

HCR-5

Submitted on: 3/28/2024 3:08:28 PM

Testimony for CPC on 4/2/2024 2:00:00 PM

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| Doris Matsunaga | Save Medicaid Hawaii | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Save Medicaid Hawaii supports HCR5



April 2, 2024

TO: Representative Mark Nakashima, Chair
Representative Jackson Sayama, Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce

From: Jeanne Y. Ohta, Co-Chair
Hawai'i State Democratic Women's Caucus

RE: **HCR 5/HR 1: 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**

POSITION: SUPPORT

The Hawai'i State Democratic Women's Caucus writes in support of HCR 5 and HR 1 urging retail stores and pharmacies doing business in Hawai'i to adopt policies that guarantee individuals' unhindered access to all U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved contraceptives.

Contraceptives have a wide range of benefits, including health benefits of pregnancy spacing for maternal and child health, women's engagement in the workforce, and economic self-sufficiency.

Lack of access to contraceptives, which include availability, affordability, insurance coverage, transportation, and convenience contribute to higher rates of unintended pregnancies. Pharmacists' refusal to fill contraceptive prescriptions or provide emergency contraception (EC), pharmacies that refuse to carry contraceptives, and pharmacies that lock condoms behind glass create barriers to an essential component of health care. Because they play such a large part in the health care of their customers and communities, these retail stores and pharmacies have the responsibility to adopt policies that ensure full, unrestricted access to contraception.

This is a priority issue for the Hawai'i State Democratic Women's Caucus. The Hawai'i State Democratic Women's Caucus is a catalyst for progressive, social, economic, and political change through action on critical issues facing Hawaii's women and girls.

We respectfully request that the Committee pass this resolution to support unrestricted access to contraception. Thank you for the opportunity to provide our testimony.



To: The Honorable Mark M. Nakashima, Chair
The Honorable Jackson D. Sayama, Vice Chair
House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

From: Paula Arcena, External Affairs Vice President
Mike Nguyen, Public Policy Manager

Hearing: Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 2:00 PM, Conference Room 329

RE: **HCR5/HR1 – 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.**

AlohaCare appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in **support of HCR5 and HR1**. These resolutions urge retail stores and pharmacies doing business in the State to adopt policies on a national and local level to guarantee an individual's unhindered access to all United States Food and Drug Administration-approved contraceptives.

Founded in 1994 by Hawai'i's community health centers, AlohaCare is a community-rooted, non-profit health plan serving over 84,000 Medicaid and dual-eligible health plan members on all islands. Approximately 40 percent of our members are keiki. We are Hawai'i's only health plan exclusively dedicated to serving Medicaid and Medicaid-Medicare dually-eligible beneficiaries. Our mission is to serve individuals and communities in the true spirit of aloha by ensuring and advocating for access to quality, whole-person care for all.

AlohaCare is committed to improving and advocating for access to care, including reproductive health care. We fully support this measure because people should be able to easily access contraceptives so they can make personal health choices. This measure would help to protect personal autonomy and contraceptive access for the residents of Hawai'i.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify in **support of HCR5 and HR1**.

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Submitted on: 3/28/2024 3:37:44 PM

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| Younghee Overly | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit a testimony in strong support of HCR5 to protect access to contraceptives.

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Submitted on: 3/29/2024 10:12:01 AM

Testimony for CPC on 4/2/2024 2:00:00 PM

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| Anne Leake | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Reproductive rights must be maintained in Hawaii. Please give favorable consideration to this resolution. Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 3/30/2024 9:49:13 PM

Testimony for CPC on 4/2/2024 2:00:00 PM

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| Thaddeus Pham | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Sayama, and CPC Committee Members,

As a public health professional concerned with community equity, I write in strong support of HCR5 and HR1, both resolutions that would move to improve access to FDA-approved contraceptives.

Mahalo,

Thaddeus Pham (he/him)

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Submitted on: 4/1/2024 12:24:31 AM

Testimony for CPC on 4/2/2024 2:00:00 PM

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| Barbara Shimei | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

IN STRONG SUPPORT

To: Hawaii State House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Hearing Date/Time: Wednesday April 2, 2024, 2:00pm

Place: Hawaii State Capitol, CR 329 & Videoconference

Re: Judith Ann Armstrong supports resolutions HR1/HCR5 relating to UNHINDERED ACCESS TO ALL UNITED STATES FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION-APPROVED CONTRACEPTIVES.

Dear Chair Rep. Mark M. Nakashima, Vice Chair Rep. Jackson D. Sayama, and members of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

I, Judith Ann Armstrong, **strongly** supports resolutions HR1/HCR5 relating to UNHINDERED ACCESS TO ALL UNITED STATES FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION-APPROVED CONTRACEPTIVES.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of resolutions HR1/HCR5.

Sincerely,

Judith Ann Armstrong