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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER CRISIS  
PREGNANCY CENTERS OPERATING IN THE STATE ARE COMPLYING WITH  
PATIENT PRIVACY REGULATIONS.

1           WHEREAS, Hawaii has a long tradition of protecting an  
2 individual's right to privacy and bodily autonomy, including  
3 becoming the first state in the nation to legalize abortion in  
4 1970; and

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6           WHEREAS, the State reaffirmed its commitment to supporting  
7 access to reproductive care with the passage of Act 2, Session  
8 Laws of Hawaii 2023, which created comprehensive protections for  
9 the provision of reproductive health care services; and

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11           WHEREAS, crisis pregnancy centers are nonprofit  
12 organizations established by anti-abortion groups whose primary  
13 purpose is to persuade pregnant women not to have an abortion  
14 through the promotion and provision of alternative services and  
15 resources for pregnant mothers; and

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17           WHEREAS, a study published in the December 2024, issue of  
18 *JAMA Internal Medicine* analyzed more than four hundred seventy  
19 thousand webpages from 1,825 crisis pregnancy center websites  
20 between September 2023, and March 2024, and found that ninety-  
21 one percent of crisis pregnancy centers advertise medical  
22 services, including pregnancy tests (eighty-five percent),  
23 ultrasounds (seventy-seven percent), and testing for sexually  
24 transmitted infections (fifty-four percent); and

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26           WHEREAS, the study further found that thirty percent of  
27 crisis pregnancy center websites promoted "abortion pill  
28 reversal", with some centers directly targeting women who might  
29 regret starting a medication abortion; and

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31           WHEREAS, one of the authors of the study noted that  
32 abortion pill reversal currently lacks approval from the United



1 States Food and Drug Administration and may increase the risk of  
2 serious complications, including sepsis, particularly in cases  
3 where it interferes with the completion of a medication  
4 abortion; and

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6 WHEREAS, a study conducted by Healthcare Management  
7 Associates in 2024 found that while crisis pregnancy centers  
8 across the nation received \$400,000,000 in federal funding  
9 between 2017 and 2023, these centers operate with little  
10 oversight by regulators; and

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12 WHEREAS, a November 15, 2024, article published by *Health*  
13 *Affairs* titled "Addressing the HIPAA Blind Spot for Crisis  
14 Pregnancy Centers" noted that crisis pregnancy centers often  
15 invoke the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act  
16 to collect personal information from clients; and

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18 WHEREAS, the Electronic Frontiers Foundation, an  
19 international digital rights nonprofit that promotes internet  
20 civil liberties, has called on states to investigate whether  
21 crisis pregnancy centers are complying with patient privacy  
22 regulations with regard to the retention and use of collected  
23 patient data; now, therefore,

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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
26 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
27 of 2025, that the Attorney General is requested to investigate  
28 whether crisis pregnancy centers operating in the State are  
29 complying with patient privacy regulations; and

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Attorney General is further  
32 requested to provide a report on its findings and  
33 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
34 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
35 the Regular Session of 2026; and

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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
38 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and Attorney General.  
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