

HB-2057

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Testimony for HSH on 1/29/2020 8:30:00 AM

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To: Chair San Buenaventura
Vice Chair Nakamura
Fr: Nanci Kreidman, MA,
CEO, Domestic Violence Action Center
Re: HB 2057; Support

Aloha. And thank you for placing this Bill on your agenda for consideration. The laws this Legislature has passed in the best interests of victims who are burdened with many challenges –existing all at once– makes the lack of uniformity for proving one's victims status an additional burden.

This Bill is really just a housekeeping measure, to make standard the requirements needed by victims to utilize laws that were designed and passed for their well-being, healing and stabilization.

Whether it is terminating a cellphone contract, a rental lease or obtaining unemployment support, it would make infinite sense for a victim to collect and submit the same set of documents that would ease the way forward.

Please consider the simple act of making legislative changes to language in the sections included in this Bill, which will, in effect, be making changes for someone's life. We do hope for favorable action on HB 2057. Thank you.

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Hawaii Women's Coalition

To: Hawaii State House of Representatives Committee on Human Services and Homelessness
Hearing Date/Time: Wed., Jan. 29, 2020, 8:30 a.m.
Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 329
Re: Testimony of Hawaii Women's Coalition in support of H.B. 2057

Dear Chair San Buenaventura and Members of the Committee,

The Hawaii Women's Coalition writes in support of H.B. 2057 to standardize language across statutes. Multiple laws have been passed with the intention of providing support for survivors related to economic justice and freedom. However, each of them has different language and requirements for victims to prove their victimization (unemployment, release from cellphone contracts, rental leases), which proves to be a barrier for those seeking services.

It makes indisputable sense that survivors should be expected to provide the same kinds of evidence/documents to obtain benefits or access to support regardless of the benefit they are pursuing.

Collecting and submitting different kinds of documents should be standardized to make it more likely for the survivor to get the support/benefits/access they need.

Thank you for your support for this important housekeeping measure.

Sincerely,
Hawaii Women's Coalition



Testimony of Lisa Volpe McCabe

CTIA

In Opposition to Hawaii House Bill 2057

Before the Hawaii House Committee on Human Services & Homelessness

January 28, 2019

Chair Buenaventura, Vice Chair Nakamura and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony on behalf of CTIA, the trade association for the wireless communications industry, in opposition to House Bill 2057. CTIA, the trade association for the wireless communications industry is concerned with Hawaii HB 2057.

The wireless industry wholeheartedly shares the goal of ensuring that victims of domestic abuse have the flexibility to modify access to phone service when they are not the account holder on a shared plan. The safety of our consumers is of the utmost importance. However, the wireless industry has operational concerns with expanding the forms of evidence of domestic violence as proposed in HB 2057. The bill requires carriers to release without charge or penalty a victim of domestic violence from a shared wireless service plan involving the victim's abuser when the victim provides certain documentation to the wireless carrier. However, the bill would place carrier representatives in a precarious position of interpreting various forms of documentation, which as proposed in HB 2057 could vary broadly from documents from criminal cases to letters from a member of the clergy. Our sales and customer service representatives are not trained to verify the authenticity of such documentation.

In other states, the wireless industry has worked with legislators to ensure victims of domestic violence who are on a shared plan with their abuser, can separate from the account and take their number with them without having to first obtain consent from the abuser, if the abuser is the account holder. Requiring a court order directing a wireless provider to transfer billing responsibility and control over the wireless numbers (and those of any minors on the plan) to the victim supersedes the need for an account holder's consent to separate the line.

We share the sponsor's goal of working to ensure the safety and well-being of victims of domestic violence. Although the bill is well-intentioned, the wireless industry urges you to not pass the legislation as drafted.

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John Honda	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



To: Hawaii State House of Representatives Committee on Human Services and Homelessness
Hearing Date/Time: Wed., Jan. 29, 2020, 8:30 a.m.
Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 329
Re: Testimony of Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii in support of H.B. 2057

Dear Chair San Buenaventura and Members of the Committee,

Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii writes in support of H.B. 2057 to standardize language across statutes. Multiple laws have been passed with the intention of providing support for survivors related to economic justice and freedom. However, each of them has different language and requirements for victims to prove their victimization (unemployment, release from cellphone contracts, rental leases), which proves to be a barrier for those seeking services.

