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Testimony COMMENTING on HB866
RELATING TO HEALTH CARE

REP. GREGG TAKAYAMA, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: February 7, 2025

Room Number: 329

1 **Fiscal Implications:** \$75,000 general fund appropriation.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports the intent of HB866, which
3 is to ensure access to reproductive health and family planning services. DOH is actively working
4 with community partners to secure a supply of mifepristone. HB866 may supplement those
5 efforts by securing additional doses.

6 The department recommends amendments that permit the greatest degree of flexibility and
7 options as the situation develops.

8 **Offered Amendments:**

9 SECTION 2. The department of health shall [~~purchase and~~
10 ~~store a one-year supply~~] coordinate the stockpiling of
11 mifepristone, in quantities as determined by the department of
12 health[~~-~~] that is no less than a one-year supply statewide.
13 [~~The department of health shall coordinate with one or more~~
14 ~~pharmacies located in the State to purchase the supply.~~]

1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$75,000 or so much
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 for the
4 purchase [~~of a one-year supply~~] of mifepristone.

5 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
6 health for the purposes of this Act.

7 SECTION 4. This Act, upon its approval, shall take effect
8 on July 1, 205.

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DATE: February 5, 2025
TO: House Committee on Health
FROM: Jennifer Kagiwada, Council Member District 2
SUBJECT: HB 866

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Committee Members,

I am testifying in support of HB 8666, which directs the Department of Health to purchase and store a 1 year supply of mifepristone by working with 1 or more pharmacies in the State. All people in Hawai‘i – regardless of income, gender identity, or type of insurance – should have access to the full range of preventive sexual and reproductive health services. With abortion no longer protected at a federal level and potential Affordable Care Act (ACA) attacks in the future, Hawai‘i should take measures as outlined in this bill to provide assurances that our people have access to the medications that they may need in the future. As mifepristone has a five-year shelf life, this seems like a worthwhile investment to make at this time.

All people deserve equal access to health care and the freedom to decide whether to become a parent or grow a family, and all people deserve access to preventive services that keep them healthy. Please support this bill to ensure that all people in Hawai‘i have access to the care they need!

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jenn Kagiwada".

Jenn Kagiwada



To: House Committee on Health
Hearing Date/Time: Friday February 7th, 8:45AM
Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Room 329
Re: Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB866

Dear Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and the Members of Committee, Members of AAUW of Hawai'i thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of HB866 which would direct the Department of Health to purchase and store a 1 year supply of mifepristone.

While reproductive rights were strengthened with Act 2 in 2023 and abortion is legal in Hawai'i, the threats to our reproductive healthcare including abortion options are under threat. Legislative efforts and legal challenges from anti-abortion state lawmakers in the continent which could lead to nationwide restrictions. The Comstock Act, an 1873 anti-vice law banning the mailing of obscene matter, could be used to ban abortion medication nationwide.

Therefore, the members of AAUW of Hawai'i strongly support HB866. Please pass this measure and mahalo for hearing this bill.

Sincerely,
Younghee Overly
AAUW of Hawai'i Public Policy Committee

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) of Hawai'i is an all-volunteer, statewide chapter of a national organization and is made up of six branches: Hilo, Honolulu, Kaula'i, Kona, Maui, and Windward O'ahu. AAUW's mission is to advance gender equity through research, education, and advocacy. Our goal is economic security for women in Hawai'i .



TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB866, RELATING TO HEALTH CARE

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
February 7, 2025

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Members of the House Health Committee:

The Democratic Party of Hawai'i **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** HB866, RELATING TO HEALTH CARE. Pursuant to the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, the Party supports women's equality and the right to privacy. We believe in reproductive freedom and choice, with access to safe and legal abortion services.

This bill reaffirms Hawai'i's commitment to reproductive rights by ensuring access to abortion care and stockpiling a one-year supply of mifepristone. This legislation is a necessary and proactive measure to protect bodily autonomy, safeguard healthcare access, and uphold the privacy rights enshrined in our state constitution.

Hawai'i has long been a leader in reproductive freedom. As the first state to legalize abortion in 1970 and with the codification of the right to privacy in our state constitution in 1978, Hawai'i has consistently recognized the importance of allowing individuals to make personal healthcare decisions free from government interference. However, in the wake of the Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, which overturned nearly fifty years of federal precedent on reproductive rights, it is imperative that our state takes decisive action to maintain access to essential reproductive healthcare services.

This bill takes two crucial steps to protect reproductive rights:

1. **Reaffirming Hawai'i's Commitment to Bodily Autonomy and Privacy:**
By explicitly stating that the rights of equality, liberty, and privacy under the Hawai'i State Constitution include the right to make reproductive

healthcare decisions, this bill strengthens existing protections against potential legal challenges and external interference.

2. **Stockpiling Mifepristone to Ensure Continued Access to Medication**

Abortion: Given that medication abortion accounts for approximately 63% of abortion procedures, securing a stable supply of mifepristone is a prudent and necessary measure. With the potential for disruptions in the national supply chain and shifting federal regulations, Hawai'i must take proactive steps to ensure uninterrupted access to this safe and effective medication.

Other states, including California, New York, Massachusetts, and Washington, have already implemented policies to stockpile abortion medications in anticipation of supply chain disruptions or legal restrictions. Hawai'i should follow suit by securing a one-year supply of mifepristone through the Department of Health, ensuring that individuals continue to have access to reproductive healthcare regardless of future uncertainties.

The appropriation of \$75,000 for this purpose is a small but critical investment in the protection of reproductive rights. Ensuring the availability of mifepristone aligns with Hawai'i's long-standing commitment to privacy, autonomy, and equitable healthcare access. It also guarantees that individuals in our state—especially those in rural or underserved communities—can continue to make deeply personal decisions regarding their health without unnecessary barriers.

We urge you to support HB 866 to protect reproductive freedom, uphold constitutional rights, and ensure continued access to essential healthcare for all individuals in Hawai'i.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify in strong support of HB866, RELATING TO HEALTH CARE. Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact the Democratic Party of Hawai'i at legislation@hawaiidemocrats.org.

To: Committee on Health
Hearing Date/Time: Friday, February 7, 2025. 8:45 AM
Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Room 329
Re: Testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT of HB 866**



Dear Rep. Gregg Takayama, Chair, Rep. Sue L. Keohokapu-Lee Loy, Vice Chair and the Members of Committee,

Members of *Indivisible Hawai'i* thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support/support of HB 866 which would create a stockpile of the abortion medication Mifepristone to assure that, regardless of action taken at the federal level, Hawai'i's residents still have access to essential reproductive health services. We also recommend that the Department of Health collaborate and share resources with states that have experience with stockpiling mifepristone, such as California and Washington State – if they have not already done so.

65 to 70% of abortions in Hawai'i are via medication. Mifepristone is used in over 60% of U.S. abortions. Mifepristone is now available from certified providers via mail and at pharmacies for use up to 10 weeks' gestation. However, women's access to mifepristone still largely depends on state law, with only about half of U.S. states allowing full access. In 2023, several states led by Democratic governors, including Massachusetts, California and Washington State began stockpiling doses of drugs used in medication abortions, amid fears that a court ruling could restrict access to them. Most stockpiled mifepristone, which has a shelf life of 5 years. California also stockpiled misoprostol, with a shelf life of 2 years. California reported in June 2024 their stockpiles had been depleted. As of October 2024, at least two states, Washington State and Massachusetts, maintain a stockpile of mifepristone.

In June 2024, the Supreme Court (SCOTUS) issued a ruling that (temporarily) left current laws and regulations in place. A battle is right now being waged in the lower federal courts re: access to and restrictions on mifepristone specifically, and abortion essentially. In the same way that recent SCOTUS rulings have required Hawai'i to fundamentally reshape its gun laws, so federal rulings and restrictions could suddenly and significantly impact abortion access in our state. As early as 2025, restrictions on medication abortion could come from federal courts, SCOTUS, Congress and/or the Executive branch. **The Republican majority in Congress may attempt to enforce old Comstock laws that ban the mailing of contraceptives and abortifacients**, and will use this as a basis for a **nationwide ban** of abortifacients, including mifepristone and misoprostol. Therefore, we respectfully request that Hawaii's legislature act with all due speed to create a state medication abortion stockpile in order to protect the rights and health of all women and families in Hawai'i nei.

Sincerely,
Indivisible Hawai'i Healthcare Team

Indivisible Hawai'i is a grassroots organization with ten groups across four islands, representing over a thousand pro-democracy citizens. Indivisible is a national grassroots movement of thousands of local Indivisible groups with a mission to elect progressive leaders, rebuild our democracy, and defeat the Trump agenda.

HB-866

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 2:29:50 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bevin Parker-Evans	The Democratic Party of Hawaii, Women's Caucus	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

February 5, 2025

Aloha HLT Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Keotiokapu-Lee, and members Amato, Chun, Marten, Olds, Takanouchi, Alcos, and Garcia:

My name is Bevin Parker-Evans, resident of Kaua'i writing to you today to strongly support HP866 to please begin stockpiling the pharmacy drug known as Mifepristone. As an executive committee member at the Women's Caucus of the Democratic party of Hawai'i, I represent hundreds of residents who are voicing their support for this bill. Access to reproductive health care is part of our state's policy and we believe that it may currently be in jeopardy if we do not begin stockpiling this drug to protect us from the current anti-choice presidency and the Republican led Congress.

Access could be limited if the Comstock Act of 1873 is reenacted and this would limit access to this drug via all US Mail systems. Not only does Hawai'i rely on access by US mail to manufacturer's and Pharmacy suppliers, but our neighbor islands are also limited by access to mail from Oahu or from our shipping ports. I am proposing that you first read about the many states who have already passed this bill in order to protect their citizens and their health care before making any final decision. Hawai'i state is lagging behind these other states which have recognized the urgency of this action which must be taken immediately.

In general, persons who have never been pregnant, who are very young, or who are males are not informed as to how pregnancies can kill women and/or put them into very dangerous medical situations. As someone who knows personally how this can happen to women who are trying to grow their families, I know that abortion is NOT about murder, it is about saving lives, building families, and protecting our future fertility. As our legislators, I am asking that you please educate our community by describing the truth about how this drug is saving women's lives.

In particular, I wish to also advocate for Neighbor Island women who currently don't have access to surgical abortions. In general, to keep from sending women to Oahu on emergency medical flights, Mifepristone is used quickly to prevent these expensive flights and travel emergencies. In addition to helping to protect reproductive care in Hawai'i, you will be supporting women on the neighbor islands to access emergency care without building new hospitals, increasing surgical facilities, hiring new surgeons, adding to emergency room access,

and adding more first responder care in general. As an island community this urgent bill is even more important and vital.

Thank you for voting to support women and for supporting their family-building-goals by immediately stockpiling this drug for our state use in case the current National Administration decides to try to strip Hawai'i of its rule of law which has stated it will always support a woman's right to reproductive healthcare. A NO vote by your committee would be voting against the existing Hawai'i laws we currently have in our Hawaii state constitution.

Mahalo, Bevin Parker-Evans 3721 Omao Road Koloa, HI 96756



ACOG

The American College of
Obstetricians and Gynecologists

*The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
District VIII, Hawai'i, Guam & American Samoa Section*

TO: House Committee on Health & Homelessness
Della Au Belatti, Chair
Jenna Takenouchi, Vice Chair

Date: Friday February 7, 2025

Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 329 and Video Conference

From: Hawai'i Section, ACOG

Re: HB 866 - Relating to Health Care
Position: SUPPORT

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) Hawai'i Section supports **House Bill 866 (HB866)**, which takes a crucial step in protecting reproductive health access by directing the Department of Health to stockpile a one-year supply of **mifepristone**, ensuring continued availability of medication abortion in the state.

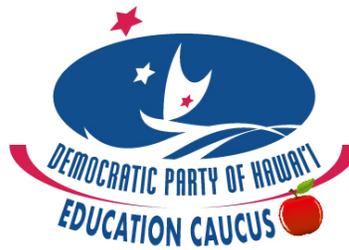
Hawai'i has a long-standing commitment to reproductive rights, being the first state in the nation to decriminalize abortion at the request of the patient in 1970. The Hawaii State Legislature has repeatedly expressed a commitment to protecting reproductive rights since then. However, recent shifts in the legal and political landscape, particularly the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision, have placed reproductive autonomy under threat across the country. As other states impose severe restrictions and potential civil or criminal liability for providing or receiving abortion care, Hawai'i must take proactive measures to safeguard access for its residents.

SB1246 upholds Hawai'i's policy of protecting bodily autonomy and access to reproductive health services by:

1. **Ensuring a Supply of Mifepristone** – Given that 63% of abortions in Hawai'i are medication-based, any disruption in the availability of mifepristone could severely impact patient care. By stockpiling a one-year supply, the Department of Health can ensure continuity in reproductive health services despite potential **regulatory, legal, or supply chain disruptions**.
2. **Addressing Geographic Barriers to In-Person Abortion Care** – In-person abortion care in Hawai'i is not available on every island, and residents face significant logistical and financial burdens to access this care. Medication abortion, which can be prescribed and administered remotely, is a vital option for those in rural and neighbor island communities. Ensuring an adequate stock of mifepristone supports equitable access for all individuals, regardless of location.
3. **Proactively Safeguarding Reproductive Rights in Hawai'i** – Other states, including **California, New York, Massachusetts, and Washington**, have already taken steps to **stockpile medication abortion drugs** as a protective measure.

Protecting access to essential reproductive healthcare aligns with Hawai'i's long-standing values of **privacy, autonomy, and equity in health services**. For these reasons, **ACOG Hawai'i Section supports HB866**.

We appreciate your leadership in advancing reproductive health protections in our state. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can provide more information.



HOUSE BILL 866, RELATING TO HEALTH CARE

FEBRUARY 7, 2025 · HLT HEARING

POSITION: Support.

RATIONALE: The Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus **supports** HB 866, relating to health care, which directs the Department of Health to purchase and store a 1 year supply of mifepristone by working with 1 or more pharmacies in the State

Reproductive care is an essential form of healthcare. In March of 1970, Hawai'i became the first state to legalize abortion, three years before the landmark *Roe v. Wade* decision by the United States Supreme Court protected access to abortion nationwide. In so doing, the state recognized that preserving access to safe and legal reproductive care is a vital public health objective for the islands. Yet, Hawai'i's unique geography and high cost of living present barriers to obtaining reproductive care for potential patients. As of 2022, only three abortion providers exist in the islands and only O'ahu and Maui host reproductive care clinics. According to Planned Parenthood, the number of abortion providers in the state has been on the decline since the 1990s.

Moreover, studies show that access to abortion care is linked to financial well-being. According to The Turnaway Study conducted by Advancing New Standards in Reproductive Health at the University of California San Francisco, people who were denied access to an abortion experienced an increase in household poverty lasting at least four years relative to those who received an abortion. Women who lacked access to reproductive care were also found to be less

able to pay for basic living expenses, had lower credit scores, and had higher rates of debt and eviction than those with access to abortion care.

The U.S. Supreme Court's disastrous ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* overturned *Roe v. Wade* and ended the federal constitutional right to abortion care. In overturning *Roe v. Wade*, the U.S. Supreme Court erased nearly fifty years of legal precedent supporting the fundamental right to reproductive freedom, leading to a wave of abortion restrictions enacted by state legislatures across the country. The Court's decision disproportionately harms black, latino, indigenous, and other people of color, for whom access to healthcare and economic opportunities has historically been impeded by systemic racism.

Mifepristone, more commonly known as the "abortion pill," is usually used in combination with a second drug for medication abortion, which has accounted for more than three-fifths of all abortions in the U.S. since the Supreme Court's ruling overturning of *Roe v. Wade*. Studies have found these pills are safe and result in completed abortions more than 97 percent of the time.

Nonetheless, a federal judge in Texas recently ruled that that three states—Idaho, Kansas and Missouri—can advance an attempt to undo federal rules and make it harder for people across the U.S. to access mifepristone, despite a 2024 ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court that abortion opponents who filed similar cases lacked the legal standing to pursue their claims. It is clear that opponents of reproductive freedom feel empowered by the election of Donald Trump to rekindle their disastrous push to roll back decades of progress in the fight for gender equality.

In response to the Supreme Court's catastrophic ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* and further attacks on abortion care that are expected to be made by the Trump administration, state policymakers must take action to uphold Hawai'i's legacy as a leader in advancing reproductive care and support measures to strengthen reproductive rights in the islands. Accordingly, we support empowering the people of our state to defend reproductive care for generations to come.

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Date: February 5, 2025

To: Representative Gregg Takayama, Chair
Representative Sue L. Keohokapu-Lee Loy, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Health

RE: Support for HB 866, Relating to Health Care

Hrg: Friday, February 7, 2025, at 8:45 AM, Conference Room 329

Hawai'i Public Health Institute (HIPHI)¹ supports **HB 866**, which directs the Department of Health to purchase and store a one year supply of mifepristone by working with one or more pharmacies in the State.

HIPHI supports policies that increase access to and improve health outcomes for all people, including strengthening access to reproductive health care services. According to the United Nations Population Fund, good sexual and reproductive health is a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being in all matters relating to the reproductive system.²

Consequences of the Dobbs Decision

On June 24, 2022, in its ruling in the case of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned generations of precedent in support of safe and legal abortions for women and people who can get pregnant. The Court's ruling shifted power to determine the legal status of reproductive care back to the states.

Allowing states to restrict access to reproductive care has a broad impact on the social determinants of public health. The "Turnaway Study," a groundbreaking project conducted by researchers at UC San Francisco, revealed that women who were denied access to reproductive care and went on to give birth experienced an increase in household poverty lasting at least four years relative to those who received an abortion.³

The study found that years after an abortion denial, women were more likely to lack the money to cover basic living expenses like food, housing, and transportation, but were more likely to have lower credit scores, higher amounts of debt, and an increased risk for bankruptcies and evictions.⁴

¹ Hawai'i Public Health Institute's mission is to advance health and wellness for the people and islands of Hawai'i. We do this through expanding our understanding of what creates health of people and place, fostering partnerships, and cultivating programs to improve policies, systems, and the environments where people live, learn, work, age, and play.

² <https://www.unfpa.org/sexual-reproductive-health>

³ <https://ajph.aphapublications.org/doi/10.2105/AJPH.2017.304247>

⁴ https://www.nber.org/system/files/working_papers/w26662/w26662.pdf



Preserving Access to Medical Abortion

Mifepristone, commonly called the “abortion pill,” is used in combination with misoprostol to end a pregnancy that is less than 70 days in duration. This medical regimen works by stopping the supply of hormones that maintain the interior of the uterus, without which the uterus cannot support a pregnancy and its contents are expelled.⁵

Notably, mifepristone is also used for purposes other than reproductive care, including to control high blood sugar caused by high cortisol levels in the blood in patients with Cushing's syndrome who also have type 2 diabetes and have failed surgery or who cannot have surgery.⁶

On January 15, 2025, a federal judge in Texas ruled that three states can move forward with attempts to challenge federal rules and restrict access to mifepristone. Idaho, Kansas, and Missouri requested late last year to pursue such restrictions in federal court in Amarillo, Texas, even after the U.S. Supreme Court found in 2024 that abortion opponents who first filed such cases lacked legal standing.⁷

In 1970, Hawai'i became the first state in the nation to legalize abortion. To defend our state's legacy of leadership in protecting reproductive freedom, we urge your committee to pass this proposal.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nate Hix", written in a cursive style.

Nate Hix
Director of Policy and Advocacy

⁵ <https://www.mayoclinic.org/drugs-supplements/mifepristone-oral-route/description/drg-20067123>

⁶ <https://my.clevelandclinic.org/health/drugs/18393-mifepristone-tablets-cushing-syndrome>

⁷ <https://apnews.com/article/abortion-pill-mifepristone-telehealth-weeks-judge-03706a1e95fc7725684be582a00a6700>



February 6, 2025

Representative Gregg Takayama, Chair
Representative Sue L. Keohokapu-Loy, Vice Chair
House Committee on Health

Re: H.B. 866 Relating to Health Care

**Hearing: Friday, February 7, 2025, 8:45 AM, Room 329 & Via
Videoconference**

Dear Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Keohokapu-Loy, and the Members of the Committee on Health:

Hawaii Women Lawyers is a lawyer's trade organization that aims to improve the lives and careers of women in all aspects of the legal profession, influence the future of the legal profession, and enhance the status of women and promote equal opportunities for all.

Hawaii Women Lawyers submits testimony in support of the intent behind of H.B. 866, but respectfully suggests there be further discussion with the relevant stakeholders about the specific approach of H.B. 866, which directs the Department of Health to purchase and store a 1-year supply of mifepristone by working with 1 or more pharmacies in the State.

Hawaii Women Lawyers applauds all efforts to preserve bodily autonomy and fundamental human rights, including the right to choose when and in what manner to become a parent. We are proud of our legacy in consistently standing with other champions of these rights and we are proud that Hawaii has always been in the forefront of this fight. As such, we appreciate the intent of this bold measure, which aims to "stockpile" mifepristone to ensure that Hawaii residents have at least one additional year of a medical "safety net".

The foregoing notwithstanding, H.B. 866 also provides for the appropriation of \$75,000.00 out of the general fund for the purchase of said one-year supply. The unfortunate reality under the new administration is that it is very likely that reproductive rights service providers will soon lose huge amounts of funding via both Title X and, quite possibly, Medicaid with respect to those services. In that event, it will be a catastrophic hit to those seeking reproductive healthcare and, more generally, those who depend on the ancillary services provided at these clinics, including STI screenings, mammograms, and general checkups. In such a situation, funds to provide on the ground care will become paramount and running clinics is hugely expensive. As such, while we certainly appreciate the spirit of H.B. 866, we believe that further discussion with all stakeholders to ensure all funds are being used in the most sustainable and effective manner may be beneficial. Moreover (and while we are certainly not doctors or pharmacists), we respectfully query whether an implementation

program across the State (that does not rely on common carriers, should the Comstock Act be revived) for the distribution and storage of mifepristone has been determined, although we trust that the appropriate expert parties have (or will) be consulted.

Hawaii Women Lawyers commends and thanks the Legislature for prioritizing and affirming the right of each individual to make reproductive health care decisions about their own body, and we look forward to continuing to being a part of the discussion to safeguard reproductive rights for the people of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-866

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 9:02:41 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kayla Marie	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this measure. Keeping people safe from forced pregnancy is extremely important during this time of rising fascism

HB-866

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 9:05:14 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Karen Chun	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I actually think we should acquire at 4-year supply of methylprestone. But please pass this bill ASAP thank you

HB-866

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 9:07:08 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Linda Morgan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect reproductive healthcare access. Please protect women's right to control their own bodies by passing this bill.

HB-866

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 9:15:16 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Kay	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect reproductive healthcare access. People and health care systems are already struggling financially, and additional unplanned children will stress many to the breaking point. The threat of untenable restrictions being placed on healthcare is real and imminent.

HB-866

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 9:18:40 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Diann Karin Lynn	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY support this measure to protect reproductive healthcare access. Hawaii has been and can continue to be a leader in protecting the rights of our and all states' access to basic Healthcare Solutions! Proud of my state.

HB-866

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 9:25:50 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Betsy Scolnik	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is so critical for the safety of women. Must be passed ASAP!!!!!!

HB-866

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 9:27:33 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nancy Taylor	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I stongly support HB866. Thank you for the oppportunity to voice my strong support of this important Legislation.

HB-866

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 9:37:59 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nancy D Moser	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In STRONG SUPPORT of HB 866.

Aloha Chair and members of the Committee,

Please vote YES on this measure. It's important for protecting women and our families.

Nancy Moser in Waikoloa on Hawai'i Island

HB-866

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 9:57:06 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Judith Mills-Wong	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The current national situation becomes more dangerous and unpredictable every day. The right for a woman to control her own body is being cast into doubt. Hawaii has long stood for the right of choice and this bill undergirds our commitment to womens' rights. I support this bill

HB-866

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 9:57:16 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Noelle Lindenmann	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This measure supports people of reproductive ages and is an important step to protect them.

Thank you,

Noelle Lindenmann, Kailua-Kona

Hearing Date Friday, February 7, 2025, 8:45 AM, Rm. 329

To: Committee on Health
Representative Gregg Takayama, Chair
Representative Sue L. Keohokapu-Loy, Vice Chair

Re: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 866, RELATING TO HEALTH CARE

Dear Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Keohokapu-Loy, and the Members of the Committee,

My name is Jean Evans and I am **strong support of HB 866** which directs the Department of Health to purchase and store a 1 year supply of mifepristone by working with 1 or more pharmacies in the State.

I support this important measure to protect access to reproductive care. All reproductive care options must remain available in Hawaii. If Hawaii is to continue to be known as the "Health State", it is vital that our residents continue to have access any and all forms of health care deemed appropriate by an individual and their health care provider.

Please pass this important measure and mahalo for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jean Evans".

Jean Evans

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 10:15:06 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Patti Cook	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support this bill because it would help better protect the wellbeing of the women of Hawai'i. MAHALO for considering it and please keep it moving forward. Patti Cook - Waimea, Island of Hawai'i

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 10:15:22 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michele Chavez-Pardini	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect reproductive health care access! We must do everything we can to try and protect the people & insure that they have access to reproductive health care!

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 10:18:10 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Deborah G. Nehmad	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY support this legislation. Women's reproductive rights are under assault on a daily basis and Hawaii should do everything in its power to help promote accessible reproductive health care to all its citizens.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 10:20:14 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jennifer Lum	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing to express my strong support for the protection and expansion of reproductive health rights in Hawai‘i. As a state that has long been a leader in safeguarding reproductive freedom, Hawai‘i must continue to take proactive steps to ensure that these rights are preserved and strengthened in the face of growing threats at the federal level and from other states.

Hawai‘i has a proud history of protecting reproductive autonomy. In 1970, it became the first state to legalize abortion, and in 1978, the right to privacy was explicitly codified in the State Constitution. The 2006 state law further affirmed that the State shall not interfere with a pregnant person’s right to choose or obtain an abortion, particularly when the pregnancy is nonviable or poses a risk to the individual’s life or health. These protections are vital, but they are now at risk due to the potential for federal overreach and anti-abortion legislation in other states.

The recent efforts to amend state laws to align with the protections of Roe v. Wade and bolster privacy and bodily autonomy are commendable. However, with the new Trump-Vance administration, we face unprecedented threats, including potential national bans on abortion medication, the misuse of the Comstock Act to restrict access to reproductive health care, and the erosion of federal guidelines protecting abortion access in emergencies. Additionally, the lack of guaranteed access to contraception and the potential for mandatory reporting of personal reproductive health data are deeply concerning.

Hawai‘i’s current policies, such as Medicaid coverage for abortion, allowing qualified health care professionals to provide abortions, and the shield law protecting providers from out-of-state investigations, are critical. Yet, we must do more to safeguard these rights. I urge you to support legislative efforts that strengthen Hawai‘i’s protections, ensuring that our state remains a sanctuary for reproductive freedom and privacy.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Lum, 'Ewa Beach

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 10:20:41 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mimi Beams	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha! It is critical at this time to for our State to continue to protect Women's Health and reproduction rights. As a State it is important to demonstrate our leadership in caring for our citizens. Please support this bill.

Thank you,

Mimi Beams

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 10:24:28 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kathy Fay	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I ask you to support this bill to protect the rights of all women of Hawaii to control their own bodies and protect their personal health.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 10:40:40 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Anne Leake	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha mai. I am a retired nurse practitioner and practiced for 30 years at federally funded community health centers on Oahu and Lana'i. I urge you to support HB866 to provide reproductive choice to the women of Hawaii, especially those living in remote and rural areas who cannot access a surgical abortion. Given the uncertainties at the federal level, we cannot afford to be unprepared. Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 10:58:30 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lisa H. Gibson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strong support

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 11:01:04 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michelle Ma	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

support this measure to protect reproductive healthcare access

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 11:01:16 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marty-Jean Bender	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure as one step in insuring and protecting reproductive healthcare access.

February 5, 2025

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I strongly oppose HB866 which, if passed, would direct the Department of Health to use tax-payer dollars to purchase and stockpile a 1- year supply of the abortion pill Mifepristone.

Used for chemical abortions, Mifepristone blocks the hormone progesterone, which is necessary to sustain the life of a pre-born child. Chemical abortions are messy, painful and dangerous. Mifepristone is not a life-saving medication; it is a life-ending one and as such, it is NOT an essential commodity to stockpile in our state.

I do not consent to spending my hard-earned tax-payer dollars towards stock-piling this dangerous drug for ending the lives of innocent pre-born babies.

For these reasons, I strongly oppose HB866 and ask you to do the same.

Sincerely,

Agne Tauyan

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 11:12:32 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alison Rowland-Ciszek	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy and members of the Committee,

Thank you for hearing this important bill. I am writing to express my very strong support for HB866. Reproductive care is HEALTH CARE and belongs in the hands of patients and their providers, without government or religious interference. It is extremely distressing to me that we cannot rely on adherence to the U.S. Constitution to uphold the right to privacy. It is distressing that our medical personnel have to worry that they won't have access to the medications that allow them to adhere to basic standards of health care. Without access to medications like mifepristone, women are treated as second-class citizens because the standard of care for their bodies cannot be met. This is unjust. I applaud the Hawaii State Legislature for looking ahead in these unsettled times and safeguarding the care of women and girls in Hawai'i

I would suggest that the State consider buying more than a one-year supply of mifepristone. Please consider authorizing the purchase of what can be reasonably used prior to the expiration date, and include language to ensure that it is distributed in chronological order of expiration. I would also suggest that consideration be given to Community Health Centers, whose patients may not have the personal resources to obtain reproductive care via other means.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify in strong support of HB866, and malama pono, everyone.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 11:17:53 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chelsey Bryson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect and safeguard reproductive healthcare access.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 11:20:15 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Suzanne West	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

“I support this measure to protect reproductive healthcare access.”

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 11:20:35 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Claudia Parker	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We worked for so long to get reproductive rights for women. When Roe v. Wade was overturned, it emboldened the GOP and now with the GOP in control of the presidency, both houses, plus a majority of GOP leaning justices on the Supreme Court, we must do all we can to protect a woman's right to choose, a woman's right to govern her own body. I can't believe that anyone wants to go back to the days of backroom abortions with coat hangers and dead women as a result. Next will be the right to get contraceptives.

I support this measure to protect reproductive healthcare access.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 11:31:55 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brian Piotrowski	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect access to reproductive healthcare,

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 11:34:44 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Carol Maxym	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this bill. We must do everything we can to protect the health of our women. This bill is a must pass bill.

Thank you

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 11:38:54 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Younghee Overly	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Mahalo for hearing HB866. I support this measure to protect reproductive healthcare access.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 11:39:01 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alice Smith	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Women and their medical providers are the only people that should be involved in women't health care. Please protect reproductive choice.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 11:39:58 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ann S Freed	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice Chair and members,

This measure is essential to protect the women of Hawai`i from the assault on our right to choose, our right to control our own bodies and our right to be treated as full human beings, not incubators with legs.

In the terroristic political climate coming out of Washington, we are in critical need of this protection.

Mahalo nui loa,

Ann S. Freed

2nd Wave Feminist, Mililani, HI

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 11:44:02 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
vivienne aronowitz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill. It is crucial that we have Rx options as we have very few abortion providers on the neighbor islands.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 11:51:59 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lois Langham	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you for creating this bill to protect women's health!

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 11:53:48 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joanne Amberg	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect reproductive healthcare access.

Our state has a history of proactive measures to protect women's health care. Please continue this legacy.

Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 11:55:14 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gail Morrison	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect reproductive healthcare access.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 11:55:43 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marsha Lash	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this Measure protecting women's healthcare. I ask you to do the same. Thank you.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 11:59:47 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Philip Johnson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect reproductive healthcare access.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 12:02:56 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mary A. Wilkowski, Esq.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Gentlepersons,

I support this measure to protect reproductive healthcare access. The year is 2025, and we're still fighting to protect women's access to healthcare? Thankfully, you legislators have taken an important leadership role in protecting women and their families. Let's stockpile to ensure that this protection lasts, despite any federal executive or judicial efforts. After all, Trump's crazy, and Musk's more dangerous. Stand strong!!

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 12:14:13 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lynn Murakami Akatsuka	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support the passage of HB 866 to ensure an individual's right to make reproductive health care decisions about one's own body and to decide whether to bear a child or obtain an abortion. Having a 1 year supply of mifepristone available in Hawaii is in support of an individual's right to have this option.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in strong support of HB 866 passage this legislative session.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 12:18:50 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
melissa wheeler	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is simply **CRITICAL** to securing **OUR** rights as women to make decisions about our own bodies! We will **NOT** allow **FOTUS** to restrict those rights...period!!

PLEASE suport this bill!

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 12:19:30 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
DeWaine Tollefsrud	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**I strongly support this measure to protect reproductive healthcare access for all!
No one should dictate what a woman can or can not do with their bodies.**

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 12:25:06 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Isis Usborne	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha e,

Please support this vital bill to protect reproductive care for people in Hawaii.

Mahalo,

- Isis

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 12:32:28 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Carolyn O'Mahony	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect reproductive healthcare choice. Individuals do not choose abortion lightly. As a community, if we can provide resources to support them in making this difficult choice a medically safe one, we should do so.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 12:36:30 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jessica Kuzmier	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I am favor of this bill to protect the rights of people to seek the medical treatment they need without recrimination. Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 1:17:44 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
William Smith	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The title of the bill is deceitful. It is an obvious attempt to mislead the reader of the bill at the expense of the living persons, the unborn and the parents. It has absolutely nothing whatsoever to do with "health." State legislature has no authority to legislate death, the result of taking the pill connected with this bill. Such tactics at subterfuge lead to widespread disrespect for the honorable responsibility of a legislator.

Please drop this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 1:22:46 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Janet Morse	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect reproductive
healthcare access.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 1:54:02 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kim Falinski	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Reproductive choice is incredibly important and needs State protection. Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 2:16:51 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lynn Otaguro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We see what is happening in the federal government. Proactive state action is needed to protect the rights provided in our state laws. I support this measure to protect reproductive healthcare access.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 3:07:51 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
JANE TOLLEFSRUD	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect reproductive healthcare access for all women. It is not up to the government to decide or dictate what a woman can or can not do with her own body and life.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 3:20:24 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kristin Cunningham	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this "matter of health." Women have plenty of options regarding birth control. This is not something the tax payers need to fund or something the state should stockpile.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 3:37:09 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sarah Josef	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect reproductive healthcare access.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 3:56:53 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James E Raymond	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect reproductive healthcare access.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 4:01:18 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
MANDY CHUN	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect reproductive healthcare access.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 4:37:42 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jessica	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Access to healthcare is a human right. I support this measure to protect reproductive healthcare access.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 4:57:39 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mary Elyse Scott	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Access to reproductive healthcare is essential in a free society.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 5:25:06 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sheryl Summers	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect reproductive healthcare access It's important for our young women to have options to control their futures by having choices.

House Committee on Health
Friday, February 7, 2025 at 8:45AM
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 329
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 866 - RELATING TO HEALTH CARE.

Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Keohokapu-Lee Loy, Maui Rep. Amato, and Members of the Committee,

I submit this testimony today in STRONG SUPPORT of HB 866, Relating to Health Care. This bill calls for the Hawai`i State Department of Health to join states including California, New York, Massachusetts, and Washington in stockpile mifepristone for Hawai`i residents to ensure that they are able to secure access to necessary reproductive care during times when such health care is under threat by the federal government.

Recent events, such as attacks on DEI programs by President Trump, and the clear relationship between the President and a white, Christian, nationalist agenda are cause for alarm. It is clear that access to reproductive health care is under threat since the overturning of fifty years of legal precedent when the U.S. Supreme Court overruled Roe v Wade in 2022. I am the mother of two daughters of reproductive age. I am frightened for them that they have fewer rights to bodily autonomy and potentially life-saving care than I did when I was their age. It would be a comfort to me, as a parent, to know that Hawai`i has a stockpile of mifepristone so that I can be assured that my daughters can have access to reproductive health care if they need it.

I humbly request that you pass HB 866 and act to protect the women and girls of Hawai`i by providing funding and authority to the Department of Health to stockpile mifepristone.

Mahalo,

Christine L. Andrews, J.D.
Wailuku, Maui

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 5:35:17 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Caroline Kunitake	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB866. Please support this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 5:41:51 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jane Aquino	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support measures to protect reproductive health care that is being attacked by Trump. Build a year's supply of Mefiprestone!

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 6:09:18 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Eve Furchgott	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We are facing a terrible attack on women's reproductive rights across the country, and it is not going to let up. Hawaii's women and families must have the backing of the State in this matter. Please enact the stockpiling of mifepristone to help ensure that access cannot be immediately cut off by backwards-thinking federal decree.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 6:11:37 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sharon Emery	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect reproductive healthcare access

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 6:15:40 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Vivian S. Toellner	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, This bill is asking the State to just front the cost of this medication that the State as already supported in 2023. In these uncertain times, I would encourage the State to purchase even more than a year's supply. I do not like abortion, but it is none of my business. Only the patient and their doctor should have any knowlege or say in a person's care. You nor I should make judgement.

Posted on August 24, 2023 "Department of Health reaches agreement with Kap‘iolani Medical Center for Women & Children to make mifepristone available Posted on Aug 24, 2023 HONOLULU – The Hawai‘i Department of Health (DOH) has reached an agreement with Kap‘iolani Medical Center for Women & Children (KMCWC) to ensure mifepristone remains available to women. Mifepristone is used for medical abortions and can end a pregnancy that is less than 10 weeks along. “Access to reproductive healthcare is critical for maternal health outcomes,” said State Director of Health Dr. Kenneth Fink. “Limiting the availability of an FDA-approved medication with 20 years of usage disregards science and threatens public health. We have taken proactive steps to reduce disruption to women being able to access this safe medication in Hawai‘i.”

Under this agreement, KMCWC will purchase a year's supply of mifepristone (1,000 doses), and DOH will reimburse KMCWC for any unused doses.

“Kapi‘olani Medical Center for Women & Children was founded more than a century ago specifically to take care of Hawai‘i’s women. Our responsibility as the leader in women’s health still motivates us every single day,” said Dr. Douglas Kwock, Hawai‘i Pacific Health vice president of medical affairs. “This partnership with the Department of Health ensures consistent access to care for patients across the state.”

According to the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA), mifepristone is safe when used as indicated and directed and consistent with the Mifepristone Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) Program, which places several restrictions on the medication’s distribution and use. Among other safety measures, both prescribers and dispensing pharmacies are required to be certified in the Mifepristone REMS Program.”

Thank you for your time, and Mahalo for allowing my testimony.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 6:42:22 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dorothy Norris	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please protect our reproductive rights! Mahalo!

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 6:42:52 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shaye Kimura	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill as we need to protect the reproductive rights of women.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 7:09:08 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
chelsea pang	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support reproductive, family planning and women's choice

Thank you

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 7:46:12 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ruth Fujita	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We must protect a woman's right to decide what happens to her own body. Please, let's not march backwards to the dark ages!

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 7:48:27 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jada Rufo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect reproductive healthcare access.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 8:30:17 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Zena N Grezni	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Legislators:

I support this measure to protect reproductive health access, especially during this uncertain time when reproductive freedom is under threat. Please consider passing this measure to help ensure the safety and rights of your constituents. I'm humbly asking you to support HB866.

Sincerely,

Zena Grezni

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 8:56:29 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Valerie Y O Kim	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect reproductive healthcare access.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 8:58:43 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lea Minton	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you for hearing this bill. I am in support of HB866. Having access to mifepristone is important to the health of our community, and the future is uncertain in regards to being able to acquire mifepristone in the next 4 years. Having 1,000 doses that are good for 5 years is an excellent plan.

Please pass HB866.

Mahalo,

Le'a Minton, MSN, APRN, CNM, IBCLC

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 10:19:50 PM

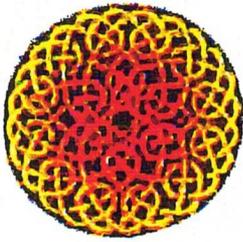
Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Krista Jaspers	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect reproductive healthcare access.

For more than 20 years, medication abortion has been a safe, effective, FDA-approved method for people to end a pregnancy in the comfort of their own homes. Mifepristone is endorsed by leading medical authorities like the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists as part of the superior medication treatment regimen for miscarriage care. Mifepristone is important because it provides a safe and accessible medical option for terminating early pregnancies, allowing individuals to manage their own reproductive health by providing an alternative to surgical abortion procedures.



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February 5, 2025

Representative Greg Takayama, Chair
Representative Sue L. Keohokapu-Lee Loy, Vice Chair
House Committee on Health

Re: H.B. 866, Relating to Health Care, SUPPORT
Hearing: Friday, February 7, 2025, 8:45a.m. Conf. Rm. 329

Dear Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair . Keohokapu-Lee Loy, and Members of the Committee:

As a civil rights attorney who has been specializing in sex and race discrimination for almost 40 years, it is clear that HB 866 takes a crucial step in protecting reproductive health access by directing the Department of Health [DOH] to stockpile a supply of mifepristone, ensuring continued availability of medication abortion in the state.

Protecting access to essential reproductive healthcare aligns with Hawai'i's long-standing values of privacy, HRS Const. Art. 1, §6, and equal rights for women, HRS Const. Art. 1, §3, instilled in our state constitution. Hawai'i was the first state to legalize abortion in 1970. Then in 2023, due to the U.S. Supreme Court decision in **Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization**, this legislature strengthened our access to abortion further as well as prohibited recognition and enforcement of other states' laws that impose civil and/or criminal liability for providing or receiving abortion care. Act 2 (2023).

These national shifts, especially the current federal administration, continue to force Hawai'i to take proactive measures to safeguard access for its residents.

HB866 upholds Hawai'i's policy of protecting bodily autonomy and access to reproductive health services by:

1. Ensuring a Supply of Mifepristone.

Since 63% of abortions in Hawai'i are medication-based, any disruption in the availability of mifepristone could severely impact patient care and because of the current federal administration DOH should, **instead of stockpiling a one-year supply**, the bill should be **amended to read a five-year supply**. After consulting with a very experienced and knowledgeable primary care physician, it has been brought to my attention that **medically** this is **feasible** because mifepristone has a **shelf life of five (5) years as long as it is stored properly in air-conditioning**. [Otherwise, improper storage would cause it to lose its effectiveness.]

Minor amendment: Because DOH has stated that it is actively working with community partners to secure a supply of mifepristone, the language could be changed from “purchase and store” to “coordinate the stockpiling” as DOH has recommended.

2. Realizing there are Geographic Barriers to In-Person Abortion Care.

It is trauma inducing that in-person abortion care in Hawai'i is not available on every island. Therefore, neighbor island residents face significant logistical and financial burdens to access this care. **Medication abortion, which can be prescribed and administered remotely, is thus a vital option for those in neighbor island communities.**

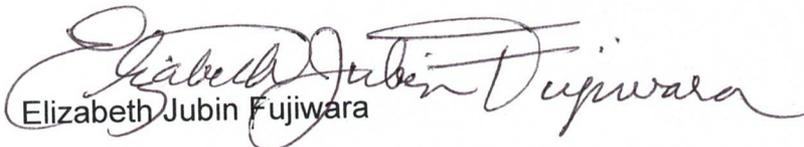
Consequently, the bill should be **amended to mandate that DOH meets with stakeholders from every island to develop a feasible plan for distribution in a timely fashion.**

3. Proactively Safeguarding Reproductive Rights in Hawai'i.

Other states, such as, California, New York, Massachusetts, and Washington, have already taken steps to stockpile medication abortion drugs as a protective measure.

Protecting access to essential reproductive healthcare is the reason my law firm supports HB866 with the recommended amendments.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.


Elizabeth Jubin Fujiwara

February 6, 2025

To: Representative Gregg Takayama, Chair
Representative Sue L. Keohokapu-Lee Loy, Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee on Health

From: Jeanne Y. Ohta

RE: HB 866 Relating to Health Care

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

I write in strong support of HB 866 Relating to Health. Hawai'i has a history of supporting reproductive freedom, establishing that the State shall not deny or interfere with a pregnant person's right to choose abortion care.

However, since the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision by the United States Supreme Court (2022) and the actions of the current administration to curtail the rights of individuals to control their healthcare decisions, the supply chain of commonly used oral medications mifepristone and misoprostol may be temporarily disrupted.

In-person abortion care is only available on Maui and Oahu. Because of this lack of access to in-person care, sixty-three percent of abortions are accomplished using these oral medications. Therefore, this measure is meant to maintain civil and reproductive rights by stockpiling a one-year supply of the medications. California, New York, Massachusetts, and Washington have adopted laws or policies to protect the availability of needed medications.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my testimony in strong support of this measure. I ask you to protect the health of Hawaii's women by passing this important measure.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2025 4:42:12 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
james wallace	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I oppose HB 866. Another depopulation bill. We must get off the depopulate human being bills whos the NWO/WEF is implimenting on the world. I will syand for LIFE and be the Voice For the Voiceless!!!!

HB-866

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 6:22:17 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joan Johnson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect access to reproductive healthcare.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2025 6:39:00 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Melissa Gosland	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a family physician practicing in rural Hawaii County, I **strongly** support this effort to protect the health of our families.

Thank you for your efforts!

-Melissa Gosland, MD

Kamuela, Hawaii

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Submitted on: 2/6/2025 7:23:50 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ketzell Levine	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The new administration is hostile to women's reproductive rights. I fully expect attacks on access to abortion and family planning. Based on the legislative efforts and legal challenges from anti-abortion lawmakers in anti-abortion states, it's entirely possible the administration may move towards a national ban on abortion medication (mifepristone and misoprostol). This is not theoretical: Louisiana has passed a law to classify these medications as controlled substances, a huge step towards controlling, limiting and ultimately denying access to abortion.

I'm also concerned about the possibility - nearly embraced by at least one Supreme Court judge - of invoking the 1873 Comstock Act, once used to ban the mailing of obscene matter that could readily be deployed to prohibit the mailing of abortion medication nationwide.

These issues are but the tip of the iceberg of the threats against women's reproductive freedom. It's essential that our state stockpile Mifepristone to protect our legal rights.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2025 7:27:38 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ryan Willis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Not a governemntal issue, this is a paitient and doctor issue

I STRONGLY OPPOSE

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Submitted on: 2/6/2025 7:35:00 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kanoë Willis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE

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Submitted on: 2/6/2025 7:53:41 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kathy Hammes	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect reproductive healthcare access.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:27:53 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Linda Weiner	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in strong support of HB866 enabling the state to stockpile a one year supply of mifepristone. This is to protect access to safe abortion care and to protect women from life-threatening pregnancy conditions. There is no question that the present US administration is on a rampage to do away with all women's care, including abortion, long-established pregnancy care, and birth control. There is obviously a movement for a national ban on abortion. Access to this safe and long-researched method of abortion is threatened or outright illegal now in many states, as is the movement to invade medical records privacy, including menstruation information, as a means of controlling any possible access to abortion and normal medical care during pregnancy. In this climate, our state must do everything possible to protect the women of Hawaii and their doctors from this malignant threat to their health care.

Sincerely,

Linda J. Weiner, MD

Kauai

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Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:35:58 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
gabrielle davidson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect reproductive healthcare access. Please join me for the sake of all of us!

Sincerely,

Gabrielle Davidson

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Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:51:54 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Reni Soon	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha committee members - I am a double board-certified full-scope OBGYN physician who subspecializes in contraception and abortion care, and I support HB 866. In this current political climate, we are facing unprecedented threats to basic healthcare. In the U.S. and in Hawaii, 65-70% of abortions are medication abortions. We have already seen attempts to restrict and even stop access to mifepristone in recent years – attempts that went all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. And that was before Donald Trump regained the Presidency and Congress. We need Hawai'i to fight these attempts to restrict access to healthcare! Please pass HB 866

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Submitted on: 2/6/2025 9:01:39 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Leslie J.	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Committee members, please defer this measure. It directs our Health department to purchase and store a medication that is known to harm women, and otherwise be detrimental to their health care. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

HB-866

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 10:10:44 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Victoria Anderson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB866, which protects reproductive healthcare access.

(Apologies for the late testimony; just learned of this bill.)

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Submitted on: 2/6/2025 11:03:29 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Laurie Saarinen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support this bill for protecting choice related to healthcare & access to abortion services!

““I support this measure to protect reproductive healthcare access.”

HB-866

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 12:09:34 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Elizabeth Hansen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

please support this measure / we cannot chance pharmaceutical problems with reproductive access in Hawaii.

mahalo nui.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2025 3:49:02 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Camille Adams	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Do not use our money to fund the killing of babies!!!!

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Submitted on: 2/6/2025 8:07:53 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lynn Ziadie	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Oppose this bill. Why is it that we have little faith in women? When a woman is faced with an unplanned pregnancy, she often feels alone and afraid. Instead of giving her information on life-affirming/ healthy options for herself and her baby... she is directed to having an abortion. We give millions of dollars to other countries but yet our society does not support women faced with unplanned pregnancies. Mothers do not want to kill their babies... they want compassion and support until they are able to get back on their feet. Let us give Hope to Mothers and their Babies.

Please vote No.

Thank you.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2025 10:21:42 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Judith White	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support this bill which will protect Hawaii women's reproductive health.

Judith C White,

Kapaa

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Submitted on: 2/6/2025 10:56:14 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Maaza Christos Mekuria	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill to fund abortion stop beating hearts in the Aloha State. How can the State of Hawaii whose motto is "The LIFE (OLA) of the LAND (AINA) is perpetuated in Righteousness!" fund stopping beginning of life harming the most vulnerable in their most helpless condition via a pharmaceutical agent? How would Queen Kapiolani and Lili'uokalani look at the departure of the foundational truth of protecting the most vulnerable! How about the Socratic Oath of "Do No Harm!" in a medical and health department! May God have mercy on us! We don't have money to feed the homeless and poor kids, and is there more for killing them before they are born? Why is the "women's right to " wht? Is the baby in the womb a piece of tissue? We see that it is not just a "blob of cells". All these are lies, and regardless of the repetition of lies it does not turn into truth or become right action, even if the whole world believes it! Please use this appropriation money to pay for feeding the pregnant mothers , school children lunches or fix roads to help bring the children into the schools. There are many who have to go to other countries to adopt children, why not have the children be adopted instead of chemical abortions? Make the families who are not able to have children rejoice, instead of killing the babies by abortion pharmaceutical drugs! Lord have mercy!

HB-866

Submitted on: 2/6/2025 11:07:26 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Aida Smith	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Passing HB866 is a crucial step in protecting women’s reproductive rights. By ensuring continued access to essential healthcare, this proactive measure will reinforce Hawaii’s commitment to reproductive freedom and ensure that women and healthcare providers can make medical decisions without unnecessary barriers.

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Submitted on: 2/7/2025 6:50:38 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mary Smart	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I most strongly oppose HB866.

The concept of stockpiling Mifepristone is a waste of taxpayer funds.

For the sake of the health and safety of Hawaii’s women, do not pass this bill. It is an abuse of taxpayer funds. Stocking dangerous pharmaceuticals such as Mifepristone, a pill that destroys the life of a baby and destroys the physical and emotional well being of the baby’s mother, is not in the best interest of the residents of Hawaii.

Abortion pills are not healthcare, not when the intent is to end the life of a living human being. Many women, reported to be one in twenty-five, who take these abortifacients end up needing hospital care, some even die. The 2022 Amber Thurman story. It was a case of medical malpractice by the hospital staff following an incomplete abortion that led to her death. It was the abortion medication that caused her death, not the loss of access to abortion services. It was the abortion service being advocated in this bill that was the direct cause of her death.

According to Drugs.com website, there is an important warning that says: “This medicine can cause some serious health issues”. The site also indicates: “Serious and sometimes fatal infections and bleeding occur very rarely following spontaneous, surgical, and medical abortions, including following mifepristone use.”

If Hawaii’s government provides these dangerous drugs, the state will likely be opening itself up to numerous lawsuits. We shouldn’t be providing drugs we know have death as a known side effect.

The recent mandates for vaccinations has proven to me that Hawaii has no interest in protecting bodily autonomy. The introduction of vaccine passports make it clear that Hawaii is very selective about privacy protections. Abortion continues to be a top priority of the elected officials of Hawaii, but not the residents.

No one has a right to kill their baby, born or pre-born. The Constitution enshrines the right to life. This bill promotes and funds the nullification of that right.

Do not pass HB866.

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Submitted on: 2/7/2025 12:08:32 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2025 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lynne Constantinides	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Legislative efforts and legal challenges from

anti-abortion lawmakers in red states could lead to nationwide restrictions.

Therefore, I support this measure to protect reproductive

healthcare access.