

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1631

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 05 2007

RE: S.R. No. 140

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and Transportation and International Affairs, to which was referred S.R. No. 140 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT THE GLOBAL DEMOCRACY PROMOTION ACT, WHICH WOULD REPEAL THE "GLOBAL GAG RULE" AND RELEASE MUCH-NEEDED FUNDS FOR INTERNATIONAL FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAMS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request that Hawaii's Congressional Delegation support the Global Democracy Promotion Act.

Your Committees did not receive testimony on this measure.

Your Committees find that the "Global Gag Rule" was implemented in 2001 by President George W. Bush and is a harmful policy that bans foreign family planning programs that receive financial aid from the United States, from using their own moneys to provide counseling on abortion services, family planning advocacy, referrals, and other services to women.

Your Committees further find that the "Global Gag Rule" undermines a key goal of United States foreign policy to improve healthcare in developing nations and is the cause of the deaths of some of the poorest women in the world.

Your Committees further find that, according to the World Health Organization, over 80,000 women and girls die from unsafe

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abortions every year and that number is expected to reach as many as 200,000.

Your Committees further find that the Global Democracy Promotion Act makes clear that funds from the United States may not be denied to overseas nongovernmental organizations based on the type of medical services provided.

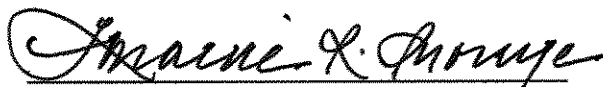
It is the intent of your Committees to request that Hawaii's Congressional Delegation support the Global Democracy Promotion Act, which would repeal the "Global Gag Rule" and release much-needed funds for international family planning programs.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and Transportation and International Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 140 and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Intergovernmental
and Military Affairs and
Transportation and
International Affairs,



J. KALANI ENGLISH, Chair

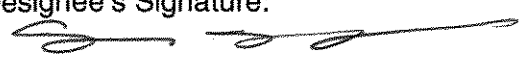


LORRAINE R. INOUYE, Chair



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Record of Votes
Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SR 140	Committee Referral: IGM/TIA	Date: 4/2/07		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
INOUE, Lorraine R. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred			/	
TOTAL	2	0	1	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes

