

Submitted online: March 27, 2022

HEARING: Monday, March 28, 2022

- TO: Senate Committee on Health Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair Senator Rosalyn Baker, Vice-Chair
- FROM: Eva Andrade, President & CEO, Hawaii Family Forum
- **RE:** Strong Opposition to SCR206/SR199 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

Hawaii Family Forum is a non-profit, pro-family education organization committed to preserving and strengthening families in Hawaii. We oppose this resolution that urges Hawaii's Congressional delegation to "strongly support" passage of the Women's Health Protection Act (WHPA) of 2021.

One of our unshakeable commitments is to the bond of family which is strengthened by a strong support for life – beginning with the child in the womb all the way until natural death. This commitment to mothers and their keiki is rooted in our deep conviction that every person has inherent dignity and should be treated with respect.

We are all fully aware that the Supreme Court is set to make its decision in the Dobbs late-term abortion case, regarding the 15-week abortion restriction instituted in Mississippi. Asking our congressional members to "strongly support" the WHPA is just another way to subvert the legislative pro-life gains made in other states over the last several decades.

According to the Lozier instituteⁱ, "[t]he provisions of the proposed law would supersede current and future federal and state law, including the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. The only exceptions to that provision are the ban on partial-birth abortion, laws regulating physical access to abortion centers, insurance or medical coverage of abortions, and state contract law. For example, unless exempted under the insurance or medical coverage of abortions provision, the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits taxpayer funding of abortion, would be struck down if it was determined to increase the cost of abortion or "limit access" to abortions."

The bottom line is that passage of the WHPA would force health care providers and professionals to perform, assist in, and/or refer for abortion against their deeply held religious convictions, as well as force employers and insurers to cover or pay for abortion. While this may be a reason for the pro-abortion lobby to rejoice, it is disparaging to the pro-life community who has long-labored to preserve the voice of the voiceless and protect women from victimization and mental anguish.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support.

ⁱ <u>https://lozierinstitute.org/womens-health-protection-act-an-analysis/</u>

<u>SCR-206</u> Submitted on: 3/25/2022 10:14:39 AM Testimony for HTH on 3/28/2022 1:03:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Rachel Kuenzi | Testifying for Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates writes in support of SCR 206. While the overwhelming majority of Americans support the right to abortion, access to care is under attack like never before. WHPA is critical legislation that would help protect the right to abortion throughout the United States and guard against dangerous abortion restrictions being pushed forward by extremist state politicians.

<u>SCR-206</u> Submitted on: 3/25/2022 4:47:55 PM Testimony for HTH on 3/28/2022 1:03:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Dara Carlin, M.A. | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

STRONGLY OPPOSE - and proceed at your own risk: ultimately EVERYONE will stand in account for the decisions they made & supported in this life - choose wisely.

From Holy Love Ministry on December 6, 2017

Once again, I (Maureen) see a Great Flame that I have come to know as the Heart of God the Father. He says:

"I am the Father of all Ages - in Me is all Truth. The embrace of Truth is no longer protected by law. Instead, the opposite is true. Your nation* stands for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Life is not protected under the law but is threatened in the womb by legalized abortion. Natural death is becoming threatened, as well. These other two - liberty and the pursuit of happiness have taken on a sinful meaning, as people see these two as the freedom to choose sin. Sinful lifestyles are protected by law."

"So, you see, a strong positive foundation in your country based upon Christian ideals has been convoluted by peoples' love of themselves and love of sin. Lawmakers do not support My Commandments, nor do they encourage others to do so. This is the path of corruption - not the path of Truth."

"When laws protect the Truth, I protect those who support such laws. The abyss between the heart of your nation and My Own Heart is widening due to *the misuse of laws* as I have just mentioned."

* U.S.A.

<u>SCR-206</u> Submitted on: 3/25/2022 11:34:52 PM Testimony for HTH on 3/28/2022 1:03:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|----------------|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Racquel Alfsen | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Please oppose SCR206 and SR199. Do not be indirectly responsible for the murder of an innocent life. Please support the right to protect life.

SCR-206

Submitted on: 3/26/2022 10:49:52 AM Testimony for HTH on 3/28/2022 1:03:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|--------------|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Alfred Hagen | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha,

1). Yes, these are "legal attacks."

2). Reproductive rights are NOT "constitutionally" protected.

3). Yes, Ms. Grossman rightly called Roe v Wade the "most extreme abortion law"

4). At a minimum "ebryonic cardiac activity" means there's a beating heart! The baby is alive and by virtue of being alive is entitled to its life.

5). The killing of a defenseless person should be reported, shouldn't it?

6). Wouldn't it be wonderful when a generation of young women and men can grow up without the memory that there was a time in the past that young women and men had "legal" access to the means of killing their own children. Just as we are justifiably horrified that Nazi Germany during WWII sent 6 million Jewish people to die in its concentration camps so, too, some day people will look back in disbelief and horror to the time when the world systematically exterminated unborn babies (1.649 billion babies since 1980, taken from US Abortion Clock.org as of 3/26/2022 10:32 AM HST).

7). Abortion has zero connection to health.

8). I will pray for anyone who signs or supports this resolution. "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

I strongly oppose any resolution or bill that supports, condones, or promotes the killing of an unborn child and, therefore, strongly urge Hawaii's congressional delegation NOT to support the Women's Health Protection Act of 2021.

With respect,

Alfred Hagen