



To: Health and Human Services Committee
Hearing Date/Time: February 5, 2025/1:00 PM
Place: Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 225 & Videoconference
Re: Testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of S.B. 350

Dear Chair San Buenaventura and Vice-Chair Aquino and Members of the Health and Human Services Committee:

Members of AAUW of Hawai'i thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of S.B. 350, [proposing an amendment to article I of the Hawai'i Constitution to protect a person's right to obtain contraceptives and engage in contraception.](#)

The right to contraception is protected by *Griswold v. Connecticut*, 381 U.S. 479 (1965), and *Eisenstadt v. Baird*, 405 U.S. 438 (1972). In *Griswold*, the U.S. Supreme Court recognized that the constitutional right to privacy includes the right of married people to obtain contraceptives, and in *Eisenstadt*, the U.S. Supreme Court extended the constitutional protections in *Griswold* to unmarried persons.

However, *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, 597 U.S. 215 (2022), opens the door to challenges to the right to contraception.¹

Access to contraceptives and the right to engage in contraception is a medical necessity for many women. "The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (the College) supports access to comprehensive contraceptive care and contraceptive methods as an integral component of women's health care and is committed to encouraging and upholding policies and actions that ensure the availability of affordable and accessible contraceptive care and contraceptive methods."²

Hawai'i has long been a leader in advancing reproductive rights and advocating for access to affordable and comprehensive sexual and reproductive health care without discrimination. The right to obtain contraceptives and engage in contraception is critical for the health and economic security of all people in Hawai'i. S.B. 350 is prudent policy that will improve the overall health and economy of the State's communities.

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<https://nwlc.org/resource/the-right-to-contraception-deeply-rooted-in-our-laws-and-society-but-in-jeopardy-and-in-need-of-policymakers-attention/> (retrieved Feb. 1, 2025).

2

<https://www.acog.org/clinical/clinical-guidance/committee-opinion/articles/2015/01/access-to-contraception> (retrieved Feb. 1, 2025).

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) of Hawai'i is an all-volunteer, statewide chapter of a national organization and is made up of six branches: Hilo, Honolulu, Kaua'i, Kona, Maui, and Windward Oahu. UH Hilo, UH Manoa, UH Maui College, and Windward Community College are also AAUW partners. AAUW's mission is to advance gender equity for equal opportunities in education, at workplace and for economic security, and in leadership.

Sincerely,
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TESTIMONY FROM THE STONEWALL CAUCUS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

FEBRUARY 1, 2025

Testimony in Strong Support of Senate Bill [350] PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION TO PROTECT THE RIGHT TO CONTRACEPTION.

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Aquino, and esteemed Members of the Committee:

My name is Abby Simmons, Chair of the Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, and I am testifying on behalf of our Caucus in strong support of SB350, which proposes an amendment to the Hawaii Constitution to explicitly protect the right to contraception.

Why This Amendment is Necessary

Access to contraception is a fundamental component of personal autonomy, reproductive freedom, and public health. By enshrining this right in our state constitution, Hawaii ensures that individuals can make private, informed decisions about their health without government interference.

Protecting the Right to Contraception is Essential for:

1. Public Health & Family Planning

- Contraception allows individuals to plan pregnancies, reducing unintended pregnancies and improving maternal and child health outcomes.
- It lowers healthcare costs by preventing complications related to unplanned pregnancies.

2. Reproductive Autonomy & Privacy

- Every person should have the right to make personal healthcare decisions without political or ideological interference.
- SB350 aligns with Hawaii's long-standing commitment to privacy and reproductive rights.

3. Preventing Future Legal Challenges

- While contraception is currently legal, recent national trends suggest efforts to restrict reproductive rights.
- Explicitly protecting this right in our state constitution prevents future legal uncertainties and ensures continued access.

Hawai'i should join other States in PROTECTING OUR RIGHTS

Fifteen other states, including California, Oregon, and Washington, already have legal protections for contraception. As a leader in reproductive rights, Hawai'i should proactively safeguard this essential healthcare access.

IN SUMMARY:

SB350 is a common-sense measure that upholds individual freedom, promotes public health, and protects personal privacy. I urge this committee to pass this bill and give the people of Hawai'i the opportunity to vote on protecting their reproductive rights in the state constitution.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify. I respectfully urge you to support SB350.

Respectfully,

Abby Simmons (she/her)
Chair & SCC Representative
Stonewall Caucus
Democratic Party of Hawai'i
<https://linktr.ee/stonewalldph>

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Submitted on: 2/1/2025 6:26:29 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Carolyn Martinez-Golojuch	Testifying for Rainbow Family 808	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha Chairperson San Buenaventura and, Members of the Committee,

My name is Carolyn Martinez-Golojuch, and I am testifying as both a mother and a lifelong activist for reproductive rights. I am here to express my strongest possible support for Senate Bill 350, which proposes a critical amendment to Article I of the Hawai‘i Constitution to explicitly protect a person's right to obtain contraceptives and engage in contraception.

As a mother, I have always fought to ensure that my children—and all future generations—have the right to make personal healthcare decisions free from government interference. Access to contraception is fundamental to reproductive freedom, gender equality, and public health. It empowers individuals to plan their families, pursue their dreams, and lead healthier lives. This right should never be up for debate or subject to shifting political tides. By passing SB 350, we affirm that Hawai‘i stands firmly in defense of personal autonomy and bodily integrity.

For decades, I have advocated for comprehensive reproductive healthcare because I have seen firsthand the devastating consequences when access to contraception is restricted. The ability to obtain contraceptives should not depend on a person’s socioeconomic status, zip code, or the political climate. Without constitutional protection, these rights remain vulnerable to erosion. We cannot allow that to happen.

Furthermore, this amendment aligns with the values of the people of Hawai‘i. Polling consistently shows that the vast majority of Americans—across all political and religious backgrounds—support access to birth control. The right to contraception is not controversial; it is essential. By enshrining this protection in our state’s constitution, we send a powerful message that reproductive rights are human rights and will not be compromised.

The passage of SB 350 is a decisive step toward ensuring that no person in Hawai‘i is denied the fundamental right to control their reproductive health. I urge you to stand on the side of justice, autonomy, and public health by voting in strong support of this measure.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Martinez-Golojuch, MSW
President and Founder
Rainbow Family 808



***The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
District VIII, Hawai'i (Guam & American Samoa) Section***

As a section of the Nation's leading group of physicians dedicated to improving health care for women, the Hawai'i Section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (HI ACOG) represents more than 200 obstetrician/gynecologist physicians in our state

Support for SB350 – Constitutional Amendment to Protect the Right to Contraception

On behalf of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) Hawai'i Section, we write in strong support of SB350, which proposes a constitutional amendment to safeguard the right to contraception in the State of Hawai'i. Ensuring access to contraception is fundamental to reproductive autonomy, health equity, and the well-being of individuals and families across our state.

As medical professionals dedicated to reproductive healthcare, we know that contraception is essential not only for pregnancy prevention but also for managing medical conditions such as endometriosis, polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS), and menstrual disorders. SB350 affirms that no law or state action shall interfere with an individual's right to obtain contraceptives or voluntarily engage in contraception.

At a time when reproductive rights are under increasing threat across the country, Hawai'i has the opportunity to be a national leader in protecting access to contraception. States such as California, Illinois, and Oregon have already enshrined similar protections in their laws or constitutions. By passing SB350, Hawai'i will join this movement and ensure that individuals retain the ability to make private, personal healthcare decisions without government interference.

We urge you to support SB350 and allow Hawai'i voters the opportunity to protect this fundamental right through a constitutional amendment. Thank you for your leadership in ensuring that reproductive healthcare remains accessible and protected in our state.

Mahalo,

Ricardo A. Molero Bravo, MD
Legislative Chair, ACOG Hawai'i Section
rmolerob@hawaii.edu



To: SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)

Hearing Date/Time: February 5, 2025, 1:00 p.m.

Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Room 225

Re: Testimony in **SUPPORT OF SB 350** for a Constitutional Amendment; Reproductive Freedom, Abortion; Contraceptives; Pregnancy Outcomes

Dear Chair Joy San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Henry Aquino, the members of the HHS Committee,

Thank you for allowing Indivisible Hawai'i this opportunity to testify in **support of HB350** which will allow to be place on the next election ballot a Constitutional Amendment to protect the right to obtain or use contraceptives. This testimony was also submitted in support of HB297.

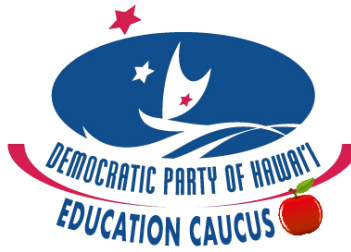
The right to contraception is protected by two landmark Supreme Court decisions, Griswold v. Connecticut (1965) and Eisenstadt v. Baird (1972). We once thought the right to abortion was settled law in Roe v. Wade, but that was overturned by a conservative Supreme Court. Should either or both of the contraceptive protection decisions be overturned, each state will need to protect contraceptive rights in the state constitution.

This bill demonstrates prudence and good judgement, and hopefully will never be tested. But if needed, it will be in Hawai'i's Constitution to protect the rights of all in Hawai'i.

Sincerely,

Indivisible Hawai'i Working Families Team

We're a grassroots movement of thousands of local Indivisible groups with a mission to elect progressive leaders, rebuild our democracy, and defeat the Trump agenda. In Hawai'i, we have ten groups across four islands, representing over a thousand pro-democracy citizens.



SENATE BILL 350, PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION TO PROTECT THE RIGHT TO CONTRACEPTION

FEBRUARY 5, 2025 · HHS HEARING

POSITION: Support.

RATIONALE: The Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus supports SB 350, which proposes an amendment to Article I of the Hawai'i Constitution to protect a person's right to obtain contraceptives and engage in contraception.

Reproductive care is an essential form of healthcare. In March of 1970, Hawai'i became the first state to legalize abortion, three years before the landmark *Roe v. Wade* decision by the United States Supreme Court protected access to abortion nationwide. In so doing, the state recognized that preserving access to safe and legal reproductive care is a vital public health objective for the islands. Yet, Hawai'i's unique geography and high cost of living present barriers to obtaining reproductive care for potential patients. As of 2022, only three abortion providers exist in the islands and only Oahu and Maui host reproductive care clinics. According to Planned Parenthood, the number of abortion providers in the state has been on the decline since the 1990s.

Moreover, studies show that access to abortion care is linked to financial well-being. According to The Turnaway Study conducted by Advancing New Standards in Reproductive Health at the University of California San Francisco, people who were denied access to an abortion experienced an increase in household poverty lasting at least four years relative to those who

received an abortion. Women who lacked access to reproductive care were also found to be less able to pay for basic living expenses, had lower credit scores, and had higher rates of debt and eviction than those with access to abortion care.

The U.S. Supreme Court's disastrous ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* overturned *Roe v. Wade* and ended the federal constitutional right to abortion care. In overturning *Roe v. Wade*, the U.S. Supreme Court erased nearly fifty years of legal precedent supporting the fundamental right to reproductive freedom, leading to a wave of abortion restrictions enacted by state legislatures across the country. The Court's decision disproportionately harms black, latino, indigenous, and other people of color, for whom access to healthcare and economic opportunities has historically been impeded by systemic racism.

Fifteen states—California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, New Mexico, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington, plus the District of Columbia—have statutory or constitutional protections for the right to contraception. Donald Trump has already signaled his intent to erode the right to contraception. As part of Trump's first week in office, he reinstated the "Global Gag Rule", a sweeping policy that will decrease abortion access in countries around the world. This far-reaching policy defunds health organizations in other countries that provide abortion services or information, even for victims of sexual assault. Government agency webpages about HIV, LGBTQ+ people, and other public health topics—including contraception—have also been taken down because of Trump's executive orders aimed at "gender ideology" and diversity, equity and inclusion programs.

In response to the Supreme Court's catastrophic ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* and further attacks on abortion care that are expected to be made by the Trump administration, state policymakers must take action to uphold Hawai'i's legacy as a leader in advancing reproductive care and support measures to strengthen reproductive rights in the islands. Accordingly, we support empowering the people of our state to defend reproductive care for generations to come.

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February 4, 2025

Senate Committee on Health and Human Services (for hearing on 2/5/25)

Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair

Senator Henry J.C. Aquino, Vice Chair

Testimony in Support for SB350

Chair Buenaventura, Vice Chair Aquino and members of the committee

UNITE HERE Local 5 represents over 10,000 working people in the hotel, foodservice and healthcare industries across Hawaii. We have always fought to improve the economic lives of our members, their families and their community.

We are in support of SB350. We testified at length in support of SB297 that would put **both** abortion protection and contraceptive protections up to a constitutional amendment ballot question. This bill would only put the contraception protection question to ballot.

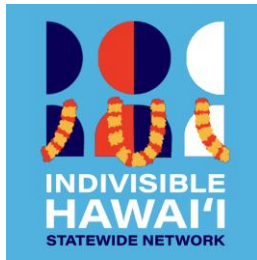
Contraception is an important piece of an individual's healthcare. Americans overwhelmingly support access to contraception.¹ The freedom to access contraceptives should be put to a constitutional amendment ballot question.

As we noted in our testimony in support of SB297, reproductive rights in all its forms are basic human rights. Women and men should have the freedom to plan their lives. A government that denies it citizens the right to determine the quality of their personal lives is taking away freedom from its citizens.

For something as non-controversial as contraceptives, it makes sense to let Hawaii voters decide. Let the will of Hawaii's voters be reflected at the ballot.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

¹ <https://fivethirtyeight.com/features/abortion-birth-control-poll/>



To: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Hearing Date/Time: Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at 1:00 PM

Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Room 225

Re: Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of SB350

Dear Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair, Senator Henry J.C. Aquino, Vice Chair and the Members of Committee:

Members of Indivisible Hawai'i thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support/support of SB350 which proposes an amendment to article I of the Hawai'i Constitution to protect a person's right to obtain contraceptives and engage in contraception.

Sincerely,
Indivisible Hawai'i Healthcare Team

We're a grassroots movement of thousands of local Indivisible groups with a mission to elect progressive leaders, rebuild our democracy, and defeat the Trump agenda. In Hawai'i, we have ten groups across four islands, representing over a thousand pro-democracy citizens.

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Submitted on: 2/3/2025 6:04:26 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Doris Matsunaga	Testifying for Save Medicaid Hawaii	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Save Medicaid Hawaii supports SB350

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/4/2025 9:50:00 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Margaret Mejia	Testifying for Hawai'i Christian Coalition	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE changing the Hawai'i State Constitution for any issue, including abortion, but not limited to abortion only. We already have laws pertaining to abortion. We don't need to change our Constitution. People still have a choice whether they want to choose LIFE or choose Abortion.

HI Christian Coalition is for Religious Freedoms, and this would affect all the "Religious" Pro Life organizations from doing their job.

Also, the definitions in this bill are very vague. Does "right to contraception" include allowing a girl to transition into a boy?

I strongly OPPOSE this bill with or without amendments.



Submitted Online: Tuesday, February 4, 2025

TO: Senate Committee on Health & Human Services
Senator Joy San Buenaventura, Chair
Senator Henry Aquino, Vice Chair

FROM: Eva Andrade, President

RE: Opposition to SB350 Proposing an Amendment to the Hawaii Constitution to Protect the Right to Contraception.

Hawai'i Family Forum is a non-profit, pro-family education organization committed to preserving and strengthening families in Hawai'i. We have deep concern regarding SB350 due to its use of broad terminology and because we feel that amending the constitution is unnecessary as these rights are already protected under existing law.

Overly Broad and Ambiguous Language

SB350 employs vague terminology that invites extreme interpretations. By using the term "person" instead of "woman" or "adult," the bill could undermine parental notification laws, potentially allowing minors under 14 to access contraceptives without parental knowledge or consent. This raises concerns about future legal ambiguity regarding the definition of "person" and its application in reproductive health policies. We also hold concerns that religious organizations and/or people with deeply held religious convictions could be forced to provide services that are contrary to their religious tenets.

Hawai'i Law Already Protects Contraceptive Access

SB350 falsely suggests that Hawai'i's constitution must "further the right to privacy," creating unnecessary confusion for voters. This phrasing implies that such a right is incomplete or at risk—when in reality, it is already well established. Women in Hawai'i have unrestricted access to abortion, contraception, and pregnancy-related medical care. Even Planned Parenthood Action confirms: "Abortion is legal in this state. Very few to no restrictions exist, and abortion is accessible."ⁱ

Conclusion

SB350 is unnecessary, as it introduces vague policy language while preemptively shutting down future legislative efforts aimed at protecting life and family. This bill does not expand rights—it misleads the public and attempts to enshrine redundant policies into law. "

ⁱ Planned Parenthood Action (n.d.). *Is Abortion Still Accessible in My State Now That Roe v. Wade Was Overturned?*
Retrieved February 3, 2025, from <https://www.plannedparenthoodaction.org/abortion-access-tool/HI>

AYMAN EL-SWAIFY PUBLIC TESTIMONY
SB350 - CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT CONTRACEPTION

Good Afternoon, Senate Members. My name is Ayman El-Swaify and I am OPPOSED to SB350.

This Senate Bill proposes a new Hawaii Constitutional Amendment to “to protect a person's ability to seek and obtain contraceptives and to engage in contraception.”

It also gives the justification that 15 states “have [such] statutory or constitutional protections.” I submit that the argument “others have done it” is not a sufficient basis legislation. And even if someone felt it were, the corollary to this statement is that 35 states do not have this.

The language in the proposed amendment is vague and open to very broad interpretation, for example, “access by all persons” can easily be interpreted to include minors without parental consent.

The definition of contraceptive in the bill includes things “specifically intended to prevent pregnancy or for other health needs...” Other health needs” could be interpreted to include almost any type of alleged need, including irreversible gender mutilation surgery.

I therefore appeal to you – please OPPOSE SB350. It is unnecessary and introduces risk to the health of keiki and others in Hawaii.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/1/2025 9:09:04 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Yvette Kay	Testifying for Indivisible Hawai'i	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair and committee members, I support this measure to protect our rights to contraception against potential national ban.

SB-350

Submitted on: 1/31/2025 10:17:09 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nancy D Moser	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In STRONG SUPPORT of SB350.

Aloha Chair and members of the Committee,

Please vote YES on this measure.

Nancy Moser in Waikoloa on Hawai'i Island

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/4/2025 12:51:18 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jennifer Bojanowski	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Senator San Buenaventura, Senator Aquino, and Honorable Members of the Committee on Health and Human Services,

I **STRONGLY SUPPORT** this measure to protect our reproductive rights and access against potential national ban.

As a Certified Genetic Counselor for over 25 years, I've witnessed the incredibly painful reproductive decision-making for individuals and families in the presence of a known or suspected genetic condition that may portend a life including severe suffering and even lethality for affected fetuses, newborns, children, and even expectant mothers. Government has no place interfering and causing greater suffering by blocking access to contraception in these and other extreme circumstances.

Speaking from this same perspective - as well as that of a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, woman, voter, community member - it is also inappropriate and unjust for government to interfere with *any* individual's access to information, resources, and/or medically assisted interventions that protect the right to reproductive freedom including access to contraception, regardless of circumstances.

Respectfully,

Jennifer D. Bojanowski, LCSW, MS, CGC

Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 3:45:50 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brian Piotrowski	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect our right to obtain contraceptives against a potential national ban.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/1/2025 7:38:50 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kayla Marie	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this measure

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/1/2025 8:04:09 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly support this measure to protect our rights to contraception against a potential national ban. The current federal government's attempt to push women's rights back to the 1700s is completely unacceptable.

Please support SB350 to protect Hawaii's women and their families.

Mahalo

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/1/2025 8:26:55 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Denise L Martinez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect our rights to contraception against potential national ban. I trust women and their doctors to decide what is right for their own health. I trust women to choose their own life choices and it's no one else's business.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/1/2025 8:39:36 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mary M. McNamara	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect our rights to contraception against potential national ban. No one should have the right to tell a woman that she can or cannot do to prevent pregnancy.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/1/2025 9:36:14 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Kay	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect our reproductive rights and access against potential national ban

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/1/2025 9:56:36 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Noelle Lindenmann	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Committee Members and Chair:

I write to you in SUPPORT of SB350. We must be bold and act with courage against a possible ban against contraception and abortion. Please protect our rights to contraception, IVF, and abortion.

Thank you,

Noelle R Lindenmann, Kailua-Kona

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/1/2025 10:03:14 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nandita Sharma	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this measure and urge you to pass it in order to protect our rights to contraception against a potential national ban from the Trump administration.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/1/2025 10:17:35 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
gabrielle davidson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Senate members,

Now more than ever we need to codify a person's right to obtain contraceptives and engage in contraception. It is good for people, society, and economic stability. The current administration and its supporters have made it clear that their ultimate agenda is an eventual national ban. Even if this is not the case, it's still a good idea. Let's make it crystal clear that Hawaii is a free, democratic state. If people cannot determine their own destiny, they are not free.

Thank you for the opportunity to have a voice in this issue,
Gabrielle Davidson

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/1/2025 11:40:41 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lois Langham	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill to support women's right to choose the life they want. Thank you.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/1/2025 12:06:29 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sue Hornik	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please pass SB350. A woman's right to obtain contraceptives and engage in contraception is essential to her life and future and must be protected through an amendment to article I of the Hawai'i Constitution. If women don't have the freedom to control our fertility, we lose the freedom to control our lives —whether continuing our education, protecting our health or having a career. Not only does birth control reduce the rate of unplanned pregnancies and abortion, as well as pregnancy-related deaths, it facilitates a woman's ability to access higher education or job training and advance in our careers. It improves the lives of the children we do have and can plan for. Women now provide 43.8 percent of all labor hours in the U.S. economy and our financial contributions to help our families thrive are essential.

Because of the onslaught of ill-considered laws and scary misinformation against all forms of birth control spreading around the country, women must have the highest Constitutional protection Hawaii can provide immediately. Thank you.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/1/2025 12:14:54 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Caroline Kunitake	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect those who seek reproductive and/or medical healthcare.

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Submitted on: 2/1/2025 12:27:39 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
jane jamison	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect those who seek reproductive and/or medical healthcare.

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Submitted on: 2/1/2025 12:48:52 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kimberly Dark	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect those who seek reproductive and/or medical healthcare.

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Submitted on: 2/1/2025 12:54:20 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gaye Chan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect our rights to contraception against potential national ban.

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Submitted on: 2/1/2025 1:15:52 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Doreen Akamine	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

"I support this measure to protect our rights to contraception against potential national ban."

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Submitted on: 2/1/2025 1:36:45 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
chelsea pang	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a mother and nurse practitioner I fully support this measure to protect our rights to contraception against potential national ban

Thank you

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Submitted on: 2/1/2025 2:04:54 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Terri Gately	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect our rights to contraception against potential national ban.

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Submitted on: 2/1/2025 3:13:10 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Diann Karin Lynn	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I SRTONGLY AND UNEQUIVOCALLY support this measure to protect our rights to contraception against potential national ban.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/1/2025 2:59:24 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alice Smith	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a physician I strongly believe the issue of contraception is between a patient and their doctor, not some politician with zero medical background. So much harm can come from politicians getting involved in medical issues that belong between a patient and their medical provider.

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Submitted on: 2/1/2025 3:20:36 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Patrick Smith	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect our rights to contraception against potential national ban.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/1/2025 4:24:39 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Belinda pate	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

There are plenty of constituents who support this, and plenty who will be angry and betrayed if this is not supported. Your tax base needs to control their family choices. Your tax base has spoken, which is why we are democrats and why Hawaii is one of the most special places on earth. Please safeguard our rights and health priviledges. It is not only a policial move now, it is a historic move that shapes our future. If you have ever wanted to really mean something to the world, this is your chance. Support these bills.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/1/2025 5:21:35 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gail Morrison	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect our rights to contraception against potential national ban.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/2/2025 6:33:06 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Younghee Overly	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you for hearing this measure. I support this measure to protect the rights to contraception against a potential national ban.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/2/2025 9:46:05 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
DeWaine Tollefsrud	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this measure to protect our rights to contraception against potential national ban. We must stand strong in this.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/2/2025 10:24:41 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mary Elyse Scott	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a mother, who has also lost much wanted pregnancies, I would be horrified to live in a nation that forces reproductive decisions on women. Trust women and medical professionals to make their own healthcare decisions based on their individual needs.

“IT’S LONG BEEN ACCEPTED AS FACT THAT THE AVAILABILITY OF FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES SAVES LIVES. WHERE WOMEN HAVE ACCESS TO THESE SERVICES, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ARE HEALTHIER, AND SOCIETY AT LARGE BENEFITS.” – MARTHA PLIMPTON

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/2/2025 11:09:51 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Eve Furchgott	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is so important!! Reproductive choices including access to and use of contraceptive products of any kind are and should always remain a personal matter, beyond the reach of government or religious groups. These personal rights are under attack. Let Hawai'i continue to be a safe place for all individuals and families.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/2/2025 11:38:29 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Philip Johnson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect our rights to contraception against potential national ban.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/2/2025 12:12:50 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
JANE TOLLEFSRUD	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect our rights to contraception against potential national ban.

We MUST PROTECT our reproductive rights! Especially if the Feds try to put a national ban on them!

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/2/2025 1:42:00 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lynn Otaguro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect our rights to contraception against potential national ban.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/2/2025 3:22:19 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rachel D Laderman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect our rights to contraception in the face of a potential national ban. This could be life-saving and helps ensure healthy families and healthy babies.

Hearing Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2025, 1:00 PM, Rm. 225

To: Committee on Human Services
Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
Senator Henry J.C. Aquino, Vice Chair

**Re: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 350 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO
THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION TO PROTECT THE RIGHT TO CONTRACEPTION.**

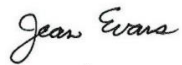
Dear Chair San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Aquino, and the Members of the
Committee,

My name is Jean Evans and I am **strong support of SB 350** which proposes
an amendment to article I of the Hawaii Constitution to protect a person's right
to obtain contraceptives and engage in contraception.

Hawaii must take a proactive stance to prevent further erosion of individual
rights coming from the current and future federal administrations. Passing SB
297 will give Hawaii voters a chance to vote to assure that our State remains
a leader in protecting reproductive rights.

Please pass this important measure and mahalo for your consideration

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jean Evans".

