

**SB-2795-SD-2**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Younghi Overly	AAUW of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:



**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: March 12, 2020; 2:31 p.m., Conference Room 325**

**RE: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 2795 SD 2– RELATING TO ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY**

**We ask you to support SB 2795 which appropriates funds for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) position, operating costs, and equipment to support the Office of the Lieutenant Governor in administering the Address Confidentiality Program.** This critical funding would provide personnel to operate the Address Confidentiality Program, which was established with the creation of Act 115 in 2018. This will enable us to join the 36 other states who have launched address confidentiality programs helping to protect victims of crimes such as sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking.

The address confidentiality program will keep survivors safe and allow them to focus on putting the pieces of themselves and their lives back together to become healthy and whole again. All survivors deserve to be safe. All people deserve to be safe. With laws in place that help to protect their safety, we can all work together to help them triumph over trauma and focus on their positive future story.

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 **strong support of SB 2795 SD 2**, please contact me at (808) 847-3285 or [rkusumoto@pacthawaii.org](mailto:rkusumoto@pacthawaii.org) if you have any questions.

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Don Aweau	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Important position to empower the Lt. Governor's office to support victims of domestic violence. Urge committee members to vote passage of this bill. Mahalo.

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Caroline Kunitake	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Lee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary,

I am writing in support of SB2795 SD2.

We need to protect survivors of domestic abuse, sexual assault, stalking and so forth by facilitating a way for these survivors to receive mail at a confidential address.

I remember being stalked for my last six months in graduate school in California. I couldn't wait to leave the area in order to get away from my stalker. He was crazy and mentally ill. A temporary restraining order didn't keep him away.

I knew that I would eventually leave the area after graduation. Hawaii, my home, was an ocean away from California. I knew when I returned home to the safety of my family and friends, I could wake up from the stalking nightmare. Fortunately I escaped the situation without being physically harmed.

The reality is that some people cannot move away from their abuser or stalker. Therefore it is imperative to implement legislation to protect/hide the physical location of the survivor.

Please pass this bill to protect the innocent.

Mahalo,

Caroline Kunitake

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Mike Goljuch, Sr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Dara Carlin, M.A.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: