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SCR 91 goes to House Committees: Protects Domestic Abuse victims

Dear Editor:

SCR 91 is truly life-saving legislation for Domestic Violence survivors and their children. It has gone COMPLETELY UNOPPOSED in all committees and we even have the support of the Judiciary. The SCR has changed from an audit to an investigation. Status and testimony can be viewed here:

http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2010/lists/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=SCR&billnumber=91

After it was adopted by the Senate last Friday, it was referred to four committees in the House...JUD, LMG, HUS and FIN...crazy. Anyone that wants to stop judges from giving children back to their abusers and the abusers of their protective parent, please contact your Reps today and tomorrow.

More information can be found on AngelGroup, (<http://www.angelgroup.org>), a grassroots advocacy organization that calls for accountability in Hawaii's judiciary, social services and support services.

This CRITICAL ISSUE of the broken family court system was broadcast on The Dr. Phil Show (see below) this week. It hallmarks a NATIONAL EFFORT to expose what is happening to DV cases in the family court system. As the home state of our President, Hawaii should be the leader. When the time comes - and it will come - the Hawaii legislature will look amazing for taking initiative on this effort. Over 100 protective parents so far have asked to be interviewed and KHON HAS indicated an interest to interview.

The goal is to make things right and to ensure better protections for victims who flee domestic violence relationships NOT to get people "in trouble" so please please provide as much coverage as possible for SCR91!

Thank you for your time and please don't hesitate to contact DV advocate/survivor, Dara Carlin (breaking-the-silence@hotmail.com) with any questions or concerns. You can also contact AngelGroup (info@angelgroup.org)

Hawaii is not exempt from the very problems identified in Dr. Phil's show and these are the reasons behind SCR91.

We are fighting to save Hawaii's children and protective parents! Please do what you can and be part of the solution! Show your support at the legislative level AND in print!

Most respectfully,
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Survivor/DV Advocate

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