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**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB3125-SD2  
RELATING TO MEDICAL CARE FOR MINORS**

REPRESENTATIVE DELLA AU BELLATI, CHAIR  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HOMELESSNESS

Hearing: Wednesday, March, 13, 2024; 9:00 AM; Conference Room 329

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None

2 **Department Position:** The Department of Health (“Department”) supports this measure.

3 **Department Testimony:** The Communicable Disease and Public Health Nursing Division  
4 (CDPHND) provides the following testimony on behalf of the Department.

5 The Department appreciates the opportunity to testify in SUPPORT of SB 3125-SD2 which  
6 would permit minors to consent to medical care related to the prevention of sexually  
7 transmitted infections, including HIV, and would update archaic terminology in §577A, HRS, by  
8 replacing “venereal disease” with “sexually transmitted infection.” This measure would permit  
9 licensed health care providers to submit insurance claims for minors who initiate medical care  
10 and services pursuant this section, including minors covered by a parent or guardian’s health  
11 insurance, and would protect the minor-initiated medical care and services from disclosure to  
12 the minor’s parent or guardian.

13 Current statutes do not appear to permit a minor to consent to medical care related to the  
14 **prevention** of sexually transmitted infections such as HIV. This measure would resolve this  
15 critical gap in minor’s access to medical care. Medications taken by an HIV-uninfected individual

1 to prevent acquisition of HIV are safe and highly effective and were approved for use in minors  
2 in 2018.

3 The Department strongly supports this bill as it could help prevent HIV acquisition in minors.  
4 Permitting minors who cannot or will not seek the consent of their parents or guardians to  
5 consent to HIV medical care is essential to the health of the minor and a valuable step in ending  
6 the HIV epidemic in Hawai'i.

7 **Offered Amendments:** None

8 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



To: Hawai'i House Committee on Health and Homelessness  
Hearing Date/Time: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 9am  
Place: Hawai'i State Capitol, Rm. 329 and videoconference  
Re: Testimony of Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates – Hawai'i in strong support of SB 3125

Chair Belatti and Members of the Committee,

Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates – Hawai'i ("PPAA") strongly supports SB 3125, a bill that would allow young people to consent to medical care and services related to the prevention of HIV. Current Hawai'i statute allows minors to consent to testing and treatment of HIV and other sexually-related diseases but does not allow them to have access to medications like PrEP and PEP to prevent infection.

All young people, no matter their circumstances, deserve access to the full range of sexual and reproductive health care, including PrEP and PEP. As a medical provider, Planned Parenthood provides a safe place for young people to come for health care and medically-accurate sexual education, often at low or no costs. We are supportive of this bill's effort to expand access to much-needed services and to provide care to young people, who often face numerous barriers when accessing health care.

We are also supportive of SB 3125's efforts to protect minor's privacy when accessing care. The HIPAA Privacy Rule requires providers and insurers to protect patients' Personal Health Information (PHI) when seeking care that they can consent to. However, billing and payment can and does lead to the disclosure of minor patients' PHI, sometimes without their understanding or permission. Without strong protections to prevent such disclosure, teens and young adults insured on their parents' health plan may be deterred from seeking care, particularly sensitive services like reproductive health care and mental health services. And if individuals with confidentiality concerns do seek care and cannot be assured of their privacy, they may not be able to use their insurance, forcing them to pay out-of-pocket or turn to already-strained safety net programs. A number of other states have also taken steps to improve health care access and protect confidentiality for individuals insured as dependents by requiring that health plans communicate directly with the individual receiving care or have a process in place to request confidentiality. PPAA strongly supports putting in place similar confidentiality protections in Hawaii.

**SB-3125-SD-2**

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Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Heather Lusk	Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**To: Committee on Health & Homelessness**

**Hearing Date/Time: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 9:00 am**

**Re: Testimony in Strong Support of SB 3125**

**From: Heather Lusk, Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center**

Dear Chair/Rep. Belatti, Vice Chair/Rep. Takenouchi, and members of the committee,

Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center (HHHRC) **supports SB 3125** which would increase access to medical care for minors 14-17. Specifically, HB 2436 would give 14–17-year-olds the ability to consent for life-saving HIV prevention medications called Pre-exposure Prophylaxis or PrEP. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention strongly recommend PrEP as one of the most effective biomedical interventions to prevent HIV. The current HRS for minor consent does allow minors to consent to treatment of HIV and other sexually related diseases but not have access to prevention measures such as PrEP (ironically we can treat them once they get HIV but not provide proven prevention medications).

HHHRC's mission is to *reduce harm, promote health, create wellness, and fight stigma in Hawaii and the Pacific*. We focus our efforts on those disproportionately affected by social determinants of health, including but not limited to: people living with and/or affected by HIV, hepatitis, substance use, and the transgender person, LGBTQ and the Native Hawaiian communities.

HHHRC runs a sexual health clinic and is one of the largest providers of PrEP in the islands. Young people are the largest growing age group contracting HIV and by passing SB 3125 you can help save lives!

