

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

499

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 350

S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 350 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAII  
CONSTITUTION TO PROTECT THE RIGHT TO CONTRACEPTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to propose an amendment to article I of the Hawaii State Constitution to protect a person's right to obtain contraceptives and engage in contraception.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from AAUW of Hawaii, Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Rainbow Family 808, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Indivisible Hawai'i, Education Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, UNITE HERE Local 5, Save Medicaid Hawaii, Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center, and sixty-five individuals.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawai'i Christian Coalition, Hawai'i Family Forum, and fifty-two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii State Constitution must support an individual's ability to make personal decisions about one's own body and medical care through the explicit protection of



the right to access contraceptives and engage in contraception. Your Committee further finds that the term "contraception" generally means an action taken to prevent pregnancy, including the use of contraceptives or fertility-awareness-based methods and sterilization procedures and that the term "contraceptive" generally means any drug, device, or biological product intended for use in the prevention of pregnancy, whether specifically intended to prevent pregnancy or for other health needs, that is approved, cleared, authorized, or licensed under federal law. This measure will constitutionally prohibit the enactment of any law or taking of any state action that denies or interferes with a person's right to obtain contraceptives or voluntarily engage in contraception.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health and Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 350, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 350, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Health and Human  
Services,



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JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair

The Senate  
Thirty-Third Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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**Committee on Health and Human Services**  
**HHS**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">SB350</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">HHS, JDC/WAM</div>	Date: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">2/5/25</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313         </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C)	✓			
AQUINO, Henry J.C. (VC)	✓			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted         <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted         </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em;"> <div>Distribution:</div> <div>Original</div> <div>Yellow</div> <div>Pink</div> <div>Goldenrod</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em;"> <div>File with Committee Report</div> <div>Clerk's Office</div> <div>Drafting Agency</div> <div>Committee File Copy</div> </div>				

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