

HCR 32

hscadv **HAWAII STATE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

TO: Chair Senator Chun-Oakland, Vice Chair Senator Ihara and members of the Committee on Human Services

FROM: Ana Maring, Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence amaring@hscadv.org

Date: March 17, 2008 at 1:15 p.m.

RE: HCR 32 WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Aloha, my name is Carol Lee and I represent the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (HSCADV). HSCADV is a private non-profit agency which serves as a touchstone agency for the majority of domestic violence programs throughout the state. For many years HSCADV has worked with the Hawaii Legislature by serving as an educational resource and representing the many voices of domestic violence programs and survivors of domestic violence.

HSCADV supports HCR 32.

Violence against women is epidemic in our society. On average, more than three women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends in this country every day. For many years women have banded together to speak back to the issue of violence against women. In the more recent past men have begun to step forward and speak out on this issue – sharing their concern for the women in their lives and urging men to live non violent lives.

The White Ribbon Campaign is an international campaign of men working to end violence against women. The focus is on educating men and boys. The white ribbon is a personal pledge to never commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women and girls.

HSCADV considers men's participation in the effort to end violence against women essential and currently supports a statewide men's network dedicated for this purpose called MOVERS.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

TO: Senator Chun-Oakland, Chair
Senator Ihara, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Human Services

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DATE: March 17, 2009

RE: Support for HCR32

Please support HCR32 that asks to establish a White Ribbon campaign to call an end to men's violence against women.

As a survivor of domestic violence, I am raising my son to respect women by living as a woman my son will respect, but that's only 1/2 of the equation. In order for him to really "get" the message that violence against women is wrong - particularly against someone he'd love or who becomes the mother of his children - he needs more than just my voice of encouragement; he needs men and male role models to look up to and emulate but when you survey the landscape of today's male role models, you don't find many (if any) who are willing to take a stand against men's use of violence against women.

Just recently pop music icon, Chris Brown, was discovered to have beaten his girlfriend, another pop music icon, Rhianna. Within days the focus of this incident became not about how to help her or prevent this from happening to other women, but why he did what he did to her: growing up in a home where he witnessed the use of violence against his own mom by his step-father.

Our boys and young men need male role models to look up to like the Jonas Brothers, who endured harsh scrutiny and mockery for openly wearing Promise Rings (rings that proclaim chastity until marriage) - but who in Hawaii will serve as non-violent role models for our young men? Imagine what it would be like for our boys and young men to see our men and elders wearing White Ribbons that signified their commitment to ending violence against women. What kind of an impact would that make? What kind of an impact **could** that make? We'll never know without your support on this measure.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Most respectfully,

Dara Carlin, M.A.

Independent Domestic Violence Survivor Advocate

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HCR32

Senate Human Services Committee

Tuesday, March 17, 2009

2:00 p.m.

My name is *Keone De Freitas* and I am testifying in SUPPORT of HCR32. I think it is important to get men and boys involved in ending violence against women. I think that the white ribbon campaign is important in creating good fathers and husbands by raising awareness about domestic violence.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.