



**TESTIMONY OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE, 2020**

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**ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:**

H.B. NO. 1650, RELATING TO SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE COLLECTION KITS.

**BEFORE THE:**

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

**DATE:** Thursday, January 30, 2020

**TIME:** 2:45 p.m.

**LOCATION:** State Capitol, Room 325

**TESTIFIER(S):** Clare E. Connors, Attorney General, or  
Lance Goto, Deputy Attorney General

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Chair Lee and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General (Department) supports this bill.

The purpose of this bill is to extend the deadline for the county police departments to adopt and utilize an electronic tracking system for sexual assault evidence collection kits.

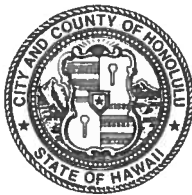
Act 113, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, required each county police department to establish an electronic tracking system for sexual assault evidence collection kits no later than January 1, 2020. The tracking system is intended to ensure that the kits are properly accounted for and that the victims have the ability to follow up on the testing of their kits. The county police departments, in coordination with the Hawaii Sexual Assault Kit Initiative, have been working with the Portland police department to implement the sexual assault management system (SAMS), a tracking system developed by the Portland police department. But due to various operational and technical issues, the police departments were unable to implement SAMS by January 1, 2020. Because of the difficulties in implementation of SAMS, the police departments are now working with the Department of the Attorney General and the Portland police department to utilize SAMS-Track, a simplified version of SAMS that may not have the same implementation issues, and may be established as a statewide system, rather than four independent county systems. An extension of the January 1, 2020, deadline

is necessary for this purpose. The Department defers to the county police departments on the length of the extension they will need.

The Department respectfully requests that this measure be passed.

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January 30, 2020

The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Judiciary  
House of Representatives  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 325  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Lee and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 1650, Relating to Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits

I am Forensic Laboratory Director Wayne Kimoto of the Scientific Investigation Section of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports the intent of House Bill No. 1650, Relating to Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits, to extend the deadline for each county police department to adopt and utilize an electronic tracking system for sexual assault evidence collection kits.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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Wayne Kimoto, Director  
Scientific Investigation Section

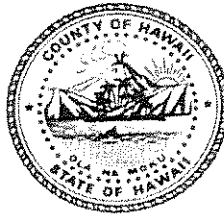
APPROVED:

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## OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL NO. 1650

### A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE COLLECTION KITS

#### COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Rep. Chris Lee, Chair

Rep. Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair

Thursday, January 30, 2020, 2:45 p.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

Honorable Chair Lee, Honorable Vice Chair San Buenaventura and Members of the Committee on Judiciary. The Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Hawai'i submits the following testimony in SUPPORT of House Bill No. 1650.

This measure changes the deadline for the counties to adopt and utilize electronic tracking systems for sexual assault evidence collection kits.

The Hawai'i Police Department moved expeditiously to implement a sexual assault kit management system, adopting a recommendation by Hawai'i Sexual Assault Response Training (HSART) multi-disciplinary group that county police departments install a sexual assault management system (SAMS) developed by the Portland Police Department.

SAMS was shared across the country utilizing federal grant funding through Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI). This system was designed to interface with police department records management system (RMS). After installation, we encountered numerous problems, primarily the loss of data.

Portland Police Department has since developed an improved and simpler product "SAMS Track" which does not require interface with the police department's RMS. Its success in Portland since May 2019, has led to its adoption statewide in Oregon by the end of July 2020.

Like SAMS, the technology is available to us at minimal cost due to federal funding through SAKI. In addition to tracking sexual assault cases, SAMS Track is easy to use through a mobile app and has the added feature of a victim portal which will enable people to track their kits anonymously to determine if the evidence was submitted for testing.

The Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Hawai'i SUPPORTS the passage of House Bill No. 1650. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



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January 29, 2020

The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair  
The Honorable Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair  
and Members of the Committee on Judiciary

**LATE**

House of Representatives  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**RE: House Bill No. 1650 - Relating To Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits**

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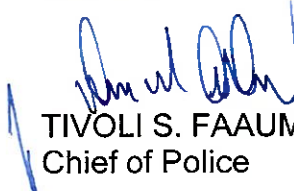
The Maui Police Department SUPPORTS the passage of H.B. No. 1650.

Currently, our tracking system for sexual assault evidence collection kits is up and running; however we are experiencing glitches within our current system. We are therefore requesting an extension to iron out these glitches.

The Maui Police Department asks that you support the passage of H.B. No. 1650.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

  
TIVOLI S. FAAUMU  
Chief of Police

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**THE HONORABLE CHRIS LEE, CHAIR  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2020  
State of Hawai'i**

January 30, 2020

**RE: H.B. 1650; RELATING TO SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE COLLECTION KITS.**

Chair Lee, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and members of the House Committee on Judiciary, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu ("Department") submits the following testimony in support of H.B. 1650.

Despite diligent efforts by this Department and all members of the Hawaii Sexual Assault Initiative ("SAKI") team, more time is needed to find and implement an appropriate electronic tracking system, as required by Act 113 (2018).

For this reason, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu joins in the request for an extended deadline, and supports the passage of H.B. 1650. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

**HB-1650**

Submitted on: 1/28/2020 3:25:53 PM

Testimony for JUD on 1/30/2020 2:45:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Victor K. Ramos	Maui Police Department	Support	No

Comments:

MPD is almost there. We just need a little more time.



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Date: January 28, 2020

To: The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair  
The Honorable Joy San Buenaventura, Vice Chair  
Committee on Judiciary

From: Cindy Shimomi-Saito, Executive Director  
The Sex Abuse Treatment Center  
A Program of Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children

RE: Testimony in Support of H.B. 1650  
Relating to Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits

Hearing: Thursday, January 30, 2020, 2:45 p.m., Conference Room 325

Good afternoon Chair Lee, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

The Sex Abuse Treatment Center (HSART) supports H.B. 1650.

In accordance with Act 113, members of the Hawai'i Sexual Assault Response and Training Program (HSART), meet regularly to strengthen coordinated community response and improve the level of quality care for victims of sexual assault. Many efforts through HSART have been initiated and completed, and members remain committed to coming together to continue this important work.

To ensure that victims remain informed of the status of their sexual assault evidence collection kit, law enforcement members of this group have been working to establish an electronic tracking system. As a member of HSART, the SATC has witnessed much effort put forth by each county police department to achieve this goal. However, unexpected operational and technical challenges have presented, and there is a need for an extension of the system's implementation date.

It is strongly hoped that the House Judiciary Committee will pass H.B.1650. With this needed extension, victims of sexual assault will soon be able to utilize the tracking system and will be empowered to access needed information on their own.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.





**HB-1650**

Submitted on: 1/29/2020 5:44:55 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dr. Guy Yatsushiro	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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**HB-1650**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dara Carlin, M.A.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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**HB-1650**

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Testimony for JUD on 1/30/2020 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments:

**HB-1650**

Submitted on: 1/30/2020 12:42:52 PM

Testimony for JUD on 1/30/2020 2:45:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andre Bisquera	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please allow more time to get this tracking system established. Thank you.