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Heather Lusk, LCSW, MSW

Executive Director

Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center

**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 5:40:49 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nikos Leverenz	Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Committee Members:

Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii strongly supports SB 3125, which would allow adolescents to access preventative health services that can prevent the onset of HIV and sexually transmitted infections (STIs).

This salutary public health policy should also be accompanied by the provision of science-based education on sexual health, as well as condoms and lubricant, in the state's public schools to prevent the spread of STIs and unplanned pregnancies. The Department of Education's policy on this front continues to needlessly compromise student health.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

# Opportunity Youth Action Hawai‘i

March 12, 2024

Senate Committee on Health and Homelessness

Hearing Time: 9:00 AM

Location: State Capitol Conference Room 329

Re: SB3125 SD2, RELATING TO MEDICAL CARE FOR MINORS

Aloha e Chair Au Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Opportunity Youth Action Hawai‘i hui, we are writing in **strong support** of SB3125 SD2, relating to medical care for minors. This bill authorizes minors who are 14 years of age or older to consent to medical care for sexually transmitted infections, pregnancy, and family planning services, including the prevention of sexually transmitted infections.

Allowing youth who are under the age of 14 to consent to medical care for STDs and other family planning services empowers youth held back from caring for themselves due to parental neglect or abandonment. This is especially important for youth dealing with trauma-based health issues who are unable to receive care. Furthermore, prioritizing the protection of a youth seeking treatment through proper confidentiality policies is often paramount to ensuring they are safe from what can often be a volatile home situation.

Opportunity Youth Action Hawai‘i is a collaboration of organizations and individuals committed to reducing the harmful effects of a punitive incarceration system for youth; promoting equity in the justice system; and improving and increasing resources to address adolescent and young adult mental health needs. We seek to improve the continuity of programs and services for youth and young adults transitioning from minor to adult status; eliminate youth homelessness and housing market discrimination against young adults; and promote and fund more holistic and culturally informed approaches among public/private agencies serving youth.

**Please support SB3125 SD2.**







March 12, 2024

The Honorable Representative Della Au Belatti  
Chair, Committee on Health & Homelessness  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 329  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**RE: SB 3125 (Kouchi) - SUPPORT**

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the committee,

I am writing to express Essential Access Health's (Essential Access) support for SB 3125 (Kouchi), which would increase access to medical care for minors 14-17. This bill would give 14-17 year olds the ability to consent for life-saving HIV prevention medications called Pre-exposure Prophylaxis or PrEP. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention strongly recommend PrEP as one of the most effective biomedical interventions to prevent HIV. The current HRS for minor consent does allow minors to consent to treatment of HIV and other sexually-related diseases but not have access to prevention measures such as PrEP (ironically we can treat them once they get HIV but not provide proven prevention medications).

Essential Access champions and promotes quality sexual and reproductive health care for all. We achieve our mission through an umbrella of programs and services including clinic support initiatives, provider training, advanced clinical research, advocacy, and public awareness campaigns.

Essential Access currently supports the delivery of Title X-funded services that serves more than 14,000 family planning patients annually on O'ahu, Maui, and the Big Island. We support Title X-funded providers to provide a range of family planning services to support the needs of youth and people with low-incomes, such as birth control, STI services, pregnancy testing and options counseling, and cancer screenings.

We now have this life-saving medication, which is covered by insurance, but those 14-17 cannot access without parental consent – which may mean that someone has to decide between sharing intimate information that could impact their familial relationship or getting access to a drug that could prevent a life-threatening disease.

Please pass SB 3125 so that our young people have every tool available to support themselves and be healthy.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Amy M.', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Co-CEO  
Essential Access Health



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## **TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 3125 SD2 RELATING TO MEDICAL CARE FOR MINORS**

**TO:** Chair Belatti, Vice-Chair Takenouchi, & Members,  
House Committee on Health & Homelessness  
**FROM:** Trisha Kajimura, Vice President of Strategy and External Affairs  
**DATE:** March 13, 2024 at 9:00 AM

**Parents and Children Together (PACT) supports SB 3125 SD2 relating to medical care for minors**, which authorizes minors who are 14 years of age or older to consent to medical care for sexually transmitted infections, pregnancy and family planning services, including the prevention of sexually transmitted infections.

This bill would give 14–17-year-olds the ability to consent for life-saving HIV prevention medications called Pre-exposure Prophylaxis or PrEP. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention strongly recommend PrEP as one of the most effective biomedical interventions to prevent HIV. The current HRS for minor consent allows minors to consent to treatment of HIV and other sexually related diseases but does not allow access to prevention measures such as PrEP. This life-saving medication is covered by insurance but cannot be accessed without parental consent if you are under age 18. This barrier to access will be eliminated for youth age 14 – 17 with passage of this measure.

Founded in 1968, PACT is a statewide community-based organization providing a wide array of innovative and educational social services to families in need. Assisting more than 15,000 people across the state annually, we help identify, address, and successfully resolve challenges through our 20 programs. Among our services are early education programs, domestic violence prevention and intervention programs, child abuse prevention and intervention programs, childhood sexual abuse supportive group services, child and adolescent behavioral health programs, sex trafficking intervention, poverty prevention and community building programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Please contact me at (808) 847-3285 or [tkajimura@pacthawaii.org](mailto:tkajimura@pacthawaii.org) if you have any questions.

**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 11:03:24 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Robert Carlisle	Hawaii Academy of Family Physicians, Legislative Committee	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Committee on Health and Homelessness

Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair

Rep. Jenna Takenouchi, Vice Chair

Date: March 12, 2024

From: Hawai'i Academy of Family Physicians

Robert Carlisle, MD, MPH

Legislative Committee

**RE: SB3125, SD2; RELATING TO MEDICAL CARE FOR MINORS**

**Position: Support**

Thank you for allowing testimony on SB3125 SD2. HAFP represents a constituency of primary care physicians, many of whom are engaged in the very personal matter of reproductive health for minors ages 14 and older. The current lack of confidentiality produces obstacles to safe access to care and places adolescents at risk for conflict on health care services that are otherwise provided confidentially. When individuals defer seeking medical care for these issues, they may put themselves and others at risk of long-term illness and medical complications. Furthering protections for confidential provision of reproductive services improves the health of the people of Hawaii.



**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 8:17:00 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael Golojuch Jr	Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Representatives,

The Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Hawai'i's oldest and largest policy and political LGBTQIA+ focused organization fully supports SB 3125 SD 2.

We hope you all will support this important piece of legislation.

Mahalo nui loa,

Michael Golojuch, Jr. (he/him)  
Chair and SCC Representative  
Stonewall Caucus for the DPH

**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 5:53:22 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael Golojuch	Rainbow Family 808	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Rainbow Family 808 supports SB3125. Please pass this bill.

Mike Golojuch, Sr., Secretary/Board Member

**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 10:06:17 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kekoa Kealoha	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

Aloha, Committee members,

I am writing in strong support of SB3125. You will see many others testifying in support who will explain the mechanics of this bill and how it will benefit the community in a straightforward, simple way. Thankfully, I don't need to spend my time addressing that. You will, unfortunately, also see testimony that mischaracterizes this bill as an attack on parental rights which could not be further from the truth. I'd like to speak to the latter so that you will consider a grounded, thoughtful rebuttal to those sensationalist voices.

Young people continue to represent the largest growing demographic of people affected by STIs—HIV among them. Working for nearly a decade in HIV care and prevention, I have been the one to deliver devastating news to too many people. For every person who learned he or she had HIV, Hepatitis, or STIs when I administered a test, I see missed opportunities for prevention. The thing is, clients don't come to see people like me because they want to; they come because they have to. They bring their traumas with them. Often, trauma is what leads to potential exposure to HIV, STIs, Hepatitis, and more. I have very frequently been the first person these folks have said anything to about their traumas.

Conversely, I have also met many parents and grandparents who brought in their 'ohana to access testing services. They were safe enough for their children to go to first. My experience has shown me that parents who are a safe resource for their children WILL be involved in their children's decision-making regardless of this bill because they already have been. There is an 'Ōlelo No'eau that says, "i ka wā ma mua ka wā ma hope," which means, "the future is in the past." Our kūpuna knew that we can guide our future by looking to our past; where we come from is important. Well, for the vast majority of the AIDS crisis, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders were more likely than any other group IN THE NATION to be diagnosed with AIDS at the time of their HIV diagnosis. Our own people told no one, sought no help, and suffered the consequences. This means kānaka maoli often found out they had HIV when they showed up in the Emergency Rooms with an unshakeable pneumonia or mysterious lesions on their skin, a

tell-tale sign of AIDS. In the late 1980s and early 1990s, this often meant someone was marked for death. Let us not return to those days of shame and stigma.

We could talk about parental rights and how, in an ideal world, parents should be involved in their children's medical care. But the reality is that parents aren't involved when their children decide to have sex. They don't decide for their children to be assaulted. Some of them don't know their child is gay, bisexual, lesbian, transgender, queer, or otherwise identified. And, worst of all, some of them won't support their children because they are homophobic, judgmental, uneducated, or ignorant. The young people at greatest risk for HIV acquisition are those who have uninvolved, uninterested parents who will not support healthful decision-making. This bill is for them.

Let me be clear. Parents who want to be involved with their children's health care decisions already are. This bill gives young people access to prevention tools when they have parents who aren't. I admit that some children may not be comfortable going to parents who want to be involved, and to those parents I humbly ask, would you rather find out your child is taking an HIV prevention medication? Or would you rather find out your child has HIV? The latter question speaks to a painful reality many of my clients' families have experienced and additional trauma that my clients have endured.

Telling someone she or he has HIV is one of the most difficult things I've ever had to do. It's much more difficult to work one-on-one with people living with HIV, who have no support system, whose families have turned their backs on them, ejected them from their homes, and refused to acknowledge their humanity. It's even harder to sit with a client, disclose their status to their family, and watch the emotional responses take over. I pray none of you experience that and I'd like to ask you to think about those people who will not have access to life-saving medication.

I believe we all want a healthy community, which means we all want the same thing. Committee members, can you live with denying a young person's decision-making power if it leads to HIV transmission because of some wishful ideal? Or can you concede that real-world circumstances necessitate access to prevention tools for at-risk youth?

Please vote in favor of SB3125. Mahalo piha.



**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 8:47:54 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Wallyn Christian	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I, Wallyn Christian, STRONGLY OPPOSE SB3125.

This is a bill that is taking away parental rights at its core!

Would you be okay with your 14 year old daughter having an abortion without your consen?

I think not!

Kill this bill

**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 10:03:19 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael EKM Olderr	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill because it will protect the health and lives of our children when they are vulnerable and need guidance.

**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 11:05:29 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Isis Usborne	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chai Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the Committee,

I support this bill to bolster the health and safety of our keiki by providing a legal avenue for family planning medical services for minors. This can obviously be an explosive topic for parents, and may be surrounded by taboo in talking about it with their children, so if kids feel more comfortable talking with their providers directly to obtain low risk services, they should be able to.

Mahalo,

- Isis Usborne, 96815  
Student at William S. Richardson School of Law

**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 12:04:15 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Linda Kim	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the committee.

**I strongly support SB3125**, which would increase access to medical care for minors 14-17. This bill would give 14-17 year olds the ability to consent for life-saving HIV prevention medications called Pre-exposure Prophylaxis or PrEP. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention strongly recommend PrEP as one of the most effective biomedical interventions to prevent HIV. The current HRS for minor consent does allow minors to consent to treatment of HIV and other sexually-related diseases but not have access to prevention measures such as PrEP (ironically, we can treat them once they get HIV but not provide proven prevention medications). **THIS IS A LIFE-SAVING BILL. PLEASE SUPPORT IT.**

We now have this life-saving medication, which is covered by insurance, but those 14-17 cannot access without parental consent – which may mean that someone has to decide between sharing intimate information that could impact their familial relationship or getting access to a drug that could prevent a life-threatening disease.

Please pass SB3125 so that our young people have every tool available to support themselves and be healthy.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Linda Kim, APRN

**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 12:04:47 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Breanna Zoey	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the committee.

**I strongly support SB3125**, which would increase access to medical care for minors 14-17. This bill would give 14-17 year olds the ability to consent for life-saving HIV prevention medications called Pre-exposure Prophylaxis or PrEP. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention strongly recommend PrEP as one of the most effective biomedical interventions to prevent HIV. The current HRS for minor consent does allow minors to consent to treatment of HIV and other sexually-related diseases but not have access to prevention measures such as PrEP (ironically, we can treat them once they get HIV but not provide proven prevention medications).

We now have this life-saving medication, which is covered by insurance, but those 14-17 cannot access without parental consent – which may mean that someone has to decide between sharing intimate information that could impact their familial relationship or getting access to a drug that could prevent a life-threatening disease.

Please pass SB3125 so that our young people have every tool available to support themselves and be healthy. Thank you for the opportunity to testify

breanna zoey (she/they)

**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 12:55:45 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kerestin Walker	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the committee.

I **strongly support SB3125**, which would increase access to medical care for minors 14-17. This bill would give 14-17 year olds the ability to consent for life-saving HIV prevention medications called Pre-exposure Prophylaxis or PrEP. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention strongly recommend PrEP as one of the most effective biomedical interventions to prevent HIV. The current HRS for minor consent does allow minors to consent to treatment of HIV and other sexually-related diseases but not have access to prevention measures such as PrEP (ironically, we can treat them once they get HIV but not provide proven prevention medications).

We now have this life-saving medication, which is covered by insurance, but those 14-17 cannot access without parental consent – which may mean that someone has to decide between sharing intimate information that could impact their familial relationship or getting access to a drug that could prevent a life-threatening disease.

Please pass SB3125 so that our young people have every tool available to support themselves and be healthy.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify

Kerestin Walker

**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 3:26:16 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ezra Levinson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Ezra Levinson and I am a resident of Kailua. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **strong support** of SB3125, enabling young people (14 years or older) to consent to medical care and services related to the prevention of HIV.

Since 2020, I have been a Youth Advisory Board member for [a study](#) focusing on minor consent laws relating to sexual health in the United States, conducted by Dr. Kimberly Nelson at Boston University and funded by the National Institutes of Health.

Such **minor consent laws are critically important**. They make it easier for minors to seek critical preventative care, improving the health and safety not only of these individuals but also the rest of the community.

This is a simple and critical measure to promote public health and keep Hawaii's children safe. Thank you for your consideration.

Ezra Levinson, 96734

**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 8:22:16 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Abby Simmons	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and esteemed Members of the Committee,

**I strongly support SB3125**, which would increase access to medical care for minors 14-17. This bill would give 14-17 year olds the ability to consent for life-saving HIV prevention medications called Pre-exposure Prophylaxis or PrEP. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention strongly recommend PrEP as one of the most effective biomedical interventions to prevent HIV. The current HRS for minor consent does allow minors to consent to treatment of HIV and other sexually-related diseases but not have access to prevention measures such as PrEP (ironically, we can treat them once they get HIV but not provide proven prevention medications).

We now have this life-saving medication, which is covered by insurance, but those 14-17 cannot access without parental consent – which may mean that someone has to decide between sharing intimate information that could impact their familial relationship or getting access to a drug that could prevent a life-threatening disease.

Please support SB3125 so that our young people have every tool available to support themselves and be healthy.

Mahalo nui loa,

Abby Simmons



**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 8:34:11 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nikki-Ann Yee	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the committee,

**I strongly support SB3125**, which would increase access to medical care for minors 14-17. This bill would give 14-17 year olds the ability to consent to life-saving HIV prevention medications called Pre-exposure Prophylaxis or PrEP. It is vital for them to have access to this life-saving medication and do so without parental consent, so they are not forced to decide between sharing intimate information that could impact their familial relationship or getting access to a drug that could prevent a life-threatening disease.

Please pass SB3125 so that our youth have every tool available to support themselves and be healthy. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 11:20:47 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Thaddeus Pham	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and HTH Committee Members,

As a concerned citizen and public health professional, I write in **STRONG SUPPORT** of SB3125 SD2, which would increase access to recommended medical care and life-saving medications for minors 14-17.

This bill would give 14-17 year olds the ability to consent for life-saving HIV prevention medications called Pre-exposure Prophylaxis or PrEP. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention strongly recommend PrEP as one of the most effective biomedical interventions to prevent HIV. The current HRS for minor consent does allow minors to consent to treatment of HIV and other sexually-related diseases but not have access to prevention measures such as PrEP (ironically we can treat them once they get HIV but not provide proven prevention medications).

We now have this life-saving medication, which is covered by insurance, but those 14-17 cannot access without parental consent – which may mean that someone has to decide between sharing intimate information that could impact their familial relationship or getting access to a drug that could prevent a life-threatening disease.

The health and economic impact of HIV infections far exceeds the costs of prevention, with some estimates showing savings of millions of dollars over time (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3690921/>). Please help ensure the health of our keiki, our future workforce, and our local economy is protected.

Mahalo for your consideration of this important issue.

Thaddeus Pham (he/him)

**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 8:46:25 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kiana Regets	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Hello, My name is Kiana Regets and I am a current Masters in Social Work student at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. I would currently like to submit testimony in favor of the bill SB3125 whose aim is to authorize minors 14 years or older to consent to medical care for sexually transmitted infections, pregnancy, and family planning services.**

**I am currently 23 years old and I do not have children however I understand the weight that this policy has and how it can help countless minors. While I was in high school, for those that were not close to their parents or when sex was considered a taboo subject they often engaged in risky sexual behaviors and did not have access to birth control or family planning services. Data from the Hawai'i Youth Risk Behavior Survey found that statewide about 17.6% of Hawai'i's high school students were currently sexually active and being sexually active meant that they had sexual intercourse with at least one person in the last three months (Hawaii State Department of Education,2019). And we can assume that this number is under-reported.**

**Having two younger teenage brothers and interacting with their friends I have observed first hand how there is a lack of education and understanding surrounding safe sex practices, how to prevent and treat sexually transmitted infections, preventing and understanding pregnancy, (for example how it works, the circumstances it can happen), and what family planning services are. While this bill is not about education, if minors 14 years or older can know and understand that they will have access to these services from their doctor or provider with confidentiality practices I think that they will be greatly utilized. These services can help prevent teenage pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections which can both have life altering impacts.**

**Within this policy and all minor consenting to care policies there is an underlying idea that children who have the skills or capabilities to make decisions should be recognized as having some authority over their own health care (Harrison, 2004). Minors who are sexually active, pregnant, who have an STD (sexually transmitted disease), have drug misuse issues or are currently facing mental health challenges may avoid seeking care if they must involve their parents (Newall et al., 2022). For example, when looking at a new NAMI poll in 2022 with teenagers (ages twelve to seventeen) found that most teens report being comfortable talking about mental health with those closest to them but only 31% of the the 1015 minors reported feeling comfortable telling their parent or guardian that they**

would like to receive treatment and 20% said they talk regularly with my parents or guardians about their mental health (Newall et al., 2022).

I genuinely believe that a policy like this can be beneficial to minors across our islands, especially those who do not receive support, education or compassion regarding the topic of sexual health and education. With this policy we can ensure that we help younger generations to have autonomy over their care, to receive health care services they need and to continue to have a healthy future.

Harrison, C. (2004). Treatment decisions regarding infants, children and adolescents. *Paediatrics and Child Health*, 9(2), 99–103. <https://doi.org/10.1093/pch/9.2.99>

Hawaii State Department of Education. (2019). Sexual Health Education. Retrieved March 11, 2024, from <https://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/TeachingAndLearning/HealthAndNutrition/sexed/Pages/default.aspx#:~:text=Sexual%20Health%20and%20Sexuality%20Among%20Hawai'i's%20Teens&text=Data%20from%20the%20Hawai'i,in%20the%20last%20three%20months>).

Newall, M., Azevedo Lohr, A., & Rollason, C. (2022, August 30). Teens comfortable talking about mental health, but fewer are actually doing so. Ipsos. Retrieved February 23, 2024, from <https://www.ipsos.com/en-us/news-polls/NAMI-teen-poll-2022>

**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 8:53:24 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Rick Ramirez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the committee.

I **strongly support SB3125**, which would increase access to medical care for minors 14-17. AS a healthcare provider, I see the disparities that face the Hawaiian youth across the sstate and recognize teh need for increase protection against a lifelong disease that incrteaes the healthcare burden in the US by millions each year. If we have the opportunity to increse access to care, we can protect more people and decrease the cost of health across all sectors.

Please pass SB3125 so that our young people have every tool available to support themselves and be healthy.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify

Rick Ramirez, DNP, APRn, AG-ACNP-BC, FNP-BC, ENP-C, CEN, CPEN

**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 10:45:50 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kim Coco Iwamoto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I testify in support of SB3125 SD2 with Amendments.

I urge this committee to add language that requires the licensed health care provider to certify that they went over all the potential harms and risks associated with both receiving the medical intervention/treatment and the potential harms, risks, and outcomes of not receiving the medical intervention.

I just want to make sure minors are provided the same standard of consultation that adults receive when they seek medical assistance. Perhaps this certification of informed consent should list, line by line, all the potential risks, side effects, and adverse reactions of each medical treatment/intervention with a space for the minor patient to initial each bullet point, so there is a clear record that this was fully informed consent. And also contain a list of potential complications or consequences if the minor does not choose the treatment or intervention; and the minor initials that list, line-by-line as well.

These forms can be prepared in advance for each and every possible treatment/intervention that a minor (or adult) may access through this bill.

This level of due diligence will prepare our minors for future engagements with their medical care providers and empower them to expect this quality of information when they seek other medical care in the future, even when they are adults.

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the committee.

I am a community health worker in the field of sexual health. I provide HIV and STI testing, as well as assist patients with getting on PrEP, a medication that prevents HIV infection.

I **strongly support SB 3125**, a bill to increase access to medical care for minors 14-17. SB 3125 would give 14–17-year-olds the ability to consent for life-saving HIV prevention medications called Pre-exposure Prophylaxis or PrEP. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention strongly recommend PrEP as one of the most effective biomedical interventions to prevent HIV. Currently the HRS for minor consent allows minors to consent to the treatment of sexually related diseases, including HIV, but does not allow access to prevention measures such as PrEP. It's unfortunate that we are forced to wait until a minor contracts HIV before we can help them, rather than provide important medication that can prevent HIV infection in the first place.

This life-saving medication, which is covered by insurance, has been a gift in the fight against new HIV infections but those 14-17 cannot access it without parental consent. For too many people that means that an individual must decide between sharing intimate information that could negatively impact their familial relationship or getting access to a drug that could prevent a life-threatening disease. For too many, that means they will go without.

As a gay man, I can personally attest that this medication has been life changing, and life saving for many people in my life. I wish PrEP had been around when I was a teenager, but even if it had, my parents would never have consented for me to have it. They would have viewed the possibility of contracting HIV as God's punishment. There are too many people today living with family/legal guardians that hold to such a view. And they need your help.

Please pass SB 3125, it will save lives.

Thank you for letting me testify,  
Michael Paul

**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 11:12:05 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Komal Sooin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Committee on Health and Homelessness,

I am a practicing family physician on Oahu and take care of people from birth to end of life including adolescents and minors. In Hawaii, minors face confidentiality barriers when accessing sensitive services such as STI testing. Being able to consent for STI testing without parental consent along with ability to consent for pre-exposure prophylaxis or post-exposure for HIV would decrease burden of disease, infections, and stigma and improve access to these services for minors.

Additionally, even though healthcare providers may be able to provide a confidential visit, insurance companies may still send an explanation of benefits (EOB) to the primary insurance holder/covered entity (parent or guardian). This breach in confidentiality may cause adolescents/minors to be hesitant in seeking these essential health services. Currently some insurance companies have a process where a form needs to be submitted by the patient to suspend mailing of these EOBs or a method to route them. This takes time, minors dont always know about this process, and even providers may not know about the process.

This bill would require insurance companies to have confidentiality policies in place for sensitive services such as sexually transmitted infections, pregnancy, family planning, and PreP/Pep where a patient or provider can request it. Having a provider be able to assist is beneficial as they have more capacity to perform this. This would decrease barriers to care for minors 14 years and older, and would be a significant step toward protecting the health of this vulnerable population.

I would however suggest an addendum to allow this to go further and improve confidentiality practices. A process that would be more feasible for patients would be a way in which insurance companies automatically DO NOT send EOBs to the covered entity if a sensitive service was provided. This has been done in other states around the country and is feasible.

I appreciate your time in reading this testimony and hearing this bill.

Komal Sooin



**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 10:55:52 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Andrew Crossland	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I **strongly oppose** this Bill and urge all committee members to vote NO.

**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 12:27:53 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Rosemarie Vailisale	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I DO NOT SUPPORT THIS BILL

**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 12:37:43 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sharron VanDeusen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB3125 SD2!

**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 12:40:02 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Deven English	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. parental consent for everything, bottom line, no if's and no buts. again so ridiculous.

**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 12:40:03 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lora Santiago	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this Bill SB3125.

**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 12:47:35 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jackie Hester	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose SB 3125. Minor women receive abortions without parental consent - 14 years old? Crazy! Parents can make decisions for birth control, HPV vaccines, STDs, other health care for their children. We don't need the state involved in coercion of a minor.

**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 12:51:29 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Christopher Gouveia	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

While I do support minors seeking all the medical help they need in regards to teen pregnancy and STD's, I oppose this bill because I do not support minors seeking abortions without the consent from their parents. I believe that parents have every right to have a say in what is best for their children when it comes to seeking medical treatment.

**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 1:51:29 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Cari Sasaki	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We don't allow 14 year olds to drive, buy cigarettes or alcohol, rent a hotel room or a car. We should not be allowing them to have a medical procedure (any medical procedure) without parental consent. This is not just a simple decision. How difficult is it for adults to make wise decisions when they are scared? Imagine making this type of life-altering decision as a scared teenager.



**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 2:58:58 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kaiulani Bowers	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this Bill because a minor absolutely needs parental consent, especially when it comes to something as important as their health. A minor cannot get a tattoo without parental consent, they cannot go into a rated R movie without parental consent, can't get their license without parental consent nor can they go on a field trip, something as monumental as receiving an abortion needs parents support and guidance.

**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 3:25:45 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Yvonne Alvarado	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Yvonne Alvarado Oppose to Bill SB3125 SD2

**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 3:42:53 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
TERI SAVAIINAEA	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB3125 SD2.

Thank you,

Teri Kia Savaiinaea

**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 3:53:38 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Chanara Casey Richmond	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Chanara Richmond, oppose bull 3125

**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 4:25:19 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ryan Willis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB3125 SD2

Minors, 14-17, don't have mental capacity to make these decisions without parental guidance.

**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 4:25:49 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kanoë Willis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB3125 SD2

Minors, 14-17, don't have mental capacity to make these decisions without parental guidance.

**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 4:45:47 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
David E Shormann	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is illegal in Hawaii because it violates Hawaii Revised Statute 5-7.5. First it is about killing the most vulnerable humans, babies in the womb. Why would you want to do that? HRS 5-7.5 says "Each person must think and emote good feelings to others." One cannot be in the act of thinking and emoting good feelings to an unborn baby while also killing it. The bill shows no kindness towards the most vulnerable. It shows no lokahi because it leaves the parents out of the process. It has no oluolu, because there is nothing pleasant about killing the most vulnerable of humans, the unborn baby. The bill has no haahaa, because it is a very humbling thing to have to raise a baby. And, raising a child and discussing difficult matters like this requires parental involvement with the pregnant young person, but this bill shows no ahonui because it is an effort to rush the process through and kill the unborn baby without the minor's parents knowing. This bill violates Hawaii law in so many ways. Plus it's just gross and wicked.

**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 6:36:27 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Terry Murakami	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.



**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 8:32:01 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Marlies Lee	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Parents need to be involved at 14-18-21

I oppose this!

our kids belong to us and not the state!

**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 9:34:47 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Alice Abellanida	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill! This is stripping away parental rights! The government has no right to parent a child or minor!

**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 9:47:43 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
THOMAS KENT	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 9:49:22 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jennifer Cabjuan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly oppose this bill!! Children are minors under care of parents until the age of 18. Stop making laws that strip parents of raising children. The government does not own our keiki!!!

**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 10:48:51 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nancy Valdez	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 1:58:44 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Diane DePaolo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Minors should not be allowed to make these decisions without parental consent. I oppose this bill

**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 5:26:56 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Laurie Langton	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

Here is a list of actions and decisions that are not available to minors under the age of 18:

Vote

Get Married

Elective surgery

Purchase lottery tickets

Make financial decisions- have a checking account

Join the military

People under 21 cannot:

Drink

Buy tobacco

Gamble

Go to bars or clubs

Rent a car

Buy a pistol

Get a loan

None of these actions are as potentially life-altering as allowing a CHILD to have their body changed by surgery or medication. Neither of these are reversable. Children do NOT have the capacity to make these decisions. Their brains are not even fully developed yet. They do not have

the biological ability to weigh these factors logically. If a 14 year can't legally write a check, how can they be allowed to decide to have body parts removed. Additionally, children and teens are tremendously influenced by peers, social media and entertainment. Any one of these could convince a child that their normal teen awkward feelings equate to needing a drastic medical intervention. This is a very dangerous possibility which could ruin so many lives.

The argument that some children are in an unsafe home environment that requires them to speak in confidence to a medical provider, applies in less than 1% of the potential cases. To address this with a wide stroke law such as this will cause more harm than good. Address the children who need that help and provide that counsel. But do NOT implement this bill and give babies the ability to make these lifelong decisions.

This bill is truly an attempt to take children away from parental control and put them under state control. Families are under attack on many fronts and this bill is a part of that attack. The state does not have a right to remove the parent from decisions regarding minors.

Please know that we are carefully noting and tracking how you all vote on these issues. We are not going to sit quietly by and allow you to continue voting against the will of the people. Be mindful of how you vote because it will determine whether or not you keep your seat and your comfy salary.

Mahalo,

Laurie Langton



**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 5:39:59 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
David Williams	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Very very strongly oppose this bill complete discuss that you guys are trying to push this on children in general not to mention trying to take away parents rights to be able to prevent it. This is absolute child endangerment there is no long-term research to support the benefits of doing this. There's also tons of horror stories from the detransitioner who can no longer live normal lives because of these procedures given to them. This is probably the most disgusting bill ever created by you Disgusting politicians.

**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 7:35:59 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Thaddea H Pitts	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

It is the right of every parent to be aware of their children's decisions. This bill is harmful to the family unit and ultimately harmful to the child who could regret the decision as he/she grows into maturity. This is ultimately a government overreach to hurt parent/ child relationships.

**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 7:52:29 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Rita Wong	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I absolutely OPPOSE Bill SB3125 SD2

**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 8:14:45 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
KV	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is terrible legislation written by the worst representatives in Hawai'i currently. I vehemently oppose! Stop taking rights away from parents, and trying to lure children into making life changing, life altering decisions without the knowledge of the people that care for them most and who will be left to pick up the broken pieces. This legislation is disgusting, as are the legislators who have introduced and sponsored it.

**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 8:29:45 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Joelle Seashell	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This would clearly allow an opportunity for an abuser to be hidden from accountability. Stop attacking the children. As minors they are being manipulated into the deception that abortion is a solution and this bill is contributing to that manipulation. Abortion is the murder of the most innocent of life by the one person who is tasked with the duty to care and protect for it. The groundwork for the trauma this government is pushing on our children is unacceptable.

**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 9:01:52 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Noela von Wiegandt	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose this SB 3125 strongly,

this is a very dangerous and divisive bill which will hurt families.

thank you.

Noela von Wiegandt

**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 9:03:06 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Emmeline Macanas	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE Bill SB 3125 SD2. Minors should not be able to have authorization for any medical procedures without their parent's consent.

**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 9:13:32 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nicolette VonWiegandt	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Parents need to be involved. The message sent to pedophiles and men who sexually abuse young girls is that the victim should just go get an sboryikn. Case closed. So not true. Every elmsn i hsvr ever known is deeply mentally disturbed by aborting a baby. They go through life emotionally wounded, first by bring sexually abused & 2nd by choosing to take the life of an innocent child. If incest is the problem, perpetrator should be convicted of felony, not rewarded by keeping incest silent. Our children need their parents to guide them. Teens are not adults yet & cannot be expected to be alone to make a choice. Abortion is murder and its time we call it what it is. Pedophiles need to have extremely harsh sentences, even death sentence. They have created irreparable harm to the hearts and minds of our youth. Abortion has proven itself horrific. Babies are the most precious gift. We have no right to suck them out piece by piece causing them horrible pain as their little bodies are pulled apart. We must do better for our youth than to easily point them to be cupible in murdering an innocent baby.



**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 9:50:34 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kelly Klocker	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I see problems with allowing minors as young as 14 to make health and medical decisions without the guidance and support of their adult guardians. This bill also allows those who prey on children in trafficking and pharmaceutical companies to use this to their advantage. If young minors need treatment at this age, they need the counseling of informed caring adults, not strangers who seek to profit. Strong opposition

**SB-3125-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 11:44:26 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
james pirtle	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I do not consent

**SB-3125-SD-2**

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Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michele Nihipali	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB 3125 will give 14 year olds to consent to medical care and services related to preventing HIV. Many young people in Hawaii cannot turn to parents or older adults to discuss sexual orientation or prevention of HIV due to threats of violence and disownment.

Please pass SB 3125 and help our young people prevent the spread of HIV.

Thank you for your consideration,

Michele Nihipali

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**SB-3125-SD-2**

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Dylan Ramos	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

Minors exercising rights under this bill would be doing the responsible thing in going to a doctor -- that part of the bill covering STIs should remain in the bill no matter what.

Meanwhile, the matter of parental rights, while valid and important, is second to the minor's healthcare. Yes, an ideal situation would involve parents being informed, but an ideal situation would also involve their consent to their child's recommended healthcare. If a minor feels the need to discreetly seek this type of healthcare, it implies such healthcare would likely otherwise be delayed or become a source of contention that could discourage said minor from seeking or receiving needed healthcare in the future.

I would understand reservations and amendments -- there are situations that should have their own procedures regarding disclosure, e.g., suspected trafficking -- but overall this bill is in our keiki's best interest.

Mahalo,  
Dylan Ramos  
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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jeanine Acopan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Opposed!!!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dara Yatsushiro	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Still oppose this.