
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING RETAIL STORES AND PHARMACIES DOING BUSINESS IN THE STATE
TO ADOPT A POLICY ON A NATIONAL AND LOCAL LEVEL
GUARANTEEING AN INDIVIDUAL'S UNHINDERED ACCESS TO ALL
UNITED STATES FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION-APPROVED
CONTRACEPTIVES.

1 WHEREAS, the benefits of contraception are widely
2 recognized and include improved health and well-being, reduced
3 global maternal mortality, health benefits of pregnancy spacing
4 for maternal and child health, female engagement in the work
5 force, and economic self-sufficiency for women; and
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7 WHEREAS, ninety-nine percent of women in the United States
8 who have been sexually active report having used some form of
9 contraception; and
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11 WHEREAS, non-contraceptive benefits may include decreased
12 bleeding and pain with menstrual periods and reduced risk of
13 gynecologic disorders, including a decreased risk of endometrial
14 and ovarian cancer; and
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16 WHEREAS, according to the 2020 Hawaii Pregnancy Risk
17 Assessment Monitoring System report, between 2012 and 2016,
18 approximately forty-seven percent of all pregnancies in Hawaii
19 were unintended; and
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21 WHEREAS, the women most likely to have an unintended
22 pregnancy in the State were Native Hawaiian, Filipino, or
23 Pacific Islander; those under twenty years of age, unmarried,
24 and insured through Medicaid or uninsured before pregnancy;
25 those who had three or more previous live births; or those who
26 were at or below one hundred percent of the federal poverty
27 level; and
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1 WHEREAS, unintended pregnancy is related to adverse health
2 behaviors including late prenatal care; smoking during
3 pregnancy; placing the infant on their stomach or side to sleep,
4 which is a major risk factor for sudden infant death; and a
5 greater likelihood of postpartum depression; and

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7 WHEREAS, one issue contributing to unintended pregnancies
8 is lack of access to contraception, which includes availability,
9 affordability, insurance coverage, transportation, and
10 convenience; and

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12 WHEREAS, pharmacist refusals to fill contraceptive
13 prescriptions or provide emergency contraception, as well as
14 pharmacies that refuse to stock contraceptives, are considerable
15 barriers to access of this essential health care; and

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17 WHEREAS, the placing of condoms behind locked glass is an
18 access barrier to contraception that likely impacts the role
19 condoms play in reducing unintended pregnancy and offering
20 protection against sexually transmitted infections; and

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22 WHEREAS, a study conducted by the University of Iowa in
23 2011 showed an increase in retail sales of condoms when they
24 were moved from behind locked glass; and

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26 WHEREAS, access to comprehensive contraceptive care and
27 contraceptive methods are an integral component of essential
28 health care and thus retail stores and pharmacies should adopt
29 policies that ensure full, unrestricted access to contraception;
30 now, therefore,

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32 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
33 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
34 Session of 2023, the Senate concurring, that retail stores and
35 pharmacies doing business in the State are urged to adopt
36 policies on a national and local level to guarantee an
37 individual's unhindered access to all United States Food and
38 Drug Administration-approved contraceptives; and

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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
41 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Executive
42 Officer of Albertsons Companies, Inc.; Chief Executive Officer



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1 of Costco; Chief Executive Officer of CVS Health; Executive Vice
2 President and President of Walgreens Pharmacy; President and
3 Chief Executive Officer of Walmart Inc.; Chairman and Chief
4 Executive Officer of Target Corporation; President of Times
5 Supermarkets; and President of Retail Merchants of Hawaii for
6 distribution to the store managers of every Safeway, Costco,
7 Long's, Walgreens, Walmart, Target, and Times retail location in
8 the State that is located within one mile of a high school.
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