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HB 0411, Relating to Hospital Emergency Compassionate Care for Sexual Assault Victims

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February 6, 2013

1 **Department's Position:** Supports but prefers the Administration Bill SB 1109, RELATING TO
2 HOSPITAL STANDARDS FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None or minimal to the Department of Health.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** This bill amends Department of Health (DOH) statute to require hospital
5 emergency rooms to offer female sexual assault survivors specific services and require appropriate
6 training for hospital staff. Enforcement is conducted through DOH Office of Health Care Assurance.

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8 DOH prefers SB 1109, Relating to Hospital Standards for Sexual Assault Victims, which contains
9 various clarifications, corrections, and fixes jointly agreed to by DOH and the Department of Human
10 Services.



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February 6, 2013

TO: The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair
House Committee on Health

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **H.B. 411 – RELATING TO HOSPITAL EMERGENCY COMPASSIONATE
CARE FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS**

Hearing: Wednesday, February 6, 2013; 10:30 a.m.
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of this bill is to add a new part to chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to ensure that victims of sexual assault are provided with medically and factually unbiased information about and access to emergency contraception when receiving emergency medical care at Hawaii's hospitals for sexual assaults.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) fully supports the purpose of this bill to ensure that victims of sexual assault are provided with medically and factually unbiased information about and access to emergency contraception when receiving emergency medical care at Hawaii's hospitals for sexual assaults.

In the aftermath of rape, victims find themselves dealing with a host of reproductive and sexual health issues. 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 per cent with an

estimated thirty-two thousand rape-related pregnancies occurring every year in the United States.

Emergency contraception is not an abortion pill, nor does it cause any abortive process to take place. Emergency contraception is a safe and effective means of preventing pregnancy after a sexual assault. In fact, the provision of emergency contraception to victims of sexual assault is the most widely recognized and accepted standard of care for sexual assault patients. The American Medical Association and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists have stated that sexual assault victims should be informed about and provided emergency contraception. However, a recent survey of emergency facilities in Hawaii revealed a lack of clear policy on the issue.

The Department of Human Services will pay for the necessary emergency contraception medications on a fee-for-service basis. It is estimated that the cost would be negligible, less than \$10,000.

The DHS fully supports the purpose of this bill and requests that the Legislature consider Administration bill, H.B. 878, to effectuate the purpose of this bill. H.B. 411 and H.B. 878 have almost the identical language. H.B. 878, however, includes several clarifications from discussions between the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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State of Hawai'i**

February 6, 2013

**RE: H.B. 411; RELATING TO HOSPITAL EMERGENCY COMPASSIONATE CARE
FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS.**

Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Morikawa, and members of the House Committee on Health, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney submits the following testimony in support of H.B. 411.

The purpose of H.B. 411 is to require that hospitals:

- (1) Provide any female sexual assault survivor with medically and factually accurate and unbiased written and oral information about emergency contraception;
- (2) Orally inform each female sexual assault survivor of the option to receive emergency contraception at the hospital;
- (3) When medically indicated, provide emergency contraception to each female sexual assault survivor who requests it, including the initial dose that can be taken at the hospital, and any further dosage as necessary; and
- (4) Ensure that each person at the hospital who may provide emergency medical care shall be trained to provide a sexual assault survivor with medically and factually accurate and unbiased written and oral information about emergency contraception and sexual assault treatment options and access to emergency contraception.

The requirements in this bill are reasonably related to addressing the acute medical, psychological, and emotional needs of sexual assault survivors. Furthermore, the provisions of this measure are consistent with the proper standard of professional care endorsed and

recommended by the American Medical Association and the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Sexual assault is one of the most traumatic crimes that target Hawaii's women, and the fear of an unwanted pregnancy, as well as the potentially damaging medical and psychological effects that accompany it, can exponentially increase the level of harm that is inflicted upon victims. Those who have not experienced this horror cannot imagine the agony that victims experience. What these victims need is calm, caring, and supportive treatment that can help to lessen the traumatic effects of the sexual assault at a time when a victim may need to make many difficult decisions. Their ability to make the correct decisions for themselves is predicated on the availability of information that is accurate, thorough, and unbiased.

We understand that concerns have been raised in the past two legislative sessions regarding 45 C.F.R. §88.1 - §88.2, which were codified to enforce Church Amendments, 42 U.S.C. 300a-7, section 245 of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 238n, and the Weldon Amendment, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010, Public Law 111-117, Div. D, Sec. 508(d), 123 Stat. 3034, 3279-80, referred to collectively as the "federal health care provider conscience protection statutes."

The Church Amendment to the Public Health Service Act, among other things, prohibits entities that receive certain federal health care funding from discriminating against an individual or entity that performs or assists in the performance of or refuses to perform or assist in the performance of abortions or sterilizations if such performance or assistance "would be contrary to his religious beliefs or moral convictions."

Section 245 of the Public Health Service Act, also known as the Coats Amendment, prohibits the federal government, and state or local governments receiving federal funding, from discriminating against medical residency programs or individuals based on a refusal to provide abortion-related services or training.

The Weldon Amendment, contained in annual appropriations law, prohibits the allocation of certain funds to federal agencies or programs and state and local governments that discriminate against any health care entity (including insurers) based on a refusal to "provide, pay for, provide coverage of, or refer for abortions."

Under the plain language reading of "federal health care provider conscience protection statutes," there is no prohibition to prevent health care entities from providing medically accurate information about emergency contraception, nor from providing emergency contraception to female sexual assault survivors who request it. "Emergency contraception" is limited to prescription drugs used for the purpose of preventing pregnancy, rather than sterilizing or aborting an existing pregnancy.

Further, sixteen (16) other states currently have statutes similar to H.B. 411, requiring that hospitals treating sexual assault survivors provide medically accurate information regarding emergency contraception. Twelve (12) states also have statutes that require hospitals to provide emergency contraception to sexual assault survivors, upon request. A number of these statutes were enacted as early as 2002, and to date, none have been struck down nor found invalid in a court of law.

The Department strongly believes that all victims of sexual assault in Hawaii should have equal access to medically accurate information and options, to facilitate their decisions regarding medical care, as these decisions may affect the victim for a lifetime. To do any less, deprives victims of the opportunity for self determination, which must be permitted to insure their ability to transition from victim to survivor. Since sexual assault survivors have a very limited window of time in which to receive effective emergency contraceptives, it is imperative that they receive access to this care upon arrival at any hospital in our state. The passage of H.B. 411 will go a long way toward fulfilling our obligation to respond to sexual assault survivors in a compassionate and medically effective manner.

For all the reasons cited above, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu strongly support H.B. 411. Thank you for your time and consideration.



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Wednesday, February 6, 2013

10:30 am

Conference Room 329

To: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
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Rep. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

From: Hawaii Medical Association
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Dr. Linda Rasmussen, MD, Legislative Co-Chair
Dr. Joseph Zobian, MD, Legislative Co-Chair
Dr. Christopher Flanders, DO, Executive Director
Lauren Zirbel, Community and Government Relations

Re: HB 411 RELATING TO HOSPITAL EMERGENCY COMPASSIONATE CARE
FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS

In Support.

Chairs & Committee Members:

Hawaii Medical Association supports this measure.

Emergency contraception is not an abortion pill, nor does it cause any abortive process to take place. Emergency contraception is a safe and effective means of preventing pregnancy after a sexual assault.

The American Medical Association and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists have stated that sexual assault victims should be informed about and provided with the option of emergency contraception.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair

Rep. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

Wednesday, February 6, 2013

10:30 a.m.

Room 329

SUPPORT FOR HB 411 – Hospital Standards for Sexual Assault Victims

Aloha Chair Au Belatti, Vice Chair Morikawa and Members of the Committee!

My name is Kat Brady and I am the Coordinator of Community Alliance on Prisons, a community initiative promoting smart justice policies for more than a decade. This testimony is respectfully offered on behalf of the 5,800 Hawai'i individuals living behind bars, always mindful that approximately 1,500 individuals are serving their sentences abroad, thousands of miles away from their loved ones, their homes and, for the disproportionate number of incarcerated Native Hawaiians, far from their ancestral lands.

I have also been the Chair of the Honolulu County Committee on the Status of Women for eleven years, although I am not speaking on the City's behalf.

HB 411 adds a new part to Chapter 321, HRS, to ensure that victims of sexual assault are provided with medically and factually unbiased information about and access to emergency contraception when receiving emergency medical care for sexual assault at Hawai'i's hospitals.

Community Alliance on Prisons is in strong support of this measure. Sexual assault is a life threatening event and one that causes most victims long-term trauma. Survivors often experience depression, intense fear, anxiety, and symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder. Healing may take a lifetime. Many of our incarcerated women have been through the traumatic experience of rape, which has led many of them to use drugs to self-medicate and, sadly that path has led them to prison.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Division information, there were 228 forcible rapes in Hawai'i in 2011.¹ Many survivors of rape require immediate medical attention at one of Hawai'i's emergency rooms.

It is unconscionable to us that women would be denied information and access to emergency contraception in the Aloha State after going through the worst trauma imaginable.

¹ FBI, 2011. "Crime in the United States." Accessed from <http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/crime-in-the-us/2011/crime-in-the-u.s.-2011/tables/table-1> on December 2, 2012.

In addition to the aftermath of rape, victims find themselves dealing with a host of reproductive and sexual health issues, including pregnancy. Statistics vary, but indicate that approximately 5% - 8% of all rapes result in pregnancy.²

In 2012, sixteen states and the District of Columbia have adopted legislation requiring the provision of information about and/or access to EC to sexual assault victims in emergency rooms.³ The federal government also has standardized rules regarding EC and requires that all military and federal hospitals stock EC.⁴ The Army Medical Command Regulations advise discussing and providing EC to sexual assault victims.⁵

Providing EC in the ER is the accepted standard of care. The American Medical Association's guidelines for treating sexual assault victims states that victims should be informed about and provided EC.⁶ The American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology also supports this standard of care.⁷

I remember the terror in my sister's voice when she called to tell me she had been raped. She was 19 years old. This traumatic and violent assault has impacted her life until this very day and she is now almost 60 years old.

Please pass this compassionate care bill. No one should be denied access and information to medical care in the Aloha State.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

² Psychology Today, 2012. "Why Are Rape Victims More--Not Less--Likely to Become Pregnant?" Accessed from <http://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/animals-and-us/201208/why-are-rape-victims-more-not-less-likely-become-pregnant> on December 2, 2012.

³ National Conference of State Legislatures, 2012. "Emergency Contraception State Laws." Accessed from <http://www.ncsl.org/issuesresearch/health/emergency-contraception-state-laws.aspx> on December 2, 2012.

⁴ Department of Defense, Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee Recommendations, November 2009, Signed February 2010.

⁵ Army Medical Command Regulation, 40-36, Part 17, January 2009.

⁶ American Medical Association, Strategies for the Treatment and Prevention of Sexual Assault (1995).

⁷ American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, 2004. "Violence Against Women: Acute Care of Sexual Assault Victims." at http://www.acog.org/Resources_And_Publications/Committee_Opinions/Committee_on_Health_Care_for_Underserved_Women/Sexual_Assault



HILOPA'A

Family to Family Health Information Center

Date: February 2, 2013

To: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Representative Della Au Bellatti, Chair
Representative Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

Fr: Leolinda Parlin, State Coordinator for Family Voices of Hawai'i

Re: **SUPPORT** – HB 411 – RELATING TO HOSPITAL EMERGENCY COMPASSIONATE CARE FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS

On behalf of Family Voices of Hawai'i, I offer testimony in support of HB 411, which seeks ensure that victims of sexual assault are provided with medically and factually unbiased information about and access to emergency contraception when receiving emergency medical care at Hawaii's hospitals for sexual assaults. As an organization, Family Voices is national grass roots organization of family of friends of child with special health care needs. In Hawai'i, we operate the federally funded Hilopa'a Family to Family Health Information Center.

A recent study published in the April 2012 of Pediatrics, demonstrated that misinformation about emergency contraceptives (EC) creates a barrier to timely access to emergency contraception. The study compared the responses from pharmacies to the same scripted questions asked by youth seeking EC and physicians inquiring about guidelines. 19% of the youth who called were given misinformation while only 3% of the physicians were given misinformation. We can derive from the study even under the best of circumstance, there are inherent barriers to the system. Now, imagine, a woman who has been traumatized trying to navigate on her own a system which already is quite challenging, and may be subject to additional biases due to age, language preferences and cognitive ability. The only way to systematically insure equal access to EC in the most devastating of times, is to mandate through our hospital emergency rooms the implementation of compassionate care.

Thank you for your time and consideration in passing HB 411.

February 4, 2013

Testimony in Support: HB 411

To: Chair Della Au Belatti, Vice Chair Dee Morikawa, Members of the House Committee on Health

From: Annie Hollis, Planned Parenthood of Hawaii, University of Hawai'i at Manoa Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work, Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women

Re: Testimony in Support of HB 411, Relating to Hospital Emergency Compassionate Care for Sexual Assault Victims.

I strongly support HB 411, which ensures compassionate care for sexual assault survivors in Hawaii by requiring that emergency departments throughout the state offer information about emergency contraception (EC) and dispense the medication when it is needed and the survivor requests it.

When a woman is sexually assaulted, she should be able to prevent pregnancy as the result of rape. EC prevents pregnancy and is the best, compassionate care that survivors deserve. According to the Hawaii Attorney General's Report, Crime in Hawaii, in 2011, there were 353 reported forcible rapes in Hawaii. Major studies show that reporting rates for rape and sexual assault are approximately 40%.ⁱ Still some studies have shown that rate to be as low as 16%.ⁱⁱ Therefore, the rate of sexual assault in Hawaii is likely much higher. Survivors find themselves dealing with a host of reproductive and sexual health issues, including pregnancy. Statistics vary, but indicate the approximately 5-8% of all rapes result in pregnancy.

Providing EC in the ER is the accepted standard of care. The American Medical Association's Guidelines for treating sexual assault victims states that victims should be informed about and provided EC.ⁱⁱⁱ The American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology also supports this standard of care.^{iv} Disturbingly, some hospitals in Hawaii do not offer victims Emergency Contraception, or even provide information about it, leaving some victims at risk for pregnancy resulting from rape.

Hawaii's most vulnerable patients deserve access to quality, compassionate care after a sexual assault, no matter which emergency room they arrive in.

Throughout my career, I have worked with victims of gender-based violence, who are often severely traumatized by sexual assault. As a social worker, I am sure that myself and my colleagues will continue to work with women and girls who have been sexually assaulted. A traumatic event can completely overwhelm an individual's ability to cope or integrate the ideas and emotions involved with the circumstance. Symptoms of trauma can include immediate denial, dissociation and depersonalization where a person feels detached from their own experience, and derealization, an experience where the trauma survivor feels numb, detached, and removed from the immediate situation. Soon after the trauma, a survivor often experiences emotions and reactions like weeping, shaking, anxiety and panic, feeling in danger, sadness, anger, sleep disturbances, suspiciousness, shame, and an intrusive recall of trauma.^{iv} Therefore, it is especially important that when a victim accesses healthcare, the care is comprehensive. In the aftermath of this situation,

and considering these symptoms of trauma, the victim may not know what EC is, how it can help her, or remember to ask for the medication. It is the healthcare system's responsibility to provide comprehensive, compassionate care in order to prevent revictimization in the form of an unplanned pregnancy.

I urge the Committee to pass HB 411. Thank you.

ⁱ <http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/crime-in-the-u.s/2011/crime-in-the-u.s.-2011/tables/table-5>

ⁱⁱ National Center for Victims of Crime & Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center, *Rape in American: A Report to the Nation*, (1992).

ⁱⁱⁱ See, American Medical Association, *Strategies for the Treatment and Prevention of Sexual Assault* (1995).

^{iv} American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, *Violence Against Women: Acute Care of Sexual Assault Victims* (2004), at http://www.acog.org/departments/dept_notice.cfm?recno=17&bulletin=1625.

^v Union College, *Coping with Trauma*.



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Hearing on: February 6, 2013

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DATE: February 3, 2013
TO: House Committee on Health
Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair
Rep. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair
From: Walter Yoshimitsu, Executive Director
Re: Strong Opposition to HB 411 Hospital Emergency Compassionate Care for Sexual Assault Victims

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify. I am Walter Yoshimitsu, representing the Hawaii Catholic Conference. The Hawaii Catholic Conference is the public policy voice for the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii under the leadership of Bishop Larry Silva.

Because of its religious tenets, St. Francis Healthcare System, does not provide abortion services, including “emergency contraception” which can induce early abortion. While it is true that the former St. Francis hospitals are now operated by Queens Medical Center, there are two crucial legal items that merit your attention.

GOVERNMENT COMPULSION TO VIOLATE RELIGIOUS BELIEFS

First, the legal relationship between Queens and St. Francis is governed by a contract binding them to operate the hospitals in a manner consistent with Catholic ethical and religious directives. Those directives prohibit complicity in the termination of life, beginning at the moment of conception. Emergency contraceptives sometimes work post-fertilization, resulting in the termination of the new young life and thereby ending the pregnancy. This violates a core religious directive. Passage of this measure would use government force to compel Queens to provide ‘emergency contraceptives’ which the Catholic Church believes can act as abortifacients – something that would be directly contrary to our religious belief in the sanctity of human life.

SCOPE OF SERVICES UP TO HOSPITAL

Finally, we also believe strongly that the “scope of services” provided by any licensed health care institution is the prerogative of that organization’s administration and its medical staff. It is that institution’s right as a business and a health care provider to determine which services should be made available via its programs and facilities. It is that organization’s administration and medical staff that adopts medical protocols for services to be rendered without government interference.

Mahalo for your kind consideration.



TO: Senator Josh Green, Chair
Senate Committee on Health

FROM: Catherine Betts
Director, Hawaii Women Lawyers

RE: H.B. 411: Relating to Hospital Emergency Compassionate
Care for Sexual Assault Victims
Hearing Date: February 6, 2013 10:30 am, Room 329

Hawaii Women Lawyers, founded in 1978, is a membership organization dedicated to improving the lives and careers of women in all aspects of the legal profession, to influence the future of the legal profession, and to enhance the status of women and promote equal opportunities for all people. Our members are both men and women who have worked in all aspects of the law. Our board includes partners and associates of Hawai'i law firms, in-house counsel, legal service attorneys and law students.

Hawaii Women Lawyers submits this testimony in **strong support** of H.B. 411, which ensures that victims of sexual assault are provided with medically and factually unbiased information about and access to emergency contraception when receiving emergency medical care at Hawaii's hospitals for sexual assaults.

When a woman is sexually assaulted, the resulting physical and emotional trauma is significant and, in addition to a host of sexual health issues, can include the possibility of pregnancy. Statistics vary, but indicate that approximately 5-8% of all rapes result in pregnancy. In Hawaii, some hospitals do not currently offer sexual assault survivors emergency contraception, or provide information about it after a woman is sexually assaulted. This leaves some victims at risk for pregnancy resulting from rape.

Providing emergency contraception in the ER is an accepted standard of care by the American Medical Association and American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. At least 16 states have already taken the lead on this important issue, and have passed laws that require hospitals to provide information and access to emergency contraception in emergency rooms.

S.B. 526 follows this standard of care, by requiring that survivors are provided information about and access to emergency contraception while being treated for the trauma of a sexual assault. We believe making emergency contraception available in

emergency rooms is the best and most compassionate care that sexual assault survivors can receive and deserve.

