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TO: The Honorable Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
House Committee on Health

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **HB 665 - RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES**

Hearing: February 2, 2017, 9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

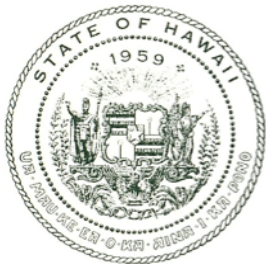
DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) appreciates the intent of the bill and offers comments.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the bill is to improve mental health service availability for victims of sexual violence who suffer from mental illness.

DHS recognizes the deep trauma that victims of sexual violence can experience, and the need for access to mental health treatment including potentially case management services. Medicaid provides case management services for targeted populations already, although not explicitly for victims of sexual violence. It may be necessary to amend the 1115 waiver to expand to this targeted population. For this reason, DHS requests language that would condition applicability to DHS MedQUEST Division (MQD) and the state's Medicaid program based on receipt of approval from the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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To: Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Health

From: Cathy Betts
Executive Director, Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women

Re: Testimony in Support, HB 665, Relating To Victims of Sexual
Violence

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of HB 665, which would require insurers to cover complex case management services for survivors of sexual violence.

Trauma from sexual violence can leave lasting and significant impacts on the mental health of survivors. Survivors with mental health conditions can require complex case management, wherein licensed mental health providers assist with linking patients with other service providers and other systems which may be difficult to navigate. Case management by mental health providers is a best practice that is medically necessary for some survivors to recover and heal.

However, case management for survivors of sexual violence is not routinely covered by health insurers. Some mental health providers may decline to accept cases that could be complex and potentially difficult to manage. HB 665 remedies this issue by ensuring health insurance coverage for a broad array of mental health services for survivors of sexual violence. The Commission strongly supports the passage of HB 665.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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**THE HONORABLE DELLA AU BELATTI, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawai`i**

February 2, 2017

RE: H.B. 665; RELATING TO VICTIMS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE.

Chair Belatti, Vice-Chair Kobayashi, and members of the House Committee on Health, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu submits the following testimony in support of House Bill 665.

The purpose of House Bill 665 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 sexual 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 with 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 H.B. 665. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



THE SEX ABUSE TREATMENT CENTER

A Program of Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children

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Date: February 2, 2017

To: The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair
The Honorable Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
House Committee on Health

From: The Sex Abuse Treatment Center
A Program of Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children

RE: Testimony in Strong Support of H.B. 665
Relating to Victims of Sexual Violence

Good morning Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Kobayashi, and members of the House Committee on Health:

The Sex Abuse Treatment Center (SATC) strongly supports H.B. 665, which requires health insurers to provide coverage for case management services by licensed mental health providers for victims of sexual violence.

In the United States, it is estimated that 19.3% of women and 1.7% of men are survivors of rape, and an estimated 43.9% of women and 23.4% of men have experienced other forms of sexual violence in their lifetimes. Trauma from this 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, 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. Some examples of case management provided by SATC therapists to survivor patients include communicating and coordinating with schools, pediatricians, gynecologists, primary care providers, child welfare services, other therapists, employers, social security administrators, and insurers.

These services are particularly responsive to some survivors' need for assistance coping with stressors that they experience in daily life, but which their mental health may not allow them to functionally address. As such, case management by mental health providers is a best practice that is medically necessary for some survivors to recover and heal, and can help them to avoid additional harm and decompensation. It is also consistent with a healthcare approach that invests in services that prevent the need for more costly interventions, such as hospitalization.

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.

SATC notes that this contributes to a significant capacity issue that prevents survivors from accessing services in the community and reduces their options for treatment.

H.B. 665 is narrowly tailored to remove this barrier, by ensuring that health insurance coverage for mental health services includes both case management and psychotherapy, and accurately reflects the range of medically necessary care that is needed for survivors of sexual violence to recover and heal.

Therefore, we respectfully urge you to support H.B. 665.

**American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
District VIII, Hawaii (Guam & American Samoa) Section**



TO: Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair
Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
Committee on Health

DATE: Thursday, February 2, 2017
PLACE: Conference Room 329

FROM: Hawaii Section, ACOG
Dr. Greigh Hirata, MD, FACOG, Chair
Dr. Jennifer Salcedo, MD, MPH, MPP, FACOG, Vice-Chair
Lauren Zirbel, Community and Government Relations

**Statement of the Hawaii Section of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
HB 665: SUPPORT**

The Hawaii Section of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (HI ACOG) supports HB 665 and other legislative proposals that improve access to care for victims of sexual violence. As a Section of the Nation's leading group of physicians dedicated to improving health care for women, HI ACOG represents more than 200 obstetrician/gynecologist physicians in our state.

Care Needs for Victims of Sexual Violence

- Victims of sexual violence are at risk for a myriad of associated medical conditions that may require short-term and long-term treatment and care coordination. Such conditions include, but are not limited to: sexually transmitted infections, unintended pregnancy, and mental health and substance abuse disorders.¹
- Case management by qualified mental health providers may be a necessary component of care in order to restore the highest possible state of health and minimize future costs to the healthcare system of inadequately treated conditions.

Therefore, our ACOG section strongly supports HB 665 and urges the Legislature support this important piece of legislation.

We stand ready to provide you with factual information on women's health issues that come before the Legislature and hope you will contact us at any time.

¹ American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Committee Opinion. Sexual Assault. 592 (April 2014).

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HB665

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Golojuch Jr	LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii	Support	Yes

Comments: The LGBT Caucus stands in full support of HB 665.

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Hawaii Women's Coalition

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair

Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

DATE: Thursday, February 2, 2017

TIME: 9:30 AM

PLACE: Conference Room 329

STRONG SUPPORT FOR HB665

Good afternoon Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Kobayashi and members,

The Coalition is in strong support of this bill, which requires health insurers to provide coverage for case management services by licensed mental health providers for victims of sexual violence.

I personally know the stories of too many women who suffer multiple health issues to include mental health and substance abuse problems. Some of these women are still suffering after 20 years or more. Covering case management for these women will benefit them and the taxpayer, as complex problems that remain unaddressed only get worse and more expensive over time.

According to the Sex Assault Treatment Center, it is estimated that in the U.S. 19.3% of women and 1.7% of men are survivors of rape, and an estimated 43.9% of women and 23.4% of men have experienced other forms of sexual violence in their lifetimes.

In addition to psychotherapy, survivors with mental health conditions can require case management, 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.

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.

Mandating case management insurance coverage for those with complex and mental health issues is not only humane but is the smart thing to do. Please pass the important bill out of committee.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

Ann S. Freed Co-Chair, Hawai'i Women's Coalition

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February 2, 2017

The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair
The Honorable Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
House Committee on Health

Re: HB 665 – Relating to Victims of Sexual Violence

Dear Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Kobayashi, and Committee Members:

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on HB 665, requiring health insurance coverage for cases management services by licensed mental health providers for victims of sexual violence.

HB 665 fits with HMSA's broader goal of providing an integrated and coordinated care experience for our members. We believe, however, that this bill may be unnecessary as there is no distinction made when a member has a mental health issue in regards to the suspected cause or reason for the condition being treated.

However, we do appreciate the intent of the Bill and offer the following comments for the Committee's consideration:

- Section 2, consider including a definition for licensed mental health provider.
- Section 2, line 10, as written reads: "Case management" includes but is not limited to: The Committee may want to consider amending the bill to remove "but is not limited to" in order to provide greater clarity as to what would be required of the case management services system.
- Plans should be allowed to provide the services directly rather than being required to contract this out. That is the model already in place under the QUEST Integration RFP (for both physical health and mental/behavioral health services).
- Consider amending Section 7 of the bill to change the effective date to apply to all policies, contracts, plans, or agreements issued or renewed in the State after January 1, 2018; this will ensure that that plans and providers have suitable time to implement and operationalize any proposed changes.

HB 665 could require plans to expand the provider types beyond what are currently credentialed to deliver additional case management services to members. We believe that HMSA's existing case management services would likely meet the intent of this measure, however, as currently drafted could expand benefits beyond what plans currently offer, resulting in additional administrative and financial costs.



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Thank you for allowing us to provide these comments on HB 665, and we look forward to working with the Committee to address the intent of this measure.

Sincerely,

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Mark K. Oto
Director, Government Relations.

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HB665

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

Comments:

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**TESTIMONY FOR HOUSE BILL 665, RELATING TO VICTIMS OF SEXUAL
VIOLENCE**

**House Committee on Health
Hon. Della Au Belatti, Chair
Hon. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair**

**Thursday, February 2, 2017, 9:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 329**

Honorable Chair Belatti and committee members:

I am Kris Coffield, representing IMUAlliance, a nonpartisan political advocacy organization that currently boasts over 350 members. On behalf of our members, we offer this testimony in strong support of House Bill 665, 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 direct intervention services to 130 victims, successfully emancipating them from slavery and assisting in their restoration. 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 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 sex trafficked children being under the age of 16. Approximately 150 high-risk sex trafficking establishments are operational in Hawai'i. An estimated 1,500-2,500 women and children are victimized by sex traffickers in our state annually. Over 110,000 advertisements for Hawai'i-based prostitution are posted online each year, a number that has *not* decreased with the recent shuttering of Backpage.com's "adult services" section. 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 of 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 such. As one underage victim—now a 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.”

