



**TESTIMONY OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE, 2019**

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**ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:**

S.B. NO. 1462, S.D. 1, RELATING TO ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY.

**BEFORE THE:**

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

**DATE:** Thursday, February 28, 2019      **TIME:** 10:30 a.m.

**LOCATION:** State Capitol, Room 211

**TESTIFIER(S):** Clare E. Connors, Attorney General, or  
Christopher D.W. Young, Administrator, Hawaii Criminal Justice  
Data Center

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Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General supports this bill.

On July 5, 2018, Governor David Ige signed Act 115, Sessions Laws of Hawaii 2018, known as the Address Confidentiality Program (ACP). No moneys were allocated within the Act. The Act was codified into Hawaii law in chapter 801G, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The ACP provides survivors of domestic violence, sexual offenses, or stalking with a substitute address to be used by state and local government agencies instead of their physical address to protect their physical address from inclusion in public records.

The Hawaii Criminal Justice Data Center (HCJDC) is assigned the responsibility of developing, implementing, and operating the ACP. HCJDC thoroughly reviewed chapter 801G and concluded that there is insufficient funding in HCJDC's current budget to properly implement or operate the ACP. HCJDC has begun developing policies, procedures, and forms using our current resources. Implementation and operation of the ACP is unlikely to occur without the funding provided in this bill.

The Department of the Attorney General respectfully requests the passage of this bill.

**SB-1462-SD-1**

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

Comments:

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Younghi Overly	Testifying for AAUW of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the committee,

Thank you for this opportunity to submit a testimony in support of SB1462 SD1 which would appropriate funds for the State Department of the Attorney General to administer the Address Confidentiality program.

Address confidentiality for victims and survivors of domestic violence is a critical aspect of planning for long term safety. Protecting the location of a person who has left a violent relationship will promote long term safety and will likely reduce harassment, stalking attempts, and the day to day anxiety a person who has relocated experiences upon terminating the relationship. Appropriations to make this program a reality would be a gift to survivors of intimate partner violence and stalking and would show a commitment to protect citizens from offenders of violent crime. Hawaii would join the other 36 states that have a program like this in place.

Thank you for your consideration.

*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.*

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**Date:** February 28, 2019

**To:** The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair  
The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

**From:** Justin Murakami, Manager, Prevention Education and Public Policy  
The Sex Abuse Treatment Center  
A Program of Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children

**RE:** Testimony in Strong Support of S.B. 1462 S.D. 1  
Relating to Address Confidentiality

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Good morning Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

The Sex Abuse Treatment Center (SATC) supports S.B. 1462 S.D. 1.

Most sexual assaults are not committed by strangers, but by intimate partners, family members, and acquaintances. Moreover, sexual assault often does not occur in isolation, but can be one feature of a pattern of violence and intimidation between non-strangers that also includes physical abuse and stalking. In order to ensure their own safety and the safety of loved ones, survivors are sometimes forced to relocate in order to avoid further actual or threatened violence.

Unfortunately, modern search technologies and access to public records make it easy for perpetrators to find survivors' new addresses. This places survivors in harm's way and can complicate the difficult task of recovering from the trauma of sexual assault.

Address confidentiality programs enhance survivors' safety and privacy, providing them the means to shield their actual locations through the use of substitute addresses, and penalizing unauthorized disclosures of actual address information. According to the National Center for Victims of Crime, 36 other states have, to date, successfully implemented Address Confidentiality programs.

During the 2018 Legislative Session, Hawaii passed Act 115 which statutorily established an Address Confidentiality program in the Department of the Attorney General. However, funds were not allocated to support the program at that time. Without this financial support, it is our understanding that the Department will be unable to implement the Program or conduct its day-to-day operations.

By appropriating the funds needed by the Department to implement this important and life-saving program for the 2019 – 2021 fiscal biennium, passing S.B. 1462 S.D. 1 will help to ensure that survivors of sexual assault who are forced to relocate in order to escape their attackers are able to meaningfully recover their security and peace of mind.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Laurie Field	Testifying for Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

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**Parents And  
Children Together**

BUILDING THE RELATIONSHIPS THAT MATTER MOST

**TO: Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means**

**FROM:** Ryan Kusumoto, President & CEO of Parents And Children Together (PACT)

**DATE/LOCATION:** February 28, 2019; 10:30 a.m., Conference Room 211

**RE: TESTIMONY IN STROG SUPPORT OF SB 1462 – RELATING TO ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY**

**We urge you to support SB 1462 which appropriates funds for two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) positions, operating costs, and equipment to support the Attorney General's Hawaii Criminal Justice Data Center in administering the Address Confidentiality Program.** This critical funding would enable us to join the 36 other states who have launched address confidentiality programs helping to protect victims of crimes such as sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking.

We thank the Department of the Attorney General for agreeing to administer this program. The funding in this bill would enable the creation of positions within the Department to support legislation that passed in 2018 to establish the program. The address confidentiality program will keep survivors safe and allow them to focus on putting the pieces of themselves and their lives back together to become healthy and whole again. All survivors deserve to be safe. All people deserve to be safe. With laws in place that help to protect their safety, we can all work together to help them triumph over trauma and focus on the positive future ahead.

Founded in 1968, Parents And Children Together (PACT) is one of Hawaii's not-for-profit organizations providing a wide array of innovative and educational social services to families in need. Assisting more than 18,000 people across the state annually, PACT helps families identify, address and successfully resolve challenges through its 18 programs. Among its services are: early education programs, domestic violence prevention and intervention programs, child abuse prevention and intervention programs, childhood sexual abuse support services, child and adolescent behavioral health programs, sex trafficking intervention, and community building programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **strong support of SB 1462**, please contact me at (808) 847-3285 or [rkusumoto@pacthawaii.org](mailto:rkusumoto@pacthawaii.org) if you have any questions.