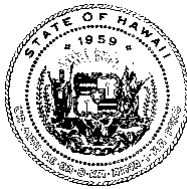


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**STATE COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH
Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means
In Support of HD 1079 HD1 SD1
RELATING TO TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE
April 2, 2025 10:01 a.m., Room 311 and Video**

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Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee:

Hawai'i law, HRS §334-10, established the State Council on Mental Health as a 21-member body to advise on the allocation of resources, statewide needs, and programs affecting more than one county as well as to advocate for adults with serious mental illness, children with serious emotional disturbances, individuals with mental illness or emotional problems, including those with co-occurring substance abuse disorders. Members are residents from diverse backgrounds representing mental health service providers and recipients, students and youth, parents, and family members. Members include representatives of state agencies on mental health, criminal justice, housing, Medicaid/MedQUEST, social services, vocational rehabilitation, and education. Members include representatives from the Hawai'i Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances and county service area boards on mental health and substance abuse.

The Council supports this measure, as it aligns with our shared interest in strengthening Hawaii as a Trauma-Informed Care State. Consistent with our advocacy for workers' resiliency, we are pleased to see that this measure recognizes the need and provides for staff training on the impacts of vicarious trauma, secondary traumatic stress, and burnout that staff experience because of their work..

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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**Testimony in SUPPORT of H.B. 1079 HD1 SD1
RELATING TO TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE**

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Sharon Moriwiki, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

April 2, 2025, at 10:01 a.m., Room Number 211

The Office of Wellness and Resilience (OWR) in the Governor's Office **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** H.B. 1079 HD1 SD1, Relating to Trauma-Informed Care.

The OWR strongly supports H.B. 1079 HD1 SD1, which establishes trauma-informed organizational assessments and training curricula for the Child Welfare Services (CWS) branch within the Department of Human Services (DHS). This bill is an essential tool for improving the child welfare system's ability to effectively support both families impacted by trauma and the dedicated professionals who serve them.

The Mālama 'Ohana Working Group (MOWG)'s report documents the voices of lived experiences of children and families who have navigated our state's child welfare system and shared their voices and experiences with the working group through its meetings and statewide listening sessions over the course of 12+ months. As the report states plainly: "Families involved with the CWS find it challenging to navigate the complicated system and related services. The experience often feels adversarial, confusing, secretive, and isolating for both children and parents, causing further trauma." To address this, one of the MOWG's recommendations is to develop a trauma-informed system that ensures that "when CWS intervenes in a family, ensure that the intervention is respectful and supportive, minimizes trauma, and does not create more harm than the original issue they hoped to address."

Under Act 291, the OWR is responsible for addressing systemic challenges affecting the well-being of all individuals in Hawai'i, which includes supporting agencies like CWS in integrating trauma-informed care practices. H.B. 1079 HD1 SD1 directly aligns with the mission of the OWR by addressing the critical barriers to well-being for both staff and the children and families served by CWS.

In addition, a critical aspect of H.B. 1079 HD1 SD1 is its focus on the well-being and resilience of child welfare workers themselves. The bill proposes assessments that will identify and help mitigate vicarious trauma, secondary traumatic stress, and burnout—issues that are unfortunately common in this challenging field. Additionally, H.B. 1079 HD1 SD1 calls for the development of a trauma-informed training curriculum for staff, which will include trauma-

informed supervision training. This approach will help to create a supportive, resilient workforce, ensuring that trauma-informed care becomes deeply embedded in the culture of CWS. Further, by strengthening the support for those working within the system, it will then ensure better care and outcomes for the children and families they serve.

Lastly, the OWR understands the fiscal constraints the State is facing given the uncertainty of federal funding. The OWR humbly requests that the State legislature consider appropriating H.B. 1079 HD1 SD1 with funding to allow the OWR to carry out the proposed measure in a meaningful way. The MOWG report calls for the development of a trauma-informed system in which interactions and services in CWS are grounded in trauma-informed, culturally responsive approaches. This requires a robust organizational assessment of not only CWS staff interaction with children and families, but also an assessment of policies and programs that are offered through CWS. In addition to this, under this measure, the OWR is proposing to establish a “train-the-trainer” program, in which trauma-informed care training can sustainably live within CWS and integrate more fully into their organizational culture.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify on this important bill.

