

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1041 -08

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 29, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 466
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 466, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide sexual assault survivors with informed access to emergency contraception by:

- (1) Requiring hospitals and health facilities that provide medical care to these survivors to:
 - (A) Provide accurate information about emergency contraception;
 - (B) Inform survivors of the option to receive emergency contraception at the facility;
 - (C) Provide emergency contraception immediately, upon request; and
 - (D) Ensure that each person at the facility providing medical care to the survivor is trained regarding emergency contraception and sexual assault treatment;



- (2) Requiring that funding for emergency contraception be provided from the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Special Fund; and
- (3) Authorizing the Department of Health (DOH) to impose fines for violations of these requirements.

The Hawaii State Democratic Women's Caucus, Planned Parenthood of Hawaii - Action Network, Hawaii Women's Political Caucus, Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies of Hawaii, Community Alliance on Prisons, American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii, Sex Abuse Treatment Center, The League of Women Voters, and several concerned individuals supported this bill. The Department of Health, Christian Voice of Hawaii, St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii, Hawaii Medical Center, Hawaii Family Forum, Hawaii Catholic Conference, Pro-Family Hawaii, and several concerned individuals opposed this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 466, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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


MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



