

SCR129

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.

Measure Title: ASSESSMENTS AND RESPONSE PROTOCOL BY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL CAN HELP TO STRENGTHEN THE STATE'S OVERALL RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

Report Title: Domestic Violence Assessments and Response Protocol; First Responders; Task Force

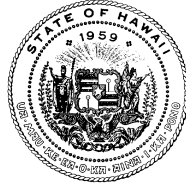
Description:

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: CPH/JDC

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Testimony in SUPPORT of S.C.R. 129
MAKING REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A TASK
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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION AND HEALTH

SENATOR BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Hearing Date: April 3, 2018 9:00am Room Number: 016

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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 S.C.R 129. 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.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

To the Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair; the Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health:

To the Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair; the Honorable Karl Rhoads, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee on Judiciary:

Good morning, my name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee ("OCC") on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on **SCR129** relating to the Department of Health convening 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 OCC on Legislative Priorities is in favor of **SCR129** and support its passage.

SCR129 is in alignment with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it requests 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 by: (1) examining whether the development of domestic violence assessments and response protocol may better protect victims of domestic violence and first responders; and (2) examining the issues relevant to the implementation of domestic violence assessments and response protocol.

The DPH Platform states that: "We believe in a government that will adequately, efficiently, courteously, openly, ethically and fairly administer to the needs of the people." (Platform of DPH, P.5, Line 245-246 (2016)).

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. 2, Lines 170-172 (2016)).

We support community health initiatives that provide opportunities for the overall health of communities through strategic projects and programs focusing on increased interaction and physical activities among all age groups, as well as on better nutrition. (Platform of the DPH, P. 7, Lines 378-380 (2016)).

We support restorative justice that repairs the harm caused by criminal behaviors and reintegrates the offenders as contributing members of society. Likewise we support opportunities for those who have been incarcerated to effect a smooth transition back into the community and make available health, educational, and other assistance programs needed to allow them to become productive and respected members of the community. (Platform of the DPH, P. 5, Lines 273-277 (2016)).

Given that **SCR129** requests 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 by: (1) examining whether the development of domestic violence assessments and response protocol may better protect victims of domestic violence and first responders; and (2) examining the issues relevant to the implementation of domestic violence assessments and response protocol, it is the position of the OCC on Legislative Priorities to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Melodie Aduja

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dara Carlin, M.A.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

A number of seats should be made available on this Task Force to accommodate the direct input of domestic violence survivors. If you truly want repair to the broken system and best practices, efficiency and efficacy, you **MUST** include the direct input of domestic violence survivors - I am always at your service.

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Testimony for CPH on 4/3/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rachel L. Kailianu	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

IN STRONG SUPPORT TO HELP OUR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS FAMILIES.