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February 11, 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. 2050, H.D. 1, Relating to Temporary Restraining Orders,

Protective Orders, and Injunctions

I am Randall Platt, Captain of the Criminal Investigation Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports House Bill No. 2050, H.D. 1, Relating to Temporary Restraining Orders, Protective Orders, and Injunctions.

The HPD agrees with the legislature that temporary restraining orders, protective orders, and injunctions against harassment for a minor typically expire when the minor reaches the age of 18. The 18 year old then has to go to court and refile the order or injunction, a process which can be physically and emotionally difficult and traumatic especially if the hearings are repeatedly continued. This bill clarifies that the effective period of the original temporary restraining order, protective order, or injunction may extend to a fixed, reasonable date after the minor has reached the age of 18.

The HPD urges you to support House Bill No. 2050, H.D. 1, Relating to Temporary Restraining Orders, Protective Orders, and Injunctions.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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APPROVED:

Susan Ballard Chief of Police Sincerely.

Randall Platt, Captain Criminal Investigation Division

<u>HB-2050-HD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/10/2020 2:19:08 PM

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Hawaii Children's Action

Network

Hawaii Health & Harm

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Hawaii Student Television

Ho'ola Na Pua

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Kokua Kalihi Valley

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Maui Youth and Family Services

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Center

The Catalyst Group

February 10, 2020

To: Representative Chris Lee, Chair

And members of the Committee on Judiciary

<u>Testimony in Support of HB 2050 HD1 Relating to Temporary</u> Restraining Orders, Protective Orders and Injunctions

Hawaii Youth Services Network, a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, supports HB 2050 HD1 Relating to Temporary Restraining Orders, Protective Orders and Injunctions.

Currently, restraining orders, protective orders and injunctions protecting minors expire on the individual's 18th birthday no matter what the time period is between the issuance of the order and the time the minor reaches legal adulthood.

For example, a restraining order issued a week before the minor's 18th birthday would be in effect for only one week. Then the individual must go through the entire process of seeking a restraining order all over again.

Inevitably, there is a period of time when the person in need does not have this legal protection in place and is more vulnerable to harm. The process of seeking a restraining order, protective order or injunction can be difficult and traumatic for these young people. It also creates additional workload for an overloaded judicial system.

Allowing restraining orders, protective orders and injunctions issued for minors to extend beyond their 18th birthday will increase safety, reduce trauma, and increase efficiency of the judicial system.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely.

Judith F. Clark, MPH Executive Director

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To: Chair Lee

Vice Chair San Buenaventura Members of the Committee

Fr: Nanci Kreidman, MA,

CEO, Domestic Violence Action Center

Re: HB 2050 HD1; Strong support

Thank you for placing this Bill on your agenda for consideration. We offer testimony to support this initiative which represents a positive change that would impact many young victims experiencing harm from teen dating violence.

Our current law requires that, restraining orders, protective orders and injunctions protecting minors expire on the individual's 18th birthday, no matter what the time period is between the issuance of the order and the time the minor reaches the legal age of 18.

We currently require young victims of teen relationship violence and their families to return to court and begin the process all over again, but now as an 18 year old adult. Going through the process as an adult is terrifying, yet we are requiring our youth to endure this process multiple times. This process is also placing an additional financial burden on the victims. We currently have 2 victims on our Teen Alert Program case load who are 17 and will have to endure the entire process again to remain safe and free from harm.

HB 2050 HD1 will advance safety, and hope for young victims across our state.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



February 10, 2020

Members of the House Committee on Judiciary:

Chair Rep. Chris Lee

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Rep. Ryan I. Yamane

Rep. Cynthia Thielen

Re: HB2050 HD1 Relating to Domestic Violence.

Dear Chair Lee, Vice San Buenaventura and Members of the House Committee on Judiciary:

The Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (HSCADV) engages communities and organizations to end domestic violence through education, advocacy, and action for social justice. HSCADV is a private, not-for-profit organization and is a statewide partnership of domestic violence programs and shelters.

On behalf of the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (HSCADV) and our 23 member programs statewide, I respectfully submit this testimony in support of HB2050 HD1 which clarifies that the effective period of a temporary restraining order, protective order, or injunction restraining any party from contacting, threatening, or physically abusing a minor may extend to a date after the minor has reached 18 years of age.

Requiring survivors who reach the age of 18 years old to refile a protection order or injunction exposes them to revictimization and traumatization while also compromising their safety when having to face their abuser again. We also have heard from programs that abusers use the current age limit to threaten survivors when the restraining order expires.



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We support the passing of this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Angelina Mercado Executive Director, Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence





TO: Chair Lee, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Members of the House Committee on Judiciary

FROM: Ryan Kusumoto, President & CEO of Parents And Children Together (PACT)

DATE/LOCATION: February 11, 2020; 2:00 p.m., Conference Room 325

RE: <u>TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2050 HD 1– RELATING TO TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDERS, PROTECTIVE ORDERS, INJUNCTIONS</u>

We ask you to support HB 2050 HD 1 which clarifies that the effective period of a temporary restraining order, protective order, or injunction restraining any party from contacting, threatening, or physically abusing a minor may extend to a date after the minor has reached 18 years of age.

Currently, restraining orders, protective orders and injunctions protecting minors expire on the individual's 18th birthday no matter what the time period is between the issuance of the order and the time the minor reaches legal adulthood. This process of seeking a restraining order, protective order or injunction can add additional stress for young adults and their families and cause trauma to resurface, especially if they must re-do the process once the order expires at age 18. The long-lasting effects of trauma do not expire. This bill eliminates the automatic termination of the order and allows the order to continue to a reasonable date after the child has reached 18 years of age. This bill is important to minimizing backlog in our court system, protecting our young adults and minimizing additional trauma.

Founded in 1968, Parents And Children Together (PACT) is one of Hawaii's not-for-profit organizations providing a wide array of innovative and educational social services to families in need. Assisting more than 15,000 people across the state annually, PACT helps families identify, address and successfully resolve challenges through its 18 programs. Among its services are: early education programs, domestic violence prevention and intervention programs, child abuse prevention and intervention programs, childhood sexual abuse supportive group services, child and adolescent behavioral health programs, sex trafficking intervention, poverty prevention and community building programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support of HB 2050 HD 1**, please contact me at (808) 847-3285 or rkusumoto@pacthawaii.org if you have any questions.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
MARSHA H BOLSON	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My testimony supports HB 2050 that extends the effective period of a temporary restraining order that protects a minor from contact, threats or abuse to a date after the minor has reached 18 years of age. Currently, restraining orders, protective orders and injunctions protecting minors expire on the individuals' 18th birthday, and if an extension of the protection is needed, young victims of domestic violence must return to court and begin the process all over again.

This process is a terrifying, time-consuming and expensive process, yet we are requiring our youth to endure this process multiple times to maintain their protection.

HB 2050 HD1 will ease the administrative burden and improve safety and hope for young domestic violence victims across our state. Mahalo.

Marsha H. Bolson

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Mike Golojuch	Individual	Support	No	Ī

Comments:

I support the intent of HB2050.

Mike Golojuch, Sr.