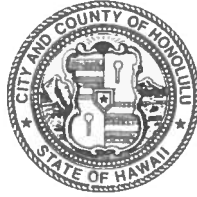


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April 1, 2021

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

Dear Chair Rhoads and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 1237, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, Relating to the Judiciary

I am Randall Platt, Captain of District 4 of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD),
City and County of Honolulu.

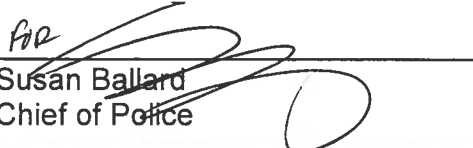
The HPD supports House Bill No. 1237, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, Relating to the Judiciary.


Temporary restraining orders, protective orders, and injunctions against harassment for a minor typically expire when the minor reaches the age of 18. The 18-year old then has to go to court and refile the order or injunction. This process can be physically and emotionally difficult and traumatic, especially if the hearings are repeatedly continued.

This bill clarifies that the effective period of the original temporary restraining order, protective order, or injunction may extend to a fixed, reasonable date after the minor has reached the age of 18.

The HPD urges you to support House Bill No. 1237, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, Relating to the Judiciary, and thanks you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:


Susan Ballard
Chief of Police

Sincerely,

Randall Platt, Captain
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Sex Abuse Treatment Center

Susannah Wesley Community Center

The Catalyst Group

March 27, 2021

To: Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair,
And members of the Committee on Judiciary

Testimony in Support of HB 1237 HD 1SD 1 Relating to the Judiciary

Hawaii Youth Services Network, a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, supports HB 1237 HD 1 SD 1 Relating to the Judiciary.

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.

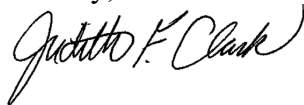
For example, a restraining order issued a week before the minor's 18th birthday would be in effect for only one week. Then the individual must go through the entire process of seeking a restraining order all over again.

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

HB-1237-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/29/2021 2:29:04 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2021 9:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
nanci kreidman	Testifying for domestic violence action center	Support	No

Comments:

aloha,

this is a very important Bill.

DVAC has had experiences with youth who have taken the brave step of obtaining a restraining order, only to have it expire when they turned 18. doing it twice is unimaginable to many. why make them suffer that way? thank you for your favorable action on this Bill.

love, nanci kreidman

HB-1237-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/26/2021 5:16:25 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2021 9:35:00 AM

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

Comments:

Stand in Support