



HAWAII STATE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

February 11, 2015

To: Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senator Rosalyn H Baker, Vice-Chair

LATE TESTIMONY

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

From: Marci Lopes, Executive Director
Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence

RE: SB 226 – SUPPORT

PLACE: Conference Room 229

DATE and TIME: Thursday February 12, 2015 1:15 p.m.

The Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence is a statewide partnership of 21 domestic violence programs and 9 domestic violence shelter providers on 6 of our Hawaiian Islands. Our mission is to engage communities and organizations to end domestic violence through education, advocacy, and action for social justice.

HSCADV is in support of SB 226. The addition of the definition of "business day" to the offense of abuse of a family or household member. This bill will repeal the forty-eight hour no contact provision and specifies that the period of separation that a police officer shall order the person who the police officer reasonably believes to have inflicted the abuse of a family or household member commences when the order is issued and expires at 6:00 p.m. on the second business day following the day the order was issued.

HSCADV and our membership support all efforts to increase victim safety and to hold abusers accountable.

Thank you for your efforts to make improvements to our system so we can all work to keep victims safe.

Respectfully,

Marci Lopes, Executive Director