
SENATE RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S EFFORTS TO COORDINATE THE STOCKPILING OF A THREE-YEAR SUPPLY OF MIFEPRISTONE.

1 WHEREAS, recent developments in the legal landscape of the
2 United States threaten the State's policy to protect an
3 individual's right to privacy and bodily autonomy; and
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5 WHEREAS, article I, sections 3, 5, and 6, of the Hawaii
6 State Constitution have long protected the bodily autonomy and
7 reproductive rights of the State's residents; and
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9 WHEREAS, in 1970, Hawaii became the first state to legalize
10 abortion with the enactment of Act 1, Session Laws of Hawaii
11 (SLH) 1970; and
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13 WHEREAS, in 2006, the State took a constitutionally
14 mandated step to secure the right to privacy with the enactment
15 of Act 35, SLH 2006 (Act 35), which established that the State
16 shall not deny or interfere with a pregnant person's right to
17 choose or obtain an abortion of a nonviable fetus or an abortion
18 that is necessary to protect a pregnant person's life or health.
19 Act 35 also removed the outdated requirement that an individual
20 who seeks an abortion must be a Hawaii resident for at least
21 ninety days; and
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23 WHEREAS, in 2022, the Supreme Court of the United States
24 held in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, 597 U.S.
25 215 (2022), that the United States Constitution does not confer
26 a right to an abortion, overturning *Roe v. Wade*, 410 U.S. 113
27 (1973) and *Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v.*
28 *Casey*, 505 U.S. 833 (1992); and
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30 WHEREAS, some states have implemented laws and policies
31 imposing civil or criminal liability or professional discipline
32 in connection with the provision or receipt of, or assistance
33 with, reproductive health care services, including obtaining or
34 performing an abortion, outside of these states' borders; and



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2 WHEREAS, despite the State's existing protections for
3 privacy and bodily autonomy, some neighbor island residents are
4 denied equitable access to reproductive health care since in-
5 person surgical abortion care is largely concentrated on the
6 islands of Maui and Oahu; and
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8 WHEREAS, sixty-three percent of abortions in the United
9 States are performed with the administration of oral
10 abortifacients; and
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12 WHEREAS, two oral abortifacients are commonly used for
13 medical abortions: mifepristone and misoprostol; and
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15 WHEREAS, the United States Food and Drug Administration may
16 approve changes to the recommended administration of these
17 medications, and the mifepristone supply chain may suffer
18 disruptions; and
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20 WHEREAS, in 2023, the Department of Health partnered with
21 Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children to maintain a
22 one-year supply of mifepristone; and
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24 WHEREAS, the Department of Health is committed to
25 maintaining a three-year supply of mifepristone and the
26 expiration date of its current supply of mifepristone is 2029;
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29 WHEREAS, mifepristone has a shelf-life of up to five years;
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32 WHEREAS, an estimated three thousand nine hundred abortions
33 occurred in the State in 2024; and
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35 WHEREAS, youth and young adults represent a significant
36 portion of those seeking abortion care in the State, and, as of
37 2022, approximately sixty-four percent of abortions in Hawaii
38 were sought by individuals under thirty years of age; and
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40 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Constitution and the State's laws
41 require the State to ensure that the rights to privacy and to



1 make medical decisions about one's body remain unfringed; now,
2 therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026,
6 that this body supports the Department of Health's efforts to
7 coordinate the stockpiling of a three-year supply of
8 mifepristone in quantities as determined by the Department; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
11 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health.

