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HAWAII STATE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

February 11, 2015

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Josh Green, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING

DATE: Thursday, February 12, 2015
TIME: 2:00 pm
PLACE: Conference Room 016

FROM: Marci Lopes, M.S.

RE: SB 273 Support

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

HSCADV supports efforts being made to improve the identification process. Many victims of domestic violence flee from their homes with the clothes on their backs and become homeless as a result of the violence they have experienced. Because of the nature of leaving a violent situation many victims leave their homes with little or no paperwork or documents. I have seen firsthand victims, and their advocates, struggle with obtaining a new ID card. Without an ID card victims can not obtain a job, or access public benefits, or safe housing they may qualify for. This bill attempts to make applying for an identification card achievable and attainable.

Navigating systems without the proper form of identification is a daunting process, and is a reason some victims feel overwhelmed and make the difficult choice to return to their abuser.

We appreciate your efforts in improving the systems response to victims of domestic violence.

Respectfully,

Marci Lopes
Executive Director

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Testimony for HSH on Feb 12, 2015 14:00PM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sherry Pollack	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support SB273 which allows the examiner of drivers to accept a sworn statement from a victim services organization, attorney, member of the clergy, or medical or health professional as documentary evidence of a homeless person's address, date and place of birth, occupation, or social security number. I work for the Department of Health Hawaii WIC Program and we've been doing something similar to this for years. It's common sense and removes barriers to service so that folks who are truly eligible and in need for services can receive them. This bill is necessary because of the problems lately with enforcement of new laws by the City that have resulted in possessions of homeless families being taken away from them and destroyed. Thank you for your consideration on this issue. Please vote "yes" on this important bill. Sherry Pollack Ahuimanu

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From : Curtis J. Kropar, Executive Director - Hawaiian Hope
Date : February 11th, 2015
To : Hawaii Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing
Re : SB273 - RELATING TO IDENTIFICATION CARDS.

Position : We fully support SB273.

My name is Curtis Kropar, and I am the Executive Director of Hawaiian Hope.

Started in 2006, Hawaiian Hope is a technology based non profit organization. We have 7 distinct projects with each of these projects designed to build on the strengths of technology and to promote a community more familiar with technology while focusing on helping low income households.

Some of our accomplishments :

- One of our primary projects at the core to our success is our computer refurbishing and recycling project. To date we have received as donations well in excess of 30,000 individual items.
- We have refurbished and redistributed as donations nearly 1,000 full computer systems to other non profit organizations, homeless persons, homeless shelters, schools, clean and sober houses, prisoner re-entry programs and low income families.
- We have trained or help with access numerous low income people with skill in computers and technology, helped people get better jobs and helped change lives.

In spite of all of this, I have been told to my face "You are not qualified for a state ID"
What ? ! ?

How **DARE** you tell me I am not qualified for a state ID ?

Here is the problem, and why we **fully** support this bill as written.

Just a few weeks ago, the weekend before Christmas, my mother died. I needed my ID to get on a plane Christmas Day. My State ID had expired. The building where I live has no official address and the Post office does not deliver mail to the building. So when I went to get a new ID, because **ALL** of my mail goes to a PO Box and not a physical street address, the guy at the ID office told me to my face "You are not qualified for a state ID" and has refused to give me a new one. They refuse to even look at the my other documents (Social Security Card and Birth Certificate, Yes I'm a citizen.. hello ???), or take into consideration that I am holding my expire ID in my hand. This is still not resolved.

Without a Current State issued ID: My CURRENT bank will not open a new checking account for me. I can not get into the federal building, I can not get into the office to apply for a passport. I was taken aside and TSA spent 20 minutes searching me at the airport.

If it is so difficult and cumbersome for us with resources to get a valid State ID, then, how much more difficult is it for someone that is homeless to get their State ID under the current laws ?

This demands correction immediately, and why we **fully** support this bill.

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

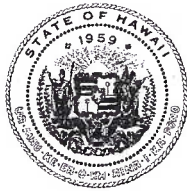
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S.B. 273
RELATING TO IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing

The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) opposes this bill that allows the examiner of drivers to accept a sworn statement from a victim services organization, attorney, member of the clergy, or medical or health professional as documentary evidence of a homeless person's address, date and place of birth, occupation, or social security number.

HDOT believes that this bill violates CFR Title 6, Chapter I, Part 37, Subpart B, Section 37.11 and therefore, if enacted, would jeopardize Hawaii's Real ID compliance certification issued by the Department of Homeland Security as of August 2013.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony.