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January 25, 2020

To: Senator Russell Ruderman, Chair
And members of the Committee on Judiciary

Testimony in Support of SB 2346 Relating to Temporary Restraining Orders, Protective Orders and Injunctions

Hawaii Youth Services Network, a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, supports SB 2346 Relating to Temporary Restraining Orders, Protective Orders and Injunctions.

Currently, restraining orders, protective orders and injunctions protecting minors expire on the individual's 18th birthday no matter what the time period is between the issuance of the order and the time the minor reaches legal adulthood.

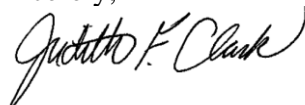
For example, a restraining order issued a week before the minor's 18th birthday would be in effect for only one week. Then the individual must go through the entire process of seeking a restraining order all over again.

Inevitably, there is a period of time when the person in need does not have this legal protection in place and is more vulnerable to harm. The process of seeking a restraining order, protective order or injunction can be difficult and traumatic for these young people. It also creates additional workload for an overloaded judicial system.

Allowing restraining orders, protective orders and injunctions issued for minors to extend beyond their 18th birthday will increase safety, reduce trauma, and increase efficiency of the judicial system.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Judith F. Clark, MPH
Executive Director

SB-2346

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 11:35:10 AM

Testimony for HMS on 1/29/2020 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Younghi Overly	Testifying for aauw of hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

To: Hawaii State Senate Committee on Human Services
Hearing Date/Time: Wed., Jan. 29, 2020, 2:55 p.m.
Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 016
Re: Testimony of Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii in support of S.B. 2346

Dear Chair Ruderman and Members of the Committee,

Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii writes in support of S.B. 2346. Young survivors of relationship abuse occasionally need court orders to help them become safe and a parent or caregiver can obtain a restraining order on their behalf. However, these orders arbitrarily expire when the youth turns 18 and becomes an “adult.” This creates a barrier for the young survivor and creates challenges involving the re-traumatization of appearing in court, having to face the abuser, and re-living their victimization.

This bill eliminates the termination of the order, which had been granted while they were a youth, and allows the original order to continue to a date after the child has reached eighteen years old.

Thank you for your support for this important measure.

Sincerely,

Laurie Field
Hawaii State Director



Hawaii Women's Coalition

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Chair
Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

DATE: Wednesday, January 29, 2020
TIME: 2:55PM
PLACE: Conference Room 016

STRONG SUPPORT FOR HB2346 relating to Temporary Restraining Orders (TROS)

Aloha Chair Ruderman, Vice Chair Rhoads and members,

The Coalition is in strong support of this bill. Young survivors of relationship abuse occasionally need court orders to help them become safe. Current law allows a parent or caregiver to obtain a restraining order on their behalf. But, these orders expire when the youth turns 18, and becomes an “adult”.

The logic of this escapes us as abusers don't magically stop their abuse just because survivor is now legally adult. Please remove this barrier that involves the re-traumatization of appearing in court, having to face the abuser, and re-living their victimization

This Bill eliminates the automatic termination of the order, granted to the minor child, and allows the original order to continue to a date after the child has reached eighteen years old. Please pass this important bill out of committee.

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

SB-2346

Submitted on: 1/27/2020 11:06:17 PM

Testimony for HMS on 1/29/2020 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dara Carlin, M.A.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-2346

Submitted on: 1/28/2020 8:16:58 PM

Testimony for HMS on 1/29/2020 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carmie Spellman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/29/2020 8:27:16 PM

Testimony for HMS on 1/29/2020 2:55:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
kara england	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Thank you for your support !

Kara England

SB-2346

Submitted on: 1/29/2020 8:45:22 PM

Testimony for HMS on 1/29/2020 2:55:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Ching, MD, MPH	Testifying for Hawaii Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics	Support	No

Comments:

The Hawaii Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics strongly supports HB2346, which would regulate electronic smoking devices (ESDs) and e-liquids.

E-cigarette use or vaping among youth and young adults has become a national public health concern. E-cigarettes are now the most popularly used tobacco product among youth and young adults, surpassing cigarettes. While smoking rates in Hawai'i have decreased through the years, ESD use has rapidly increased, threatening significant public health gains made over the last decade. This is particularly concerning because e-cigarettes provide a new way to deliver highly addictive nicotine. No matter how it is delivered, nicotine exposure can lead to addiction and harm the developing brain. Studies are also finding that ESDs can lead to smoking cigarettes for new users, including kids.

Online sales of e-cigarettes or vaping devices and liquid nicotine also needs to be regulated and monitored. Many young people can easily access vaping supplies via the internet. This bill would prohibit online shipment of tobacco products to consumers, limiting it to licensed sellers.

ESDs are the only tobacco product without a tobacco tax, yet they are essentially sold and used in the same manner. Please bring the tax amount on par with other tobacco products.

Please do not let vaping continue to go unregulated in Hawai'i. Thank you for your consideration and support of HB2346. Please feel free to contact me at 808-432-5605 if you have any questions or comments.

Very respectfully,

Michael S.L. Ching, MD, MPH, FAAP

President

Hawaii Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics