

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1961

H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2026  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 1961  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH CARE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit persons from  
interfering with another person's access to a health care facility  
and establish civil and criminal penalties for violations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer  
Plus Commission; AAUW of Hawai'i; HOKU PAC; Hawai'i Nurses  
Association, OPEIU Local 50; Healthcare Association of Hawaii;  
Indivisible Hawai'i; Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates -  
Hawai'i; American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists,  
Hawai'i Section; Hawaii Primary Care Association; Pride at Work -  
Hawai'i; Hawai'i State Democratic Women's Caucus; and numerous  
individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to  
this measure from one individual. Your Committee received  
comments on this measure from the Department of Health and one  
individual.

Your Committee finds that medical care is a personal decision  
determined by a patient and the patient's provider. Your  
Committee further finds that no person should be obstructed,



harassed, or intimidated when seeking medical care, and no health care provider or facility should be prevented from carrying out its lawful purpose. Interference with access to medical care undermines personal autonomy, erodes public trust, and places vulnerable individuals at heightened risk. This measure protects individuals' access to health care facilities, safeguards the uninterrupted delivery of medical services, and establishes clear legal remedies when interference causes harm.

Your Committee acknowledges the concern raised by Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates that because existing state law already prohibits excessive noise and trespass in contexts outside of interfering with a health care facility, including those elements as part of the prohibited acts that constitute interference with a health care facility may be duplicative and create confusion with enforcement.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing excessive noise and trespass from the prohibited acts provision of this measure;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1961, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1961, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Health,

  
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GREGG TANI, Chair



