

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 16, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 464  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2007  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 464  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require any recipient of  
state funding that provides sexual health education to provide  
medically accurate, factual information that is age-appropriate  
and includes education on both abstinence and contraception.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Superintendent of Education, the American Civil Liberties  
Union of Hawaii, the Hawaii State Democratic Women's Caucus,  
Planned Parenthood of Hawaii, Planned Parenthood of Hawaii's  
Action Network, and two private citizens. Testimony in opposition  
was received from Catholic Charities Hawaii, the Hawaii Family  
Forum, the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii, and four  
private citizens.

Your Committee notes that Catholic Charities Hawaii currently  
operates a federally funded abstinence education program that has  
made presentations to public and independent school students  
throughout the State over the past three years. As part of the  
federal grant, the University of Hawaii School of Social Work has  
been contracted to evaluate the effectiveness of the program,  
which has been funded for an additional five years. According to  
the testimony presented, that federal funding will be canceled if

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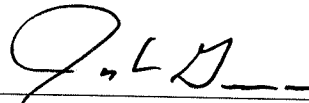


Catholic Charities is required to provide medically accurate information regarding contraception.

Your Committee further notes that its intent is not to jeopardize ongoing programs that receive federal funding with attached conditions that conflict with this proposed new state requirement. Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure to exempt from its requirements those programs receiving federal funds, as of the effective date of the measure, that would be canceled if the program complied with the new state requirements. The exemption would last as long as the federal funding that conflicts with the state requirements.

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. 464, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 464, 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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JOSHUA B. GREEN, M.D., Chair



