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February 11, 2026

Honorable Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Honorable Senator Chris Lee, Vice Chair
Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs

Honorable Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Honorable Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair
Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs

Hawai'i State Senate
415 S Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

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

Dear Chairs Fukunaga and Wakai, Vice Chairs Lee and Chang, and Members of the Committees:

On behalf of the U.S. Department of Defense and 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, 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 Hawaii'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>

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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 3083
RELATING TO PROTECTIVE ORDERS
BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
AND
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

BY

BRIGADIER GENERAL WALTER R. ROSS, JR.
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February 11, 2026

Aloha Chair Fukunaga, Chair Wakai, Vice-Chair Lee, Vice-Chair Chang, and Members of the Committees:

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.

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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SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Friday, February 13, 2026
3:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

SB3083
RELATING TO PROTECTIVE ORDERS.

Aloha Chairs Fukunaga and Wakai, Vice Chairs Lee and Chang, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism supports SB3083.

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.



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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB3083
RELATING TO PROTECTIVE ORDERS.

Aloha Chairs Fukunaga and Wakai, Vice Chairs Lee and Chang, 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. This information gap places victims at increased risk and can delay critical intervention.

This bill addresses that gap in a balanced and practical manner by requiring timely information sharing between the Judiciary, county police departments, the Department of Law Enforcement, and military security forces when a protective order is issued.

Ensuring that military security forces are notified within twenty-four hours allows commands to take appropriate action, reinforce compliance, and provide additional oversight where necessary. Earlier awareness supports accountability, helps prevent escalation, and strengthens coordination among agencies responsible for safety and enforcement.

Furthermore, SB3083 requires the Judiciary, county police departments, and the Department of Law Enforcement to work in consultation with 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 would meaningfully improve coordination, strengthen protections, and support victims across systems rather than leaving them to navigate those systems alone.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.



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

Testimony to the Thirty-Third Legislature, 2026 Regular Session

Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs

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Senate Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs

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Friday, February 13, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 016 & Videoconference

By

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Family Court of the First Circuit
'Aha Ho'okolokolo 'Ohana o ke Ka'apuni 'Ekahi

Bill No. and Title: Senate Bill No. 3083, 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.

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary appreciates the intent of this bill and respectfully requests that this matter be **deferred** for the reasons set forth below.

While the stated purpose of this bill limits the notification requirement to Orders for Protection involving “military-affiliated” individuals, this bill, as currently written, would actually require the Judiciary to transmit notice of every Order for Protection to each of the security forces of the various branches of service in addition to the appropriate county police department, and the Department of Law Enforcement.



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In pertinent part, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes (HRS) § 586-10 (a) of this bill specifically states, “Any order for protection granted pursuant to this chapter shall be transmitted by the clerk of the court within twenty-four hours to the ... security forces of each branch of the military.” (Emphasis added.) On its face, therefore, the bill requires every Order for Protection to be transmitted to every branch of the military. Even if the bill is, in fact, intended to limit the transmittal of Orders for Protection to those cases involving a “military-affiliated individual”, it will be impossible for the Judiciary to verify who is a “military-affiliated individual”. Since the Judiciary does not have access to the military’s personnel records, the courts would still have to send every Order for Protection to each and every branch of service to ensure that no individual who may be a “military-affiliated individual” is missed. Presently, pursuant to HRS § 586-10 the Court provides notice to the appropriate county police department. This bill would increase the agency notifications by 600%, leading to a significant increase in the workload for court staff, which may require additional positions and funding. The various military branches, on their end, would also be receiving a lot of paperwork that might not even apply to any of their servicemembers. The Judiciary also notes that the various military branches would not (and could not) actually be required to do anything with the Orders for Protection that they receive.

In 2025, Family Courts statewide granted approximately 1,529 Orders for Protection, of which approximately 832 were granted in the First Circuit which is currently the only circuit with a unit dedicated to receiving and processing Temporary Restraining Orders (TRO). Even with a dedicated TRO unit, the challenges presented by this bill would be enormous. For the neighbor islands, who do not have a dedicated TRO unit, the challenge would be even greater.

Historically, the courts have been able to work successfully in concert with our military stakeholders. For example, the First Circuit has utilized the attached form, in conjunction with a fax transmission, to notify the Hawai‘i Armed Services Police (“HASP”) liaison of an Order for Protection. (See attachment). This worked very well until (apparently) some point in or around 2024 when there was no longer an assigned HASP Liaison Officer. The First Circuit TRO Unit’s fax transmissions continued to go through successfully until approximately July 2025. The Court was, therefore, unaware that notifications were not reaching a HASP Officer, let alone that there was no assigned HASP Liaison Officer. Since learning of this, the First Circuit has been able to re-establish contact with a newly assigned HASP Liaison Officer.

In addition, each quarter the lead judge of the First Circuit’s TRO division convenes a focus group of stakeholders that work in the areas of domestic and intimate partner violence. This is an open group with attendees from various community organizations (i.e., the Hawai‘i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the Domestic Violence Action Center, Parents and Children Together, etc.), court personnel, and law enforcement. This focus group has recently expanded to include representation from the central and rural patrol divisions of the Honolulu Police Department, in addition to the Records Division, who had been longtime regular attendees. Although an invitation was also extended to HASP, a representative was unable to attend the last meeting, held in January 2026.



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It is the Judiciary's belief that the intent of this bill can be accomplished within the TRO focus group, or a similar arena, without amending the existing statutes and potentially increasing governmental operating expenses.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB3083.



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First Circuit Court – State of Hawaii Judiciary

Court Officer: Phone:

CASE NAME: _____

1FDA Number: _____

According to the Petitioner, Respondent is a service member of the following:

- US Army / Reserve
- US Marine Corp / Reserve
- US Navy / Reserve
- US Air Force / Air Guard
- US Coast Guard / Auxilliary

COURT ORDER ATTACHED:

- Petition for an Order for Protection; TRO; Notice of Hearing
- Order for Protection
- Order Regarding Order for Protection
- Amended / Extended Order for Protection
- Order Regarding / Amending TRO
- Order Continuing Hearing and Amending TRO
- Order Dissolving TRO
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Testimony for PSM on 2/13/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
HSDWC	Testifying for Hawai`i State Democratic Women`s Caucus	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Fukunaga, Chair Wakai and members,

We are in support of this common-sense measure to forestall potential disconnects between civilian courts and the military with respect to protective orders issued against members of the military.

Mahalo,

Ann S. Freed, Co-Chair For HSDWC



HAWAI'I STATE
COALITION AGAINST
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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February 13, 2026

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Re: SB3083 Relating to Protective Orders

Dear Chairs Fukanaga and Wakai, Vice Chairs Lee and Chang, and Members of the Senate
Committees on Public Safety & Military Affairs and Energy & Intergovernmental Affairs:

The Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (HSCADV) mission is to unite
Hawai'i to end all forms of domestic violence. We are a statewide partnership of domestic
violence programs and shelters.

On behalf of HSCADV and our 20 member programs, I respectfully submit testimony in
support of SB3083 and offer an amendment to address the Judiciary's concerns.

Given Hawaii's large military population, ensuring appropriate notification when a
respondent is military-affiliated may enhance victim safety and support compliance with court
orders. We appreciate the operational concerns raised by the Judiciary, particularly that the
bill's current language appears to require transmission of all Orders for Protection to all military
branches and that the Judiciary lacks independent access to military personnel records to verify
military status. However, a solution already exists.

The Family Court Petition for an Order for Protection, used statewide, includes fields
that allow petitioners to identify whether the respondent is a member of the armed services or
otherwise military-affiliated. Rather than requiring universal transmission, the statute could be
amended to require notification only when military affiliation is indicated on the petition. See
the [First Circuit Petition](#) as an example.

This would:



- eliminate the need for the Judiciary to independently verify military status;
- address concerns regarding administrative burden and unnecessary notifications; and
- preserve the bill's core safety objective by ensuring notification when military involvement is relevant.

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

Sincerely,
Angelina Mercado, Executive Director

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Submitted on: 2/10/2026 7:05:53 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/13/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mike Golojuch, Sr.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB3083. Please pass this bill.

Mike Golojuch, Lt Col, USAF(Ret)

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Submitted on: 2/10/2026 7:06:02 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/13/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michele Golojuch	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I stand in full support of this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2026 9:47:36 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/13/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Deanna Espinas	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Measure requires serious review of civil protective orders involving military-affiliated individuals. Thank you for addressing this.