Tia L. R. Hartsock, MSW, MSCJA
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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 1079 HD 1 SD 1
RELATING TO TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE

Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Hawai'i State Capitol

April 2, 2025

10:01AM

Room 211

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

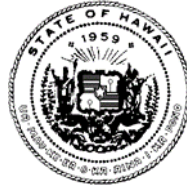
The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** HB 1079 HD 1 SD 1, which directs the Office of Wellness and Resilience to collaborate with the Department of Human Services to design, administer, and implement a program for trauma-informed organizational assessments and a training curriculum for the Department of Human Services Child Welfare Services (CWS) Branch staff.

This bill addresses a critical aspect of child welfare—ensuring that children, especially Native Hawaiian keiki, are protected and supported in environments where they can heal and thrive. Native Hawaiians experience some of the highest rates of child removal, with recent reports indicating that 45% of children in the State's foster care system are Native Hawaiian, despite comprising only 34% of children under age 18 in the State.¹ The impact of separation from a child's biological family can be particularly harmful for Native Hawaiian children, as it often also means separation from their culture and homeland. Many children in foster care have faced significant trauma, often stemming from domestic violence, neglect, and abuse. If unaddressed, this trauma can have long-lasting effects on their well-being and future success.

A trauma-informed approach is essential to understand the behavioral and emotional needs of these children, prevent further harm, promote healing, and address the root causes of unsafe living conditions. For these reasons, OHA urges this committee to **PASS HB 1079 HD 1 SD 1**. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important issue.

¹ Seanna Pieper-Jordan, "Hidden data: the untold story of Native Hawaiian children in foster care," Hawai'i Appleseed (April 7, 2024), <https://hiappleseed.org/blog/hidden-data-the-untold-story-of-native-hawaiian-children-in-foster-care>

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April 1, 2025

TO: The Honorable Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Ryan I. Yamane, Director

SUBJECT: **HB 1079 HD1 SD1 – RELATING TO TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE.**

Hearing: April 2, 2025, 10:01 a.m.
Conference Room 211 & Videoconference, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports this administration measure from the Office of Wellness and Resilience (OWR), defers to OWR on resources and implementation, and offers comments.

PURPOSE: This bill directs the Office of Wellness and Resilience to collaborate with the Department of Human Services to, either directly or by contract, design, administer, and implement a program for trauma-informed organizational assessments and a training curriculum for the Department of Human Services Child Welfare Services Branch staff. Appropriates funds. Takes effect 12/31/2050. (SD1)

The Committee on Human Services and Homelessness amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation amount to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

The Committee on Health and Human Services amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of December 31, 2050, to encourage further discussion;
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

DHS appreciates the additional support and resources from OWR to assess the Child Welfare Services Branch's (CWSB) organizational and staff needs aimed at fully adopting a trauma-informed approach to providing vital and essential services to children and families involved in the child welfare system. The bill promotes a collaborative approach to examine and transform CWSB's practices and policies, addressing the recommendations of the Malama Ohana Working Group.

This collaboration will enhance CWSB's existing trauma-informed assessments, training, and policies to further address worker well-being and the vicarious trauma that DHS staff experience. The strategy may lead to reduced burnout and support staff recruitment and retention efforts. While DHS CWSB has a long history of developing innovative practices and inclusion of diverse insights from individuals and families with lived experience, cultural experts, communities, providers, and public and private partners, this OWR-led effort may lead to the improved application of trauma-informed training to daily practice.

DHS shares the goals of organizational trauma assessments: to increase awareness of the impact of trauma on individuals and how to respond effectively, improve service delivery that reduces retraumatization, support staff development and competencies when working with children and families who have experienced multiple Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE), enhance positive organizational structure where clients and staff feel safe to communicate their experience and needs and gain insights to assist with additional program development and quality improvement. Taken together, the effort should result in a stronger organization and better outcomes for children and families served by DHS Child Welfare Services.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this bill.



