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The Honorable Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair and Members Committee on Human Services and Homelessness House of Representatives Hawaii State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street, Room 329 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair San Buenaventura and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 2050, 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, 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, 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

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COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & HOMELESSNESS

Rep. Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair Rep. Nadine K. Nakamura, Vice Chair



DATE: Wednesday, January 29, 2020

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 329

STRONG SUPPORT FOR HB2346 relating to Temporary Restraining Orders (TROS)

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Nakamura and members,

The Coalition is in strong support of this bill. Young survivors of relationship abuse occasionally need court orders to help them become safe. Current law allows a parent or caregiver to obtain a restraining order on their behalf. But, these orders expire when the youth turns 18, and becomes an "adult".

The logic of this escapes us as abusers don't magically stop their abuse just because the survivor is now legally adult. Please remove this barrier that involves the re-traumatization of appearing in court, having to face the abuser, and re-living the victimization

This Bill eliminates the automatic termination of the order, granted to the minor child, and allows the original order to continue to a date after the child has reached eighteen years old. Please pass this important bill out of committee.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify, Ann S. Freed Co-Chair Emeritus, Hawaii Women's Coalition