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Honorable Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
Honorable Representative Kim Coco Iwamoto, Vice Chair
House Committee on Public Safety

Hawai'i House of Representatives
415 S Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Senate Bill 3083 SD 2 (Relating to Protective Orders.)

Dear Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Iwamoto, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of military families stationed in the State of Hawai'i, I would like to provide comments **in strong support** of the provisions reflected within Senate Bill (SB) 3083 SD 2, which aims to protect victims of interpersonal violence by strengthening information-sharing and collaboration between military and civilian law enforcement.

Addressing this important policy in Hawai'i is of great significance to the Department and Military Services with nearly 58,000 active-duty, National Guard and reserve military members and over 21,000 spouses of military members stationed and living in the State. Our service members hold a crucial role in protecting the interests of the United States both at home and abroad and ensuring our overall national security. Through development of interpersonal violence policies at the state level that facilitate enhanced implementation at local levels, states can help empower victims, deter offenders, and create an environment for military families that ensures their well-being and enhances their resilience and readiness.

Interpersonal violence, which includes a continuum of harm from harassment to domestic abuse, directly impacts military readiness. When these harmful behaviors involve military personnel, they often cross between military and civilian jurisdictions. Interpersonal violence extends well beyond an individual victim, as the effects of violence directly impact all our service members, their families, the units to which they are assigned, and our greater national security. Without coordinated communication between civilian and military authorities, offenses can go unaddressed, leaving victims at risk and undermining a commander's ability to ensure the welfare of their unit. SB 3083 provides two essential solutions to bridge this jurisdictional gap:

- **Enhances Information-Sharing:** The bill facilitates reciprocal information-sharing between appropriate civilian and military authorities to protect victims. While commanders are required¹ to notify civilian authorities of MPOs, no reciprocal requirement exists for local agencies to notify the military of incidents or protective orders involving service members. SB 3083 closes this critical communication gap, ensuring military commanders can take appropriate action to stop abuse, support victims, and maintain unit accountability and cohesion.
- **Strengthens Collaboration and Coordination Efforts:** This measure strengthens collaboration by mandating that Hawaii's judiciary, county police, and state law enforcement partner directly with military law enforcement and commands. This required collaboration focuses on jointly developing the official policies, procedures, and training necessary to implement the law, ensuring a unified and effective response to protect victims.

These provisions directly complement federal law² and the Department's own efforts³, including our Family Advocacy Program⁴, to prevent and respond to interpersonal violence. By strengthening the partnership between state and local agencies and military authorities, this legislation will improve the well-being of our service members and their families, thereby enhancing the readiness of our force and ensuring our national security.

We thank the Committee for considering this important legislation and are especially grateful for the tremendous efforts Hawai'i continues to make in support of our service members and their families.

Sincerely,

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¹ U.S. Code Title 10 Section 1567a. *Mandatory notification of issuance of military protective order to civilian law enforcement*, <https://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?req=granuleid:USC-prelim-title10-section1567a&num=0&edition=prelim>

² 32 CFR part 61, *Family Advocacy Program (FAP)*, March 2015, <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-32/subtitle-A/chapter-I/subchapter-D/part-61>

³ DoD Instruction 6400.06 *DoD Coordinated Community Response to Domestic Abuse Involving DoD Military and Certain Affiliated Personnel*, Dec 2021: <https://www.esd.whs.mil/Portals/54/Documents/DD/issuances/dodi/640006p.pdf>

⁴ DoD Instruction 6400.01 *Family Advocacy Program (FAP)*, May 2019: <https://www.esd.whs.mil/Portals/54/Documents/DD/issuances/dodi/640001p.pdf>



The Judiciary, State of Hawai‘i
Ka ‘Oihana Ho‘okolokolo, Moku‘āina ‘o Hawai‘i

Testimony to the Thirty-Third Legislature, 2026 Regular Session

House Committee on Public Safety
Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
Representative Kim Coco Iwamoto, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 411 & Videoconference

By

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Bill No. and Title: Senate Bill No. 3083, Senate Draft 2, Relating to Protective Orders.

Purpose: Requires notification to the security forces of each branch of the military when a protective order is issued in a case involving a military-affiliated individual. Requires the Judiciary, Department of Law Enforcement, and county police departments to establish certain policies and procedures. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary supports Senate Bill No. 3083. We thank the Senate Committee on the Judiciary for adopting our suggested amendment on Senate Bill No. 3083 to narrow notice to only designated security force. The companion House Bill No. 2264 also adopted this amendment. This amendment provides for the appropriate framework and procedure to carry out the intent of this bill while taking into consideration the needs of each agency. We urge the Committee on Public Safety to offer its ongoing support of this bill at this time.



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Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 3083.

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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 3083 SD2
RELATING TO PROTECTIVE ORDERS
BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

BY

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March 15, 2026

Aloha Chair Della Au Belatti, Vice-Chair Kim Coco Iwamoto, and Members of the Committee:

I am Brigadier General Walter Ross, Director of the Joint Staff, Hawaii National Guard, State of Hawaii, Department of Defense.

I am presenting this testimony in **SUPPORT** of SB3083 SD2.

The primary objective of this legislation is to establish a requirement for notifying the security forces within each branch of the military whenever a protective order is issued in cases involving individuals who have military affiliations, such as active service members, veterans, or their dependents.

This bill is designed to facilitate timely intervention in potentially dangerous situations, thereby decreasing the risk of repeated instances of violence. By ensuring that military security forces are immediately informed of protective orders, the legislation aims to enhance collaboration among various agencies and organizations involved in maintaining safety and security. Additionally, this measure emphasizes the importance of protecting the confidentiality of the individuals involved and safeguarding their rights through due process protections, ensuring that the enforcement of these measures does not infringe upon personal liberties. Ultimately, the legislation seeks to foster a safer community by proactively addressing and mitigating risks associated with domestic violence and other threats.

The Hawaii National Guard, Department of Defense, supports this bill provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Budget.

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Statement of
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Wednesday, March 18, 2026
9:30 AM

State Capitol, Conference Room 411
TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB3083 SD1
RELATING TO PROTECTIVE ORDERS.

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Iwamoto, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Military and Community Relations Office (MACRO) within the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, I respectfully submit testimony in **strong support** of this measure.

Hawai'i is home to one of the largest per-capita military populations in the nation. Active-duty service members, reservists, National Guard members, veterans, and their families are integral members of our communities. When domestic violence occurs within these households, victims often navigate both civilian and military systems that have not had an established arrangement for communicating with one another.

SB3083 SD1 requires the Judiciary, county police departments, and the Department of Law Enforcement to work in consultation with designated military security forces to establish interagency policies and procedures, while safeguarding victim confidentiality, protecting due process, and ensuring compliance with applicable federal and state laws.

By building these procedures collaboratively, this measure enhances both public safety and trust across systems that serve military and civilian populations alike. SB3083 SD1 would meaningfully improve coordination, strengthen protections, and support victims across systems rather than leaving them to navigate those systems alone.

Mahalo for your consideration and the opportunity to testify.



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SB3083, SD2
RELATING TO PROTECTIVE ORDERS.

Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Iwamoto and members of the Committee:

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism **supports** SB3083, SD2 which requires notification to the security forces of each branch of the military when a protective order is issued in a case involving military-affiliated individual.

Service members and their families are valued members of our communities who contribute economically, socially, and culturally. When domestic violence occurs within military households, victims often navigate both civilian and military systems which do not currently have a connected notification arrangement in place.

In requiring timely information notification between the local police, the Judiciary, the Department of Law Enforcement, and the military, individuals under protective orders have a greater chance for safety.

Notifying military security forces allows military commands to remain aware and ensure compliance. This system will deter escalation and reduce the risk of repeated violence.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

SB-3083-SD-2

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Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and members of the committee,

I am writing in **strong support of SB3083**, which requires notification to the security forces of each branch of the military when a protective order is issued in a case involving a military-affiliated individual. This bill closes a critical gap in communication between our state judiciary, law enforcement agencies, and the military—a gap that has left survivors vulnerable and command structures unaware of threats within their ranks.

When a protective order is issued, those who need to know should know. For military families, this includes the chain of command. Commanding officers have both authority and responsibility when it comes to service members accused of domestic violence. They can impose military protective orders, restrict access to weapons, and enforce consequences that civilian courts cannot. But they can only act if they know a problem exists. Currently, there is no consistent, reliable mechanism for ensuring that notification occurs.

SB3083 establishes that mechanism. The bill requires the Judiciary, the Department of Law Enforcement, and county police departments to establish policies and procedures ensuring that when a protective order involves a military-affiliated individual, the relevant military security forces are notified. This is not about duplication; it is about coordination. It ensures that the protective ring around a survivor extends onto the installation, into the workplace, and throughout the service member's entire chain of command.

This is especially critical given Hawai'i's large military population. Thousands of active-duty service members and their families call our islands home. When domestic violence occurs in these families, the stakes are uniquely high. Commanders need to know. Security forces need to know. And survivors need to know that every possible layer of protection is being activated on their behalf.

Notification saves lives. In too many cases, gaps in communication have allowed abusers to continue their behavior unchecked—moving between civilian and military jurisdiction, falling through cracks in both systems. SB3083 closes those cracks. It ensures that a protective order issued in a Hawai'i courthouse is not just a piece of paper, but a trigger for action across every institution with the power to protect.

I urge you to pass this bill. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

