

Testimony of the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology

**Before the
House Committee on Intrastate Commerce
Tuesday, February 5, 2019
9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 430**

**On the following measure:
H.B. 1147, RELATING TO INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE**

Chair Ohno and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kedin Kleinhans, and I am the Executive Officer of the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology (Board). The Board offers comments on this bill.

The purpose of this bill is to require barber, beauty operator, and instructor licensees to complete a one-time, one-hour training program on intimate partner violence awareness and education.

Barbers, beauty operators, and instructors provide beauty culture and barbering services and, in the case of instructors, train individuals to become licensed beauty operators. By requiring these licensees to complete training on intimate partner violence, with the apparent expectation that they will assist victims of that violence, this bill expands the licensees' responsibilities beyond their scopes of practice. In addition, there exists a dangerous possibility of retaliation against licensees for their involvement in recognizing signs of violence and advising their clients or students of available resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



To: Hawaii State House of Representatives Committee on Intrastate Commerce
Hearing Date/Time: Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2019, 9:30 a.m.
Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 430
Re: Testimony of Planned Parenthood of Hawaii in Support of H.B. 1147

Dear Chair Ohno and Members of the Committee,

Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii (“PPVNH”) writes in support of H.B. 1147, which seeks to require intimate partner violence awareness and education for those in the field of barbering and cosmetology.

As a health care provider, Planned Parenthood plays an important role in preventing domestic violence by helping to identify victims, document abuse, and provide counseling and referrals. Those working in barbering and cosmetology can also play an important role, as they have frequent and often personal contact with customers. Providing them with intimate partner violence awareness training and education will give them the information and tools that they need to help prevent abuse and ensure the health and safety of their customers.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of this important measure.

Sincerely,

Laurie Field
Hawaii State Director

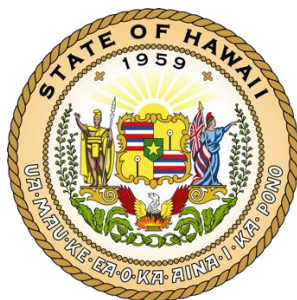
To: Hawaii State House Intrastate Commerce Committee
Hearing Date/Time: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 9:30a.m.
Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Room 430
Re: Judith Ann Armstrong is in support of HB1147 relating to Intimate Partner
Violence

Dear Members of the Committee,

I, Judith Ann Armstrong, am in support of HB1147, Intimate Partner Violence; awareness and education; hold harmless. It would be helpful if people in these occupations who by the nature of their professions are able to identify people who are being abused be trained to help the victims.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of this important measure.

Sincerely,
Judith Ann Armstrong
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Apt 3006
Honolulu, HI 96815



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Testimony on behalf of the
Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women
Khara Jabola-Carolus, Executive Director

Prepared for the House Committee on Intrastate Commerce (IAC)

In Support of HB1147

Tuesday, February 5, 2018 at 9:30 p.m. in Room 430

Dear Chair Ohno, Vice Chair Kobayashi, and Honorable Members,

The Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women wishes to mahalo you for holding this hearing today and for the opportunity to testify in **support** of HB1147, which would require barber, beauty operator, and instructor licensees under the board of barbering and cosmetology to complete a one-time, one-hour training program on intimate partner violence awareness and education

The purpose of the measure was to equip those who work in the cosmetology and barbering fields with important information to assist survivors of intimate partner violence. Those in the beauty industry have a unique opportunity to notice signs of abuse. Professionals in the grooming and beauty industry often enjoy close and trusting relationships with their clients. These professionals have a unique opportunity to provide advice, resource information, and assistance.

HB1147 is not broadly extensive or overburdensome. Requiring a one-time, one-hour training program on intimate partner violence would enable more professionals in these fields to recognize the signs of intimate partner violence and potentially direct their clients to much needed resources. Similar programs (such as "Cut it Out"), have shown proven success in providing information and training to professionals in this particular field. These programs exist because communities and programs have identified that victims often disclose to trusted individuals in safe environments, like salons and barber shops. The Commission strongly supports this measure and thanks you for this opportunity to testify in support of HB1147.

Mahalo,

Khara Jabola-Carolus

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HAWAII STATE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
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DATE: February 3, 2019
TO: **House Committee on Intrastate Commerce**
Chair Takashi Ohno
Vice Chair Dale Kobayashi
Cedric Asuega Gates
Sam Kong
Scott Nishimoto
Gregg Takayama
Bob McDermott
FROM: Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence
RE: HB 1147 Relating to Domestic Violence

Dear Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (HSCADV) and our 23 member organizations across the state, I am submitting testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HB1147 which requires licensees under the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology to complete a one-time, one-hour training program on intimate partner violence awareness.

Cosmetologists and hair professionals build long lasting relationships with their customers, some of whom may be experiencing intimate partner violence. National statistics show that 1 in 4 women will be abused by an intimate partner in her lifetime and 1 in 7 men. Having this one time training will equip stylists with a basic knowledge about domestic violence and provide them with resources to offer their clients. We do not expect them to become advocates or experts in domestic violence, but merely what to watch for, general dynamics of domestic violence and where they can find resources in their communities across the state.

As stated above, HSCADV strongly supports HB1147.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

Respectfully,

Carmen Golay

Together we can do amazing things

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Submitted on: 2/4/2019 10:01:10 AM

Testimony for IAC on 2/5/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Younghi Overly	AAUW of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Ohno, Vice Chair Kobayashi, and members of IAC Committee,

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in SUPPORT of HB1147, which requires licensees under the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology to complete a one-time, one-hour training program on intimate partner violence awareness.

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The American Association of University Women (AAUW) of Hawaii is a state-wide organization made up of six branches (Hilo, Honolulu, Kauai, Kona, Maui, and Windward Oahu) and includes just over 450 active members with over 1700 supporters statewide. As advocates for gender equity, AAUW of Hawaii promotes the economic, social, and physical well-being of all persons.

Please pass HB1147 and mahalo for this opportunity to testify in support of this important bill.

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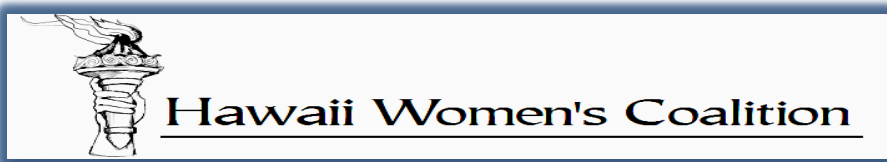
Submitted on: 2/4/2019 1:32:25 PM

Testimony for IAC on 2/5/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbara Ota	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the delivery of intimate partner violence and education training for barbers and hairdressers. These professionals have close contact with their clients, and, by virtue of this bill could help prevent harm, suffering and pain for individuals effected by intimate partner violence. It is stated that 70% of victims have head and neck injuries. Having barbers and hairdressors educated in what to identify and how to resource out could save a life.



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COMMITTEE ON INTRASTATE COMMERCE
Rep. Takashi Ohno, Chair
Rep. Dale T. Kobayashi, Vice Chair

DATE: Tuesday, February 5, 2019
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 430

Support for SB 1038

Aloha Chair Ohno, Vice Chair Kobayashi and members,

The Coalition is in **support of SB1038** to train cosmetologists and barbers in domestic violence awareness and resources.

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In 2016 Illinois became the first state to pass a law requiring all salon professionals to complete a one-hour training course to learn how to spot signs of domestic violence and sexual assault. Since then, a total of 14 states have introduced or passed similar pieces of legislation. And... Since the initial bill was passed, the Professional Beauty Association has expressed support for similar legislation.

This creative way to address a problem that is woven throughout a society that normalizes violence against women could really add an important tool to the fight.

Please pass this bill. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

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

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Submitted on: 2/4/2019 7:13:36 PM

Testimony for IAC on 2/5/2019 9:30:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lea Minton	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB1147 and urge you to pass this bill.

Cosmetologists and hair professionals build long lasting relationships with their customers, some of whom may be experiencing intimate partner violence. Having this one-time, one-hour training program on intimate partner violence awareness will equip stylists with a basic knowledge about domestic violence and provide them with resources to offer their clients.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2019 7:14:10 PM

Testimony for IAC on 2/5/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Midwives Alliance of Hawaii	Midwives Alliance of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

We strongly support HB1147 and urge you to pass this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2019 7:22:20 AM

Testimony for IAC on 2/5/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments: