

- Measure Title: RELATING TO VICTIMS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE.
- Report Title: Health Insurance; Mental Illness Benefits; Covered Services; Case Management Services; Victims of Sexual Violence
- Description: Requires health insurance coverage for case management services by licensed mental health providers for victims of sexual violence.
- Companion:
- Package: Women's Legislative Caucus
- Current Referral: CPH, WAM

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To: Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair Senator Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health

From: Cathy Betts Executive Director, Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women

Re: Testimony in Support, SB 503, Relating To Victims of Sexual Violence

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB 503, which would require insurers to cover complex case management services for survivors of sexual violence.

Trauma from sexual violence can leave lasting and significant impacts on the mental health of survivors. Survivors with mental health conditions can require complex case management, wherein licensed mental health providers assist with linking patients with other service providers and other systems which may be difficult to navigate. Case management by mental health providers is a best practice that is medically necessary for some survivors to recover and heal.

Case management for survivors of sexual violence is not routinely covered by health insurers. Some mental health providers may decline to accept cases that could be complex and potentially difficult to manage. SB 503 remedies this issue by ensuring health insurance coverage for a broad array of mental health services for survivors of sexual violence. The Commission strongly supports the passage of SB 503.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



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January 31, 2017

- TO: The Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection & Health
- FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: SB 503-RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES

Hearing: January 31, 2017, 9:00 a.m. Conference Room 016, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) appreciates the intent of the bill and offers comments.

<u>PURPOSE</u>: The purpose of the bill is to improve mental health service availability for victims of sexual violence who suffer from mental illness.

DHS recognizes the deep trauma that victims of sexual violence can experience, and the need for access to mental health treatment including potentially case management services. Medicaid provides case management services for targeted populations already, although not explicitly for victims of sexual violence. It may be necessary to amend the 1115 waiver to expand to this targeted population. For this reason, DHS requests language that would condition applicability to MQD based on receipt of approval from the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

DATE: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 TIME: 9:00 a.m. PLACE: Conference Room 229

STRONG SUPPORT FOR S.B. 503

Good afternoon Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara and members,

The Coalition is in strong support of this bill, which requires health insurers to provide coverage for case management services by licensed mental health providers for victims of sexual violence.

I personally know the stories of too many women who suffer multiple health issues to include mental health and substance abuse problems. Some of these women are still suffering after 20 years or more. Covering case management for these women will benefit them and the taxpayer, as complex problems that remain unaddressed only get worse and more expensive over time.

According to the Sex Assault Treatment Center, it is estimated that in the U.S. 19.3% of women and 1.7% of men are survivors of rape, and an estimated 43.9% of women and 23.4% of men have experienced other forms of sexual violence in their lifetimes.

In addition to psychotherapy, survivors with mental health conditions can require case management, a professional intervention where a survivor's mental health provider helps the patient to link to and coordinate with other service providers, systems, programs and entitlements.

Unfortunately, case management for survivors of sexual violence is **not** routinely covered by health insurers, which causes some mental health providers to decline to accept cases that could be complex and require substantial unreimbursed services, or to provide a lower level of service than may be needed to appropriately address a survivor's condition.

Mandating case management insurance coverage for those with complex and mental health issues is not only humane but is the smart thing to do. Please pass the important bill out of committee.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify, Ann S. Freed Co-Chair, Hawai`i Women's Coalition Contact: <u>annsfreed@gmail.com</u> Phone: 808-623-5676



January 28, 2017
To: Hawai'i State Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, and the Hawai'i State Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Hearing Date/Time: Monday, January 30, 2017 (9:00 a.m.)
Place: Hawai'i State Capitol, Rm. 229
Re: Testimony of American Association of University Women – Hawai'i in SUPPORT of S.B. 503, relating to victims of sexual violence

Dear Senator Rozalyn H. Baker (Chair), Senator Clarence K. Nishihara (Vice Chair), Senator Jill N. Tokuda (Chair), Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz (Vice Chair), and Members of the CPH and WAM Committees,

I am grateful for this opportunity to testify in **strong support of S.B. 503**, relating to victims of sexual violence.

My testimony is on behalf of the approximately 400 members of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) in Hawai'i, who list gender violence as an important current concern. My testimony is informed by many years of work in the field of domestic violence, and research conducted with survivors of intimate partner violence (IPV). In addition, when I lived in New Zealand, I managed a 24-hour, 7-days/week domestic violence hotline, and I also trained hotline Advocates to respond skillfully and empathetically to survivors of violence. I provided extensive education to Advocates for Women, and also worked with police, courts, and other service agencies on behalf of survivors. Most of the IPV survivors experienced sexual violence.

Based on these experiences, I argue that passage of S.B. 503 is important, with potential to assist survivors of sexual violence, many of whom are unable to get the counseling/mental health services that they need. Most people living here do not realize how many sexually abused survivors surround them. Since I teach "Gender Violence" at UH-Manoa each spring and fall semester, I am highly aware of the excessive number of people affected, and the fact that many of them take years to understand their abusive experiences, and to cope with them successfully. I number myself among this group, and encourage legislators to pass this bill on behalf of many in Hawai'i.

In conclusion, passage of S.B. 503 is an important step in improving justice for survivors of sexual violence. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely Susan J. Wurtzburg, Ph.D.; Policy Chair



| То: | Hawaii State Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health |
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| Hearing Date/Time: | Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2017, 9:00 a.m. |
| Place: | Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 229 |
| Re: | Testimony of Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii in strong support |
| | of S.B. 503, relating to Victims of Sexual Violence |

Dear Chair Baker and Members of the Committee,

Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii ("PPVNH") writes in support of S.B. 503, which seeks to require health insurance coverage for case management services by licensed mental health providers for victims of sexual violence.

PPVNH is dedicated to advocating for women's full equality in health care and we support S.B. 503 because it will ensure that survivors of sexual violence are provided with the care and support they need to recover and heal.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of this important measure.

Sincerely, Laurie Field Hawaii Legislative Director and Public Affairs Manager



January 31, 2017

The Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair The Honorable Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Re: SB 503 – Relating to Victims of Sexual Violence

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Committee Members:

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify on SB 503, requiring health insurance coverage for cases management services by licensed mental health providers for victims of sexual violence. HMSA appreciates the intent of SB 503 and offers the following comments.

The intent of this measure fits with HMSA's broader goal of providing an integrated and coordinated care experience for our members. We believe that this bill may be unnecessary as there is no distinction made when a member has a mental health issue in regards to the suspected cause or reason for the condition.

However, should the Committee wish to advance this bill, we do have the following comments with regard to SB 503:

- Section 2, consider including a definition for licensed mental health provider.
- Section 2, line 10, as written reads: <u>"Case management" includes but is not limited to:</u> The Committee may want to consider amending the bill to remove "but is not limited to" in order to provide greater clarity as to what would be required of the case management services system.
- Plans should be allowed to provide the services directly rather than being required to contract this out. That is the model already in place under the QUEST Integration RFP (for both physical health and mental/behavioral health services).
- Consider amending Section 7 of the bill to change the effective date to apply to all policies, contracts, plans, or agreements issued or renewed in the State after January 1, 2018; this will ensure that that plans and providers have suitable time to implement and operationalize any proposed changes.

SB 503 could potentially require plans to expand the provider types that are currently credentialed to deliver additional case management services to members. We believe that HMSA's existing case management services would likely meet the intent of this measure, however, as currently drafted could expand benefits beyond what plans currently offer, resulting in additional administrative and financial costs.

Thank you for allowing us to provide these comments on SB 503.

Sincerely,



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Mark K. Oto Director, Government Relations.

THE SEX ABUSE TREATMENT CENTER

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

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| Executive Director Adriana Ramelli | Date: | January 31, 2017 |
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| Marilyn Carlsmith | RE: | Testimony in Strong Support of S.B. 503 |
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| Monica Cobb-Adams | | ing Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Senate on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health: |
| Donne Dawson | | |
| Dennis Dunn | | ouse Treatment Center (SATC) strongly supports S.B. 503, which requires |
| Councilmember Carol Fukunaga | | ers to provide coverage for case management services by licensed mental iders for victims of sexual violence. |
| David I. Haverly | la de a l·la los | |
| Linda Jameson | | d States, it is estimated that 19.3% of women and 1.7% of men are rape, and an estimated 43.9% of women and 23.4% of men have |
| Michael P. Matsumoto | | d other forms of sexual violence in their lifetimes. Trauma from this |
| Robert H. Pantell, MD | | n have significant, lasting impacts on mental health that interfere with a |
| Joshua A. Wisch | survivor's fi | unctional ability to engage and interact with the world. |
| | In addition t | to psychotherapy, survivors with mental health conditions caused in whole |

е or in part by the violence can require case management, a professional intervention where a survivor's mental health provider helps the patient to link to and coordinate with other service providers, systems, programs and entitlements. Some examples of case management provided by SATC therapists to survivor patients include communicating and coordinating with schools, pediatricians, gynecologists, primary care providers, child welfare services, other therapists, employers, social security administrators, and insurers.

These services are particularly responsive to some survivors' need for assistance coping with stressors that they experience in daily life, but which their mental health may not allow them to functionally address. As such, case management by mental health providers is a best practice that is medically necessary for some survivors to recover and heal, and can help them to avoid additional harm and decompensation. It is also consistent with a healthcare approach that invests in services that prevent the need for more costly interventions, such as hospitalization.

Unfortunately, case management for survivors of sexual violence is not routinely covered by health insurers, which causes some mental health providers to decline to accept cases that could be complex and require substantial unreimbursed services, or to provide a lower level of service than may be needed to appropriately address a survivor's condition.

SATC notes that this contributes to a significant capacity issue that prevents survivors from accessing services in the community and reduces their options for treatment.

S.B. 503 is narrowly tailored to remove this barrier, by ensuring that health insurance coverage for mental health services includes both case management and psychotherapy, and accurately reflects the range of medically necessary care that is needed for survivors of sexual violence to recover and heal.

Therefore, we respectfully urge you to support S.B. 503.



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To: Hawaii State House Committee Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Hearing Date/Time: Tuesday, January 31, 2017, 9:00 AM

Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 229

Re: Testimony of YWCA O'ahu in support of S.B 503

Good morning Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health. On behalf of YWCA O'ahu we thank you for the opportunity to share our testimony in strong support of SB 503, which requires health insurers to provide coverage for case management services by licensed mental health providers for victims of sexual violence.

The YWCA O'ahu manages the women's work furlough program for the state. Trauma, including sexual violence, leads the path to incarceration for many women. Without treatment, the issues from the violence plague the person and can manifest in unhealthy and dangerous ways. However, with treatment the person is better able to lead a productive, normal life.

An integral part of treatment is the support of a skilled mental health case manager. The case manager assists the person in recovery and healing by communicating and coordinating with systems, programs, and people. Although this seems a simple task, communicating and coordinating, the stress it brings can be overwhelming and can cause additional harm to the survivors when attempted on their own. Unfortunately, case management for survivors of sexual violence is not routinely covered by health insurers, which causes some mental health providers to decline to accept cases that could be complex and require substantial unreimbursed services, or to provide a lower level of service than may be needed to appropriately address a survivor's condition. This bill would ensure health insurance coverage for mental health services includes case management.

Case management is a critical piece of treatment for survivors of sexual violence. I respectfully urge you to support SB 503. Thank you for your consideration and for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.

Kathleen Algire Advocacy Coordinator

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| Betty Sestak | AAUW Windward | Support | No |

Comments:

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COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH Sen. Roslyn Baker, Chair Sen. Clarence Nishihara, Chair Tuesday, January 31, 2017 9:00 a.m. Room 229

SUPPORT FOR SB 503 - COVERED SERVICES FOR SEX ASSAULT SURVIVORS

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara and Members of the Committee!

My name is Kat Brady and I am the Coordinator of Community Alliance on Prisons, a community initiative promoting smart justice policies in Hawai`i for two decades. This testimony is respectfully offered on behalf of the almost 6,000 Hawai`i individuals living behind bars or under the "care and custody" of the Department of Public Safety. We are always mindful that approximately 1,400 of Hawai`i's imprisoned people are serving their sentences abroad thousands of miles away from their loved ones, their homes and, for the disproportionate number of incarcerated Native Hawaiians, far from their ancestral lands.

Community Alliance on Prisons supports this measure that provides insurance coverage for survivors of sexual assault. This is probably one of the most traumatic things a person could go through and it is only humane and compassionate to provide the array of services that people need.

Hawai'i is lucky to have the services provided by the Sex Abuse Treatment Center to our people who have enduring this tremendous violation and we support their testimony on this bill.

Mahalo for caring about our community and allowing us to testify in support of SB 503.

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| sarah shewmaker | Individual | Support | No |

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| Krista Anderson | Individual | Support | No |

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| Marci Lopes | Individual | Support | No |

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SB 503: RELATING TO VICTIMS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE. Requires health insurance coverage for case management services by licensed mental health providers for victims of sexual violence.

DATE: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 TIME: 9:00 a.m. PLACE: Conference Room 229 State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street

Name: E-mail: Testifying on behalf: Testifier Position: Testifying in Person: Tori-Lyn P. Smith torilyns@hawaii.edu Individual Strongly Support No

Testimony:

Aloha mai,

Sexual assault and violence is a growing trend in our society. According to the Sex Abuse Treatment Center, in the U.S. 1 in 5 women (18.3%) has been sexually assaulted within her lifetime. This includes both completed and/or attempted forced penetration as well as substance-facilitated competed penetration (as cited in Black, et al. 2011). Also, nearly 1 in 71 men (1.4%) in the U.S. have reported being sexually assaulted.

Shockingly, when examining Hawai'i data and statistics 1 in 7 women (14.2%) in Hawai'i has experienced a completed forcible rape during their lives (as cited in Ruggiero, Kilpatrick 2003). Lastly, "over 40 percent of female victims of completed rape were first rape before the age 18 and more than one-quarter of male victims of completed rape were first raped before the age of 11" (as cited in Black et al., 2011).

There are long-term effects of sexual victimization. These can be exacerbated if the victim does not receive proper treatment. According to the Sex Abuse Treatment Center, sexual assault survivors are **three times more likely to be diagnosed with major depressive disorder episodes** than the general public, and are **four times more likely to have contemplated suicide and 13 times more likely to have attempted suicide** (as cited in Schafran, 1996). Sexual victimization has been "associated with severe and enduring behavioral consequences for victims, including increased drug and alcohol use, domestic violence, depression, suicide and teenage pregnancy" (Seymour et al. 1992).

There are already a wide variety of barriers to treatment for victims of sexual assault (i.e. stereotypes and attitudes regarding sexual violence; shame or fear, etc.) and the fact that victims are usually unable to use their health insurance coverage for clinical provider services makes seeking treatment much more difficult for these victims.

Currently, services for victims of sexual assault and violence are non-reimbursable by health insurance unless there is a co-occuring diagnosis. This leaves a large gap in services for clients immediately after victimization. Under this proposed bill, case management services would qualify for coverage reimbursement and would eliminate this particular barrier to treatment. Clinical providers and case managers will be able to provide services without worrying about insurance re-imbursement or seeking payment directly from clients.

Because of all the information cited above, I am in strong support of SB503.

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| Judy McCluskey | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: I am in support of SB 503 because survivors of sexual violence could be anyone, men, women and children, me or you. Surviving does not mean becoming whole again--it is a long, sad process that requires compassion, and skilled guidance along the road to recovery. Without passage of this bill, many will not have access to mental health services they need. Undoubtedly the number of citizens affected by sexual violence is far more than is openly visible, because victims may remain suffering in silence. Please provide justice and a chance for recovery by supporting SB 503.

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Dear Senators

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in SUPPORT of SB 503.

I am writing to you as a retired holder of a Master's Degree in Counseling. Early in my career I provided counseling to high school and middle-school aged girls who had been sexually assaulted (many of them by adult male members of the household or extended family). There is no way on paper to adequately describe the emotional and mental health damage caused by sexual abuse and rape – it lasts for a lifetime. Counseling and behavioral health treatment is essential to a victim's recovery process. Often such treatment and support is provided by multiple agencies and licensed professionals. Case Management is essential to the effective coordination of care for these victims.

In addition to psychotherapy, survivors with mental health conditions caused in whole or in part by the violence associated with sexual assault and rape requires case management. Case management is a professional intervention that helps the patient to link to and coordinate with other service providers, systems, programs and entitlements. Some examples of case management include communicating and coordinating with schools, pediatricians, gynecologists, primary care providers, child welfare services, other therapists, employers, social security administrators, and insurers. Often the victims of sexual assault/rape are not well enough to coordinate all of these services themselves.

These services are particularly responsive to some survivors' need for assistance coping with stressors that they experience in daily life, but which their mental health may not allow them to functionally address. As such, case management by mental health providers is a best practice that is medically necessary for some survivors to recover and heal, and can help them to avoid additional harm and decompensation. It is also consistent with a healthcare approach that invests in services that prevent the need for more costly interventions, such as hospitalization.

Unfortunately, case management often is not covered by insurance, and accordingly is then not available to sexual assault victims. Insurance coverage for case management is essential to ensuring that these victims get all of the treatment they need to recover from their assault/rape, and also move forward to productive lives.

SB 503 ensures health insurance coverage for case management services which from my professional experience is essential to ensuring that sexual assault/rape victims receive the medically necessary care that is needed to recover and heal.

Therefore, I respectfully urge you to support S.B. 503.

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| Tristan D Holmes | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: While the prosecution of perpetrators of sexual violence is of the utmost importance to prevent future violence, this does not help the victims of that violence to a greater extent. The case management services that this bill will provide are necessary the help victims heal the wounds, physical and emotional, of sexual violence. Moreover, as only physically and mentally healthy individuals can maximize this contribution to society, the care this bill provides will be an investment in allowing victims to return to a normal productive lifestyle. If you do not vote in support of this bill for the sake of compassion victims of sexual violence, please at least vote yes for the sake of Hawaii's long term economic interests.

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| Cynthia Baylor | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: I am currently a graduate social work student at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. I am writing in support of this bill. Social workers see the impact of sexual violence on the victims and their families. As sexual violence cannot be predicted, the victim may find himself or herself in need of mental health services in order to deal with the trauma of this type of crime. The victim should not have to shoulder the burden of paying for costly mental health treatment. I believe that this bill would provide the support for victims of sexual assault that they need.

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| Joy Nelson | Individual | Support | No |

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| Mary Regina Miller | Individual | Comments Only | No |

Comments: As a victim of sexual abuse myself, I plead for you to do the right thing and insure mental health care for all victims of sexual abuse.

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