

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 19, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 423

H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 423, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure that sexual assault survivors have access to all available medical treatment and support by requiring hospitals to provide information about emergency contraception to women who were sexually assaulted, and to provide emergency contraception when requested.

This bill makes an exception for religiously affiliated hospitals with religiously-based objections; provided that exempt institutions immediately transport victims of sexual assault to another appropriate health care facility or provider, cover all costs associated with the transportation, and inform the sexual assault victim of all available care options at the receiving health care facility.

Hawaii Medical Center East, the St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii, Hawaii Family Forum, and several concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The Hawaii State Democratic Women's Caucus, American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii, Hawaii Women's Political Caucus, Sex Abuse Treatment Center, Planned Parenthood of Hawaii, Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of

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Hawaii, and many concerned individuals supported this measure with amendments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Removing the religious exemption; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 423, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 423, H.D. 2.

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



JON RIKI KARAMATSU, Chair



