



Rep. John Mizuno, HUS Committee Chair House Human Services Committee Chair,  
Representative John Mizuno, has scheduled a

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Informational Briefing for

**this Monday, FEBRUARY 7th at 8:30am**

in State Capitol Room #329.

**Purpose:** To hear about what happens to DV victims once they've "successfully left" their abusers - primarily focused on how DV survivors lose custody of their children in family court child custody proceedings and how DV statutes aren't being applied.

***Click the "read more" to find how you can participate***

**Examples:**

- Despite having a TRO, the judge orders you to give your contact and/or residential information to your perp or his attorney to "facilitate cooperation".
- Despite a history of DV, your perp gets full or shared custody (in contradiction to state statute 571-46(9) that says a perp shouldn't be awarded sole or joint custody).
- Despite your perp's ongoing abusive behaviors towards you and/or your children, visitation is increased, goes to UNSupervised or YOU'RE put in supervised visitation.
- A third party service provider on your case (like CPS, GAL, Custody Evaluator, therapist, your own attorney, etc.) doesn't/didn't "get" domestic violence (or had no clue what was going on) and took your perp's side; resulting in your loss of custody or restricted visitation.
- YOU were labeled as the perp/HIS violence against you was ignored.

**THREE WAYS to participate:**

1. Come to the Informational Briefing - (if not to share, then just to lend support to your sisters), wear purple
2. Submit your story (2-pages or less) to: [HUSTestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:HUSTestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov) no later than the afternoon of Sunday, February 6th.
3. Print out the Flyer attached below, make copies and distribute in your courthouse parking

lot or any other place you feel would be effective.

### Points of note

- If you submit your story, you DON'T need to name names (but it would make it more real/authentic if you did).
- If you wish to remain anonymous, [let Dara Carlin know](#) and she'll guide you so you'll be safe-guarded
- Like the regular legislative hearings, there is always media potential. Please bear that in-mind. This includes details included in your written testimony.
- If going public concerns you, please [contact Dara Carlin](#) . There are steps that can be taken to safeguard you. Representative Mizuno is fully aware of the risk you take in coming forward and WILL protect you to the best of his ability.
  
- Simple things like wearing a hat/sunglasses or sitting behind the camera's range can help to keep you anonymous. Last year, camera operators were respectful enough to keep cameras off survivors and focused on Rep. Mizuno instead.
- If your case is closed and your children are grown, please come to be the voice of experience; if you were spared the family circus and the law WAS applied in your case - that's EXTREMELY VALUABLE for the legislators to know too (cause that's our point; apply the law and we're kept safe)

PLEASE forward this alert to every DV survivor you know who has been failed by the system designed to protect.

Your voice DOES count! You are NOT alone!

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