



**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE, 2020**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

H.B. NO. 1650, H.D. 1, RELATING TO SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE COLLECTION KITS.

BEFORE THE:

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

DATE: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 **TIME:** 11:00 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 308

TESTIFIER(S): Clare E. Connors, Attorney General, or
Lance Goto, Deputy Attorney General

Chair Luke and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General (Department) supports this bill.

The purpose of this bill is to extend the deadline for the county police departments to adopt and utilize an electronic tracking system for sexual assault evidence collection kits.

Act 113, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, required each county police department to establish an electronic tracking system for sexual assault evidence collection kits no later than January 1, 2020. The tracking system is intended to ensure that the kits are properly accounted for and that the victims have the ability to follow up on the testing of their kits. The county police departments, in coordination with the Hawaii Sexual Assault Kit Initiative, have been working with the Portland police department to implement the sexual assault management system (SAMS), a tracking system developed by the Portland police department. But due to various operational and technical issues, the police departments were unable to implement SAMS by January 1, 2020. Because of the difficulties in implementation of SAMS, the police departments are now working with the Department of the Attorney General and the Portland police department to utilize SAMS-Track, a simplified version of SAMS that may not have the same implementation issues, and may be established as a statewide system, rather than four independent county systems. An extension of the January 1, 2020, deadline

is necessary for this purpose; and the proposed extension to January 1, 2021 appears to be adequate.

The Department respectfully requests that this measure be passed.

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THE HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
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February 25, 2020

RE: H.B. 1650, H.D. 1; RELATING TO SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE COLLECTION KITS.

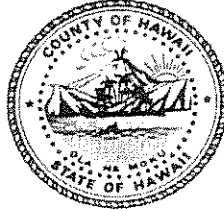
Chair Luke, Vice-Chair Cullen and members of the House Committee on Finance, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu ("Department") submits the following testimony in support of H.B. 1650, H.D. 1.

Despite diligent efforts by this Department and all members of the Hawaii Sexual Assault Initiative ("SAKI") team, more time is needed to find and implement an appropriate electronic tracking system, as required by Act 113 (2018).

For this reason, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu joins in the request for an extended deadline, and supports the passage of H.B. 1650, H.D. 1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL NO. 1650, H.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE COLLECTION KITS

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair

Rep. Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair

Tuesday, February 25, 2020, 11:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

Honorable Chair Luke, Honorable Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance. The Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Hawai'i submits the following testimony in SUPPORT of House Bill No. 1650, H.D. 1.

This measure changes the deadline for the counties to adopt and utilize electronic tracking systems for sexual assault evidence collection kits.

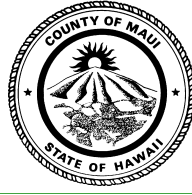
The Hawai'i Police Department moved expeditiously to implement a sexual assault kit management system, adopting a recommendation by Hawai'i Sexual Assault Response Training (HSART) multi-disciplinary group that county police departments install a sexual assault management system (SAMS) developed by the Portland Police Department.

SAMS was shared across the country utilizing federal grant funding through Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI). This system was designed to interface with police department records management system (RMS). After installation, we encountered numerous problems, primarily the loss of data.

Portland Police Department has since developed an improved and simpler product "SAMS Track" which does not require interface with the police department's RMS. Its success in Portland since May 2019, has led to its adoption statewide in Oregon by the end of July 2020.

Like SAMS, the technology is available to us at minimal cost due to federal funding through SAKI. In addition to tracking sexual assault cases, SAMS Track is easy to use through a mobile app and has the added feature of a victim portal which will enable people to track their kits anonymously to determine if the evidence was submitted for testing.

The Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Hawai'i SUPPORTS the passage of House Bill No. 1650, H.D. 1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



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TESTIMONY
ON
H.B. 1650 HD1 - RELATING TO
SEXUAL ASSAULT
EVIDENCE COLLECTION KITS

February 21, 2020

The Honorable Sylvia Luke
Chair
The Honorable Ty J.K. Cullen
Vice Chair
and Members of the Committee on Finance

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Maui respectfully submits the following comments concerning H.B. 1650 HD 1, Relating to Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits. Specifically, we would like to express our strong support for H.B. 1650 HD 1, which would extend the deadline for the county police departments to establish an electronic tracking system for sexual assault evidence collection kits to January 1, 2021.

We believe that there is a pressing need for a tracking system, and would like to give the county police departments a reasonable opportunity to do so. Aside from enabling a more victim-friendly approach to giving sexual assault victims the ability to access information on the location and status of their sample kits, it would also speed up the investigation of sexual assault cases.

Currently, the county police departments have no way of determining whether a sex offender in their county has pending sexual assault cases in another county without making direct contact with investigators in the other county. Once contact has been made, however, depending on timing and available resources a response can be delayed or even impossible within a reasonable time frame. A statewide tracking system would allow immediate electronic access to the information requested without the need to actively devote personnel to servicing each information request.

Regarding the deadline extension itself, it is our understanding that each county's

information technology department must approve, acquire, install, configure, test, implement, and troubleshoot any remaining issues with the tracking system before it can be considered safe to deploy. The deadline extension will allow the counties to ensure that the individual implementations are stable and compatible amongst each other before the final implementation occurs.

For these reasons, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Maui strongly supports the passage of H.B. 1650 HD 1. Please feel free to contact our office at (808) 270-7777 if you have any questions or inquiries.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

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The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
and Members
Committee on Finance
House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 308
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Luke and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 1650, H.D. 1, Relating to Sexual Assault Evidence
Collection Kits

I am Forensic Laboratory Director Wayne Kimoto of the Scientific Investigation
Section of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports the intent of House Bill No. 1650, H.D. 1, Relating to Sexual
Assault Evidence Collection Kits, which is to extend the deadline for each county police
department to adopt and utilize an electronic tracking system for sexual assault
evidence collection kits.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Ballard".

Susan Ballard
Chief of Police

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wayne Kimoto".

Wayne Kimoto, Director
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Date: February 21, 2020

To: The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
The Honorable Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair
Committee on Finance

From: Cindy Shimomi-Saito, Executive Director
The Sex Abuse Treatment Center
A Program of Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children

RE: Testimony in Support of H.B. 1650
Relating to Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits

Hearing: Tuesday, February 25, 2020, 11:00 a.m., Conference Room 308

Good morning Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the House Finance Committee:

The Sex Abuse Treatment Center (SATC) supports H.B. 1650.

In accordance with Act 113, members of the Hawai'i Sexual Assault Response and Training Program (HSART), meet regularly to strengthen coordinated community response and improve the level of quality care for victims of sexual assault. Many efforts through HSART have been initiated and completed, and members remain committed to coming together to continue this important work.

To ensure that victims remain informed of the status of their sexual assault evidence collection kit, law enforcement members of this group have been working to establish an electronic tracking system. As a member of HSART, the SATC has witnessed much effort put forth by each county police department to achieve this goal. However, unexpected operational and technical challenges have presented, and there is a need for an extension of the system's implementation date.

It is strongly hoped that the House Finance Committee will pass H.B.1650. With this needed extension, victims of sexual assault will soon be able to utilize the tracking system and will be empowered to access needed information on their own.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

HB-1650-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments: