

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

S.B. NO. 2539, S.D. 1, RELATING TO HEALTH CARE.

BEFORE THE:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

DATE:

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

TIME: 12:30 p.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 016

TESTIFIER(S):

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY.

(For more information, contact Daniel K. Jacob.

Deputy Attorney General, at 586-1190)

Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General makes the following comments.

The purpose of this bill is to require insurance companies to provide coverage for a spectrum of sexual and reproductive health care services, including family planning, abortion, and postpartum care.

Under section 1311(d)(3)(B) of the Affordable Care Act and 45 C.F.R. section 155.170, a state may only require a Qualified Health Plan to add benefits if the state defrays the cost of the additional benefits, unless the proposed new benefit is directly attributable to State compliance with Federal requirements to provide Essential Health Benefits after December 31, 2011.

This bill would require Qualified Health Plans to provide coverage for the cost of a spectrum of sexual and reproductive health care services. Some of the benefits this bill would mandate, including well-woman exams and services related to cessation of tobacco use, are currently required to be covered by health insurance plans at no cost to the insured. See 26 C.F.R. section 54.2713. Other benefits mandated by this bill however, such as services relating to voluntary sterilization and abortion, may be considered additional benefits because they were neither mandated by state law prior to December 31, 2011, nor directly attributable to compliance with Federal requirements after December 31, 2011. If so, the State may be required to defray the costs.

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At this time, our department is unaware of a state that has been subjected to the obligation to defray the cost for additional benefits. Therefore, there are no prior examples of how the State would meet its obligation and what specific procedures would be necessary to fulfill the obligation. Our department's best understanding is that after the Qualified Health Plan issuer submits the issuer's costs attributable to the additional mandate, the Legislature would need to appropriate the money during the following legislative session and propose a mechanism to distribute the money.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

<u>SB-2539-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/22/2020 11:42:43 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 12:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Golojuch Jr	Testifying for LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:



To: Hawaii State Senate Committee on Judiciary

Hearing Date/Time: Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2020, 12:30 p.m. Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 016

Re: Testimony of Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii in strong support of SB

2539, SD 1, Relating to Health Care

Dear Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee,

Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii ("PPVNH") writes in strong support of SB 2539, SD1, which seeks to ensure equal access to critical sexual and reproductive health care, including abortion, for all people in Hawaii.

All people in Hawaii – regardless of income, gender identity, or type of insurance – should have access to the full range of no-copay preventive reproductive health services. To safeguard its communities, Hawaii should pass SB 2539 to codify the Affordable Care Act's coverage requirements into state law and expand protected services to include abortion and vasectomy. The Hawaii Legislature should also pass SB 2539 because it prohibits insurance companies from discriminating in insurance coverage, including coverage of reproductive health services, based on gender or gender identity.

SB 2539 ensures insurance coverage of the full range of sexual and reproductive health care. While state law requires insurance plans to pay the full range of FSA-approved contraceptives without cost-sharing, thousands of people must pay out-of-pocket for other basic, preventive health services. Without action, people in Hawaii will continue to delay care or forego care altogether due to these out-of-pocket costs, risking their health and economic security. We are already seeing the consequences of Hawaii's coverage gaps: for example, Hawaii's sexually transmitted infections (STIs) rates are the highest they have been in 30 years, with the STI rates more than doubling over the last ten years. Congressional leaders and the current federal administration have made it clear that enacting additional restrictions on health care access and undermining consumer protections are their top priorities. They have targeted the rights of women and LGBTQ people with attacks on non-discrimination protections and access to abortion and birth control. Most recently, the federal administration finalized a rule designed to make it much more difficult for private health insurance plans to cover abortion care. Without HB 2676, insurers will most certainly consider discontinuing this important coverage.

Given these federal attacks on basic rights and health care, it is more important than ever that our state legislature act to ensure that nobody loses access to the health care and protections they depend on. HB 2676 will do just that. This legislation would codify the Affordable Care Act (ACA) preventive service coverage requirements in state law, ensuring that people in Hawaii don't lose their access to no-copay preventive services such as birth control, well-person exams, and life-saving cancer screenings. It would also strengthen and expand these coverage requirements by requiring coverage of the full range of sexual and reproductive health care services, including abortion and vasectomy. And it would make sure that all people in Hawaii can access these important services, regardless of gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

SB 2539 is a cost-effective solution. Protecting and expanding access to sexual and reproductive health is not only the right thing to do, it is also cost-effective for consumers and health plans alike. The services included in this legislation are basic components of comprehensive sexual and reproductive health care and are all associated with significant potential cost savings. That's because providing basic preventive care avoids the need for more expensive treatment and management down the road; for example, preventing unplanned pregnancies creates significant cost-savings. Therefore, even if some services are determined to be new mandated benefits, in the

long term, covering these services would likely be either cost-neutral or even create cost savings for health plans. Because of this cost-effectiveness, requiring coverage of these services would likely have a minimal impact on premiums, which in turn means that there would be minimal additional cost to the state to offset any potential premium increases.

SB 2539 is similar to coverage requirements in other states. Many other states have already implemented requirements found in SB 2539 including the comprehensive sexual and reproductive health requirements. For example:

In 2018 the Washington Legislature passed Substitute Senate Bill 6219, also known as the Reproductive Parity Act.¹ This legislation required that state-regulated health plans that cover maternity care provide substantially equivalent coverage for abortion care. It also expanded contraceptive coverage requirements beyond those in the ACA, including gender-neutral coverage of sterilization services for all enrollees and coverage of over-the-counter contraception. None of the requirements in this legislation was determined to be a new mandate that would trigger section 1311(d)(3) of the ACA.

In 2017 the Oregon Legislature passed House Bill 3391, also known as the Reproductive Health Equity Act.² This bill required comprehensive, non-discriminatory coverage of sexual and reproductive health care services. This included coverage of abortion and a wide range of other sexual and reproductive health care services at no out-of-pocket cost to the patient.

In 2019, the Illinois Legislature passed the Illinois Reproductive Health Act, which required public and private insurance plans that provide pregnancy benefits to also cover abortions services – any deductible, coinsurance, waiting period, or other cost-sharing limit that applies to abortion cannot be higher than what the policy requires for other pregnancy care.³

Several states have also put in place laws that codify existing requirements from the ACA to ensure that those important protections stay in place at the state level, no matter what happens at the federal level. For example, in 2017, Washington State enacted legislation requiring state-regulated health plans to cover all preventive services required to be covered under federal law as of December 31, 2016, without cost sharing.⁴ The requirements of this legislation are broader than Hawaii's SB 2539, but the reproductive preventive health services are nearly identical to the coverage required in §431:10A-A(a)(1) of HB 2676. In the fiscal note for Washington's legislation, the Washington Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) noted that "[t]his bill does not have a direct fiscal impact on the OIC because the bill maintains coverage of preventive services with zero cost-sharing as they currently exist in Federal law and are currently being enforced by the OIC." As OIC rightly stated, these are not new requirements: SB 2539 and similar legislation in other states simply require health plans to continue covering the basic health care that the ACA already requires them to cover. For example, states must already comply with coverage for any additional preventive women's services under 42 U.S. Code section 300gg-13 of the ACA. These federal coverage requirements are already in place across the country and have already been well-defined.

¹ Washington State Legislature, Senate Bill 6219, 2018. Accessed at https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=6219&Initiative=false&Year=2017

² Oregon State Legislature, Senate Bill 3391, 2017. Accessed at https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2017R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB3391

³ Illinois State Legislature, House bill 2495, 2019. Accessed at

http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/billstatus.asp?DocNum=2495&GAID=15&GA=101&DocTypeID=HB&LegID=118530&SessionID=108

⁴ Washington State Legislature, Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1523, 2018. Accessed at

https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=1523&Year=2017&Initiative=false

⁵ Washington State Office of Financial Management, *Multi-Agency Fiscal Note Summary for ESHB 1523*, 2018. Accessed at https://fortress.wa.gov/ofm/fnspublic/FNSPublicSearch/Search/1523/65

Other states that have passed coverage requirements have found that continuing to require health plans to cover existing mandates in the ACA is simple and minimally burdensome. And other states have also determined that passing legislation that includes broader coverage requirements than those included in the ACA does not necessarily create new mandates, because in some cases these coverage requirements simply clarify and codify the state's existing commitment to covering comprehensive, non-discriminatory sexual and reproductive health care. ACA requirements also continue to expand and evolve, making the impact of SB 2539 on Hawaii minimal – for example, all plans that have an effective date of June 11, 2020 or later are now required to cover PrEP medication without cost sharing. In implementing SB 2539, Hawaii can look to the example of other states and learn from their experiences and successes.

Additionally, it is crucial to note that SB 2539 is focused on insurance coverage, not the provision of care. In Hawaii, refusals of care continue to put patients' health and lives in danger because they enable a patient's care to be based on a hospital's religious beliefs rather than on what is best for the patient's health and circumstances. While Planned Parenthood opposes these refusals of care and religious exemptions, they are already in place in state and federal law. Ultimately, Planned Parenthood would advocate that a patient should receive equal access to health care services, as well as complete and accurate information about their health situation, no matter their reproductive decisions, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

SB 2539 protects confidentiality. The HIPAA Privacy Rule requires providers and insurers to protect patients' Personal Health Information (PHI). However, a provision allowing for some disclosures in connection with billing and payment can and does lead to the disclosure of patients' PHI, sometimes without their understanding or permission. Without strong protections to prevent such disclosure, teens and young adults insured on their parents' health plan may be deterred from seeking care, particularly sensitive services like reproductive health care and mental health services. Victims of domestic and sexual assault may also be prevented from safely accessing care such as contraception and STI testing without their abuser finding out. And if individuals with confidentiality concerns do seek care, they may not be able to use their insurance, forcing them to pay out-of-pocket or turn to already-strained safety net programs.

A number of other states have also taken steps to improve health care access and protect confidentiality for individuals insured as dependents by requiring that health plans communicate directly with the individual receiving care. Planned Parenthood strongly supports putting in place similar confidentiality protections in Hawaii.

Thousands of people in Hawaii still lack access to the full range of reproductive health services. Access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health care, without discrimination, is critical for the health and economic security of people in Hawaii. This bill will give more people in Hawaii the ability to decide if and when they have children based on what's best for them and their family's circumstances. Hawaii must continue its leadership in promoting all peoples' ability to access the health care they need and deserve, no matter what happens at the federal level. Please give Hawaii families access to the health care they need to thrive by supporting SB 2539.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of this important legislation.

Sincerely, Laurie Field Hawaii State Director



Testimony to the Senate Committee on Judiciary Tuesday, February 25, 2020; 12:30 p.m. State Capitol, Conference Room 016

RE: HOUSE BILL NO. 2676, SENATE DRAFT 1, RELATING TO HEALTH CARE.

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA) is a 501(c)(3) organization established to advocate for, expand access to, and sustain high quality care through the statewide network of Community Health Centers throughout the State of Hawaii. The HPCA_offers **COMMENTS** on Senate Bill No. 2676, Senate Draft 1, RELATING TO HEALTH CARE.

By way of background, the HPCA represents Hawaii Federally-Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). FQHCs provide desperately needed medical services at the frontlines in rural and underserved communities. Long considered champions for creating a more sustainable, integrated, and wellness-oriented system of health, FQHCs provide a more efficient, more effective and more comprehensive system of healthcare.

SECTION 11 would establish a new section to the Department of Human Services' (DHS) statutes (Chapter 346, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS)) that would prohibit the exclusion from participation in, denial of benefits of, or otherwise subject an individual on the basis of a disability the services, drugs, devices, products, or procedures covered by the Insurance Code for reproductive health care. Persons violating this statute would be considered in violation of Chapter 489, HRS, (Unfair Practices Act), as well as possibly be subjected to a cause of action under State or federal law.

As a recipient of federal funding, FQHCs are prohibited from providing abortion services to patients. FQHCs, are also contracted with DHS for reimbursement under the Hawaii Medicaid Program and as such must follow the statutes, rules, and policies of DHS.

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Presently, the following are not clear to us:

- (1) If a physician at an FQHC refuses to perform an abortion at an FQHC facility in accordance with federal mandate, would the physician be in violation of SECTION 11?
- (2) If a physician at an FQHC refers a patient to another health care professional to perform an abortion, would that be considered a denial of service in violation of SECTION 11?
- (3) If yes is answered for either question (1) or (2), would the Federal Tort Claims Act, which provides immunity for physicians and personnel conducting services at an FQHC apply to a cause of action that originates in State court pursuant to SECTION 11?

While we agree with the underlying premise that mandatory reproduction health coverage will improve the health care outcomes of our citizenry, we also believe that possible conflicts in federal and State policy can have catastrophic consequences for health care professionals who must follow the mandates from both.

We note that this bill is substantially similar to a measure heard last year -- Senate Bill No. 1043. We concur with this Committee's finding last year, as stated in Senate Standing Committee Report No. 798, to wit:

". . . Your Committee is concerned, however, that the reference to chapter 489, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for penalty and remedy purposes, as specified for each proposed revision of chapter 431, parts I and II; chapter 432; chapter 432D; and <u>chapter 346</u>, Hawaii Revised Statutes, should be more closely examined by stakeholders and future committees during the legislative process, and revised if appropriate. . . " [Emphasis added.]

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Public Affairs and Policy Director Erik K. Abe at 536-8442, or eabe@hawaiipca.net.

<u>SB-2539-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/22/2020 11:30:51 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 12:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Doris Segal Matsunaga	Testifying for Save Medicaid Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:



To: Hawaii State Senate Committee on Judiciary

Hearing Date/Time: Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2020, 12:30 p.m. Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 016

Re: Testimony of Hawaii Women's Coalition in strong support of SB 2539, SD1

Dear Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee.

The Hawaii Women's Coalition writes in support of SB 2539, SD1. All people in Hawaii – regardless of income, gender identity, or type of insurance – should have access to the full range of preventive sexual and reproductive health services at no cost. While Hawaii has taken steps to codify in state law important protections currently required under the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA), many people still lack access to the critical care they need.

Now is the time to stand up and take action to ensure all people in Hawaii have access to the full range of preventive sexual and reproductive health services with no out-of-pocket costs. Thousands of people in Hawaii still lack access to the full range of reproductive health services. Without action, people in Hawaii will continue to be forced to delay care or forego care altogether, risking their health and economic security.

- While state law requires insurance plans to pay for the full range of FDA-approved contraceptives without cost-sharing, thousands of people must pay out-of-pocket for other basic, preventive health services.
- SB 2539 would fill these coverage gaps it would strengthen and expand state law by requiring a wide range of sexual and reproductive health care services with no out-of-pocket costs.
- Hawaii needs SB 2539: the Trump administration has put forth rules that will make it more difficult for insurers to cover abortion care. SB 2539 will ensure that Hawaii people will continue to have the coverage they have relied upon.
- Transgender and gender non-conforming people often face barriers when accessing services categorized as "women's" health care, including gender-specific cancer screenings and the full range of reproductive health services. RHEA would help transgender and gender non-conforming people access these necessary and life-saving services.

Please support SB 2539 to ensure that all people in Hawaii have equal and affordable access to the care they need.

Sincerely, Hawaii Women's Coalition

<u>SB-2539-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/21/2020 4:08:01 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 12:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Younghi Overly	Testifying for aauw of hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

<u>SB-2539-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/22/2020 5:45:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 12:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joseph Kohn MD	Testifying for We Are One, Inc www.WeAreOne.cc - WAO	Support	No

Comments:

Strongly Support Reproductive and Sexual Health Care

Reproductive Rights Are Human Rights "Pro-Life" = #RightToSlavery www.WeAreOne.cc

<u>SB-2539-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/22/2020 9:48:51 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 12:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Cynthia J. Goto	Individual	Support	No	

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/23/2020 6:12:55 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 12:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
LeighAnn Frattarelli, MD, MPH	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Senator Rhoads and Vice Chair Senator Keohokalole:

I am a gynecologist in practice in Hawaii since 2000. I strong support SB 2539 for mandated comprehensive reproductive health care.

Hawaii has long been a leader in providing comprehensive reproductive health care to it's citizens. Under President Obama and the Affordable Health Care Act, the entire country had easier acces to services like co-pay free contraception, sexually transmitted infection screening and abortion. Unfortunately, Donald Trump has systematically dismantled the Affordable Health Care Act and will continue to try to restrict access to these important services. Hawaii must protect its citizens from those that do not see the value in women's choices regarding their bodies, and instead want to impose their own values upon us.

Thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony.

Sincerely,

LeighAnn Frattarellis, MD, MPH



Testimony of John M. Kirimitsu Legal and Government Relations Consultant

Before:

Senate Committee on Judiciary The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair

> February 25, 2020 12:30 pm Conference Room 016

SB 2539 SD1 Relating to Health Care

Chair, Vice Chair, and committee members, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on this measure mandating coverage for a comprehensive category of reproductive health services, drugs, devices, products, and procedures.

Kaiser Permanente Hawaii would like to offer comments.

Kaiser appreciates the intent of this bill to solidify the essential health benefits under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 ("ACA"), however the abortion mandate under this bill is <u>unconstitutional</u> and <u>violates federal law</u>. The ACA Sect 1303 specifically <u>prohibits</u> abortion from coverage as an "essential benefit" and confirms existing Federal and State prohibitions on the use of public funds for abortion services.

On January 24, 2020, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) sent California a notice of violation stating that the state's mandatory abortion coverage rule for insurers violates federal law and could result in federal funding for the state being withdrawn. California has 30 days to comply with federal law, and if California doesn't comply, the HHS is threatening to cut off the \$51 bn. in federal funds the state receives for Medicaid because the mandate violates federal law. The HHS order was issued on the basis of the Weldon amendment, which provides that states receiving federal funds may not discriminate against health plans based on their decision not to cover or pay for abortions. Five other states (New York, Oregon, Washington, Illinois, and Maine) and New York City have abortion coverage mandates similar to California's and will likely face similar HHS orders.

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Furthermore, any new mandated services, i.e., abortion, should be subject to an impact assessment report, as required pursuant to Sections 23-51 and 23-52 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes. Also, the addition of a new mandated coverage may trigger section 1311(d)(3) of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, which requires states to defray the additional cost of any benefits enacted after December 31, 2011, in excess of the State's essential health benefits.

Thank you for your consideration.





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Statement Before The SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY Tuesday, February 25, 2020

12:30 PM State Capitol, Conference Room 016

in consideration of SB 2539, SD1 RELATING TO HEALTH CARE.

Chair RHOADS, Vice Chair KEOHOKALOLE, and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee

Common Cause Hawaii provides comments in support of SB 2539, SD1, which (1) requires health insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for a comprehensive category of reproductive health services, drugs, devices, products, and procedures and (2) prohibits discrimination in the provision of reproductive health care services.

Common Cause Hawaii is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, grassroots organization dedicated to strengthening democracy.

Common Cause Hawaii understands that when the people of Hawaii have access, without discrimination, to the full range reproductive health care services, drugs, devices, products, and procedures, their health and, in turn, economic security will flourish. This will mean security and stability for their families, communities, and our state as a whole. Requiring health insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for a comprehensive category of reproductive health services, drugs, devices, products, and procedures and prohibiting discrimination in the provision of reproductive health care services will ensure a healthy, vibrant democracy.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in support of SB 2539, SD1. If you have further questions of me, please contact me at sma@commoncause.org.

Very respectfully yours,

Sandy Ma Executive Director, Common Cause Hawaii



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COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Sen. Karl Rhoads, Chair Sen. Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair Tuesday, February 25, 2020 12:30 PM – Room 016

STRONG SUPPORT for SB 2539 SD1 - HEALTHCARE

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee!

My name is Kat Brady and I am the Coordinator of Community Alliance on Prisons, a community initiative promoting smart justice policies in Hawai'i for more than two decades. This testimony is respectfully offered on behalf of the families of JAMES BORLING SALAS, ASHLEY GREY, DAISY KASITATI, JOEY O'MALLEY, JESSICA FORTSON AND ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE DIED UNDER THE "CARE AND CUSTODY" OF THE STATE, including the eleven (11) people that we know of, who have died in the last six (6) months. We also remind the committee of the approximately 5,200 Hawai'i individuals living behind bars or under the "care and custody" of the Department of Public Safety on any given day, and we are always mindful that more than 1,200 of Hawai'i's imprisoned people are serving their sentences abroad thousands of miles away from their loved ones, their homes and, for the disproportionate number of incarcerated Kanaka Maoli, far, far from their ancestral lands.

Community Alliance on Prisons is in strong support of this measure that protects health care for all the people of Hawai'i nei. Hawai'i has a legacy of progressive action and legislation regarding reproductive rights, family planning, and access to women's health care services. As several states around the country have passed legislation that restricts women's access to comprehensive reproductive health care, it is even more important Hawai'i acts now to protect women's rights to the full spectrum of women's health care.

The current federal administration has made it clear that enacting additional restrictions on health care access and undermining consumer protections are their top priorities. They have targeted the rights of women and LGBTQ people with attacks on non-discrimination protections and access to abortion and birth control. Most recently, the federal administration finalized a rule designed to make it much more difficult for private health insurance plans to cover abortion care. Without SB 2539, insurers will most certainly consider discontinuing this important coverage.

Given these federal attacks on basic rights and health care, now is the time for our government to ensure that nobody loses access to the health care and protections on which they depend. SB 2539 will do just that. This legislation would codify the Affordable Care Act (ACA) preventive service coverage requirements in state law, ensuring that people in Hawaii don't lose their access to no-copay preventive services such as birth control, well-person exams, and life-saving cancer screenings. It would also strengthen and expand these coverage requirements by requiring coverage of the full range of sexual and reproductive health care services, including abortion and vasectomy. And it would make sure that all people in Hawai'i can access these important services.

Community Alliance on Prisons urges the committee's support for SB 2539 SD1. Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.



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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

Before the Senate Committee on Judiciary Tuesday, February 25, 2020 12:30 p.m. State Capitol, Conference Room 016

On the following measure: S.B. 2539, S.D. 1, RELATING TO HEALTH CARE

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

My name is Colin Hayashida, and I am the Insurance Commissioner of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' (Department) Insurance Division. The Department offers comments on this bill.

The purposes of this bill are to: (1) require health insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for a comprehensive category of reproductive health services, drugs, devices, products, and procedures; and (2) prohibit discrimination in the provision of reproductive health care services.

The Department is in the process of establishing contact with the federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to seek guidance on state-required benefits. The HHS recently proposed rulemaking to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) that addresses states' defrayment and obligations. The

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HHS proposed rule would require states to annually report to HHS "any state-required benefits applicable to the individual and/or small group market that are considered in addition to [the essential health benefits]."¹

Lastly, the effective date of the bill conflicts with the applicability of certain provisions to plans issued on or after a date certain. While this bill has an effective date of January 2, 2021, and applies to all plans issued or renewed on or after January 2, 2021, section 6 on page 25, line 15 and section 8 on page 30, line 20 amend Hawaii Revised Statutes sections 431:10A-116.6 and 432:1-604.5, respectively, to apply to contracts issued on or after January 1, 2020.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

¹ <u>See</u> Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters for 2021; Notice Requirement for Non-Federal Governmental Plans (HHS Notice). This document was published on February 6, 2020 and has a comment period that ends on March 2, 2020. The PDF version is available at: https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/02/06/2020-02021/benefit-and-payment-parameters-notice-requirement-for-non-federal-governmental-plans.

<u>SB-2539-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/23/2020 9:14:05 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 12:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lauren Ing	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



'O kēia 'ōlelo hō'ike no ke Komikina Kūlana Olakino o Nā Wāhine

Testimony on behalf of the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women Khara Jabola-Carolus, Executive Director

Prepared for the Senate Committee on Judiciary

In Support of SB2539 SD1
February 25, 2020, at 12:30 p.m. in Room 016

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Honorable Members:

The Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women supports SB2539 SD1, which would require health insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for a comprehensive category of reproductive health services, drugs, devices, products, and procedures. The bill, if passed, would also prohibit discrimination in the provision of reproductive health care services.

The future of women's health has never been so uncertain. This measure is a necessary step to ensure that women and LGBTQ individuals in Hawai'i do not lose access to no-copay preventive services such as birth control, breastfeeding support and supplies, domestic and interpersonal violence screenings, gestational diabetes screening, well-woman exams, and lifesaving cancer screenings. SB2539 would also expand these coverage requirements by requiring coverage of the full range of sexual and reproductive health care services, including abortion and treatment to avoid HIV. Further, the measure would ensure that all people in Hawai'i can live more self-determined lives by guaranteeing access to these important services, regardless of gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

Accordingly, the Commission requests that the Committee pass SB2539 SD1.

Sincerely,

Khara Jabola-Carolus

<u>SB-2539-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/23/2020 11:14:20 PM

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Submitted By	bmitted By Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Barbara J. Service	Individual	Support	No	

Comments:

Please do all you can to protect reporoductive rights, especially for LGBTQ individuals and people of color.

Mahalo!

Barbara J. Service (MSW retired) Child Welfare

Senior Advocate



Josh Frost - President • Patrick Shea - Treasurer • Kristin Hamada Nelson Ho • Summer Starr

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Relating to Health Care Testifying in Support

Aloha Chair and members of the committee,

The Pono Hawai'i Initiative (PHI) **supports SB2539, SD1 Relating to Health Care**, which requires all health insurers, mutual benefits societies and health maintenance organizations to provide comprehensive coverage for reproductive health services, drugs, devices, products and procedures. This measure prohibits discrimination in the provision of reproductive health services.

When comprehensive medical coverage is lacking, preventative care becomes almost nonexistent and larger medical problems can arise. When we do not provide these basic health benefits for all individuals our population suffers and that can affect the health of the community. Making sure all individuals have access to this coverage no matter their race, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age or is essential in making sure individuals receive preventative care and support they need. Reproductive health is a public health issue that can have far reaching effects beyond just one's sexual health.

For all these reasons, we urge you to move this bill forward.

Mahalo for the opportunity, Gary Hooser Executive Director Pono Hawai'i Initiative



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

TO: Senate Committee on Judiciary

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair

Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair

DATE: Tuesday, February 25, 2020, 12:30PM

PLACE: Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 016

FROM: Hawai'i Section, ACOG

Chrystie Fujimoto, MD, FACOG, Chair Reni Soon, MD, MPH, FACOG, Vice Chair

Lauren Zirbel, Community and Government Relations Jennifer Chin, MD, Junior Fellow Legislative Chair

Re: SB 2539 SD1 Relating to Health Care

Position: STRONG SUPPORT

As a section of the nation's leading group of physicians dedicated to improving health care for women, the Hawai'i Section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (HI ACOG) represents more than 200 obstetrician-gynecologists in our state. HI ACOG **strongly supports SB 2539_SD1** as it aims to protect access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health care services in Hawai'i.

Hawai'i has a legacy of progressive action and legislation regarding reproductive rights, family planning, and access to women's health care services. As several states around the country have passed legislation that restricts women's access to comprehensive reproductive health care, it is even more important that progressive states such as Hawai'i protect women's rights to the full spectrum of women's health care.

As women's health care physicians, we see on a daily basis how women in our state depend on access to a wide spectrum of reproductive health care services, including screening and treatment for sexually transmitted infections, cervical cancer screening and treatment, contraceptive counseling and medications, abortion and miscarriage management, genetic counseling and testing, substance use and mental health disorders, and comprehensive prenatal and postpartum care. Every day we see patients in our clinics and in the hospital who seek care because of one of these issues. Luckily most of the women we see are able to receive these services without having to delay care or worry about payment. Unfortunately, we have also seen the devastating consequences of delayed care due to lack of insurance coverage. We have cared for many patients who did not receive normal pap smears and thus presented with advanced stage cervical cancer. We have taken care of pregnant patients with serious substance use and mental health disorders who were unable to receive treatment before, during, or after their pregnancy. It is critical that the women of Hawai'i have timely, affordable access to the full spectrum of women's healthcare. Not only does this keep the women and families of Hawai'i healthy, but it also makes economic sense. Research has shown that for every dollar spent on reproductive health and

family planning, the government saves seven dollars.¹ This does not take into account the burden that unintended pregnancies and chronic medical conditions place on the families of Hawai'i, and thus the cost savings is likely even higher.

SB 2539_SD1 guarantees that all people of Hawai'i are able to access the full spectrum of healthcare without any discrimination, regardless of their race, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, or ability. Additionally, it ensures that women have full access to contraception including medication prescribed by physicians, physician assistants, advanced practice registered nurses, and pharmacists. This will decrease barriers to effective birth control and ensure that women are able to benefit from family planning services without delay. We are proud that our state has a strong tradition of prioritizing women's health. Let us continue to ensure that all women in Hawai'i have unrestricted, full spectrum access to the healthcare they need and deserve. We **strongly support SB 2539 SD1** and urge you to do the same.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

¹Frost JJ et al (Guttmacher Institute). "Return on investment: a fuller assessment of the benefits and cost savings of the US publicly funded family planning program." The Milbank Quarterly, 2014.

February 23, 2020

Senate Committee on Judiciary
The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair

Senate Bill 2539, SD1 – Relating to Health Care

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Association of Health Plans (HAHP) appreciates the opportunity to testify on SB 2539, SD1.

