

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

337

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 20 2009

RE: S.B. No. 604  
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 604  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTIVES FOR  
SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to ensure that victims of  
sexual assault are fully informed regarding treatment and  
emergency contraception.

The measure accomplishes this goal by requiring all hospitals  
and public facilities to provide victims of sexual assault with  
information on emergency contraception and immediate access to  
emergency contraception when requested.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies, the National Association of  
Social Workers, Hawaii Women's Political Caucus, The Sex Abuse  
Treatment Center, the American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii,  
Planned Parenthood of Hawaii, and five individuals. Your  
Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from  
the Department of Health, Pro-Family Hawaii, Hawaii Family Forum  
and one individual.

Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed  
on the Legislature's website.



Your Committee finds that information on emergency contraception is an important part of treatment and counseling for victims of sexual assault. Allowing these victims to be fully informed of all medical options and treatments available to them will provide a level of protection for women, help to prevent unintended pregnancies, and provide sexual assault survivors with information that may prevent a further trauma of pregnancy.

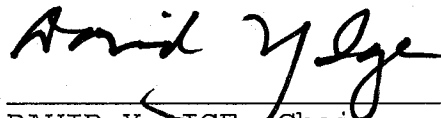
Your Committee finds that the use of emergency contraception is approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration and is a safe and effective means of treating victims of sexual assault.

In addition, your Committee finds that emergency contraception is consistent with the Ethical and Religious Directives published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. More than thirty-four Catholic Hospitals in the United States are currently offering emergency contraception information and treatment to sexual assault victims.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and style.

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. 604, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 604, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations.

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




DAVID Y. ICE, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

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<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
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
ESPERO, Will				✓
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	5	0	0	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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