

HB-2046

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Testimony for HLT on 2/4/2020 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Louis Erteschik	Hawaii Disability Rights Center	Support	Yes

Comments:

While things like this are symbolic they can also be significant. We need to raise more awareness about FASD and if a designated month will assist in that effort, we are all for it. We would suggest that perhaps the focus of the month should be not just on the need for prevention of FASD but also for services for those who have it. We have long advocated that while the efforts at prevention are worthwhile and laudable, we need to go further and help those with FASD.

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Submitted on: 2/1/2020 9:27:45 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/4/2020 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lisa	WCCHC	Support	No

Comments:

February 1, 2020

To: Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair

And Members of the House Committee on Health

Date & Time of Hearing: February 4, 2020, 8:30 am, Room 329

Testimony in Support of HB2046 Relating to FASD Month

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder is a public health concerns with significant social, economic, and personal impacts. I fully support this measure as a special opportunity to remind and educate providers of care, systems of care, families, and communities in Hawaii about Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders and the special needs of those affected and their families and the impact on communities. This measure will help to decrease the discrimination and neglect individuals with FASD often face. It takes a village and this measure will help to encourage that mentality.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lisa Garcia, PSYD, CCTP

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Submitted on: 2/3/2020 8:16:52 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/4/2020 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Julie Yurie Takishima-Lacasa	Hawai'i Psychological Association	Support	No

Comments:

January 31, 2020

To: Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair
And Members of the House Committee on Health
Date & Time of Hearing: February 4, 2020, 8:30 am, Room 329

Testimony in Support of HB2046 Relating to FASD Month

I fully support this measure as a special opportunity to remind and educate providers of care, systems of care, families, and communities in Hawaii about Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders and the special needs of those affected and their families and the impact on communities. This measure will help to dispel FASDs as invisible disorders.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ann S. Yabusaki, Ph.D., MFT

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Submitted on: 1/31/2020 10:19:21 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/4/2020 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rachel	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

January 31, 2020

To: Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair

And Members of the House Committee on Health

Date & Time of Hearing: February 4, 2020, 8:30 am, Room 329

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Rachel Savereux, MSW

January 31, 2020

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And Members of the House Committee on Health
Date & Time of Hearing: February 4, 2020, 8:30 am, Room 329

Testimony in Support of HB2046 Relating to FASD Month

I am a retired biochemist and have researched some of the biochemistry behind fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD), a 100% preventable condition caused by prenatal exposure to the metabolites of alcohol. Individuals afflicted with FASD inherit a permanent, life-long brain condition that affects every sector of our society. No child is asked to be born nor do I believe a woman intentionally wants to harm a child before birth. However, with approximately 50% of all pregnancies being unintended (State of Hawaii and Nationwide), Hawaii has an obligation to protect the unborn from the devastating condition of FASD. FASD is a worldwide public health issue and contributes to homelessness, imprisonment, mental health issues, with annual costs to the U.S. in billions of dollars. In a society where alcohol consumption is a living issue, FASD will not be eradicated. Thus, we must strongly support "Prevention" which comes through "Awareness". By creating in Hawaii, a FASD Awareness Month, we hopefully can decrease the potential numbers of FASD cases. I strongly support the passage of HB 2046 and thank you for your considerations.

Respectfully,

Kenichi K. Yabusaki, Ph.D.

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Submitted on: 1/31/2020 3:11:43 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/4/2020 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard Le Burkien	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Richard D. Le Burkien. I have a Masters of Public Health (MPH) from the University of Minnesota School of Public Health. I've had the privilege of serving the public health sector for over 30 years and was the recipient of the Office of the President of the United States graduate scholarship award. The honor was due to significantly and measurably increasing public health awareness throughout the state. One component of the overall strategic communications plan was to identify critical issues and assure the information was distributed to the most people in the most effective way. The focus was always on the majority of the people who never even heard about a particular issue. Awareness is the first phase of creating solutions, increasing funding, and motivating the public to take action. I found that the trends in Awareness Months through Bills passed has increased by over 35 percent over the past five years. The literature also indicates that once awareness is experienced the public's desire to do something equally increases. Awareness is the first step. More importantly it would be a first step to positively address the policies that impact this health problem and this underserved population. When alcohol is now recognized as the leading preventable cause of birth defects and developmental disorders having a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Month becomes critical. Hawaii is a recognized leader in developing, and executing upon, effective Alcohol and Drug Abuse Disorder programs. This is another one to add to Hawaii's vision and core value of public health in Hawaii. The passage of this Bill adheres to the Hawaii Department of Health's Strategic Plan: Create a culture of health throughout Hawaii, take health to where people live, work, learn, and play, invest in healthy babies and families. This Bill does exactly that. Kudos to the advocates and the legislators sponsoring and advocating for this Bill and having the passion for these cherished, potential members of our community.

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Submitted on: 1/31/2020 10:29:16 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/4/2020 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cleota Brown	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I offer this testimony as a Mother, Grandmother and Community Advocate who strongly supports the designation of the month of September as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Month to raise awareness of the risks of alcohol consumption during pregnancy.

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder is 100% preventable provided Mother's abstain from the use of alcohol during pregnancy. Although one might think this fact is widely known, it is NOT. Although I'm sure women know they should not drink during pregnancy, many women do not understand the impact of their use of alcohol on their unborn child who will suffer for the rest of their lives.

We need to continue to reinforce these messages as often as we can.

Your consideration of HB2046 is sincerely appreciated.

Cleota G. Brown

Richard (Rick) D. Le Burkien
COMMITTEE: Keiki Caucus
DATE: 02.04.2020
MEASURE: HB2046
FAX TO: 808-586-6311

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Submitted on: 2/2/2020 9:40:26 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/4/2020 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elsie Javier	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Respectfully yours,



Darlyn Chen Scovell

Reference

- Barker, C., Kulyk, J., Knorr, L., & Brenna, B. (2011). Open Inclusion or Shameful Secret: A Comparison of Characters with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) and Characters with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) in a North American Sample of Books for Children and Young Adults. *International Journal of Special Education*, 26(3), 171-180. Retrieved from <http://search.ebscohost.com.libproxy.edmc.edu/login.aspx?direct=true&db=eric&AN=EJ959010&site=eds-live>

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THE THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2020

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Rep. John M. Mizuno, Chair
Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

DATE: Friday, February 4, 2020
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 329
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

HEARING HB2046

POSITION: **STRONG SUPPORT HB2046**

In behalf of myself, the Hawaii FASD Action Group, a group of volunteers appealing to you, being the voices of children who have none, and individuals who have FASD whom for many years have been marginalized, unrecognized and without appropriate services. I am writing in support of HB2046.

FASD is associated with secrecy and shame, quite possibly due to its preventable nature and the stigma attached to it. Alcohol is legally accessible, available in the community stores, often left in unlocked cabinets in many homes, therefore, it is not surprising that the research stated that 1 in 20 first graders do have FASD. According to a research study questions, "Is this shame the reason for its marginalization of the children and families with FASD in general? While Autism Spectrum Disorders has increased public awareness, availability of therapeutic services and much recognition. (Barker, Kulyk, Knorr, & Brenna, 2011).

I have had opportunities to visit schools, sat in group meetings, conferences and have exchanged dialogues regarding FASD. Many have no idea as of what it is and what are the implications and functionalities or even how to work with children, teenagers or adults with FASD not to mention many of its challenges. To Have Fetal Alcohol Awareness Month will provide much needed information, education and recognition that will make FASD Invisible No More. This will be a special opportunity to remind and educate providers of care, systems of care, families, and communities in Hawaii about Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders and the special needs of those affected and their families and the impact on communities.

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Submitted on: 2/3/2020 2:47:38 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/4/2020 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Azuma Chrupalyk	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



HB2046 FASD Awareness Month: September

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH:

- Rep. John Mizuno, Chair; Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
- Tuesday, Feb. 4th, 2020: 8:30 am
- Conference Room 329

Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition Supports HB2046:

GOOD MORNING 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 of over 30 non-profit alcohol and drug treatment and prevention agencies.

We can help the community to better understand Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD):

- The healthcare field can better understand the disorder and reshape some of our interventions to change a child's behavior and improve functionality.
- The community can be part of reducing the prevalence of FASD.
- Throughout a continuum, providers can be empowered to help FASD people reach their full potential.
- By addressing stigma through education, our communities can better understand the complexities of this disability while promoting a more inclusive culture.
- Outcomes can be improved through Medicaid funding.
- Childhood trauma can be reduced by increasing support for high-risk families, building resilience, and improving access to treatment.

Working together, we can join the growing number of states that claim to be a “FASD-Informed State.”

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

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Submitted on: 2/3/2020 9:28:29 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/4/2020 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eri Rodrigues	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

February 3, 2020

To: Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair and the Members of the House Committee on Health

Date and Time of Hearing: February 4, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

Testimony in Support of HB2046 Relating to Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Month

I would like to take this opportunity to express my support on this measure to further develop understanding toward Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder among providers and systems of care as well as all of us as a community in this state of Hawaii. Up to 1 in 20 children in the United States are reported to have Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder. I fully believe that further awareness and education in the community is needed for differences to be made in prevention, identification as well as services and supports to those impacted by Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder including their families.

Thank you for your consideration and providing me this opportunity to express my support toward this measure.

Sincerely,

Eri N. Rodrigues, LSW