



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

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

S.B. NO. 2315, RELATING TO SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE COLLECTION KITS.

BEFORE THE:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

DATE: Monday, February 24, 2020 **TIME:** 12:00 p.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 016

TESTIFIER(S): **WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY.**
(For more information, contact Lance Goto,
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Chair Rhoads 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 KARL RHOADS, CHAIR
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February 24, 2020

RE: S.B. 2315; RELATING TO SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE COLLECTION KITS.

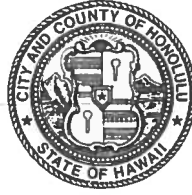
Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu ("Department") submits the following testimony in support of S.B. 2315.

Despite diligent efforts by this Department and all members of the Hawaii Sexual Assault Initiative ("SAKI") team, more time is needed to implement an appropriate electronic tracking system, as required by Act 113 (2018). SAKI members have had extensive discussions regarding various tracking systems that could meet the requirements of Act 113 (2018), and finally arrived at a viable and economical solution, but additional time is needed to complete customization and implementation of the system identified.

For these reasons, 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 S.B. 2315. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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February 24, 2020

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
and Members
Committee on Judiciary
State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 016
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Rhoads and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 2315, 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 Senate Bill No. 2315, Relating to Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits, 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:

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Susan Ballard
Chief of Police

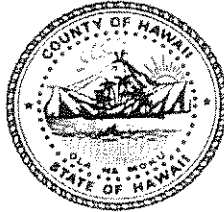
Sincerely,

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL NO. 2315

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

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Sen. Karl Rhoads, Chair
Sen. Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair

Monday, February 24, 2020, 12:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

Honorable Chair Rhoads, Honorable Vice Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee on Judiciary. The Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Hawai'i submits the following testimony in SUPPORT of Senate Bill No.2315.

This measure extends the deadline for each county police department to adopt and utilize an electronic tracking system 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 Senate Bill No. 2315. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



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Date: February 21, 2020

To: The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair
Committee on Judiciary

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 S.B. 2315
Relating to Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits

Hearing: Monday, February 24, 2020, 12:00 p.m., Conference Room 016

Good afternoon Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

The Sex Abuse Treatment Center (HSART) supports S.B. 2315.

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 Senate Judiciary Committee will pass S.B. 2315. 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.