

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 17, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2139  
S.D. 1  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2006  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 2139, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure the health and safety of sexually active youth by requiring recipients of state funding that provide information or offer programs regarding sex information to provide medically accurate, factual information that is age-appropriate and includes information on both abstinence and contraception.

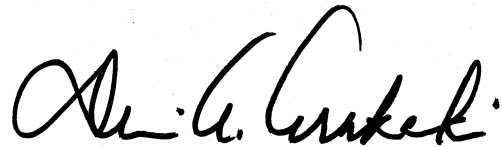
Planned Parenthood of Hawaii, Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies, Coalition of Hawaii, Community Alliance on Prisons, Hawaii Women's Coalition, Hawaii Youth Services Network, and several concerned individuals supported this bill. The Department of Education supported the intent of this measure. The Hawaii Family Forum, Hawaii Catholic Charities, Try Wait Program, Right to Life, and several concerned individuals opposed this bill.

Your Committee has amended this bill by providing an exemption from teaching about birth-control methods other than abstinence to organizations that are required to only teach abstinence.



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 S.B. No. 2139, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2139, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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



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DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair