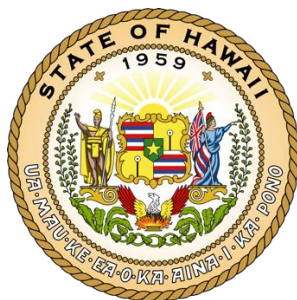
It makes indisputable sense that survivors should be expected to provide the same kinds of evidence/documents to obtain benefits or access to support regardless of the benefit they are pursuing.

Collecting and submitting different kinds of documents should be standardized to make it more likely for the survivor to get the support/benefits/access they need.

Thank you for your support for this important housekeeping measure.

Sincerely,

Laurie Field
Hawaii State Director



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‘O kēia ‘ōlelo hō’ike no ke
Komikina Kūlana Olakino o Nā Wāhine

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

Prepared for the H. Cmtee. on HSH

Comments on HB2057
Wednesday, January 29, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. in Room 224

Dear Chair San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Nakamura, and Honorable Members,

The Hawai‘i State Commission on the Status of Women supports HB2057, which would make consistent the types of documents accepted as proof of domestic or sexual violence victim status.

This measure is an important step to remove barriers to benefits and escape for victims of gender-based violence. One of the biggest challenges for someone who has just experienced a domestic violence situation or sexual assault can be navigating the disjointed requirements to show proof of victim status in order to access safety. This measure would create uniformity across statutes and allow victims to more easily leave a dangerous situation.

Accordingly, the Commission requests that the Committee pass HB2057.

Sincerely,

Khara Jabola-Carolus



Hawaii Women's Coalition

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COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & HOMELESSNESS

Rep. Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair

Rep. Nadine K. Nakamura, Vice Chair

DATE: Wednesday, January 29, 2020

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 329

STRONG SUPPORT FOR SB2306 that makes consistent the types of documents accepted as proof of domestic or sexual violence victim status.

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Nakamura and members

The Coalition is in strong support of this measure the will alleviate the red-tape burden currently placed on victims of domestic violence. This is a simple housekeeping measure to standardize documentation required of victims in order to get the protection and services they are entitled to under the law.

From terminating a cell phone contract or a rental lease to obtaining unemployment support, it is simply common sense for a victim to collect and submit the same set of documents as proof of need. Victims have enough to deal with. They don't need the additional burden of navigating confusing and contradictory paperwork. Please pass this important bill out of committee.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,
Ann S. Freed Co-Chair Emeritus,
Hawaii Women's Coalition

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January 28, 2020

To: The Honorable Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair,
The Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura, Vice Chair, and
Members of the House Committee on Human Services and Homelessness

Date: Wednesday, January 29, 2020

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Conference Room 329, State Capitol

From: Scott T. Murakami, Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

**Re: H.B. No. 2057 RELATING TO PROOF OF DOMESTIC OR SEXUAL
VIOLENCE VICTIM STATUS**

I. OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

HB2057 proposes to amend section 383-7.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), and 383-30.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) by amending the language to redefine the types of documents acceptable as proof of domestic violence or sexual violence victim status.

II. COMMENTS ON THE HOUSE BILL

DLIR supports the intent of the bill which is to ensure consistency in the types of documents accepted as proof of domestic or sexual violence victim status. The department is seeking confirmation from the US Department of Labor (USDOL) to ensure HB2057 does not raise any issues with Federal Unemployment (UC) law.

The DLIR notes that by practice the department employs a great amount of discretion in favor if an individual asserts domestic or sexual violence victim status.

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Re: HB2057 Relating to Proof of Domestic or Sexual Violence Victim Status.

Dear Chair Lee, Vice San Buenaventura and Members of the House Committee on Judiciary:

On behalf of the 23 members of the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (HSCADV), I respectfully submit this testimony in support of HB2057.

Multiple laws have been passed with the intention of providing support for survivors related to economic justice and freedom. However, each of them has different language and requirements for victims to prove their victimization such as unemployment benefits, release from cellphone contracts, rental leases, which proves to be a barrier for those seeking services.

Victims should be able to provide the same kinds of evidence/documents to obtain benefits or access to support regardless of the benefit they are pursuing. Different requirements could result in undue delays in receiving the benefits they are pursuing and could further traumatize those seeking benefits.

The standardization of language across statutes, while a housekeeping item, will go a long way to supporting victims of domestic and sexual violence.

Sincerely,

Angelina Mercado
Executive Director, Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence