



**STATE OF HAWAII**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**  
P. O. Box 3378  
Honolulu, HI 96801-3378  
doh.testimony@doh.hawaii.gov

**Testimony in SUPPORT of H.C.R. 148**  
**MAKING REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A TASK**  
**FORCE TO EXAMINE HOW A STATEWIDE USE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**  
**ASSESSMENTS AND RESPONSE PROTOCOL BY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**  
**PERSONNEL CAN HELP TO STRENGTHEN THE STATE'S OVERALL RESPONSE TO**  
**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.**

REPRESENTATIVE JOHN MIZUNO, CHAIR  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Hearing Date: March 21, 2018 8:30am

Room Number: 329

1

2 **Fiscal Implications:** Funds for air travel transportation costs for neighbor island task force  
3 members to participate in meetings would be needed.

4 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health supports H.C.R 148. Domestic violence,  
5 also known as intimate partner violence, continues to be a public health problem affecting  
6 millions of Americans each year. Survey findings from the “Findings from the National Intimate  
7 Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (2010-1012)” underscore the heavy toll of this violence, the  
8 young age at which people often experience violence, and the negative health conditions  
9 associated with these forms of violence.

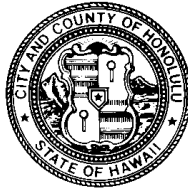
10 Many times Emergency Medical Services personnel are the first health care providers domestic  
11 violence victims encounter. Often these individuals may not be prepared to deal with their  
12 situation, therefore early identification and support is critical. Enabling pre-hospital providers  
13 with a standardized approach to these victims can provide the necessary links to important  
14 community resources such as crisis intervention, safe housing and early behavioral health care.  
15 In addition to the medical evaluation, early reporting of these incidents to authorities is  
16 necessary. This resolution seeks to have the Department of Health convene a statewide task  
17 force to evaluate rapid identification and reporting of domestic violence situations. Making EMS  
18 a part of this process is the first step to the domestic violence victim’s recovery.

19 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

HONOLULU EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
**CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU**

3375 KOAPAKA STREET, SUITE H-450 • HONOLULU, HAWAII 96819-1814  
Phone: (808) 723-7800 • Fax: (808) 723-7836

KIRK CALDWELL  
MAYOR



JAMES D. HOWE, JR.  
DIRECTOR

IAN T.T. SANTEE  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

March 20, 2018

The Honorable John M. Mizuno, Chair  
The Honorable Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice-Chair  
House Committee on Health and Human Services  
House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018

Re: HCR148 Relating to Domestic Violence

Dear Chair Mizuno, Vice-Chair Kobayashi, and Members:

The Honolulu Emergency Services Department is in support of HCR148.

The Honolulu Emergency Services Department provides both ocean safety and emergency medical services (EMS) for the City and County of Honolulu.

As the contracted provider for EMS services to the State Department of Health, our department supports this effort to identify and ensure proper interventions and reporting of incidences of domestic violence that are witnessed by our medical staff during the course of their call-responses.

We look forward to working with all parties involved to address this issue.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James D. Howe, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

**For**

James D. Howe, Jr.  
Director



**HCR-148**

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 5:47:51 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/21/2018 8:30:00 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:



TO: Chair Rep. John M. Mizuno  
Vice Chair Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi  
Members of the Committee On Health & Human Services

FR: Marci Lopes, MS

RE: Testimony in support of H.C.R. NO.148, *Relating to the department of health to convene a task force to examine how a statewide use of domestic violence assessments and response protocol by emergency medical services personnel can help to strengthen the state's overall response to domestic violence.*

The Domestic Violence Action Center would like to submit testimony in support of the House Concurrent Resolution N.O. 148. As the legislature states in this resolution, domestic violence continues to be a complex societal issue. The Domestic Violence Action Center alone in Fiscal Year 2017 completed **4,963** Risk Assessments with our clients and **5,770** Safety Plans.

We believe Victims and survivors of domestic violence in Hawaii are in need of, and deserve effective and well thought out solutions. Thank you for your leadership and assistance in helping address this issue.

Respectfully,

Marci Lopes  
Deputy Director  
Domestic Violence Action Center

**HCR-148**

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 7:17:00 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/21/2018 8:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Curt S. Morimoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Forming a TASK FORCE is a good start. Thank you.