

# HAWAII STATE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

**Date:** February 4, 2009

**To:** Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair and Representative Tom Brower, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

**From:** Board of Director for the Hawaii State Coalition Against

**Re:** HB 1200 Relating to an Audit of the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence

**Hearing Date and Time:** Thursday, February 5, 2009

Good morning Representative Mizuno, Representative Brower, and Committee members. The Board of Directors of the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (the Coalition, HSCADV) appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony relating to an audit of the Coalition.

HSCADV is a coalition of programs responding to the problem of domestic violence. It is comprised of the directors of domestic violence shelters, visitation centers, and psycho-educational counseling programs for victims, batterers, and children on each of the islands, as well as Victim Witness Kokua Services of the Honolulu Prosecutor's office, the Domestic Violence Action Center, Hawaii Immigrant Justice Center, and the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii. The purpose of the Coalition is to coordinate efforts to end family violence in Hawaii.

HSCADV provides education and training on family violence to service providers and the public, collects resource materials and serves as a clearinghouse, provides technical assistance on family violence matters, and conducts facilitation when requested by member agencies. HSCADV is involved in the implementation of *Navigating a Course for Peace*, the State of Hawaii Domestic Violence Strategic Plan for 2007-2012.

As a statewide coalition of domestic violence programs, our mission is to ensure the safety and protection of women in intimate relationships by coordinating domestic violence prevention and intervention services, affecting public policy, and establishing coordinated and consistent procedures and actions by the civil and criminal justice systems in Hawaii. While funds do not come through HSCADV, we are concerned about budgets for core services for domestic violence programs and agencies throughout Hawaii.

Every financial transaction completed by HSCADV is reviewed by the CPA firm with which we contract. In addition, our financial records undergo an independent financial audit annually, which is conducted by a different CPA firm. A copy of the most recent audit is being provided to committee members. HSCADV is scheduled for a site visit and routine financial monitoring by the U. S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women on February 13, 2009. We will fully cooperate in an audit by the State of Hawaii if deemed necessary.

We appreciate your consideration of our testimony.

~ Together we can do amazing things ~

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