HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2023 STATE OF HAWAII



HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE HAWAII MEDICAL BOARD ADOPT RULES REQUIRING ABORTION CLINICS TO PROVIDE ULTRASOUNDS TO THE MOTHER BEFORE PERFORMING AN ABORTION FOR THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF THE MOTHER.

WHEREAS, ultrasounds are convenient, painless, yield 1 immediate, extensive results, and are widely considered to be 2 3 safe; and 4 WHEREAS, ultrasounds are needed to confirm you have a 5 viable pregnancy; and 6 7 WHEREAS, the type of abortion available to the mother is 8 determined by the age of the fetus, and an ultrasound is 9. 10 required to determine that age; and 11 12 WHEREAS, ultrasounds are important to check for pregnancy complications, including ectopic pregnancy, and molar pregnancy; 13 14 and 15 WHEREAS, ectopic pregnancy is where a fetus is growing 16 outside of the uterus and within the fallopian tube; and 17 18 19 WHEREAS, fourteen states currently require ultrasounds before abortions, with six of those requiring the provider to 20 display and describe the image; now, therefore, 21 22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 23 24 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023, that the Department of Health and Hawaii 25 Medical Board adopt rules for all providers of abortion services 26 to provided ultrasounds to the mother before performing an 27 abortion for the health and well-being of the mother; and 28 29

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Department of Health and the Hawaii Medical Board. GOFFERED BY: OFFERED BY:

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