Jean Evans

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Submitted on: 2/2/2025 4:25:31 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
DORIEN MCCLELLAN	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

For women to obtain true equality, we must be able to control our own reproductive systems and manage when we wish to have children. This includes the right to obtain contraceptives and engage in contraception.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/2/2025 9:13:37 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mia Kok	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect our rights to contraception against potential national ban

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/2/2025 9:00:24 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Melissa Gosland	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you for your consideration and work on this bill.

As a family physician practicing in the county of Hawaii, a woman, and a mother, I fully support this bill!

-Melissa Gosland, MD

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/2/2025 9:50:05 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Charley Tockey	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect our rights to contraception against potential national ban.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/2/2025 10:21:55 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
J. Takane	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I fully support an amendment to Article I of the Hawai'i Constitution to protect a person's right to obtain contraceptives and engage in contraception. I want to ensure that this measure will protect our rights against any national ban.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/2/2025 10:24:58 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michelle Ma	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

support this measure to protect our rights to contraception against potential national ban.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/2/2025 11:25:19 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Phillip Jung	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect our rights to contraception against a potential national ban.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 5:57:28 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shannon Oshiro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect our rights to contraception against potential national ban.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 7:56:26 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Hilary Smith	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a Hawaii resident, I strongly support SB350's proposal to amend our state constitution to explicitly protect the fundamental right to access and use contraception. This constitutional amendment would safeguard essential healthcare rights that enable individuals and families to make informed decisions about their reproductive health and family planning without government interference. Access to contraception is a cornerstone of healthcare that impacts educational attainment, economic opportunity, and overall family wellbeing, making its constitutional protection vital for the future of Hawaii's communities. Enshrining contraceptive rights in our state constitution would provide the strongest possible legal protection against any future attempts to restrict access to birth control, ensuring that these essential healthcare services remain available regardless of changes in federal law or political climate. This amendment upholds Hawaii's values of personal autonomy and healthcare access while demonstrating our state's continued commitment to protecting reproductive healthcare rights for current and future generations.

Testimony in **strong support of SB350**

February 2, 2025

Senator Joy Buenaventura, Chair, Senate Committee on Health and Human Services
Senator Henry Aquino, V-Chair Senate Committee on Health and human Services

Re: SB350, a Constitutional amendment relating to contraceptives

Dear Senators Buenaventura, Aquino and committee Members,

My name is Gail Breakey, and I am testifying in strong support of SB 350 which proposes an amendment to article I of the Hawai'i Constitution to protect a person's right to obtain contraceptives and engage in contraception.

This amendment is needed to ensure that the rights of Hawaii citizens are upheld. Given the serious challenges posed by the current federal administrations intention to deny citizens their right to bodily autonomy and appropriate health care, it is critical that this legislation be passed.

Thank you for your consideration of SB350 and for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Breakey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gail Breakey, RN MPH

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Submitted on: 2/3/2025 9:00:52 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Anamica Bedi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect those who seek reproductive and/or medical healthcare.

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Submitted on: 2/3/2025 12:42:43 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sheryl Summers	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect our rights to contraception against potential national ban.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 12:03:28 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joan Johnson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB350 to protect an individual's rights to seek reproductive and/or medical healthcare and to obtain contraceptives and to engage in contraception.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 11:37:59 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dianne Deauna	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect those who seek reproductive and/or medical healthcare.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 11:12:27 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
PAMELA SUMMERS	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect our rights to contraception against potential national ban.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 9:22:10 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joanne Amberg	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please do what it takes to ensure the protection of contraception access for all citizens.

I support this measure to protect our rights to contraception against potential national ban.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 3:34:50 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chelsey Bryson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect our rights to contraception against potential national ban

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 4:30:29 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Eileen M Gawrys	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support 350 SB, PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION TO PROTECT THE RIGHT TO CONTRACEPTION.

There are many reasons a woman may be on contraception. As a recently retired Women's Health Nurse Practitioner, I can attest to the fact that I encouraged women who were not even sexually active, but who were going to college or were female soldiers, to be sure they were on a form of birth control in the event they may be raped. That is the unfortunate reality.

Other women may be on contraceptive as a way to manage their periods.

But ALL women have the right to family planning, regardless of circumstances.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 5:16:08 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Leimomiahikolani Kawamoto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Leimomiahikolani Kawamoto

Regarding SB350

02/03/2025

My name is Leimomiahikolani Kawamoto and I am a Honolulu resident, Native Hawaiian, and most importantly, mother of 2. I am testifying in support of SB350 to protect the right to contraception.

As a local and native Hawaiian, my dream is and always has been to raise my family in Hawai'i. Of course, this does not come without some financial burdens such as high monthly rent and mortgage payments, cost of food, and fluctuating gas prices. When we have to add the costs of children to the mix, even simple situations can become complex.

I have been fortunate enough to have access to contraception in order to make better informed decisions for my body, my life, and my children's. With the use of contraception, my partner and I were able to plan my pregnancies when we had stable jobs, stable housing, and overall, better financial stability to take care of children.

Without the right to contraception, I would have most likely had accidental pregnancies, which would have burdened my partner and I financially in an already difficult economy. We most likely would have had to heavily rely on our community for assistance and may have had to move elsewhere.

Therefore, I am in support of this bill, as providing individuals with the right to contraception will ultimately allow individuals to better family plan, and allow locals to stay in Hawai'i.

Thank you for your time and know your consideration of these matters is much appreciated.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 5:12:01 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Olderr	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The attack on Women's rights has grown too loud, and its opponents have grown too silent to counter their retort. We cannot rely on the federal government or federal lawmakers to come to their senses any time soon, so we have to ensure that we, as a state, stick up and protect the rights and the health of women in this state. I support this bill not only because it cements fundamental freedoms for those who need it but also because it aligns with my religious beliefs to promote a safe and healthy world.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 7:37:47 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shauna Sibonga	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect our rights to contraception against potential national ban.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/4/2025 9:03:19 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Patti Cook	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha from Waimea, Island of Hawai'i -

MAHALO for your time and considering this proposed - most needed - Constitutional Amendment to ensure access to contraception for the women of Hawai'i. May I urge you to please support this proposal and keep it moving forward as quickly as possible.

Patti Cook 808-937-2833

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 7:31:48 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cathie Becker	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect those who seek reproductive and/or medical healthcare.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/4/2025 10:03:43 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cheryl Bellamy	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect our rights to contraception against any potential national ban.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/4/2025 9:49:08 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Hannah Dean	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect our rights to contraception against potential national ban.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/4/2025 11:21:38 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marlee Monahan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The right to contraception is fundamental to personal freedom, economic security, and gender equality. Access to contraceptives allows people to plan their families—if and when they are ready—ensuring that pregnancy is a choice, not an inevitability forced upon them.

Without this right enshrined in our state constitution, Hawai‘i’s residents remain vulnerable to the same extremist attacks on reproductive healthcare that have swept the nation. The federal government has already shown that it cannot be trusted to protect these rights. If our state lawmakers fail to act now, they risk leaving future generations at the mercy of ideologues who would rather control people’s bodies than ensure their well-being.

Denying access to contraception is not just an assault on bodily autonomy—it is an intentional act of economic oppression. When people who can become pregnant are stripped of their ability to prevent unwanted pregnancies, they are left vulnerable to state-imposed poverty. A lack of reproductive control impacts education, careers, finances, and independence. It forces individuals to rearrange their entire lives based on circumstances they were denied the ability to prevent.

Adding to this injustice, the same politicians who attack reproductive freedom have made no effort to expand government assistance in the wake of forced pregnancies. There has been no nationwide push to improve maternal healthcare, increase childcare support, or provide financial relief to those struggling with the economic burden of raising a child. Instead, the message is clear: **the state will force you to give birth, but it will not help you survive the consequences.** This is not just hypocrisy, but rather it is systemic cruelty, designed to keep the most vulnerable of our citizens trapped in cycles of hardship.

Hawai‘i has the chance to reject this cruelty and affirm that reproductive freedom is a basic human right. We must stand on the right side of history by ensuring that contraception remains accessible, protected, and recognized as the **essential healthcare** it is. Passing SB350 is a necessary declaration that people, not the government, should have control over their own bodies and futures.

Senate Committee on Health and Human Services
Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at 1:00 PM
Conference Room 225 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

RE: SB 350 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION TO PROTECT THE
RIGHT TO CONTRACEPTION

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Aquino, and Members of the Committee,

I submit this testimony today IN SUPPORT of SB 350. I have friends and family members who use contraceptives for the purposes of treating underlying reproductive health issues, such as endometriosis. The use of contraceptives and obtaining contraceptives and voluntarily engaging in contraception are all matters of bodily autonomy and reproductive health care that should be decided upon between individuals and their health care provider absent government interference.

I SUPPORT SB 350 and the enshrinement of the right to access and obtain contraceptives, contraception, to voluntarily engage in contraception, and to access to information, referrals, and services related to contraception within the Hawai`i state constitution.

I request that the Committee pass SB 350.

Mahalo

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/4/2025 12:15:58 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robert Davidson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect our rights to contraception against potential national ban.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/2/2025 9:55:46 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrew Crossland	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE this Bill, as nobody has the *right* to contraceptives, including abortion pills. I urge all members of the Committee to **VOTE NO** on this Bill.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/2/2025 10:03:11 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rosemarie Vailisale	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a citizen of the great United States of America and resident of Hawaii I exercise my rights to OPPOSE this bill.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/1/2025 3:55:37 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rita Kama-Kimura	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly Oppose!

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/2/2025 11:01:20 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shawna Landford	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB350

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Submitted on: 2/1/2025 1:59:17 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan Duffy	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This kind of constitutional change could create legal gray areas, particularly regarding minors' access to contraception without parental consent, which raises concerns about parental rights and responsibilities. Additionally, embedding such specific language into the constitution could limit the state's ability to regulate or adapt policies around emerging contraceptive technologies or public health concerns. Rather than making permanent constitutional changes, it would be more prudent to address any isolated access issues through legislat

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/1/2025 5:39:39 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mandy Chang	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly oppose: SB 350: Proposing An Amendment To The Hawaii Constitution To Protect The Right To Contraception.

The proposed amendment establishes “reproductive freedom” as a constitutional right but fails to define this critical term.

Thank you,

Amanda Chang

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/2/2025 11:04:03 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Likeke	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. No CHILD should be able to make this decision without a parents consent.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/2/2025 11:05:11 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lora Santiago	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE SB350.

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Submitted on: 2/2/2025 7:14:38 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marlies Lee	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This doesn't belong in our constitution.

i oppose on many grounds.

hawaii can not be responsible for individual decisions

Marlies Lee

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/2/2025 12:26:16 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bart Burford	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose any measure that makes abortion readily available

I support education and responsible options for individuals.

I Oppose.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/2/2025 12:35:10 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joelle Seashell	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Stop promoting and creating ways for people to unjustly kill the most innocent of life. Complete evil.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/2/2025 2:07:56 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dorinda Ohelo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/2/2025 2:36:27 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
J Pualani Vendiola	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/2/2025 3:19:59 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David E Shormann	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Unborn babies are the most vulnerable human beings on Earth, why on Earth do you want to harm them AND our water supply with wicked things like abortion pills? The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness, not wickedness. Do better! Thank you.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/2/2025 5:38:47 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lesha Mathes	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this change to the constitution. Making available abortion pills which are dangerous to our women. This is not healthcare.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/2/2025 6:06:28 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James Wallace	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I oppose SB 350 because those Kill Pills hurt women and Kills babies.Need I say more?

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/2/2025 8:15:36 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robin D. Ganitano	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB350 because this means a right to abortion pills. Amending the Hawaii Constitution to give a person the right to obtain contraceptives and engage in contraception is against my religious beliefs and especially against God Almighty.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/2/2025 10:40:58 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mary Smart	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I most strongly oppose SB350.

Access to contraception is already readily available and accessible to our residents. Currently these products are being given to minors without their parents or guardians knowledge. Contraceptives may prevent pregnancy in most cases (but not all), but they don't do a good job at preventing sexually transmitted infections (STIs). STIs are rampant and harming our youth. This bill has no restrictions on the right of minors to obtain listed contraception products. Minors do not have mature experiences that enable them to make wise decisions about products and procedures that could lead to life long damage to their future fertility and even endanger their lives.

There have been too many negative health outcomes for women who have used IUDs. Parents and guardians may miss the signs of a medical emergency if they are unaware that their child has been provided one of these devices.

Making contraceptives available to minors will also expose them to advances from sexual predators. We are constantly reading about teachers who enter into inappropriate sexual relationships with their naïve and/or threatened students. In recent months more and more pedophiles have been exposed. These perverts could easily let their child abuse go undetected if they secretly enabled a child to obtain contraceptives. Perhaps the abuse would only be detected after the child is found to have sexually transmitted infections or other sexual medical emergency.

Many years ago, the terms contraception and pregnancy were revised to mean an event only after the baby attaches to the womb – but that is a false definition created to legitimize contraception in the understanding of the public. Many individuals have researched the topic and are not fooled by the revised definition of when pregnancy begins. The bill denies that some

contraceptives are abortifacients. That is wrong. Once the male sperm penetrates the female egg, the life of the child begins. Even before the baby (zygote is another term for baby) attaches to the mother's womb, a pre-born child exists. It is a baby after fertilization and many of the devices and chemicals/pills prevent the baby's ability to attach to the uterine wall. One only has to read published literature to find that fact which needs to be acknowledged in the bill or the inaccurate claim that some of these products don't cause an abortion must be removed. It is unacceptable that false data has been included in the body of this bill.

Medical personnel, pharmacists, counselors, and others must be exempted from prescribing and referring to the use of these products based on their conscience and religious beliefs. A state constitutional amendment cannot take away federal constitutional protections.

This bill is especially harmful for our youth. It is unnecessary for others.

Do not pass SB350.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 7:49:00 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jennifer Cabjuan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose this bill. Very dangerous -you could kill innocents

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 8:14:31 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Deven English	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong opposition of this bill

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 8:35:46 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sally Lee	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. It is not in the best interest of the people of Hawaii. Contraception is not a right.. you have no right to it, or to push it onto our keiki. You do have the right to NOT have Sex. Teach your kids respect their bodies, adults and children, practice abstinence.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 3:06:29 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cindy R Ajimine	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB350. Reasons:

- **We already have laws that allow and protect abortion. This proposed bill has legal implications that could affect religious freedom.**
- **Terms such as "right to contraception" may serve as a loophole to establish a federal right for minors to undergo sterilizing gender-transition procedures. Subject to a Judge's interpretation and would potentially remove state-level protections for vulnerable children.**

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 1:48:34 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James K. Rzonca	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 1:10:38 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Terri Yoshinaga	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Framed as a reproductive freedom issue by supporters, the bill has legal implications that could affect religious freedom.

The term "right to contraception" may very well serve as a Trojan horse for a concerning agenda: establishing a federal right for minors to undergo sterilizing gender-transition procedures. While proponents may deny this intent, the loophole in the text is unmistakable. All it would take is one activist judge to interpret it this way, potentially nullifying state-level protections for vulnerable children.

What is contraception: According to the bill, the term "contraception" generally means "an action taken to prevent pregnancy, including the use of contraceptives or fertility-awareness-based methods and sterilization procedures. 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." Italics and bold mine.

Our concerns include the fact that minors will be included in this removing parental rights and responsibilities to oversee their keikis healthcare.

Please do not pass this bill.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 1:01:33 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dawn O'Brien	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Committee & Leaders Who Represent the People of Hawai'i!

Mahalo for working for the people always!

I write as a lifelong resident and taxpayer of Hawai'i in strong opposition to this bill that would encourage the funding of abortions in our state. I stand morally opposed to this law as it is illegal to kill a human being and a fetus is a human being. It also violates the inalienable right of body autonomy or "My Body, My Choice" as the body of the fetus is being violated by the people committing the abortion--both mother and medical staff. If that is their choice, they may use their own monies, not our state monies.

In closing, I stand in strong moral and financial opposition to this bill that would give unnecessary & immoral services for abortions when we have many other greater dire needs in our state for residents to keep living here.

Aloha & Mahalo Always,

Dawn O'Brien

President, H.O.P.E. HI, Inc.

Aloha Ambassador, *CHOOSE ALOHA* Program

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 1:00:25 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Laurie Langton	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill!

In Hawai'i we already have the right to medications deemed necessary by a physican

Why then, is there a need to alter our State Constitution? This is a back door attempt to enable and encourage abortions and fund them with state (taxpayer) monies.

Stop pushing for the murder of babies.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 11:22:09 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lisa Shorba	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE SB350. This bill is misleading. It states that such contraceptives, like Ella, "work by preventing pregnancy and not, as some mistakenly believe, by terminating a pregnancy, stopping the implantation of a fertilized egg, or affecting the developing embryo."

A simple fact check/research on the drug, Ella, will reveal that, "Ella ...works by delaying ovulation and **may also prevent a fertilized egg from attaching to the uterus.**" To be clear, implantation is the attachment of the fertilized egg to the uterus. Please do not pass this measure.

It also concerns me that this measure will have the potential to infringe on our religious freedom as well as parental rights.

Mahalo,

Lisa Shorba

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 10:59:23 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Larry Duclayan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Testimony in Opposition to SB350

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Hawaii Senate Bill 350 (SB350). While the intent behind this bill is to protect an individual's right to obtain contraceptives and engage in contraception, I have significant concerns about several aspects of the proposed legislation.

1. Constitutional Overreach: SB350 proposes an amendment to Article I of the Hawaii Constitution, which could be seen as an overreach of legislative authority. The Constitution should be a stable foundation of fundamental rights and principles, not subject to frequent amendments for specific issues that can be addressed through statutory law.

2. Potential for Legal Conflicts: Amending the Constitution to include specific rights related to contraception could lead to legal conflicts and unintended consequences. It may open the door to numerous legal challenges and interpretations that could complicate the legal landscape and create uncertainty.

3. Divisiveness: The issue of contraception is a deeply divisive one, with strong opinions on both sides. Amending the Constitution to address this issue could further polarize the community and create unnecessary tension and conflict. It is essential to find common ground and work towards solutions that respect diverse viewpoints.

4. Resource Allocation: The process of amending the Constitution requires significant resources, including time, money, and administrative efforts. These resources could be better allocated to address other pressing issues and implement concrete solutions that have a direct and tangible impact on the community.

5. Lack of Necessity: The existing legal framework already provides protections for individuals seeking contraceptives and engaging in contraception. Amending the Constitution may not be necessary and could be seen as redundant. Instead, efforts should be focused on ensuring that existing laws are effectively enforced and accessible to all.

In conclusion, while the goal of protecting an individual's right to obtain contraceptives and engage in contraception is commendable, I believe that SB350 is not the right approach. The

constitutional overreach, potential for legal conflicts, divisiveness, resource allocation, and lack of necessity make it an ineffective and potentially problematic piece of legislation. I urge you to consider alternative measures that more effectively address this issue without amending the Constitution.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Larry Duclayan

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 9:59:29 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jeffrey F Mizuno	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Text

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 9:51:08 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alfred Hagen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

There are many inaccuracies in SB 350 and multiple reasons for opposing it:

1) The human embryo is a unique human being, its own body, not the body of its mother. Therefore, the mother cannot exercise an incorrectly assumed right that harms or threatens the life of the developing child in her. 2). Science says that the contraceptives cited in this bill can destroy a human embryo before implantation; therefore, contraceptives are abortifacients. To say they are not is misinformation and the relative language should be struck from the bill. 3). Contraceptives are actually anti-women since they essentially turn them into sex objects with proven negative medical side-affects, 4) This bill should be challenged for its unconstitutionality since there are many who believe contraception and abortion are immoral and contrary to their religious beliefs. For this bill to be included in our state constitution not only nullifies their right to oppose it without consequences but sets the state up as an abitrator of morality, essentially posing itself as a state religion, and 5) Regardless of the foregoing, contraceptives are against the beautiful procreative process created by God whereby a married couple through genuine love partake in God's creative process in conceiving and producing another unique human life.

The bottom line is if you don't want to get pregnant, don't have sex. Doing this, there is no need for contraception or abortion.

I strongly oppose SB350 and urge you not to support it.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred Hagen

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 3:29:00 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lora Burbage	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose SB 350. We have statutes that already protect abortion.

Mahalo,

Lora

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 3:35:53 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Samuel Jones Jr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB350. Reasons:

- We already have laws that allow and protect abortion. This proposed bill has legal implications that could affect religious freedom.
- Terms such as "right to contraception" may serve as a loophole to establish a federal right for minors to undergo sterilizing gender-transition procedures. Subject to a Judge's interpretation and would potentially remove state-level protections for vulnerable children.

S Jones

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 3:24:11 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Magoon Ohana	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose - ther is already a law in place, no need to spend more tax dollars on this. This is seemingly trying to cover a future plan of allowing more than what is appoved of now. Don't trust the intent of this.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 3:52:03 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
TERI SAVAIINAEA	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura and Health and Human Services Committee Members,

I oppose SB 350.

Thank you,

Teri Kia Savaiinaea

District 45, Wai'anae Resident

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 3:50:07 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cynthia Jones	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB350. Reasons:

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SB-350

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 5:40:51 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Patti Yasuhara	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please oppose SB350

Mahalo, Patti Yasuhara

Honolulu, HI District 18

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/4/2025 7:05:50 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
gary burbage	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We already have laws that allow and protect abortion. This proposed bill has legal implications that could affect religious freedom.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 10:34:34 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Barilyne Sakamoto	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Sir or Madam,

I'm opposed bill SB350 to change the Contitution for the following reasons:

- We already have laws that allow and protect abortion. This proposed bill has legal implications that could affect religious freedom.
- Terms such as "right to contraception" may serve as a loophole to establish a federal right for minors to undergo sterilizing gender-transition procedures. Subject to a Judge's interpretation and would potentially remove state-level protections for vulnerable children.

So please do not change our Constitution because it has been the foundation of our government and gives us the guidelines we need to keep American great.

Warmest mahalo,

Barilyne Sakamoto

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 9:52:15 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brian Loughlin	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly oppose bill

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 9:13:56 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Reina Loughlin	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly oppose this bill

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 7:52:17 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
lois	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Why waste time on this. We do not have special attention for other medical storage issues, like diabetes, cancer, or lupus, but you want to waste precious time on storing the pill? Kill this bill

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 7:04:29 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Judy McCluskey	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB350 has my strong support.

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/4/2025 9:02:55 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Terry Murakami	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/4/2025 9:43:50 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Noela von Wiegandt	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly Oppose SB350 for many reasons. People need to be responsible, not rely on a pill.

Thank you.

Noela von Wiegandt

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/4/2025 12:27:09 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dara Yatsushiro	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

OPPOSED!!!

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/4/2025 11:47:52 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Candace Vizcarra	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. The Constitution does not need to b amended, it needs to be reread and upheld by those who took an oath of office!!

GOD knows and sees all!!

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/4/2025 10:34:39 AM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Arielle Adenew	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB350 for the following reasons:

- We already have laws that allow and protect abortion. This proposed bill has legal implications that could affect religious freedom.
- Terms such as "right to contraception" may serve as a loophole to establish a federal right for minors to undergo sterilizing gender-transition procedures. Subject to a Judge's interpretation and would potentially remove state-level protections for vulnerable children.

Mahalo & Aloha

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/4/2025 12:54:30 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sharon Martin	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senators and Health & Human Services Committee members,

I oppose SB 350 to amend article I of the Hawaii Constitution.

The proposed addition states, “No law shall be enacted, nor any state action taken, that denies or interferes with a person’s right to obtain contraceptives or voluntarily engage in contraception.” The terms ‘a person’s right to contraception’ does not define or specify the person. This would apply to minors including those who are unable to effectively communicate for themselves such as those with disabilities who may not have the ability to make cognitive decisions on their own. This removes parental rights and oversight of their children’s healthcare.

The term ‘contraception’ to include ‘other health needs’ is a broad statement and provides a loophole up for interpretation by a judge and or a court as opposed to not amending the constitution and giving constituents the right to be heard and weighed in during a legislative process.

Parents have rights and responsibilities over their minor children for their entire care, including healthcare, and their general well-being (physical, mental, and emotional). I oppose this bill SB350 and urge a No vote.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very Respectfully,

Sharon Martin

LATE

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/4/2025 1:25:32 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Victor K. Ramos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE. This does NOT belong in the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

LATE

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/4/2025 1:15:23 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Renee Rabb	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony in support of SB 350 by Senator Rhodes. Protecting the right to contraception is paramount in letting families make their own decisions concerning the size of their family. Who knows what the federal government may do next?

Please protect Hawaii families by passing this constitutional amendment.

Mahalo,

Renee Rabb

Keaau, HI 96749

Big Island

LATE

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/4/2025 9:13:40 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Stephen Ziadie	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Vote NO. Contraception is not a constitutional right! It's a fundamental way to kill off future generations which will only serve to destroy our country and our islands.

vote NO.

im a conscientious citizen and voter and I have an excellent memory for who voted for what.

thank you,

respectfully,

s. Ziadie

LATE

SB-350

Submitted on: 2/4/2025 9:07:18 PM

Testimony for HHS on 2/5/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lynn Ziadie	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

This will encroach upon the protection of minors and the parents' right to oversee their children's health. The dignity of each person including the unborn should be respected.

Please vote no.

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 350

TO: Chair San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Aquino, & HHS Committee Members

FROM: Nikos Leverenz
Policy & Advancement Manager

DATE: February 5, 2025 (1:00 PM)

Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center (HHHRC) **strongly supports** SB 350, which amends the Hawai'i State Constitution to protect a person's right to obtain contraceptives and engage in contraception.

The Guttmacher Institute, which is committed to advancing sexual and reproductive health and rights, has noted that contraception may be at serious risk if the recommendations of Project 2025 become federal policy through erosion of the federal contraceptive guarantee in the Affordable Care Act (ACA). In short, [the plan would make it easier for any employer to exclude contraceptive coverage from its health plan](#). This may make the costs of contraceptive care prohibitive for many employees when the ACA guarantee [has a record of “dramatically reducing patients’ costs and helping them to use the birth control method of their choice and to use it effectively.”](#)

While this constitutional amendment is a welcome development, far too many in this state still have difficulty accessing reproductive healthcare services, especially on the neighbor islands. Further state investment is needed to expand access to these vital services in an equitable fashion.

HHHRC's mission is to reduce harm, promote health, create wellness, and fight stigma in Hawai'i and the Pacific. We work with many individuals impacted by poverty, housing instability, and other social determinants of health. Many have behavioral health problems, including those related to substance use and mental health conditions, and have also been deeply impacted by trauma related to histories of physical, sexual, and psychological abuse.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.