HAHP appreciates the intent of this bill, but we have serious concerns with the expansion of coverage for reproductive services beyond what has been established by the Affordable Care Act. As this would be a new mandated benefit, it is subject to an impact assessment report by the Auditor pursuant to Sections 23-51 and 23-52 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Thank you for allowing us to respectfully express our opposition to SB 2539, SD1.

Sincerely,

HAHP Public Policy Committee

cc: HAHP Board Members



February 23, 2020

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair Senate Committee on Judiciary

Re: SB 2539, SD1 – Relating to Health Care

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Committee Members:

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify on SB 2539, SD1, which requires health insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for a comprehensive category of reproductive health services, drugs, devices, products, and procedures. Additionally, this measure prohibits discrimination in the provision of reproductive health care services and is effective 1/2/2021.

HMSA appreciates the intent of this measure, to preserve certain aspects of the Affordable Care Act for the residents of Hawaii, despite the uncertainties surrounding the current Presidential administration's efforts to "repeal and replace" the Affordable Care Act. However, this measure appears to add coverage beyond the Affordable Care Act, and will result in increased costs to the healthcare system. The requirement of "no-copay's" on all services in this bill goes against cost sharing that is routinely applied to other medical conditions.

We ask that should this bill move forward it should be subject to an impact assessment report by the Auditor pursuant to Sections 23-51 and 23-52 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Thank you for allowing us to provide these comments on SB 2539, SD1.

Sincerely,

Pono Chong

Vice President, Government Relations



February 25, 2020 Rm. 016, 12:30 p.m.

To: The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair

The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair Members of the House Committee on Judiciary

From: Liann Ebesugawa, Chair

and Commissioners of the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission

Re: S.B. No. 2539, S.D. 1

The Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission (HCRC) has enforcement jurisdiction over Hawai'i's laws prohibiting discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations, and access to state and state funded services. The HCRC carries out the Hawai'i constitutional mandate that no person shall be discriminated against in the exercise of their civil rights. Art. I, Sec. 5.

S.B. No. 2539, S.D. 1, if enacted, will require health insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for a comprehensive category of reproductive health services, drugs, devices, products, and procedures; and prohibit discrimination in the coverage of, or payment for, such reproductive health services.

The HCRC supports the intent of this measure, but offers comment and concern over the assignment of enforcement jurisdiction to the HCRC over selected violations of HRS chapters 431, 432, 432D, and 346, by incorporating by reference new statutory requirements in those chapters into HRS chapter 489. See pages 9, 16, 24, 25 and 36 of the S.D. 1.

Violations of HRS chapters 431, 432, and 432D fall under the enforcement jurisdiction of the Insurance Commissioner and the DCCA Insurance Division, and violations of HRS chapter 346 fall under the enforcement jurisdiction of DHS. The Insurance Commissioner and Insurance Division have the subject matter jurisdiction and expertise to investigate and enforce health insurance coverage issues under the

statutes they enforce.

However, S.B. No. 2539, S.D. 1, makes discriminatory denial of insurance coverage for reproductive health services a violation of HRS chapter 489, Discrimination in Public Accommodations, under the enforcement jurisdiction of the HCRC.

The HCRC has a state civil rights law enforcement interest in eliminating discrimination in employment-based health benefit plans, with jurisdiction and authority to enforce Hawai'i state fair employment law, which prohibits employers from discriminating on the basis of race, **sex, including gender identity or expression**, sexual orientation, age, religion, color, ancestry, disability, marital status, arrest and court record, or domestic violence or sexual violence victim status, in "compensation or in the terms, conditions, or privileges of employment." HRS § 378-2(a)(1)(A). Most but not all of Hawai'i residents who are covered by private health plans are covered by employment-based plans.

The HCRC's HRS chapter 378, part I jurisdiction covers employers, but not health insurance providers, except to the extent that there is aider and abettor liability.

The HCRC supports the intent of the bill and the basic premise that no one should be denied coverage for reproductive health services for a prohibited discriminatory reason (race, color, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, or disability).

It is noteworthy that Act 135, L. 2016, enacted similar non-discrimination requirements prohibiting discrimination on the basis of actual or perceived gender identity in chapters 431, 432, and 432D, but did not make violation of these prohibitions a violation of chapter 489. The HCRC supports the intent of S.B. No. 2539 S.D. 1, but suggests deletion of the assignment of enforcement jurisdiction by references to chapter 489.

To: Hawaii State Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Hearing Date/Time: Tuesday, 02-25-20 12:30PM

Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Room 016

Re: Judith Ann Armstrong is in support SB2539 SD1 RELATING TO HEALTH CARE

INSURANCE.

Dear Chair Baker and Members of the Committee,

I, Judith Armstrong, am writing in strong support of SB2539 SD1.

All people in Hawaii regardless of income, gender identity, or type of insurance — should have access to the full range of no copay preventive reproductive health services. To safeguard its communities, Hawaii should pass SB 2539 SD1 to codify the Affordable Care Act's coverage requirements into state law and expand protected services to include abortion and vasectomy. The Hawaii Legislature should also pass SB 2539 SD1 because it prohibits insurance companies from discriminating in insurance coverage, including coverage of reproductive health services, based on gender or gender identity.

I strongly urge our legislators to support this important benefit change.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of this important measure.

Sincerely, Judith Ann Armstrong 1717 Ala Wai Blvd Apt 3006 Honolulu, HI 96815



Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks! is a nonpartisan 501c4 nonprofit committed to advocating for children and their families. Our core issues are safety, health, and education.

To: Senator Rhoads, Chair

Senator Keohokalole, Vice Chair Senate Committee on Judiciary



Re: SB 2539- Relating to reproductive health equity

Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 016 12:30pM, 2/25/2020

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and committee members,

On behalf of Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks! I am writing in SUPPORT of SB 2539 SD1, relating to health insurance.

Recently, there have been efforts to dismantle the Affordable Care Act, with specific focus on removing protections for sexual and reproductive health care benefits and protections. These actions place the burden on states to recognize the new and existing gaps in health care coverage. Hawaii can safeguard reproductive health services for everyone regardless of what happens at the federal level by requiring insurers to cover the full spectrum of reproductive health services for all people regardless of income, gender identity, or insurance carrier.

This legislation will ensure that people in Hawaii have coverage for crucial preventive reproductive health services at no out of pocket cost to them. It also prohibits insurance companies from discriminating in insurance coverage (including the coverage of reproductive health services) based on gender or gender identity.

The people of Hawaii must have access to all reproductive health services so they are able to make the best decisions for their families. Unfortunately, for many individuals and families in Hawaii already struggling to afford their most basic needs, they simply cannot afford the added expense of these services. This means forgoing contraception, STI testing, screening for other diseases, wellness exams, and information about pregnancy options. As a result, diseases will go undetected and unintended pregnancies, STIs, and abortion rates will likely increase.

When people are denied these vital services it further threatens the economic security of all people in Hawaii because reproductive health services help people pursue an education, get and keep jobs, and support their families.

Hawaii has long been a leader in protecting access to sexual and reproductive health care. As reproductive health services are targeted by the federal government, it is more important than ever the state ensures equitable access to them.

For these reasons, HCAN SPEAKS! respectfully requests the Committee to support this measure.

Thank you.



<u>SB-2539-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/24/2020 2:37:42 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 12:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Amy Monk	Testifying for Women's Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII

DIOCESE OF HONOLULU

Witness to Jesus



Online Submittal: February 24, 2020

HEARING: February 25, 2020

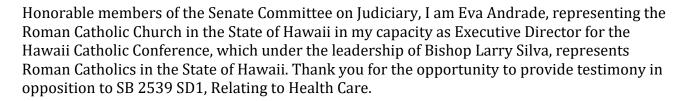
TO: Senate Committee on Judiciary

Sen. Karl Rhoads, Chair

Sen. Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice-Chair

FROM: Eva Andrade, Executive Director – Hawaii Catholic Conference

POSITION: Opposition to SB 2539 SD1 Relating to Health Care



While some of the health services mentioned in the bill are not problematic, the Church strongly objects to a government mandate for so-called "reproductive services" that are contrary to our deeply held religious convictions. At a time when so many people in our islands lack even the most basic health coverage, efforts to mandate services like abortion, contraceptives and sterilization raise serious moral questions. In addition, any such mandate will cause needless injustice if it does not provide full protection to those who object for reasons of conscience.

Numerous conscience clauses in federal law protect conscientious objection based on both religious and moral grounds, in contexts ranging from capital punishment to abortion and sterilization. These are based on a sound understanding that forcing someone to engage in activity that violates his or her deeply held conscientious beliefs is a violation of human rights and an abuse of government.

We strongly believe that some of the services required in this bill should not be imposed on private faith-based organizations who object. However, if some form of mandate is adopted, effective protection for conscientious objection on both moral and religious grounds should be ensured.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit our objections.





Committee: Committee on Judiciary

Hearing Date/Time: Tuesday, February 25, 2020, 2:00 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 325

Re: <u>Testimony of the ACLU of Hawai 'i with Comments on H.B. 1904, H.D. 1,</u>

Relating to the Uniform Employee and Student Online Privacy Protection Act

Dear Chair Lee, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Committee Members:

The American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i ("ACLU of Hawai'i") writes with comments and concerns regarding H.B. 1904, H.D. 1, which aims to prohibit employers and educational institutions from demanding access to the personal online accounts such as Facebook, Snapchat, and email, of both current and prospective employees and students. Unfortunately, as written, this measure leaves serious loopholes for abuse.

Social media provides an important platform for free speech and open dialogue, and has become central to the way that we communicate in the 21st century. As social media use has increased, so too has the incentive for schools, employers, and landlords to monitor what students, employees, and tenants are expressing online. But access by those who have leverage over our education and livelihood inevitably leads to discrimination, self-censorship, and the chilling of the free expression of ideas.

For this reason, the ACLU of Hawai'i appreciates that the Legislature is taking steps to protect students and employees against unwarranted invasions of privacy. The Uniform Law Commission's Employee and Student Online Privacy Protection Act ("ULC bill"), however, fails to adequately protect students and employees, and does not even address online privacy for tenants. The ACLU of Hawai'i prefers the alternative and more comprehensive reform measure, the Personal Online Account Privacy Act ("POAPA"), attached. POAPA creates stronger safeguards against abuse, and includes within its protection Hawaii's renters.

As currently written, H.B. 1904, H.D. 1 allows employers and educational institutions to view employees' and students' personal online account content based solely on a general — and potentially unsubstantiated — allegation of misconduct tenuously linked to the account. POAPA's protections are much stronger, requiring allegations of misconduct to point to specific content, and only allowing employers/educational institutions/landlords to access content that has been specifically identified. POAPA defines "specifically identified content," whereas the ULC bill provides no clarity regarding what would constitute "specific facts" about the employee's/student's protected personal online account sufficient to allow employers and schools to access the content of these accounts.

Finally, housing has become an increasingly troubling area for online privacy, with more and more stories emerging of landlords demanding access to tenants' social media accounts. While POAPA

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protects tenants against unwarranted invasions of privacy from their landlords, the ULC bill simply fails to address this issue.

For these reasons, the ACLU of Hawai'i respectfully requests that the Committee amend this measure by inserting the language of "POAPA," attached. Alternatively, if the Committee is not inclined to amend H.B. 1904, H.D. 1, we ask that the Committee defer the measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Mandy Fernandes Policy Director ACLU of Hawai'i

The mission of the ACLU of Hawai'i is to protect the fundamental freedoms enshrined in the U.S. and State Constitutions. The ACLU of Hawai'i fulfills this through legislative, litigation, and public education programs statewide. The ACLU of Hawai'i is a non-partisan and private non-profit organization that provides its services at no cost to the public and does not accept government funds. The ACLU of Hawai'i has been serving Hawai'i for more than 50 years.

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Personal Online Account Privacy Act Section 1. Definitions – As used in this Act,

- (A) "Applicant" shall mean an Applicant for employment.
- (B) "Employee" shall mean an individual who provides services or labor to an Employer in return for wages or other remuneration or compensation.
- (C) "Employer" shall mean a person who is acting directly as an Employer, or acting under the authority or on behalf of an Employer, in relation to an Employee.
- (D) "Educational Institution" shall mean:
 - 1. (1) A private or public school, institution, or school district, or any subdivision thereof, that offers participants, Students, or trainees an organized course of study or training that is academic, trade-oriented, or preparatory for gainful employment, as well as school Employees and agents acting under the authority or on behalf of an Educational Institution; or
 - 2. (2) A state or local educational agency authorized to direct or control an entity in Section 1(D)(1).
- (E) "Personal Online Account" means any online account maintained by an Employee, Student, or Tenant, including but not limited to a social media or email account, that is protected by a login requirement. "Personal Online Account" does not include an account, or a discrete portion of an account, that was either (1) opened at an Employer's behest, or provided by an Employer and intended to be used solely or primarily on behalf of or under the direction of the Employer, or (2) opened at a school's behest, or provided by a school and intended to be used solely or primarily on behalf of or under the direction of the school.
- (F) "Prospective Student" shall mean an Applicant for admission to an Educational Institution.
- (G) "Prospective Tenant" shall mean a person who inquires about or applies to rent real property from a Landlord for residential purposes.
- (H) "Landlord" shall mean the owner or lawful possessor of real property who, in an exchange for rent, Leases it to another person or persons for residential purposes, or someone acting under the authority or on behalf of a Landlord, in relation to a Tenant or Prospective Tenant.
- (I) "Lease" shall mean a legally binding agreement between a Landlord and a residential Tenant or Tenants for the rental of real property.
- (J) "Specifically Identified Content" shall mean data or information stored in a Personal Online Account that is identified with sufficient particularity to distinguish the discrete, individual piece of content being sought from any other data or information stored in the account with which it may share similar characteristics.

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- (K) "Student" shall mean any full-time or part-time Student, participant, or trainee that is enrolled in a class or any other organized course of study at an Educational Institution.
- (L) "Tenant" shall mean a person who Leases real property from a Landlord, in exchange for rent, for residential purposes.

Section 2. Employers – An Employer shall not:

- (A) Require, request, or coerce an Employee or Applicant to:
 - (1) Disclose the user name and password, password, or any other means of authentication, or to provide access through the user name or password, to a Personal Online Account;
 - (2) Disclose the non-public contents of a Personal Online Account;
 - (3) Provide password or authentication information to a personal technological device for purposes of gaining access to a Personal Online Account, or to turn over an unlocked personal technological device for purposes of gaining access to a personal online account;
 - (4) Access a Personal Online Account in the presence of the Employer in a manner that enables the Employer to observe the contents of such account; or
 - (5) Change the account settings of a Personal Online Account so as to increase third party access to its contents;
- (B) Require or coerce an Employee or Applicant to add anyone, including the Employer, to their list of contacts associated with a Personal Online Account;
- (C) Take any action or threaten to take any action to discharge, discipline, or otherwise penalize an Employee in response to an Employee's refusal to disclose any information specified in Section 2(A)(1)-(3) or refusal to take any action specified in Section 2(A)(4)- (5) or (B); or
- (D) Fail or refuse to hire any Applicant as a result of an Applicant's refusal to disclose any information specified in Section 2(A)(1)-(3) or refusal to take any action specified in Section 2(A)(4)-(5) or (B).

Section 3. Educational Institutions – An Educational Institution shall not:

- (A) Require, request, or coerce a Student or Prospective Student to:
 - (1) Disclose the user name and password, password, or any other means of authentication, or provide access through the user name or password, to a Personal Online Account;
 - (2) Disclose the non-public contents of a Personal Online Account;

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- (3) Provide password or authentication information to a personal technological device for purposes of gaining access to a Personal Online Account, or to turn over an unlocked personal technological device for purposes of gaining access to a personal online account;
- (4) Access a Personal Online Account in the presence of an Educational Institution Employee or Educational Institution volunteer, including, but not limited to, a coach, teacher, or school administer, in a manner that enables the Educational Institution Employee or Educational Institution volunteer to observe the contents of such account; or
- (5) Change the account settings of a Personal Online Account so as to increase third party access to its contents;
- (B) Require or coerce a Student or Prospective Student to add anyone, including a coach, teacher, school administrator, or other Educational Institution Employee or Educational Institution volunteer, to their list of contacts associated with a Personal Online Account;
- (C) Take any action or threaten to take any action to discharge, discipline, prohibit from participating in curricular or extracurricular activities, or otherwise penalize a Student in response to a Student's refusal to disclose any information specified in Section 3(A)(1)- (3) or refusal to take any action specified in Section 3(A)(4)-(5) or (B); or
- (D) Fail or refuse to admit any Prospective Student as a result of the Prospective Student's refusal to disclose any information specified in Section 3(A)(1)-(3) or refusal to take any action specified in Section 3(A)(4)-(5) or (B).

Section 4. Landlords – A Landlord shall not: (A)Require, request, or coerce a Tenant or Prospective Tenant to:

- (1) Disclose the user name and password, password, or any other means of authentication, or to provide access through the user name or password, to a Personal Online Account;
- (2) Disclose the non-public contents of a Personal Online Account;
- (3) Provide password or authentication information to a personal technological device for purposes of gaining access to a Personal Online Account, or to turn over an unlocked personal technological device for purposes of gaining access to a personal online account;
- (4) Access a Personal Online Account in the presence of the Employer in a manner that enables the Employer to observe the contents of such account; or
- (5) Change the account settings of a Personal Online Account so as to increase third party access to its contents;

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- (B) Require or coerce a Tenant or Prospective Tenant to add anyone, including the Employer, to their list of contacts associated with a Personal Online Account;
- (C) Take any action or threaten to take any action to evict or otherwise penalize a Tenant in response to Tenant's refusal to disclose any information specified in Section 4(A)(1)-(3) or refusal to take any action specified in Section 4(A)(4)-(5) or (B);
- (D) Fail or refuse to rent real property to, or otherwise penalize any Prospective Tenant as a result of a Prospective Tenant's refusal to disclose any information specified in Section 4(A)(1)-(3) or refusal to take any action specified in Section 4(A)(4)-(5) or (B); or
- (E) Include any provisions in a new or renewal Lease, executed after the date this Act takes effect, that conflict with Section 4 of this Act. Any such conflicting Lease provisions shall be deemed void and legally unenforceable.

Section 5. Limitations – Nothing in this Act shall prevent an Employer, Educational Institution, or Landlord from:

- (A) Accessing information about an Applicant, Employee, Student, Prospective Student, Tenant, or Prospective Tenant that is publicly available;
- (B) Complying with state and federal laws, rules, and regulations, and the rules of self-regulatory organizations as defined in section 3(a)(26) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, 15 USC 78c(a)(26), or another statute governing self-regulatory organizations;
- (C) For an Employer, without requesting or requiring an Employee or Applicant to provide a user name and password, password, or other means of authentication that provides access to a Personal Online Account, requesting or requiring an Employee or Applicant to share Specifically Identified Content that has been reported to the Employer for the purpose of:
 - (1) Enabling an Employer to comply with its own legal and regulatory obligations;
 - (2) Investigating an allegation, based on the receipt of information regarding Specifically Identified Content, of the unauthorized transfer of an Employer's proprietary or confidential information or financial data to an Employee or Applicant's Personal Online Account; or
 - (3) Investigating an allegation, based on the receipt of information regarding Specifically Identified Content, of unlawful harassment or threats of violence in the workplace;
 - (D) For an Educational Institution, without requesting or requiring a Student or Prospective Student to provide a user name and password, password, or other means of authentication that provides access to a Personal Online Account, requesting or requiring a Student or Prospective Student to share Specifically Identified Content that has been reported to the Educational Institution for the purpose of:

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- (1) Complying with its own legal obligations, subject to all legal and constitutional protections that are applicable to the Student or Prospective Student;
- (E) For a Landlord, without requesting or requiring Tenant or Prospective Tenant to provide a user name and password, password, or other means of authentication that provides access to a Personal Online Account, requesting or requiring a Tenant or Prospective Tenant to share Specifically Identified Content that has been reported to the Landlord for the purpose of:
 - (1) Enabling a Landlord to comply with its own legal and regulatory obligations; or
 - (2) Investigating an allegation, based on the receipt of information regarding Specifically Identified Content, of a Lease violation by the Tenant where such a violation presents an imminent threat of harm to the health or safety of another Tenant or occupant of the real property or of damage to the real property;
- (F) Prohibiting an Employee, Applicant, Student, or Prospective Student from using a Personal Online Account for business or Educational Institution purposes; or
- (G) Prohibiting an Employee, Applicant, Student, or Prospective Student from accessing or operating a Personal Online Account during business or school hours or while on business or school property.

Section 6. Inadvertent receipt of password –

- (A) If an Employer, Educational Institution, or Landlord inadvertently receives the user name and password, password, or other means of authentication that provides access to a Personal Online Account of an Employee, Applicant, Student, Prospective Student, Tenant, or Prospective Tenant through the use of an otherwise lawful technology that monitors the Employer's, Educational Institution's, or Landlord's network or Employer- provided, Educational Institution-provided, or Landlord-provided devices for network security or data confidentiality purposes, the Employer, Educational Institution, or Landlord:
 - (1) Is not liable for having the information;
 - (2) May not use the information to access the Personal Online Account of the Employee, Applicant, Student, Prospective Student, Tenant, or Prospective Tenant;
 - (3) May not share the information with any other person or entity; and 5
 - (4) Must delete the information as soon as is reasonably practicable, unless the information is being retained by the Employer, Educational Institution, or Landlord in connection with the pursuit of a specific criminal complaint or civil action, or the investigation thereof.

Section 7. Enforcement –

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- (A) Any Employer, Educational Institution, or Landlord, including its Employee or agents, who violates this Act shall be subject to legal action for damages and/or equitable relief, to be brought by any person claiming a violation of this Act has injured his or her person or reputation. A person so injured shall be entitled to actual damages, including mental pain and suffering endured on account of violation of the provisions of this Act, and reasonable attorneys' fees and other costs of litigation.
- (B) Any Employee or agent of an Educational Institution who violates this Act may be subject to disciplinary proceedings and punishment. For Educational Institution Employees who are represented under the terms of a collective bargaining agreement, this Act prevails except where it conflicts with the collective bargaining agreement, any memorandum of agreement or understanding signed pursuant to the collective bargaining agreement, or any recognized and established practice relative to the members of the bargaining unit.

Section 8. Admissibility – Except as proof of a violation of this Act, no data obtained, accessed, used, copied, disclosed, or retained in violation of this Act, nor any evidence derived therefrom, shall be admissible in any criminal, civil, administrative, or other proceeding.

Section 9. Severability – The provisions in this Act are severable. If any part or provision of this Act, or the application of this Act to any person, entity, or circumstance, is held invalid, the remainder of this Act, including the application of such part or provision to other persons, entities, or circumstances, shall not be affected by such holding and shall continue to have force and effect.

Section 10. Effective Date – This Act shall take effect upon passage.





Submitted Online: February 24, 2020

Hearing: February 25, 2020, 12:30 p.m

TO: Senate Judiciary Committee

Sen. Karl Rhoads, Chair

Sen. Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair

FROM: Eva Andrade, President

RE: Opposition to SB 2539 SD1, Relating to Health Care

Aloha and thank you for the opportunity to provide our testimony. Hawaii Family Forum is a non-profit, pro-family education organization committed to preserving and strengthening families in Hawaii, representing a network of various Christian Churches and denominations.

While we do agree with some of the important "health services" included in the bill, we oppose this bill because we believe there is no constitutional right to require others to pay for, or facilitate, access to reproductive services that some faith-based organizations find objectionable. To many faith-based people in Hawaii, freedom of conscience is a fundamental right that has been respected and protected since the founding of our great country.

Healthcare professionals, health insurance companies, hospitals, and even private employers have the right to live out their faith in their practice of medicine, provision of prescriptions, or insurance coverage. We strongly believe that forcing faith-based employers to pay for reproductive health "services", abortions, and contraceptive drugs which they find morally offensive is just plain unjust.

Hawaii Family Forum, along with thousands of Christians across the state, continues to believe that every human life—born or unborn—has worth and dignity. According to this foundational truth, opposing abortions and any other problematic service mandated in health plans is non-negotiable.

Finally, it was noticed that in the text of the bill, the non-discrimination provisions left out RELIGION as one of the standard protected classes. In the interest of fairness, at the very least, a conscience provision should be included.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit our testimony.



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Please pass SB2539 SD1 because we desparely need Justice for all in need of Justice in medicine!

Rainbow Family 808

Carolyn Martinez Golojuch, MSW

Founding President and Advocate

From: <u>nix@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>John Nix</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 10:58:50 AM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 2539 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Without action, the people of Hawaii could lose access to care and be subject to the onerous restrictions that the Trump Administration has attempted to burden Americans with. I urge you to support SB 2539 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely, John Nix Kihei, HI 96753 From: <u>info@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Debra Nix</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 10:59:07 AM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

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Sincerely, Debra Nix Kihei, HI 96753 From: meg.mcgowan@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Meg McGowan

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

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Sincerely, Meg McGowan Honolulu, HI 96822 From: <u>susana.sofierose@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>susan boucher</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 11:00:35 AM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

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Sincerely, susan boucher Volcano, HI 96785 From: <u>tia.pearson@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Tia Pearson</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 11:01:36 AM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

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Sincerely, Tia Pearson Wahiawa, HI 96786 From: <u>Deighton.Kavarne@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Deighton Kavarne</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 11:02:59 AM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

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Please do right by everyone in our communities and approve the basic healthcare rights to have access to reproductive and sexual health care services.

Without action, the people of Hawaii could lose access to care and be subject to the onerous restrictions that the Trump Administration has attempted to burden Americans with. I urge you to support SB 2539 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely, Deighton Kavarne Honolulu, HI 96817 From: <u>maramiller3@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Mara Miller</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 11:04:06 AM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

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Sincerely, Mara Miller Honolulu, HI 96817 From: <u>chinj@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Jennifer Chin</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 11:09:32 AM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 2539 could make this a reality.

My name is Jennifer Chin and I am a practicing obstetrician gynecologist.

As a women's health care provider, I see on a daily basis how women in our state depend on access to a wide spectrum of reproductive health care services, including screening and treatment for sexually transmitted infections, cervical cancer screening and treatment, contraceptive counseling and medications, abortion and miscarriage management, genetic counseling and testing, substance use and mental health disorders, and comprehensive prenatal and postpartum care. This bill also ensures that women have full access to contraception including medication prescribed by physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, and pharmacists. This will decrease barriers to effective birth control and ensure that women are able to benefit from family planning services without delay. Every day we see patients in clinic and in the hospital who seek care because of one of these issues I have mentioned. Luckily most of the women we see are able to receive these services without having to delay care or worry about payment.

Unfortunately, we have also seen the devastating consequences of delayed care due to lack of insurance coverage. I recently saw a patient who had an abnormal pap smear during her pregnancy but then did not receive proper follow up. The next time we saw her she was bleeding heavily and had a large mass on her cervix. She was found to have advanced stage surgical cancer and needed chemotherapy and radiation followed by an extensive surgery. If she had insurance, she likely could have prevented the progression of her cervical cancer, which is treatable if caught early enough. This bill ensures that the women we care for would have full access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health care, which they need and deserve.

It is critical that the women of Hawai'i have timely, affordable access to the full spectrum of women's healthcare. Not only does this keep the women and families of Hawai'i healthy, but it also makes economic sense. Research has shown that for every dollar spent on reproductive health and family planning, the government saves seven dollars. This does not taken into account the burden unintended pregnancies and chronic medical conditions place on the families of Hawai'i, and thus the cost savings is likely even higher.

This bill guarantees that all people of Hawai'i are able to access the full spectrum of healthcare without any discrimination, regardless of their race, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, or ability. Let us continue to ensure that all women in Hawai'i have unrestricted, full spectrum access to healthcare.

Without action, the people of Hawaii could lose access to care and be subject to the onerous restrictions that the Trump Administration has attempted to burden Americans with. I urge you to support SB 2539 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely, Jennifer Chin Honolulu, HI 96814 From: <u>dsegalmatsu@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Doris Segal Matsunaga</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 11:25:00 AM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

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Sincerely, Doris Segal Matsunaga Aiea, HI 96701 From: <u>design@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>T Hruska</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 11:27:55 AM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

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Sincerely, T Hruska Haiku, HI 96708 From: <u>alfarom131@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Maria Alfaro</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 11:28:20 AM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

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Sincerely, Maria Alfaro Honolulu, HI 96822 From: <u>cableguy1@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>William Collins</u>

To: JDCTestimony

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 11:29:22 AM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 2539 could make this a reality.

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Without action, the people of Hawaii could lose access to care and be subject to the onerous restrictions that the Trump Administration has attempted to burden Americans with. I urge you to support SB 2539 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely, William Collins Aiea, HI 96701 From: <u>melejoy@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>SK NIELSEN</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 11:31:10 AM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 2539 could make this a reality.

If the US policy regulates women's reproductive health care, behavior and pregnancy; then, men's reproductive behavior should be regulated also. Regulate closely where they put their stuff. Regulate, regulate, regulate......Find a way to put the onus on those responsible for action and policy instead of vulnerable women and populations at risk. From there: support people to gain access to information and affordable healthcare to the individual and group betterment in our diverse, progressive country.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

SK Nielsen

Without action, the people of Hawaii could lose access to care and be subject to the onerous restrictions that the Trump Administration has attempted to burden Americans with. I urge you to support SB 2539 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely, SK NIELSEN Honolulu, HI 96825 From: <u>hayamino2012@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Karen Hayashida</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 11:48:00 AM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

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I have benefited from reproductive health care. Having access to that professional care enabled me to be educated on my options. Having choices on level of care/interventions, being educated on my condition, being made aware of costs and financial options, and possible outcomes reduced a lot of emotional stress that health situations can cause. As such, the reproductive health care I received also had a positive effect on my emotional and mental health. I cannot imagine the emotional (and possibly physical) state I would be in if I had only the internet and laypeople to rely on for information, which many at-risk populations may have to resort to if denied equal care.

A healthy, educated populace is key to a healthy economy and environment. For our islands to thrive, we must ensure everyone has access to good health care, including sexual and reproductive health care.

Without action, the people of Hawaii could lose access to care and be subject to the onerous restrictions that the Trump Administration has attempted to burden Americans with. I urge you to support SB 2539 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely, Karen Hayashida Honolulu, HI 96826 From: <u>biyahero@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>David Martin</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 11:52:13 AM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

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Sincerely, David Martin Kailua, HI 96734 From: <u>info@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Phyllis Tavares</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 11:55:56 AM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

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Sincerely, Phyllis Tavares Makawao, HI 96768 From: <u>miriams@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>MIRIAM STARK</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 11:59:37 AM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 2539 could make this a reality.

I urge you to support this bill, which comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

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Sincerely, MIRIAM STARK Honolulu, HI 96826 From: <u>genedbarber@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Gene Barber</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 12:01:37 PM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

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Sincerely, Gene Barber Hilo, HI 96720 From: <u>abrooke.hawaii@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Anne Brooke</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 12:14:45 PM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 2539 could make this a reality.

I strongly support SB 2539 and urge you to vote in favor of it.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Without action, the people of Hawaii could lose access to care and be subject to the onerous restrictions that the Trump Administration has attempted to burden Americans with. I urge you to support SB 2539 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely, Anne Brooke Hilo, HI 96720 From: <u>cliffdev@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Cliff DeVries</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 12:18:27 PM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

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This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Less economically advantaged people are at greater risk for having more children than they can afford. If you want to reduce the number of people on welfare then providing the disadvantaged with access to reproductive care would be One of the answers.

Without action, the people of Hawaii could lose access to care and be subject to the onerous restrictions that the Trump Administration has attempted to burden Americans with. I urge you to support SB 2539 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely, Cliff DeVries Honolulu, HI 96816 From: <u>MissingBenRose@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Cindy Lance</u>

To: JDCTestimony

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 12:19:10 PM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

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Sincerely, Cindy Lance Honolulu, HI 96822 From: <u>praquini@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Phyllis Raquinio</u>

To: JDCTestimony

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 12:19:24 PM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 2539 could make this a reality.

Health equity means that everyone is given a fair chance at being healthy, and this involves providing enough health services for marginalized groups (such as people of color, women, people at or below the poverty line, LGBTQ+ people, immigrants, young and elderly people, etc.) to be able to have that chance at being healthy. They already do not have enough resources and are at high risk of getting many horrible conditions and diseases. This bill would ensure that these people are being thought of and cared for, and it's important that Hawai'i lives up to our name of being the "aloha state" by caring for everyone that lives here and calls Hawai'i home.

Without action, the people of Hawaii could lose access to care and be subject to the onerous restrictions that the Trump Administration has attempted to burden Americans with. I urge you to support SB 2539 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely, Phyllis Raquinio Kahului, HI 96732 From: <u>der1way@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Donald Erway</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 12:22:11 PM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

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Sincerely, Donald Erway Kailua Kona, HI 91030 From: <u>haloa@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Nalei Kahakalau</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 12:25:49 PM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

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Sincerely, Nalei Kahakalau Honokaa, HI 96727 From: <u>detntom@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>H G Picher</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 12:44:31 PM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

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Sincerely, H G Picher Kealia, HI 96749 From: <u>LeahLangowski@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Leah Langowski</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 12:46:22 PM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

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Without action, the people of Hawaii could lose access to care and be subject to the onerous restrictions that the Trump Administration has attempted to burden Americans with. I urge you to support SB 2539 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely, Leah Langowski Kailua, HI 96734 From: <u>z@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Wayne Zebzda</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 12:50:45 PM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

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WOMEN SHOULD BE ABLE TO CONTROL ALL THE DECISIONS REGARDING THEIR HEALTH AND WELL BEING. THIS IS NOT THE MIDDLE AGES. This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

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Sincerely, Wayne Zebzda Koloa, HI 96756 From: <u>wolfdenz@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Jeannine Moore</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

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Sincerely, Jeannine Moore Captain Cook, HI 96704 From: <u>sabrarae1@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>sabra Feldstein</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

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Sincerely, sabra Feldstein Honolulu, HI 96825 From: <u>JUDITHANNARMSTRONG@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Judith Armstrong</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 12:59:42 PM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

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Sincerely, Judith Armstrong Honolulu, HI 96815 From: <u>srosochacki@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Scott Rosochacki</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 1:00:00 PM

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Sincerely, Scott Rosochacki Aiea, HI 96701 From: <u>isupportabortionrights@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Phyllis Hanson</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 1:03:59 PM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 2539 could make this a reality.

It's crazy to restrict access to reproductive health and then also restrict abortion. More of the former would lead to less of the latter.

Critics claim women need help because they might suffer regrets. Very paternalistic and not supported by science.

Let women decide what to do with their bodies.

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Sincerely, Phyllis Hanson Kailua Kona, HI 96740 From: <u>graceintelligence@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Grace Caligran</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 1:24:57 PM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

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Sincerely, Grace Caligran Honolulu, HI 96817 From: <u>lbc@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>lois crozer</u>

To: JDCTestimony

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 1:25:52 PM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 2539 could make this a reality.

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Sincerely, lois crozer Kailua, HI 96734 From: <u>kj96799@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>K.Jill Greengrove</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 1:31:22 PM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

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Sincerely, K. Jill Greengrove Paia, HI 96779 From: <u>alani.bagcal@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Alani Bagcal</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 1:47:52 PM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 2539 could make this a reality.

As a young woman who needs reproductive health care to succeed, I urge you to pass SB 2539 that would greatly expand access to reproductive health care services. I am very privileged to have been able to access these services because of my parents insurance, not everyone has this privilege, but everyone needs reproductive health care.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

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Sincerely, Alani Bagcal Honolulu, HI 96816 From: <u>blackbird4aloha@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Merle Hayward</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 1:59:02 PM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

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Sincerely, Merle Hayward Hilo, HI 96720 From: <u>rubyapap@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Ruby Pap</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 2:52:57 PM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 2539 could make this a reality.

Your support of this bill means you support all of us, no matter what gender or orientation. Most of all, you support healthy families which is what Hawaii is all about!

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Sincerely, Ruby Pap Kapaa, HI 96746 From: <u>soldieroforange@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Karin Hazelhoff</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 3:08:53 PM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

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Sincerely, Karin Hazelhoff Honokaa, HI 96727 From: <u>janeaspaeth@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Jane Spaeth</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 3:14:42 PM

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Sincerely, Jane Spaeth Kekaha, HI 96752 From: redahi@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of B.A.McClintock

To: JDCTestimony

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 3:36:45 PM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

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Sincerely, B.A. McClintock Honolulu, HI 96814 From: <u>lance.evelyn@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>evelyn Lance</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 3:45:27 PM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

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Eveleyn Lance

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Sincerely, evelyn Lance Honolulu, HI 96822 From: <u>westmango7@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Joy Nelson</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 3:47:35 PM

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Sincerely, Joy Nelson Kihei, HI 96753 From: amy_agbayani@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Amy_agbayani@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Amy_agbayani

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 4:02:30 PM

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Sincerely, Amy agbayani Honolulu, HI 96819 From: <u>jmorse808@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Janet Morse</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

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Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 4:06:31 PM

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Sincerely, Janet Morse Kailua, HI 96734 From: <u>tizard8@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Thomas Tizard</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 5:22:14 PM

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Sincerely, Thomas Tizard Kailua, HI 96734 From: wao-plannedparenthood.org@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Joseph Kohn MD

To: JDCTestimony

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 5:35:33 PM

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Sincerely, Joseph Kohn MD Wailuku, HI 96793 From: <u>yonirising@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Christiane Rodriguez</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 5:40:38 PM

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Sincerely, Christiane Rodriguez Papaaloa, HI 96780 From: <u>yonirising@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Christiane Rodriguez</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

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Sincerely, Christiane Rodriguez Papaaloa, HI 96780 From: <u>angelinawonderland@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Angelina Howard</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 6:31:53 PM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

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Sincerely, Angelina Howard Honolulu, HI 96826 From: grammawl@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lesley Patton

To: JDCTestimony

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 6:45:03 PM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

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Sincerely, Lesley Patton Kapaau, HI 96755 From: robynw@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Robyn Walters

To: JDCTestimony

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 7:27:53 PM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

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Sincerely, Robyn Walters Kihei, HI 96753 From: <u>DROGEZ@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Danielle Ogez</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 7:39:57 PM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 2539 could make this a reality.

I am an OBGYN in Hawaii and I see daily how women need affordable, timely, evidence-based access to the full spectrum of reproductive health care. We need to protect this access in our state, as this is a time in our country when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

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Sincerely, Danielle Ogez Honolulu, HI 96822 From: <u>annsfreed@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Ann Freed</u>

To: JDCTestimony

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 7:44:29 PM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

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Sincerely, Ann Freed Mililani, HI 96789 From: <u>luzmaria.dz@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Luzmaria Diaz</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 8:09:58 PM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

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Sincerely, Luzmaria Diaz Honolulu, HI 96815 From: <u>billgail.hi@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Gail Jackson</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 9:05:40 PM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 2539 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Please stand up for ALL WOMEN and GIRLS. I am an 81 year old white woman, wife, mother & grandmother. We have fought battles for women's rights and won in the past. We need to WIN AGAIN.

Mahalo nui loa, Gail Jackson 68-1907 Lina Poepoe St Waikoloa, HI 96738

Without action, the people of Hawaii could lose access to care and be subject to the onerous restrictions that the Trump Administration has attempted to burden Americans with. I urge you to support SB 2539 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely, Gail Jackson Waikoloa, HI 96738 From: <u>mwood17@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Melinda Wood</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 9:42:26 PM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 2539 could make this a reality.

Our state has a long history of supporting people's medical and health rights. This bill will continue that legacy and will ensure that our people have access to low-cost sexual and reproductive health services.

Without action, the people of Hawaii could lose access to care and be subject to the onerous restrictions that the Trump Administration has attempted to burden Americans with. I urge you to support SB 2539 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely, Melinda Wood Honolulu, HI 96822 From: <u>giaalumni2@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Christine Weingand</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 10:59:33 PM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 2539 could make this a reality.

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Sincerely, Christine Weingand Koloa, HI 96756 From: neekai1220@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Neeka Izadpanah

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 11:52:08 PM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 2539 could make this a reality.

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Sincerely, Neeka Izadpanah Honolulu, HI 96816 From: <u>amblades@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>April Blades</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Sunday, February 23, 2020 5:39:01 AM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

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Please support and pass SB 2639 it out of committee. Regardless of social status, everyone deserves the right to affordable, equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care.

Without action, the people of Hawaii could lose access to care and be subject to the onerous restrictions that the Trump Administration has attempted to burden Americans with. I urge you to support SB 2539 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely, April Blades Honolulu, HI 96814 From: <u>caragentile@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Cara Stone</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Sunday, February 23, 2020 7:04:40 AM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 2539 could make this a reality.

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Sincerely, Cara Stone Makawao, HI 96768 From: <u>sun2c303@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Lynn Chapman</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Sunday, February 23, 2020 7:09:48 AM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

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Sincerely, Lynn Chapman Kamuela, HI 96743 From: <u>davesherry@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Dave Pettus</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Sunday, February 23, 2020 7:41:08 AM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 2539 could make this a reality.

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Sincerely, Dave Pettus Honokaa, HI 96727 From: <u>terrytravis@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Terry Travis</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Sunday, February 23, 2020 8:20:07 AM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 2539 could make this a reality.

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Sincerely, Terry Travis Ewa Beach, HI 96706 From: <u>suniballoony@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>suni smith</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Sunday, February 23, 2020 9:42:20 AM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 2539 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the basic rights of humans for food, clothing, shelter, care, respect and personal freedom of thought and choice are daily challenged. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people. We need more education in how to make healthy choices. We need to expand our understanding of the impacts of our choices especially in relation to having more children. There are too many poorly cared for children as it is.

Without action, the people of Hawaii could lose access to care and be subject to the onerous restrictions that the Trump Administration has attempted to burden Americans with. I urge you to support SB 2539 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely, suni smith Hilo, HI 96721 From: <u>mrowan808@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Margaret Rowan</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Sunday, February 23, 2020 9:53:31 AM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 2539 could make this a reality.

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Sincerely, Margaret Rowan Waikoloa, HI 96738 From: rgriffith@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of ROSEMARY GRIFFITH

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Sunday, February 23, 2020 11:52:54 AM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

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Sincerely, ROSEMARY GRIFFITH Kailua, HI 96734 From: menjavi@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of <u>Javier Mendez</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Sunday, February 23, 2020 12:14:11 PM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

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Sincerely, Javier Mendez Honolulu, HI 96817 From: <u>angela@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Angela Posatiere</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Sunday, February 23, 2020 12:45:30 PM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

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Sincerely, Angela Posatiere Kailua, HI 96734 From: skstearnshawaii@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Stephanie Stearns

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Sunday, February 23, 2020 12:59:23 PM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

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Sincerely, Stephanie Stearns Waikoloa, HI 96738 From: <u>joankona@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Joan Gannon</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Sunday, February 23, 2020 2:06:18 PM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

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Sincerely, Joan Gannon Captain Cook, HI 96750 From: mendy@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of MELYNDA DANT

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Sunday, February 23, 2020 6:20:35 PM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

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Sincerely, MELYNDA DANT Kailua Kona, HI 96740 From: <u>buffanblue@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Julia Fujioka</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Sunday, February 23, 2020 7:03:28 PM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

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Sincerely, Julia Fujioka Aiea, HI 96701 From: <u>amyatruong@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Amy Truong</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Sunday, February 23, 2020 7:53:38 PM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 2539 could make this a reality.

Please don't become like other states on the mainland where restriction to sexual and reproductive healthcare is very high - making it extremely hard for people to get the healthcare services that they need - some people I know even have to drive out of state to find the healthcare help that they need.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

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Sincerely, Amy Truong Honolulu, HI 96813 From: <u>skaiser@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Samantha Kaiser</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Monday, February 24, 2020 12:22:52 AM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 2539 could make this a reality.

I care deeply about this bill. As an obstetrician-gynecologist here in Hawaii, I see firsthand the importance of access to safe and effective healthcare. I have cared for people who have access to all the best medical care in the world; I have also been privileged to take care of patients who, through no fault of their own, have difficulty accessing basic medical care. Many of my patients are excluded from access because of cost. This includes cancer screening, pregnancy care, preventative care, and more. The people of Hawaii deserve better.

SB 2539 comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people. Please help us reach out to provide good care to vulnerable people.

Without action, the people of Hawaii could lose access to care and be subject to the onerous restrictions that the Trump Administration has attempted to burden Americans with. I urge you to support SB 2539 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely, Samantha Kaiser Honolulu, HI 96813 From: joanne.amberg@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Joanne Amberg

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Monday, February 24, 2020 7:38:10 AM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

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Sincerely, Joanne Amberg Kailua, HI 96734 From: <u>joanrich@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Joan Rich</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Monday, February 24, 2020 8:09:58 AM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

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Sincerely, Joan Rich Honolulu, HI 96816 From: <u>margo.cohen@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Margo Cohen</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Monday, February 24, 2020 9:29:28 AM

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Sincerely, Margo Cohen Kahului, HI 96732 From: <u>taurie.bricks@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Taurie Kinoshita</u>

To: JDCTestimony

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Monday, February 24, 2020 9:31:31 AM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

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Sincerely, Taurie Kinoshita Honolulu, HI 96822 From: <u>patbilyk@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Patricia Bilyk</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Monday, February 24, 2020 10:09:07 AM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

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Sincerely, Patricia Bilyk Honolulu, HI 96817 From: <u>mam33@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Melissa Martinez</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Monday, February 24, 2020 10:14:09 AM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 2539 could make this a reality.

I went through a 2 year saga to find birth control that works with my body. I was lucky enough to have insurance coverage the whole time and not be left feeling desperate and helpless. The birth control I have now costs hundreds of dollars each month, which I think is utterly ridiculous, but is so far the only method that works for me. I can't imagine having to front these costs out of pocket if my insurance didn't cover it. I believe that is the point of insurance coverage and these companies have been allowed to turn a profit for way to long, avoiding and running through loopholes in covering their customers on issues of sexual health care. Change will not happen without your action and vote on this issue.

Without action, the people of Hawaii could lose access to care and be subject to the onerous restrictions that the Trump Administration has attempted to burden Americans with. I urge you to support SB 2539 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely, Melissa Martinez Honolulu, HI 96822 From: <u>ljc.kimura@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Lisa Kimura</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Monday, February 24, 2020 2:26:14 PM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 2539 could make this a reality.

Having experienced a series of reproductive health crises as a young, low-income, uninsured college student, it was the access to the critical health care services provided by Planned Parenthood of Hawaii that not only saved my life, but connected me to Med-QUEST for the year of follow-up care needed for my medical condition.

I have also served as executive director of Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Hawaii and as a founding member of the Hawaii Maternal & Infant Health Collaborative, as well as an original member of the Hawaii Maternal Mortality Panel, whose results are reported to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Hawaii State Department of Health.

These interactions and experiences have helped inform my awareness of the lack of adequate access to care and services provided in our state. And although Hawaii has better access to insurance coverage than many other states, we still see tremendous gaps in services, particularly on neighbor islands. Any threat to the existing status quo will have disastrous consequences on reproductive and sexual health care for residents of our state.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

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Sincerely, Lisa Kimura Honolulu, HI 96826 From: <u>amymonk99@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Amy Monk</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Monday, February 24, 2020 2:21:45 PM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

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Without action, the people of Hawaii could lose access to care and be subject to the onerous restrictions that the Trump Administration has attempted to burden Americans with. I urge you to support SB 2539 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely, Amy Monk Honolulu, HI 96825 From: <u>empressnaka9@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Tammie Saiki</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Monday, February 24, 2020 1:32:46 PM

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Sincerely, Tammie Saiki Kapolei, HI 96707 From: <u>dthelander@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Donna Thelander</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 8:15:52 AM

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Sincerely, Donna Thelander Kailua Kona, HI 96740 From: redlisa125@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lisa Redmond

To: JDCTestimony

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 1:47:04 PM

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Sincerely, Lisa Redmond Honolulu, HI 96813 From: <u>junshinbusiness729@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Jun Shin</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 9:35:59 AM

Dear Senate Judiciary,

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Sincerely, Jun Shin Honolulu, HI 96814 From: <u>nicole.j.schubert@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Nicole Schubert</u>

To: JDCTestimony

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Friday, February 28, 2020 10:20:39 AM

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Sincerely, Nicole Schubert Honolulu, HI 96819 From: <u>TIMEMGMTHI@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>L C</u>

To: <u>JDCTestimony</u>

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Sunday, March 1, 2020 12:24:18 PM

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Sincerely, L C Kailua Kona, HI 96740 From: <u>spilgrim@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Sam Pilgrim</u>

To: JDCTestimony

Subject: I support equity in health care

Date: Tuesday, March 3, 2020 8:02:41 AM

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Sincerely, Sam Pilgrim Honolulu, HI 96822