## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

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 consent task force, established by Act 222, Session Laws of
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 harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence,
 and stalking.

7 The legislature finds that this is a matter of statewide8 concern.

9 The purpose of this Act is to adopt the preliminary10 recommendations of the affirmative consent task force.

SECTION 2. Chapter 304A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to subpart A of part I to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

14 "<u>§304A-</u> Campus safety and accountability. (a) The 15 University of Hawaii shall:



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1	(1)	Train all University of Hawaii students and employees,	
2		including security personnel, Title IX coordinators,	
3		and residential advisors, on:	
4		(A) Public Law 92-318, Title IX of the federal	
5		Education Amendments of 1972, as amended;	
6		(B) The Violence Against Women Act of 1994, as	
7		amended; and	
8		(C) University of Hawaii executive policies on sexual	
9		harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence,	
10		dating violence, and stalking;	
11	(2)	Provide all existing University of Hawaii employees	
12		with training described in paragraph (1) by December	
13		31, 2016, and every two years thereafter;	
14	(3)	Provide all new University of Hawaii employees with	
15		the training in paragraph (1) no later than thirty	
16		days after the date of first employment;	
17	(4)	Provide all students with the training described in	
18		paragraph (1) annually;	
19	(5)	Prohibit any student who does not complete the	
20		training described in paragraph (1) as required by	



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1		paragraph (4) from registering for classes the next	
2		semester and from graduating;	
3	(6)	At each campus of the University of Hawaii system,	
4		designate a confidential advocate for students to	
5		confidentially discuss incidents of, and obtain	
6		information on, sexual harassment, sexual assault,	
7		domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and	
8		related issues;	
9	(7)	Publicize the name, location, phone number, and email	
10		address of the confidential advocate on the respective	
11		campus website; and	
12	(8)	Report all sexual assault cases to the county police	
13		department for investigation.	
14	(b)	All University of Hawaii faculty members are	
15	designate	d as "responsible employees" under Public Law 92-318,	
16	16 Title IX of the federal Education Amendments of 1972, as		
17	amended,	and shall report any violations of University of Hawaii	
18	policies	regarding sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic	
19	violence,	dating violence, and stalking to the Title IX	
20	<u>coordinat</u>	or of the faculty member's campus.	
21	(c)	The following romantic relationships are prohibited:	



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1	(1)	Between a University of Hawaii student and a	
2		University of Hawaii faculty member;	
3	(2)	Between a University of Hawaii graduate student	
4		assistant and a University of Hawaii faculty member;	
5		and	
6	(3)	Between a University of Hawaii graduate student	
7		assistant and a University of Hawaii staff member.	
8	(d)	Any student that reports an incident of sexual	
9	assault,	including incidents where the student reporting is	
10	under the	age of twenty-one and has consumed alcohol, shall not	
11	be subject to disciplinary action by the University of Hawaii		
12	for acts e	evidenced by information provided by the student or	
13	informatio	on obtained based upon information provided by the	
14	student.		
15	<u>(e)</u>	Starting no later than December 31, 2016, the	
16	University	y of Hawaii shall conduct a campus climate survey of	
17	all students every two years. The University of Hawaii shall		
18	submit a p	report to the legislature no later than twenty days	
19	before the	e convening of each regular session that shall include:	
20	(1)	A summary of the most recent campus climate survey	
21		results;	



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1	(2)	Information on the number of sexual assaults that	
2		occurred on a University of Hawaii system campus	
3		within the past five years; and	
4	(3)	Recommendations and efforts to improve campus safety	
5		and accountability.	
- 6	(f)	The University of Hawaii shall establish policies and	
7	procedures to effectuate this section."		
8	SECTION 3. (a) No later than December 31, 2016, the		
9	University	y of Hawaii shall revise, as necessary, all University	
10	of Hawaii	policies regarding:	
11	(1)	Student conduct;	
12	(2)	Nondiscrimination;	
13	(3)	Complaint procedures;	
14	(4)	Campus security;	
15	(5)	Alcohol consumption;	
16	(6)	Housing; and	
17	(7)	Workplace non-violence,	
18	that confl	lict with any University of Hawaii policy regarding	
19	sexual har	cassment, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating	
20	violence,	and stalking, including University of Hawaii executive	
21	policy number 1.204.		



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(b) The University of Hawaii shall enter into memoranda of
 understanding with all county police departments by December 31,
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#### Report Title:

Affirmative Consent Task Force; Campus Safety; Sexual Assault

#### Description:

Requires UH to train employees and students on sexual harassment policies, appoint a campus advocate at each campus for students to discuss incidents of sexual harassment, report sexual assault cases to the police, and conduct a campus climate survey. Prohibits romantic relationships between a UH student and a UH faculty member.

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**UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM** 

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the House Committee on Higher Education Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. By Jan Gouveia Vice President for Administration University of Hawai'i

HB 2772 - RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Chair Choy, Vice Chair Ichiyama, and Members of the House Committee on Higher Education:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on HB 2772 – Relating to the University of Hawaii. While the University of Hawai'i ("University") appreciates the intent of the measure in addressing critical issues relating to sex discrimination and gender violence at the University through the Affirmative Consent Task Force ("Task Force"), we believe it is not appropriate to support HB 2772 at this time primarily because the final report is not due until June 30, 2017.

Act 222, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2015, established an Affirmative Consent Task Force comprised of University employees representing the University System and all ten campuses, community experts, and University students ("Task Force"). We believe the Legislature was prudent in its decision to allow the Task Force until June 30, 2017 to complete the complex and important task of reviewing the University's policy concerning sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. The Task Force is in the best position to consider the various initiatives outlined in this bill, and as evidenced by its first Report to the Legislature, has already begun to address all of the considerations identified in HB 2772. However, the final report is not due until June 30, 2017.

Additionally, we have concerns regarding implementation of HB 2772. Most notably, we oppose the described mandatory notifications of sexual assault cases to law enforcement as reporting to the criminal justice system should always be the victim's choice. Further, while we support the designation of all university employees as Responsible Employees, the University should have the authority to designate confidential offices and maintain privileged communications, as allowable by state law.

Based on the above, the University respectfully opposes HB 2772.

HAWAII STATE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN



Chair LESLIE WILKINS

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- To: Representative Issac Choy, Chair Representative Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair Members of the House Committee on Higher Education
- From: Cathy Betts, Executive Director Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women
- Re: <u>Testimony Supporting Intent Re: HB 2772, Relating to the University</u> of Hawaii, With Comments

As Co-Chair of the Act 222 Affirmative Consent Task Force ("Task Force"), I appreciate the language set forth in HB 2772. Since Act 222 was signed into law by Governor Ige, the Commission has actively taken a role on the Task Force by working with University representatives, community advocates, and victim service providers to develop preliminary recommendations regarding campus sexual violence, sexual harassment, dating violence, and stalking, while also highlighting the mandates found in Title IX, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the Clery Act, and various other intersecting federal and state laws. As our Task Force has an additional year to research, develop, and compile it's final recommendations to the Hawaii State Legislature, we ask for patience in order to fulfill the mandates of Act 222, which are specific, victim centered, and crafted within a framework of a "culture shift" on all University of Hawaii campuses across the state.

As currently drafted, I would recommend that 304 (A) (8) (mandated reporting of sexual assaults to county police departments for investigation) be removed. Victims of sexual violence should always have the power and authority to determine if, when, how, or why they report an instance of sexual violence to law enforcement. Additionally, VAWA (Reauth. 2013) funds are predicated on the premise that reporting to law enforcement shall not be mandatory. Therefore, leaving this provision in the bill could result in loss of VAWA funds for various agencies involved in carrying out this mandate and/or disqualify agencies from applying for VAWA funds in the future for their implication in this section.

In section 304A (8)(b): The Commission requests that additional language is added to further clarify that "confidential advocates" are not "responsible employees". Confidential advocates should not be viewed as mandated reporters (e.g. "responsible employees"). The Commission supports the training provisions as well as the provisions relating to prohibition of certain dating relationships, as this continues to be a major concern. While the Commission applauds this Committee for its commitment to campus safety, I ask for time and patience for our Task Force to continue it's work under the legal mandates of Act 222, recognizing that it is comprised of vigilant advocates who also desire an educational environment free of violence and discrimination and who wish to expedite changes across the University system as well.

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### <u>HB2772</u>

Submitted on: 2/2/2016 Testimony for HED on Feb 4, 2016 14:00PM in Conference Room 309

Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Present at Hearing
Laurie Field	Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii	Support	No

### Comments:

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February 4, 2016

To: Rep. Isaac Choy, Chair Rep. Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair and Members of the Committee on Higher Education

From: Jeanne Y. Ohta, Co-Chair

RE: HB 2772 Relating to the University of Hawaii Hearing: Thursday, February 4, 2016, 2:00 p.m., Room 309

POSITION: SUPPORT

The Hawai'i State Democratic Women's Caucus (HSDWC) writes in support of HB 2772 Relating to the University of Hawaii which seeks to implement the recommendations of the Affirmative Consent Taskforce.

HSDWC has long been concerned over the University of Hawaii's lack of compliance with Title IX. Although some progress has been made in the last year, more needs to be done to bring the UH System into full compliance. Implementing the recommendations of the Affirmative Consent taskforce will move UH along the path of compliance with Title IX. Hawaii's college students deserve a safe environment in which to study. Anything less distracts from their ability to fulfill their educational needs and professional goals.

We respectfully request that the committee pass this measure. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support.



## THE SEX ABUSE TREATMENT CENTER

A Program of Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children

Executive Director Adriana Ramelli	DATE:	February 4, 2016		
Advisory Board	TO:	The Honorable Isaac Choy, Chair		
President Mimi Beams		The Honorable Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair House Committee on Higher Education		
<i>Vice President</i> Peter Van Zile	FROM:	The Sex Abuse Treatment Center		
Joanne H. Arizumi		A Program of Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women and Children		
Mark J. Bennett	RE:	Comments Regarding H.B. 2772		
Andre Bisquera	IXE.	Relating to the University of Hawaii		
Marilyn Carlsmith				
Suzanne Chun Oakland Good afternoon Chair Choy		noon Chair Choy, Vice Chair Ichiyama, and members of the House		
Monica Cobb-Adams	Committee on Higher Education.			
Donne Dawson	The Sex Abuse Treatment Center (SATC) submits the following comments regarding S.B. 2772, which would require the University of Hawai'i (UH) to train employees and			
Dennis Dunn				
Councilmember students on sexual harassment policie		s sexual harassment policies, appoint a campus advocate at each campus to discuss incidents of sexual harassment, report sexual assault cases to		
David I. Haverly		and conduct a campus climate survey, while further prohibiting romantic		
Linda Jameson	relationships between UH students and faculty members.			
Michael P. Matsumoto	SATC conv	CATC converses as a member of the LILL Affirmative Concept Teal/force which was		
Robert H. Pantell, MD	SATC serves as a member of the UH Affirmative Consent Taskforce which was created under Act 222 (2015) in order to review and provide recommendations concerning UH's executive policy on sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking (SSDDS). S.B. 2772 would require UH to enact many of the initial recommendations communicated to the Legislature by the Taskforce's 2015 Report 20 days prior to the convening of the 2016 Legislative Session, with due dates for the implementation of some recommendations.			
Gidget Ruscetta				
Joshua A. Wisch				
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As a member of the Taskforce, we regularly receive updates from various UH sources, including students, UH faculty and staff, and representatives from Campus and System administration concerning UH's progress in implementing the Taskforce's recommendations.

