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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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URGING HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO STRONGLY SUPPORT  
PASSAGE OF THE WOMEN'S HEALTH PROTECTION ACT OF 2021 TO  
PROTECT THE RIGHT TO ACCESS AND PROVIDE ABORTION SERVICES.

1 WHEREAS, the United States is experiencing a rise in the  
2 number of legal attacks on constitutionally protected  
3 reproductive rights; and  
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5 WHEREAS, in November 2021, the United States Supreme Court  
6 heard oral arguments in *Whole Woman's Health v. Jackson*, that  
7 asks the Court to determine whether the enforcement scheme of  
8 Texas's Senate Bill No. 8 (2021) shields the law from review in  
9 federal court; and  
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11 WHEREAS, the noted legal scholar Joanna L. Grossman called  
12 the case "a challenge to the constitutionality of the most  
13 extreme abortion law currently in force in the country"; and  
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15 WHEREAS, Texas's Senate Bill No. 8 prohibits abortions  
16 after the detection of embryonic cardiac activity, which usually  
17 occurs around six weeks after the first day of a pregnant  
18 woman's last menstrual period; and  
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20 WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 8 precludes direct law enforcement  
21 by the State of Texas and instead deputizes any person in the  
22 world with the authority to bring a private lawsuit against  
23 anyone who provides or abets an abortion after the cut-off point  
24 to collect at least \$10,000 in damages; and  
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26 WHEREAS, in December 2021, the United States Supreme Court  
27 heard oral arguments in another case, *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's  
28 Health Organization*, which puts at stake the constitutional  
29 right to an abortion; and  
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1 WHEREAS, the *Dobbs* case involves a challenge to a 2018  
2 Mississippi law that bans all abortions after fifteen weeks  
3 unless necessary to save the life of the pregnant woman; and  
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5 WHEREAS, these two cases threaten decades of legal  
6 precedent establishing the constitutional right to an abortion  
7 in *Roe v. Wade*, 410 U.S. 113 (1973); and  
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9 WHEREAS, most women in the United States today have never  
10 lived without access to the full range of reproductive and  
11 health care services that are now under threat; and  
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13 WHEREAS, the Women's Health Protection Act of 2021, H.R.  
14 3755, 117<sup>th</sup> Congress, protects a person's ability to determine  
15 whether to continue or end a pregnancy, and to protect a health  
16 care provider's ability to provide abortion services; now,  
17 therefore,  
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
20 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
21 of 2022, that Hawaii's congressional delegation is urged to  
22 strongly support the Women's Health Protection Act of 2021; and  
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
25 Resolution be transmitted to each member of Hawaii's  
26 congressional delegation.  
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