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## SENATE 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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29           WHEREAS, unintended pregnancy is related to adverse health  
30 behaviors including late prenatal care; smoking during



1 pregnancy; placing the infant on their stomach or side to sleep,  
2 which is a major risk factor for sudden infant death; and a  
3 greater likelihood of postpartum depression; and  
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5 WHEREAS, one issue contributing to unintended pregnancies  
6 is lack of access to contraception, which includes availability,  
7 affordability, insurance coverage, transportation, and  
8 convenience; and  
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10 WHEREAS, pharmacist refusals to fill contraceptive  
11 prescriptions or provide emergency contraception, as well as  
12 pharmacies that refuse to stock contraceptives, are considerable  
13 barriers to access of this essential health care; and  
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15 WHEREAS, the placing of condoms behind locked glass is an  
16 access barrier to contraception that likely impacts the role  
17 condoms play in reducing unintended pregnancy and offering  
18 protection against sexually transmitted infections; and  
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20 WHEREAS, a study conducted by the University of Iowa in  
21 2011 showed an increase in retail sales of condoms when they  
22 were moved from behind locked glass; and  
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24 WHEREAS, access to comprehensive contraceptive care and  
25 contraceptive methods are an integral component of essential  
26 health care and thus retail stores and pharmacies should adopt  
27 policies that ensure full, unrestricted access to contraception;  
28 now, therefore,  
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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second  
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023,  
32 that retail stores and pharmacies doing business in the State  
33 are urged to adopt policies on a national and local level to  
34 guarantee an individual's unhindered access to all United States  
35 Food and Drug Administration-approved contraceptives; and  
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
38 Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Executive Officer of  
39 Albertsons Companies, Inc.; Chief Executive Officer of Costco;  
40 Chief Executive Officer of CVS Health; Executive Vice President  
41 and President of Walgreens Pharmacy; President and Chief  
42 Executive Officer of Walmart Inc.; Chairman and Chief Executive

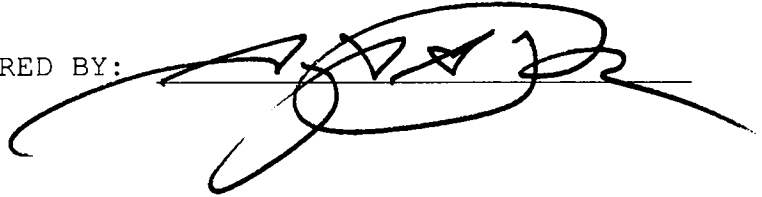


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1 Officer of Target Corporation; President of Times Supermarkets;  
2 and President of Retail Merchants of Hawaii for distribution to  
3 the store managers of every Safeway, Costco, Long's, Walgreens,  
4 Walmart, Target, and Times retail location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

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