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The Catalyst Group

March 28, 2025

To: Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair,
And members of the Committee on Ways and Means

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 1079 HD1 SD1 RELATING TO **TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE**

Hawaii Youth Services Network (HYSN), a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, supports HB 1079 HD1 SD1 Relating to Trauma-Informed Care

I serve as a member of the Hawaii Trauma-Informed Care Task Force. Over the past 3 years, the task force has developed a plan and strategies that will incorporate trauma-informed approaches to services provided to children, youth, and families. This will move Hawaii closer to the goal of becoming a trauma-informed State.

This bill will enable the Department of Human Services to conduct a trauma-informed care organizational assessment and develop a training curriculum for Child Welfare Services. This may help the Department to address its critical shortage of staff (37% of Child Welfare Services positions are currently vacant). It will improve quality of services provided to families and children.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Judith F. Clark, MPH
Executive Director



**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Wednesday, April 2, 2025; 10:01 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211
Via Videoconference**

RE: HOUSE BILL NO. 1079, HOUSE DRAFT 1, SENATE DRAFT 1, RELATING TO TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE.

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA) is a 501(c)(3) organization established to advocate for, expand access to, and sustain high quality care through the statewide network of Community Health Centers throughout the State of Hawaii. The HPCA **SUPPORTS** House Bill No. 1079, House Draft 1, Senate Draft 1, RELATING TO TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE.

By way of background, the HPCA represents Hawaii's Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). FQHCs provide desperately needed medical services at the frontlines to over 150,000 patients each year who live in rural and underserved communities. Long considered champions for creating a more sustainable, integrated, and wellness-oriented system of health, FQHCs provide a more efficient, more effective and more comprehensive system of healthcare.

This measure, as received by your Committee, would direct the Office of Wellness and Resilience to collaborate with the Department of Human Services to either directly or by contract, design, administer, and implement a program for trauma-informed organizational assessments and a training curriculum for the Department of Human Services Child Welfare Services branch staff.

This measure would take effect on December 31, 2050.

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) has widespread impacts on the lives of our citizenry. This often leads to or exacerbates mental illness, substance use and physical health conditions. Because of this, in a truly integrated whole health system of health care, effectively treating behavioral and physical health conditions must involve the impact of ACE.

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Unfortunately, despite the best efforts of policymakers, health care providers, and government workers, the very services and systems designed to help people become healthy can be detrimental. This bill seeks to improve the quality of outcomes for persons impacted by ACE by providing training to front-line public servants to better respond to citizens in need.

We respectfully urge your favorable consideration of this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Public Affairs and Policy Director Erik K. Abe at 536-8442, or eabe@hawaiiipca.net.



HB1079 HD1 SD1 Trauma Informed Care Training

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair

Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Vice Chair

Wednesday, Apr 2, 2025: 10:01 Room 211 Videoconference

Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition Supports HB1079 HD1 SD1:

ALOHA CHAIR, VICE CHAIR, AND DISTINGUISHED COMMITTEE MEMBERS. My name is Alan Johnson. I am the current chair of the Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition (HSAC), a statewide organization for substance use disorder and co-occurring mental health disorder treatment and prevention agencies and recovery-oriented services.

Trauma-informed care (TIC) training is crucial in Hawai‘i due to the state’s unique cultural diversity, historical trauma, and high rates of **adverse childhood experiences (ACEs)**. Here are some key reasons why TIC training is essential in Hawai‘i:

1. High Rates of Trauma and ACEs

- Hawai‘i has a significant prevalence of ACEs, including domestic violence, substance abuse, and family separation.
- Research shows that ACEs increase the risk of long-term health issues, including mental health disorders, substance abuse, and chronic diseases.

2. Historical and Generational Trauma

- Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders (NHPI) have experienced historical trauma due to colonization, land dispossession, and cultural suppression.
- Many communities face disparities in health, education, and socioeconomic status, increasing vulnerability to trauma-related issues.

3. Cultural Sensitivity and Indigenous Healing Practices

- Trauma-informed care in Hawai‘i should integrate local cultural values, including mālama (care), kuleana (responsibility), and aloha (compassion).
- Incorporating traditional healing practices, such as ho‘oponopono (conflict resolution) and lā‘au lapa‘au (herbal medicine), can enhance TIC effectiveness.

4. Impact on Healthcare, Education, and Social Services

- Healthcare providers need TIC training to support patients with trauma histories effectively.

- Educators can benefit from TIC to create safe learning environments and address student behavioral challenges.
- Social service agencies can use TIC to improve support for foster youth, domestic violence survivors, and justice-involved individuals.

5. Workforce Readiness and Community Resilience

- Training professionals in TIC can improve service delivery and reduce burnout among frontline workers.
- Strengthening trauma-informed systems can promote resilience and healing across communities.

Call to Action

Expanding trauma-informed care training in Hawai‘i is essential for creating compassionate, culturally responsive, and effective support systems. Investing in TIC can lead to better outcomes in health, education, and social well-being, ultimately fostering a stronger, more resilient Hawai‘i.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony and are available for further questions.



Date: April 1, 2025

To: Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Vice Chair
Committee Members

From: Early Childhood Action Strategy

RE: House Bill 1079, Malama Ohana Working Group, Child Welfare Improvement

Early Childhood Action Strategy (ECAS) brings together diverse stakeholders including government and non-government organizations to improve the systems of care for Hawaii's youngest keiki. Our mission is to provide backbone supports to align priorities for children prenatal to age eight and to strengthen and integrate early childhood systems through streamlining services, maximizing resources and improving programs to support our youngest keiki.

Early Childhood Action Strategy is in **strong support** of following the recommendation coming out of the Malama Ohana Working Group to improve the child welfare system via HB1079.

Families going into the child welfare system are traumatized, as can be Child Welfare Services (CWS) Branch staff and supervisors. This creates a difficult situation where outcomes are not satisfactory for any parties. By creating a strong working relation between the Office of Wellness and Resilience and CWS to look at the policies, procedures and needs of staff training through a trauma-informed lens, improvements are far more likely to occur. House Bill 1079 will be an excellent start to building in service improvements. Using evidence-based assessment tools, creating a cadre of internal trainers and especially trained supervisors will leave a legacy of improvement within the system as a child welfare services expert helps to implement assessment findings.

Suggestion: According to records from CWS, **half of all children within the system are five years old and under.** This fact makes me suggest that evidence-based infant and early childhood mental health training, principles and practices be utilized within CWS as part of this improvement plan, utilizing local experts in their field while meeting the recommendations of the Malama Ohana Working Group.

For ECAS House Bill 1079 is also exciting to support because it helps Hawaii in the following "Big Picture" ways:

- HB1079 meets several goals set forth in the Infant and Early Childhood Behavioral Health Plan
- HB1079 helps Hawaii meet the Recommendations of the Trauma-Informed Care Task Force
- HB1079 helps Hawaii provide evidence-based methods of tackling negative childhood experiences
- HB1079 meets the Recommendations of the Malama Ohana Working Group to improve the Child Welfare System

For these reasons, Early Childhood Action Strategy strongly supports HB1079.

Early Childhood Action Strategy is a project under Collaborative Support Services, INC.



Mahalo for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Aloha nui,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. Simmons", is displayed within a light gray rectangular box.

Christina Simmons, MPH, IBCLC (emeritus),

Infant and Early Childhood Behavioral Health Plan Coordinator, ECAS



To: Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Re: HB 1079 HD1 SD 1 Relating to Trauma-Informed Care

Hawai'i State Capitol, Conference Room 211 & Via Videoconference

Wed April 2 10:01AM

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Committee Members,

On behalf of HCANSpeaks!, I am writing in support of HB 1079 SD1 HD1, relating to trauma-informed care. This bill directs the Office of Wellness and Resilience to collaborate with the Department of Human Services to, either directly or by contract, design, administer, and implement a program for trauma-informed organizational assessments and a training curriculum for the Department of Human Services child welfare services branch staff, and appropriates funds for the program.

Act 86 (2023) established the Mālama 'Ohana Working Group within the Office of Wellness and Resilience to seek, design, and recommend transformative changes to the state's child welfare system. One of the recommendations submitted in Mālama 'Ohana Working Group Report¹ was the need to develop a trauma-informed child welfare system. HB 1079 SD1 HD1 proposes an important opportunity to address this recommendation. Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in **support of HB 1079 SD1 HD1**.

Kind regards,

Noreen Kohl, Ph.D.

Policy Researcher and Advocate

¹ See the Mālama 'Ohana working group Final Report and Recommendations (URL: <https://www.malamaohana.net/>).

March 28, 2025

To: Chair Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Committee Members
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

From: Karen Worthington, Private Citizen

Re: **HB 1079 HD1 SD1**: Relating to Trauma-Informed Care
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 211 and Videoconference, April 2, 2025, 10:01am

Position: SUPPORT

Dear Senator Dela Cruz, Senator Moriwaki, and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 1079 HD1 SD1, which establishes trauma-informed organizational assessments and training curricula for the child welfare services branch within the Department of Human Services (DHS). This legislation represents a critical step toward creating a more responsive and effective child welfare system—one that is better able to support families impacted by trauma as well as staff who may have their own trauma histories and also experience secondary trauma through their work.

My name is Karen Worthington, and I am a children's law and policy attorney with a consulting business on Maui, Karen Worthington Consulting. I have worked as a lawyer in and around state systems affecting children and families throughout my 30-year career. I am certified as a Child Welfare Law Specialist by the National Association of Counsel for Children. I have worked extensively with Hawai'i state departments and nonprofit organizations that support children and families who exist at the margins of our society.

Please pass HB 1079 HD1 SD1 with an effective date of July 1, 2025, and an appropriation of at least \$420,000. This legislation will strengthen our child welfare system in several important ways:

- It responds to the documented experiences of children and families who have found the current system challenging to navigate, often experiencing it as adversarial, confusing, and traumatic, as detailed in the Mālama 'Ohana Working Group Report.
- It creates a framework for implementing evidence-based practices that will help ensure CWS interventions are respectful, supportive, and minimize rather than compound trauma for both families and workers.
- It addresses the critical issue of secondary trauma and burnout among child welfare workers through trauma-informed supervision training, which will lead to better stability and outcomes for both staff and the families they serve.
- It aligns with best practices in child welfare by ensuring that trauma-informed care becomes deeply embedded in the culture and practice of Child Welfare Services.

The conditions that bring families into contact with the child welfare system often involve trauma, and our system's response must be grounded in an understanding of trauma's impact. By implementing comprehensive trauma-informed organizational assessments and training, we can create a system that better supports both the families we serve and the dedicated professionals who work with them.

Karen Worthington, Kula, HI 96790

The Office of Wellness and Resilience is uniquely situated to support CWS in integrating trauma-informed care practices. H.B. 1079 directly aligns with the mission of the OWR by addressing the critical barriers to well-being for both staff and the children and families served by CWS.

This change is recommended by the Mālama 'Ohana Working Group and aligns with the growing body of evidence showing that trauma-informed systems produce better outcomes for children and families. If you would like additional information related to my testimony, please do not hesitate to contact me at karen@karenworthington.com.

Best regards,

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Karen Worthington

HB-1079-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/30/2025 9:18:52 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/2/2025 10:01:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jessica McCullum	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill.

HB-1079-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2025 2:18:15 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/2/2025 10:01:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James Labrie	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hi my name is James LaBrie and I am in strong support of HB1079 HD1 SD1 for funding to be provided to the Office of Wellness and Resilience to provide training for staff to learn how to care for individuals with disabilities who have experienced trauma.