

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 2007

RE: S.B. No. 1114  
S.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Human Services and Public Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 1114 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAID,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Human Services to directly reimburse sellers of over-the-counter Plan B emergency contraception to women who are recipients of Medicaid, without creating any expenses for recipients, who purchase the medication; and appropriates funds for this purpose.

The Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women; Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Hawai'i; and The Ohana Project submitted testimony in support of this measure. The Department of Human Services and one individual submitted testimony in opposition.

Your Committee finds that it is important to support a woman's ability to control her reproductive health and empower women to make carefully considered choices about family planning issues. As noted by the testifiers, timely access to emergency contraception helps decrease unintended pregnancy rates. By subsidizing the cost of emergency contraception, low-income women are given an opportunity to have greater decision-making over their reproductive health and choices.

It is your Committee's intent to support low-income women's access to emergency contraception. Your Committee has amended

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this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive changes for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services and Public Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1114, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1114, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Human Services and  
Public Housing,

*Suzanne Chun Oakland*

SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Human Services and Public Housing**  
**HSP**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB1114</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HSP, NAM</b>	Date: <b>2-15-07</b>		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)	✓			
SAKAMOTO, Norman				✓
HEMMINGS, Fred			✓	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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