests that the committee PASS this bill.**

*HCAN is committed to building a unified voice advocating for Hawaii's children by improving their safety, health, and education.*



**HB-2128**

Submitted on: 2/5/2018 8:23:28 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/7/2018 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Younghi Overly		Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Mizuno, Vice-Chair Kobayashi, and the members of House HHS Committee,

As a member of American Association of University Women Hawaii (AAUW), I want to first thank you for this opportunity to support H.B. 2128.

H.B. 2128 ensures the health insurance coverage for mental health services which allows qualified mental health providers to deliver both psychotherapy and clinical victim support services, and accurately reflects the range of medically necessary care that is needed for victims of sexual violence to recover and heal.

Please pass this important measure. One out of four women and one out of six men are sexually abused in their lifetime.

**HB-2128**

Submitted on: 2/6/2018 8:29:27 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/7/2018 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ivan Irie, PsyD		Support	No

Comments:

Dear Committee members,

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB2128.

Sincerely,

Ivan Irie, PsyD

**HB-2128**

Submitted on: 2/6/2018 8:39:40 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/7/2018 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kahanaaloha Kuikahi-Duncan		Support	No

Comments:

Dear Committee members,

I am a postdoctoral psychologist and ask that you strongly support HB2128.

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB2128.

Sincerely,

Kahanaaloha Kuikahi-Duncan

**HB-2128**

Submitted on: 2/6/2018 8:42:46 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/7/2018 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
naomi mersberg		Support	No

Comments:

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB2128.

Sincerely,

Marie Terry-Bivens, Psy.D.

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**HB-2128**

Submitted on: 2/6/2018 8:50:24 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/7/2018 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ryan Terao	Select...	Support	No

Comments:

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I am a psychologist and ask that you strongly support HB2128.

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB2128.

Sincerely,

Ryan Terao, PsyD



**Michael A. Kellar, Psy.D.**  
*Fellow, Royal Society of Medicine*  
*Fellow, Royal Society for the Promotion of Health*  
*Fellow, Royal Anthropologic Society*

04 February 2018

To: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair  
Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair  
Representative Della Au Belatti  
Representative Andria P.L. Tupola  
Representative Lei R. Learmont

HEARING: Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 8:30am, Conference Room 329

RE: Testimony in **SUPPORT** of HB 2734: RELATING TO PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY FOR CERTAIN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGISTS.

I am writing this testimony in strong support of HB2734. This bill will provide the foundation to explore the suitability of Prescriptive Authority for specially trained advance practice Psychologists to be able to support psychotherapy with psychopharmacological support in Hawai'i's underserved communities.

Currently, clinical psychologists working side by side with our physician colleagues in Hawai'i's community health centers provide much needed care for those who would otherwise be without. Given that approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$ 's of mental health disorders are diagnosed and treated in the primary care arena, having these highly trained and skilled providers in the community health centers where patients enter the system makes good sense. In fact, in Hawai'i's outlying health centers, this has translated to increased access to mental health care for this population and a general improvement in the quality of care. However, there are still impediments to providing our rural patients the highest quality of care. For example, in busy clinics with limited personnel and scarce resources, care can become fragmented as the patient may need to keep multiple doctor visits for the treatment of a single problem (a psychologist to provide psychotherapy and a primary care physician to prescribe the medications, for example).

HB2734 will help remedy this situation by providing the foundation to explore the value of having appropriately trained psychologists appropriately utilize medication in conjunction with the apposite psychotherapy. It is notable that many of the primary care physicians and community health center providers among others that treat Hawaii's medically underserved are

in support of this. Psychologists in this setting are already providing high quality patient care and are recognized as having specialized psychopharmacologic knowledge.

Interestingly, many who oppose this bill, are not presently working in Hawai'i's rural community health centers or have had very limited exposure to the psychologists who do. They cite concerns about patient safety as their primary concern. Patient safety should be the concern of all health care providers. However, as a scientist, I look to the data to support my evaluation and diagnosis. While there is much hyperbole about this concern, it is not borne out by the facts. There are no studies to date in which psychologists as a group have caused harm to their patients through their prescribing practices. The opponents to this legislation seem to imply that medication is somehow magic; it of course is not. It is simply science and science is apprehendable.

On average, psychologists require eight years post baccalaureate to earn their doctorates. This is twice as long as the training required for our physician colleagues to prescribe. In addition, this bill requires additional postdoctoral training in pharmacology. For the opponents of this bill to imply that it is not possible for psychologists to be appropriately trained to prescribe medications is not only illogical, it is also inaccurate. Psychologists have safely and efficaciously prescribed medications to patients in a variety of settings from 1974 through today, providing citizens with much needed access to the high quality health care we all deserve. As a retired Federal psychologist I have safely and thoughtfully written in excess of 8,000 prescriptions to those in need of such care.

HB2734 will provide the foundation to explore appropriate adjuvant psychopharmacologic interventions, thereby increasing much needed mental health services to Hawai'i's medically underserved.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Hill, PsyD". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

**HB-2128**

Submitted on: 2/6/2018 9:41:23 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/7/2018 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
William E. Conti, Phd		Support	No

Comments:

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB2128.

Sincerely,

William E. Conti, PHD



**HB-2128**

Submitted on: 2/6/2018 12:36:12 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/7/2018 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Shayna Fujii		Support	No

Comments:

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB2128.

Sincerely,

Shayna Fujii, PsyD

**HB-2128**

Submitted on: 2/6/2018 12:53:20 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/7/2018 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Nicole Aurellano		Support	No

Comments:

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**HB-2128**

Submitted on: 2/6/2018 1:46:30 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/7/2018 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Adrienne Kadooka		Support	No

Comments:

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB2128.

Sincerely,

Adrienne Kadooka

**HB-2128**

Submitted on: 2/6/2018 1:59:29 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/7/2018 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jeffrey D. Stern, Ph.D.		Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Mizuno, Vice Chair Kobayashi and honorable members of the House Committee on Health and Human Services,

I am a psychologist who works with vulnerable populations and I have personally provided case management and related services to children and families without reimbursement. This lack of adequate reimbursement lead me to stop working with this population and is not sustainable. Therefore, I strongly urge you to support HB2128.

HB 2128 will significantly increase access to care for victims of sexual violence. HB2128 creates a mechanism to reimburse care providers for the significant case management time necessary in the care of victims of sexual violence or abuse, coordinating and obtaining services as needed.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB2128.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey D. Stern, Ph.D.

HI Lic #858

**HB-2128**

Submitted on: 2/6/2018 2:27:04 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/7/2018 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lucas Morgan		Support	No

Comments:

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB2128.

Sincerely,

Lucas Morgan, Ph.D.

Licensed Clinical Psychologist

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Honolulu, Aiea, Kahuku

**HB-2128**

Submitted on: 2/6/2018 3:53:03 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/7/2018 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Diane Logan		Support	No

Comments:

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB2128.

Sincerely,

Diane Logan, PhD

Clinical Psychologist

West Hawaii Community Health Center

**HB-2128**

Submitted on: 2/6/2018 4:01:14 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/7/2018 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jean Adair-Leland		Support	No

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Jean Adair-Leland, Ph.D.

**HB-2128**

Submitted on: 2/6/2018 4:02:56 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/7/2018 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Linda Hufano		Support	No

Comments:

I urge your support of this bill to fund case management services for this population.



**HB-2128**

Submitted on: 2/6/2018 6:17:10 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/7/2018 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lyle J Herman		Support	No

Comments:

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB2128.

Mahalo,

Lyle Herman

**HB-2128**

Submitted on: 2/6/2018 8:41:17 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/7/2018 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lesley A Slavin		Support	No

Comments:

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB2128.

Sincerely,

Lesley A. Slavin, Ph.D.

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