



GOV. MSG. NO. 1104

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DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

April 11, 2016

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on April 11, 2016, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2310

RELATING TO DOMESTIC ABUSE PROTECTIVE
ORDERS
ACT 004 (16)

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Approved by the Governor

on APR 11 2016

THE SENATE
TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE, 2016
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 004
S.B. NO. 2310

JAN 22 2016

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DOMESTIC ABUSE PROTECTIVE ORDERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that mutual orders of
2 protection are protective orders issued against both parties to
3 a dispute. Usually mutual protective orders are issued after
4 one of the parties petitions for a protective order. While
5 protective orders are intended to protect a victim of abuse from
6 imminent threat of abuse or further domestic abuse, mutual
7 protective orders can present a variety of problems that may be
8 contrary to the purpose of a protective order.

9 Mutual protective orders may trivialize the domestic abuse
10 and may place blame on the victim rather than hold the abuser
11 accountable. Instead, the victim may be stigmatized by the
12 mutual protective order.

13 The purpose of this Act is to prohibit the court from
14 granting mutual protective orders unless separate petitions are
15 filed.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 586, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§586- Mutual protective orders. No protective order
5 shall be entered against the plaintiff in the same petition
6 unless:

- 7 (1) The respondent properly files a separate petition; and
8 (2) The plaintiff has reasonable notice of the filing of
9 the separate petition."

10 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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APPROVED this 11 day of APR, 2016



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII