July 2, 2019

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

This is to inform you that on July 2, 2019, the following bill was signed into law:

SB1037 SD1 HD1 CD1 RELATING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.
ACT 175 (19)

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I:

SECTION 1. Section 709-906, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (8) to read as follows:

"(8) Where the physical abuse consists of intentionally or knowingly causing bodily injury by impeding the normal breathing or circulation of the blood [of the family or household member] by [applying]:

(a) Applying pressure on the throat or the neck with any part of the body or a ligature;

(b) Blocking the nose and mouth; or

(c) Applying pressure to the chest,

abuse of a family or household member is a class C felony; provided that infliction of visible bodily injury shall not be required to establish an offense under this subsection.

For the purposes of this subsection, "bodily injury" shall have the same meaning as in section 707-700."

SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun before its effective date.
SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

APPROVED this 02 day of JUL, 2019

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I
S.B. No. 1037, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Date: April 26, 2019
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2019.

[Signature]
President of the Senate

[Signature]
Clerk of the Senate
We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019.

Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives

Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives