

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 05 2013

RE: S.B. No. 526
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 526
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOSPITAL EMERGENCY
COMPASSIONATE CARE FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to ensure that
victims of sexual assault are provided information about and
access to emergency contraception when receiving emergency medical
care at Hawaii's hospitals for sexual assaults.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Health, Department of Human Services,
Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women, Department of the
Prosecuting Attorney for the City and County of Honolulu, Sex
Abuse Treatment Center, American Congress of Obstetricians and
Gynecologists, Gay Lesbian Bisexual and Transgender Caucus of the
Democratic Party of Hawaii, League of Women Voters, Planned
Parenthood of Hawaii, Hawaii Women Lawyers, Hawaii Medical
Association, Hawaii Rehabilitation Counseling Association, and
seven individuals. Your Committee received testimony in
opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Catholic Conference.

Your Committee finds that the physical and emotional trauma
suffered by victims is compounded by the possibility of an
unwanted pregnancy as a result of the rape. The average rate of
pregnancy resulting from rape is between five and eight percent



with an estimated thirty-two thousand rape-related pregnancies occurring each year in the United States.

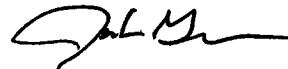
Your Committee further finds that emergency contraception is not an abortion pill, nor does it cause any abortive process to take place; rather, it is a safe and effective means of preventing pregnancy after a sexual assault. The provision of emergency contraception to victims of sexual assault is the most widely recognized and accepted standard of care for sexual assault patients. Accordingly, your Committee finds that victims of sexual assault should be provided information about and access to emergency contraception when receiving emergency medical care at Hawaii's hospitals for sexual assaults.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of January 1, 2030, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 526, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 526, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

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

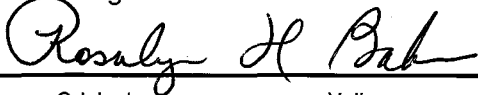


JOSH GREEN, Chair



The Senate
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 526	HTH, JDL	1/28/13		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GREEN, Josh (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
SLOM, Sam			X	
TOTAL	4	—	1	
Recommendation:				
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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