We note that, under the guidance of the newly-established UH System Office of Institutional Equity, UH has begun taking affirmative steps to establish system wide training programs for all UH employees and students regarding the requirements of Title IX, the Violence Against Women Act, and UH policies concerning SSDDS. UH is also beginning to address other policies that are related to issues of SSDDS, including ones applicable to relationships between students and professors and alcohol consumption. Moreover, campuses are proceeding with the identification and publication of confidential resources for advocacy, crisis counseling and other services. We agree that these efforts should proceed to completion with all due haste, but defer to the task force Chair, Ms. Jennifer Rose of the UH Office of Institutional Equity, and Vice Chair, Ms. Catherine Betts of the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women, with respect to the establishment of specific time frames and due dates at this time.

We offer the following suggestions for the revision of H.B. 2772, based on our concern for the safety, health, and well-being of victims as the task force's recommendations are implemented. All of the below-described suggested language for the Committee's consideration is attached with this testimony as Exhibit A.

- We ask that the Committee please consider replacing the words "confidential advocate" with the term "confidential resource" wherever it appears in H.B. 2772. The term "confidential resource" is used in the UH Executive Policy on SSDDS and in the Taskforce Report to the 2016 Legislature.
- With regard to H.B. 2772's Section 2 addition of Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) § 304A – (a)(6), we ask that the Committee please consider adding language excepting mandated reports of child and vulnerable adult abuse from the confidentiality granted to students communications with confidential resources.

If, during discussions with a confidential resource, a university student, employee or other affiliated person discloses information which may cause the confidential resource to believe that child abuse or neglect, as defined in HRS Chapter 350, or vulnerable adult abuse, as defined in Chapter 346, is occurring, and if that resource is required by law based on their profession, licensure/certification, employment or other role to report that abuse to appropriate authorities under HRS Chapters 350 and 346, the abuse should be reported to protect the child or vulnerable adult.

- 3. With regard to H.B. 2772's Section 2 addition of HRS § 304A (a)(7), we ask that the Committee please consider also including language that UH should publicize confidential resource information in written and electronic materials and trainings, in addition to campus websites.
- 4. We ask that the Committee please eliminate the requirement in H.B. 2772's Section 2 addition of HRS § 304A (a)(8) that the University shall report all sexual assault cases to the county police department for investigation.

Nationally accepted best practices for responding to and handling sexual assault cases all recommend that it be the survivor's right to choose whether to report a sexual assault to law enforcement.

5. With regard to H.B. 2772's Section 2 addition of HRS § 304A – (b), we ask that the Committee please consider adding language to exempt any UH faculty members who are designated as confidential resources from also being designated as "responsible employees.

We respectfully note that one cannot both be a confidential resource and comply with the Title IX requirement that responsible employees report all policy violations that come to their attention.

We appreciate the Committee's consideration of these comments.

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**EXHIBIT 1** 

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE, 2016 STATE OF HAWAII H.B. NO. 2772

# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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including security personnel, Title IX coordinators,

and residential advisors, on:

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harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking;

- (2) Provide all existing University of Hawaii employees with training described in paragraph (1) by December 31, 2016, and every two years thereafter;
- (3) Provide all new University of Hawaii employees with the training in paragraph (1) no later than thirty days after the date of first employment;
- (4) Provide all students with the training described in paragraph (1) annually;
- (5) Prohibit any student who does not complete the training described in paragraph (1) as required by paragraph (4) from registering for classes the next semester and from graduating;
- (6) At each campus of the University of Hawaii system, designate a confidential advocate **RESOURCE** for students to

confidentially discuss incidents of, and obtain information on, sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and related issues, **PROVIDED THAT CONFIDENTIAL RESOURCES AND COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE CONFIDENTIAL RESOURCES SHALL NOT BE EXEMPT FROM ANY OTHERWISE APPLICABLE MANDATORY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILD AND VULNERABLE ADULT NEGLECT AND ABUSE AS PROVIDED BY THE HAWAII REVISED STATUTES CHAPTERS 350 AND 346;** 

