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February 21, 2020

To: Senator Karl Rhoads, 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.

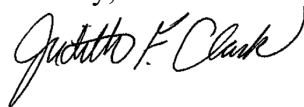
For example, a restraining order issued a week before the minor's 18th birthday would be in effect for only one week. Then the individual must go through the entire process of seeking a restraining order all over again.

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



To: Chair Rhoads
Vice Chair Keohokalole
Members of the Committee
Fr: Nanci Kreidman, MA,
CEO, Domestic Violence Action Center
Re: SB 2346; Strong support

Thank you for placing this Bill on your agenda for consideration. We offer testimony to support this initiative which represents a positive change that would impact many young victims experiencing harm from teen dating violence.

Our current law requires that, 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 the legal age of 18.

We currently require young victims of teen relationship violence and their families to return to court and begin the process all over again, but now as an 18 year old *adult*. Going through the process as an adult is terrifying, yet we are requiring our youth to endure this process multiple times. This process is also placing an additional financial burden on the victims. We currently have 2 victims on our Teen Alert Program case load who are 17 and will have to endure the entire process again to remain safe and free from harm.

S 2346 will advance safety, and hope for young victims across our state.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2020 6:46:45 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/24/2020 12:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eileen M Gawrys	Testifying for Dr. Eileen Gawrys, Member, Board of Directors, DVAC	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/21/2020 3:44:26 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/24/2020 12:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

SB-2346

Submitted on: 2/21/2020 4:02:59 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/24/2020 12:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments:

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**Parents And
Children Together**

BUILDING THE RELATIONSHIPS THAT MATTER MOST

TO: Chair Rhoad, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary

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

DATE/LOCATION: February 24, 2020; 12:00 p.m., Conference Room 016

RE: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 2346 – RELATING TO TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDERS, PROTECTIVE ORDERS, INJUNCTIONS

We ask you to support SB 2346 which clarifies that the effective period of a temporary restraining order, protective order, or injunction restraining any party from contacting, threatening, or physically abusing a minor may extend to a date after the minor has reached 18 years of age.

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. This process of seeking a restraining order, protective order or injunction can add additional stress for young adults and their families and cause trauma to resurface, especially if they must re-do the process once the order expires at age 18. The long-lasting effects of trauma do not expire. This bill eliminates the automatic termination of the order and allows the order to continue to a reasonable date after the child has reached 18 years of age. This bill is important to minimizing the backlog in our court system, protecting our young adults, and minimizing additional trauma.

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 15,000 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 supportive group services, child and adolescent behavioral health programs, sex trafficking intervention, poverty prevention and community building programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support of SB 2346 HD 1**, please contact me at (808) 847-3285 or rkusumoto@pacthawaii.org if you have any questions.

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SB-2346

Submitted on: 2/24/2020 11:22:17 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/24/2020 12:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
aimee chung	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Strongly support SB2346 so that we may keep young victims safe.

Aimee Chung, MSW, LSW

Domestic Violence Action Center, Board Member



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February 24, 2020

Members of the House Committee on Judiciary:

Chair Sen. Karl Rhoads
Vice Chair Sen. Jarrett Keohokalole
Sen. Mike Gabbard
Sen. Kurt Favella
Sen. Donna Mercado Kim

Re: SB2346 Relating to Temporary Restraining Orders, Protective Orders, and Injunctions.

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary:

The Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (HSCADV) engages communities and organizations to end domestic violence through education, advocacy, and action for social justice. HSCADV is a private, not-for-profit organization and is a statewide partnership of domestic violence programs and shelters.

On behalf of the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (HSCADV) and our 23 member programs statewide, I respectfully submit this testimony in support of SB2346 which clarifies that the effective period of a temporary restraining order, protective order, or injunction restraining any party from contacting, threatening, or physically abusing a minor may extend to a date after the minor has reached 18 years of age.

Requiring survivors who reach the age of 18 years old to refile a protection order or injunction exposes them to revictimization and traumatization while also compromising their safety when having to face their abuser again. We also have heard from programs that abusers use the current age limit to threaten survivors when the restraining order expires.

We support the passing of this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Angelina Mercado
Executive Director, Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence