

**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF BARBERING AND COSMETOLOGY**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INTRASTATE COMMERCE

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2017

Wednesday, February 15, 2017
9:00 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 680, RELATING TO INTIMATE PARTNER
VIOLENCE.**

TO THE HONORABLE TAKASHI OHNO, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on House Bill No. 680, Relating to Intimate Partner Violence. This bill proposes to require persons licensed under HRS chapters 438 and 439 to obtain training that would enable them to be aware of and recognize signs of intimate partner violence shown by their beauty culture or barbering clients. Should a licensee observe indications that the client is experiencing such violence, the licensee would then have been trained and provided with resources to address the problem, such as referring the client to the appropriate social services or domestic violence organizations.

At the time of this writing, the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology ("Board") had not yet met to consider this proposal. At the next scheduled meeting on Monday, February 13, 2017, the Board will discuss and determine its position on this measure. Therefore, a representative of the board will be available to convey this information to

the committee at this hearing and to answer any questions that the committee may have.

There is one point however, that needs to be clarified in this bill. In addition to barbers, cosmetologists, estheticians, hairdressers, nail technicians, and beauty instructors, licensees under HRS chapter 438 and 439 include barber shops, beauty shops, and beauty schools. These entities would not be able to participate in the proposed awareness training; therefore, the bill should clarify that the training would be required of individual licensees.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on House Bill No. 680.



February 11, 2017

To: Hawai'i State House Committee on Intrastate Commerce, and the
House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce
Hearing Date/Time: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 (9:00 a.m.)
Place: Hawai'i State Capitol, Rm. 429
Re: Testimony of American Association of University Women –
Hawai'i in **SUPPORT of H.B. 680**, relating to intimate
partner violence

Dear Representative Takashi Ohno (Chair), Representative Isaac W. Choy (Vice Chair),
Representative Angus L. K. McKelvey (Chair), Representative Linda Ichiyama (Vice
Chair), and Members of the Committees,

I am grateful for this opportunity to testify in **strong support of H.B. 680**, relating to
intimate partner violence.

My testimony is on behalf of the approximately 400 members of the American
Association of University Women (AAUW) in Hawai'i, who list gender violence as an
important current concern. My testimony is informed by many years of work in the field
of domestic violence, and research conducted with survivors of intimate partner violence.
In addition, when I lived in New Zealand, I managed a 24-hour, 7-days/week domestic
violence hotline, and I also trained hotline Advocates to respond skillfully and
empathetically to survivors of violence. I provided extensive education to Advocates for
Women, and also worked with police, courts, and other service agencies on behalf of
survivors.

Based on these experiences, I argue that passage of H.B. 680 is important, with potential
to improve assistance offered to survivors of intimate partner violence (IPV) in Hawai'i.
Women often disclose intimate details of their lives while getting their hair cut, or
learning about makeup application, or skin care. For this reason, cosmetologists and
barbers are well placed to provide information about services in Hawai'i, and to suggest
referrals. Sympathy is not enough. Women need knowledge to help them survive and
escape their violent circumstances. Often, they need to hear this information multiple
times from different sources before they risk asking for help. This bill has great potential
for contributing to a multi-pronged information-provision strategy in Hawai'i.

In conclusion, passage of H.B. 680 is an important step in improving information
provision to IPV survivors. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely

Susan J. Wurtzburg

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Comments: I was a licensed social worker addressing abuse cases in my prior career, I agree with this bill. Easy to implement -- could have profound positive support for a abuse victim.

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TO: Chair Takashi Ohno
Vice Chair Isaac W. Choy
Members of the Committee on Interstate Commerce

FR: Nanci Kreidman, M.A.
Chief Executive Officer

RE: SB 680

Aloha! Thank you for considering the need for attention and training designed for the benefit of hairdressers, and others in related roles – professionals who may find themselves in a position of detecting or receiving confidential disclosures about partner abuse.

Although some training is better than none, preparing people with information on a one time basis or for such a short period of time may be insufficient to reach the goal. Partner abuse is a complex issue, largely misunderstood by the public and other intervenors. Learning about it in one hour would be impossible. Requiring more may be a deterrent to participation or passage of this Bill. However, the good intention could be disrupted if the guidance shared is not aligned with best practice, or potentially harmful to decisions made by those in risky relationships.

It may be wise to require a three hour training, at the very least. This would provide more time to describe the dynamics of abuse, understand the barriers for survivors, and be introduced to the community of resources available to assist.

Thank you for allowing us to participate in this community discussion.

Sincerely,

Nanci Kreidman, M.A.
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