ACT 65

H.B. NO. 1116

A Bill for an Act Relating to Courts.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Chapter 607, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"\$607- Exemption of costs and fees. Persons subject to domestic abuse, abuse of family or household members, stalking, or sexual assault shall be exempt from paying the costs and fees prescribed in this chapter in connection with filing, issuance, registration, or service of a protection order, or a petition for a protection order, warrant, or witness subpoena issued for the purpose of preventing violent or threatening acts or harassment against, or contact or communication with or physical proximity to, another person. For purposes of this section, the term "protection order" means any temporary or final order of protection, a restraining order, or an injunction involving domestic abuse, abuse of family or household members, stalking, or sexual assault issued by a civil or criminal court, other than a support or custody order."

SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.1

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 19, 2003.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.