(7) Publicize the name, location, phone number, and email address of the confidential advocate RESOURCE on the respective campus website, AND IN WRITTEN AND ELECTRONIC MATERIALS AND TRAININGS CONCERNING TITLE IX, THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT, OR UH POLICIES CONCERNING SEXUAL HARASSMENT, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT AND STALKING; and (8) Report all sexual assault cases to the county police

<del>department for investigation.</del>

(b) All University of Hawaii faculty members, EXCEPT ANY FACULTY MEMBERS DESIGNATED AS CONFIDENTIAL RESOURCES, are designated as "responsible employees" under Public Law 92-318, Title IX of the federal Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, and shall report any violations of University of Hawaii policies regarding sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking to the Title IX coordinator of the faculty member's campus.

(c) The following romantic relationships are prohibited:

(1) Between a University of Hawaii student and a University of Hawaii faculty member;

(2) Between a University of Hawaii graduate student assistant and a University of Hawaii faculty member; and

(3) <u>Between a University of Hawaii graduate student assistant</u> and a University of Hawaii staff member.

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(1) A summary of the most recent campus climate survey results;

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## (3) <u>Recommendations and efforts to improve campus safety and</u> accountability.

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(1) Student conduct;

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(3) Complaint procedures;

(4) Campus security;

(5) Alcohol consumption;

(6) Housing; and

(7) Workplace non-violence,

that conflict with any University of Hawaii policy regarding sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, including University of Hawaii executive policy number 1.204.

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#### Report Title:

Affirmative Consent Task Force; Campus Safety; Sexual Assault Description: Requires UH to train employees and students on sexual harassment policies, appoint a campus advocate CONFIDENTIAL RESOURCE at each campus for students to discuss incidents of sexual harassment, report sexual assault cases to the police, and conduct a campus climate survey. Prohibits romantic relationships between a UH student and a UH faculty member.

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Sara Perry	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: While I support parts of this bill, such as hiring staff to deal with sexual harassment issues, etc., I think that lumping in the portion about students not dating professors is a strange bedfellow. At the end of the day, while these behaviors may be completely unprofessional, they are still two adults engaging in adult behavior, which is, at it's core, still going to happen, regardless of legislating against the practice or not. I think the better approach for student/faculty relationships is to create a UH policy with specific consequences, rather than creating law around this very rare instance of poor judgment.

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Testimony of YWCA O'ahu in support of H.B. 2772, Relating to the University of Hawaii

Good afternoon Chair Choy, Vice Chair Ichiyama, and members of the committee. On behalf of YWCA O'ahu we thank you for the opportunity to share our testimony in <u>strong support of HB</u> <u>2772</u> relating to the University of Hawaii.

The incidence of sexual assault on college campuses is shocking and protections for women need to be enforced: one in four college women attending college in the United States are reporting being a victim of rape or attempted rape since their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday. In 2012, University of Hawaii at Manoa reported 11 forcible sex offenses according to a campus report issued in compliance with the Clery Act, which provides guidelines for campus safety and security reporting. Systemwide, the number was 11 in 2012. In 2011, University of Hawaii at Manoa reported 12 assaults with 16 reported system-wide.

We urge the committee to support the Affirmative Consent Task Force's recommendations on the University of Hawaii's executive policy regarding sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Not only does this measure suggest improvements for addressing the existing issue of sexual assault, stalking, etc (i.e. visibility and resources for victims and an increased partnership with local police departments), it also emphasizes system wide implementation of preventative measures such as, comprehensive Title IX trainings, and policies relating to student-faculty relationships.

This bill highlights, enhances and underlines the University of Hawai's commitment to Title IX compliance and ensuring the safety of their students and staff.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.