
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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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WHEREAS, the *Dobbs* case involves a challenge to a 2018 Mississippi law that bans all abortions after fifteen weeks unless necessary to save the life of the pregnant woman; and

WHEREAS, these two cases threaten decades of legal precedent establishing the constitutional right to an abortion in *Roe v. Wade*, 410 U.S. 113 (1973); and

WHEREAS, most women in the United States today have never lived without access to the full range of reproductive and health care services that are now under threat; and

WHEREAS, the Women's Health Protection Act of 2021, H.R. 3755, 117th Congress, protects a person's ability to determine whether to continue or end a pregnancy, and to protect a health care provider's ability to provide abortion services; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the Senate concurring, that Hawaii's congressional delegation is urged to strongly support the Women's Health Protection Act of 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to each member of Hawaii's congressional delegation.

OFFERED BY:



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