



Committee: Committee on Health  
Hearing Date/Time: Friday, February 24, 2012, 9:15 a.m.  
Place: Conference Room 329  
Re: Testimony of the ACLU of Hawaii in Support of H.C.R. 12, Relating to Reproductive Rights Awareness Week

Dear Chair Yamane and Members of the Committee on Health:

The ACLU of Hawaii writes in support of H.C.R. 12, designating January 22-28, 2012 as “Reproductive Rights Awareness Week.”

The ACLU works to secure a world that respects everyone’s right to form intimate relationships and to decide whether and when to have children. With reproductive freedom comes opportunity: opportunity to build a secure, productive, and meaningful life. The ability to decide whether or not to carry a pregnancy to term is essential to women’s equality, autonomy, and dignity, with implications for every aspect of her life – her educational aspirations, career goals, economic status, and, more broadly, her ability to live the life she planned. Efforts like H.C.R. 12 go far to ensure that the government respects and supports reproductive freedom.

The mission of the ACLU of Hawaii is to protect the fundamental freedoms enshrined in the U.S. and State Constitutions. The ACLU of Hawaii fulfills this through legislative, litigation, and public education programs statewide. The ACLU of Hawaii is a non-partisan and private non-profit organization that provides its services at no cost to the public and does not accept government funds. The ACLU of Hawaii has been serving Hawaii for over 45 years.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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