For the sake of our survivors, we ask you to do all you can to ensure, and insure, the availability of mental health services, including clinical case management. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

Sincerely,
Kris Coffield
Executive Director
IMUAlliance

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marci Lopes	Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence	Support	Yes

Comments: To: Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair Members of the Committee Human Services From: Marci Lopes, Executive Director Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence DATE/LOCATION: Thursday, February 2, 2017; 9:30 a.m., Conference Room 329 Re: Testimony in Support, HB 665 Relating to Victims of Sexual Violence Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of HB 665. The Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (HSCADV) is a statewide partnership of 25 domestic violence programs and shelter providers across our Hawaiian Islands. We would like to thank you all for your ongoing efforts to work towards ending all forms of violence. Victims who are both physically and sexually abused are more likely to be injured or killed than victims who experience one form of abuse. Perpetrators of Intimate Partner Violence assault victims of all genders, races, ages, social classes, and ethnicities. Women who are disabled, pregnant, or attempting to leave their abusers are more vulnerable and are at greatest risk for intimate partner rape. There are many intersections between domestic violence and sexual violence, and perpetrators who are physically violent towards their intimate partners and often sexually abusive as well. Intimate partner sexual assault and rape are used to intimidate, control, and demean victims of domestic violence. Women who are sexually abused by intimate partners suffer severe and long-lasting physical and mental health problems, similar to those of other rape victims. They have higher rates of depression and anxiety than women who were either raped by a non-intimate partner or physically abused, but not sexually abused by an intimate partner. While only 36% of rape victims report their crime, the percentage of married women who report the crime of rape to police is even lower, marital rape is the most underreported form of sexual assault. Many domestic victims often only disclose that trauma to their domestic violence advocates after the therapeutic alliance has been established. We feel that adding inclusive language will ensure domestic violence victims are afforded the opportunity to receive all of the needed services stated in this important bill. Intimate Partner Sexual Violence (IPSV) is a comprehensive term that includes not only marital rape, but all other forms of sexual assault that take place within a current or former intimate relationship, whether the partners are married or not. Sometimes referred to as "sexual assault

within the context of domestic violence,” IPSV is a complicated, heart-wrenching form of abuse that has often been overlooked by the general public, law enforcement, and human service providers. We ask that you not overlook this and you amend this bill to add inclusive language to include victims of domestic violence. Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this matter, and for your efforts to keep victims safe.

Respectfully, Marci Lopes Executive Director mlopes@hscadv.org e Together we can do amazing things e HSCADV • 1164 Bishop Street • Suite 1609 • Honolulu, HI 96813 • (808) 832-9316 • www.hscadv.org

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Dear Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Kobayashi, and committee members:

I am a survivor of childhood sex abuse and support HB665. 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

1/31/17

To: Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair, Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair, and members of the House Committee on Health
From: Nicole Trost

Re: Testimony in support of HB 665, Relating to Victims of Sexual Violence: Thursday, February 2, 2017, 9:30 am, Conference Room 329

Thank you for hearing HB 655, which authorizes the mental health providers to provide case management for victims of sexual violence. I strongly support this measure because it will help to alleviate the lack of services and care for women, men, and children suffering that have been victimized by sexual violence.

The language in this measure will provide the necessary safeguards to ensure only those approved in the treatment plan by the approved following licensed physician, clinical social worker, therapist, mental health counselor.

Passing HB 655 will give properly care, healing, and services for those who have been severely traumatized in our community from sexual violence. Please help us improve individuals, family, children, and our community in Hawaii by passing HB 665.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony

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Ashley de Coligny	Individual	Support	No

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Allegra Giacchino	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am an MSW who has worked first hand with victims of sexual violence. Case management services are critical for providing the multi-faceted support needed in these situations. Many victims cannot afford these services. In fact often their abuser limits their finances. Please support HB665 and allow those desperately in need, with few resources, the insurance coverage that is essential for their care. Thank you very much.

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

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marjorie erway	Individual	Support	No

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The Honorable Della Au Belatti
And Members of the House Committee on Health
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: House Bill 665

Dear Chair Belatti and Members of the Committees:

I write to you to submit testimony **in strong support** of House Bill 665 and offer comments.

Increasing access for mental health services to victims of sexual assault will help the most vulnerable in our community and I urge you to pass House Bill 665. The passage of House Bill 665 will lessen the stigma of mental health issues as it will hopefully increase utilization of such treatment for those who need it and requiring insurance coverage by insurers is the only viable means of affording access to mental health services economically.

Without requiring insurers to provide coverage, it is inconceivable that victims will have the means to pay for these services and will prevent those who need help from getting it. Those that do not get the mental help they need may be more susceptible to other health conditions, such as substance abuse and eating disorders, which would require other health services treatment anyway. Thus, mental health treatment for sex assault victims is arguably cost-neutral to insurance providers and helps by addressing the root of the issue rather than the ramifications of failing to get appropriate mental health services.

Please help the most vulnerable in our community by passing House Bill 665.

Very truly yours,

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Lois Crozer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is a common sense bill. Victims of sexual violence carry their shame, pain and suffering around with them for years, and some never heal. There are many professional people who can help them by counseling them and connecting them to other services, so let's do what we can to ensure they get the healing they need.

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Eryn Fujita	Individual	Support	No

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Andres Gonzalez	Individual	Support	No

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