We respectfully ask that the Committee pass this bill. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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HAWAII STATE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

To: Chair Della Au Belatti
Vice Chair Dee Morikawa
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

From: Veronika Geronimo, Executive Director
Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Hearing Date and Time: February 6, 2013

Place: Conference Room 329

RE: HB411 - SUPPORT

The Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence is in strong support of HB411, which ensures compassionate care for sexual assault survivors in Hawaii by requiring that emergency departments throughout the state offer information about emergency contraception (EC) and dispense the medication when it is needed and the survivor requests it.

In its most violent form, domestic violence involves sexual violence where the victim is raped and/or forced to perform sex acts against her will. Many women may need medical treatment and emergency contraception as a result of experiencing sexual violence at the hands of their partners. For these women who experience intimate partner violence, “no” is not an option because of the threat of violence or further emotional abuse. Access to compassionate and quality care, and emergency contraception after a sexual assault empowers survivors with vital information and an effective way to prevent unintended pregnancies as a result of rape in the context of domestic violence.

Hawaii's most vulnerable patients deserve access to quality, compassionate care after a sexual assault, no matter which emergency room they arrive in. We urge the Committee to pass HB411. Thank you.

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DATE: February 6, 2013

TO: The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair
The Honorable Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair
House Committee on Health

FROM: Adriana Ramelli, Executive Director
The Sex Abuse Treatment Center

RE: H.B. 411
Relating to Hospital Emergency Compassionate Care for Sexual Assault Victims

Good afternoon Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Morikawa and members of the House Committee on Health. My name is Adriana Ramelli and I am the Executive Director of the Sex Abuse Treatment Center (SATC), a program of the Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children (KMCWC), an affiliate of Hawai'i Pacific Health.

SATC strongly supports H.B. 411 to ensure sexual assault survivors are provided information about and access to emergency contraception.

Sexual violence remains a major public health issue here in Hawai'i. According to the Attorney General's report, *Crime in Hawai'i*, there were 353 reported forcible rapes in 2011.¹ However, sexual violence is severely underreported. The Department of Justice concluded that between 2006-2010 sixty-five percent (65%) of rapes and sexual assaults went unreported.²

The impact of sexual violence is significant. Survivors face not only emotional trauma, but very real physical consequences. According to one survey, becoming pregnant was a concern to more survivors than contracting sexually transmitted diseases or HIV/AIDS.³

Currently, there are hospitals in Hawai'i that do not provide information about emergency contraception or dispense emergency contraception to survivors of sexual assault. The American Medical Association,⁴ American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists,⁵ and American College of Emergency Physicians⁶ all recommend that a survivor should be provided with information regarding emergency contraception and/or provided with treatment if indicated. With the passage of this legislation, a sexual assault survivor can be guaranteed to receive the same level of medical care regardless of what facility she presents at and the standard of care recommended by leading medical organizations.

As part of medical treatment provided to female survivors of sexual assault, we firmly believe survivors should be offered medically and factually accurate information (both

oral and written) on emergency contraception and be provided with contraception if the survivor so requests and if medically indicated. It is also important that medical staff serving female sexual assault survivors be adequately trained to provide complete, accurate and unbiased information on emergency contraception.

On O'ahu, those who seek services at SATC are provided the option of a comprehensive medical-legal examination, which is performed at KMCWC. As part of this examination, the attending physician offers female survivors information about emergency contraception. If the survivor is concerned about or at risk of an unwanted pregnancy, the physician can provide contraceptives if they are requested and medically indicated.

If a survivor does not want the comprehensive medical-legal examination, the survivor has the right to decline that examination. Thus, it is not always necessary or appropriate for medical facilities to refer a survivor to SATC for services. However, the survivor's immediate needs must still be met. Pregnancy prevention is a time sensitive issue, as emergency contraception is most effective when taken within 72 after an assault. Therefore, all hospitals in Hawai'i must commit to offering emergency contraception information to the sexual assault survivors they serve and to providing contraceptives to those who choose them.

We urge you to pass H.B. 411. It is truly sound, compassionate legislation that underscores a woman's right to choose contraception when faced with the possibility of an unwanted pregnancy resulting from a sexual assault.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

¹ State of Hawai'i, Attorney General, Crime Prevention & Justice Assistance Division, Research & Statistics Branch, *Crime in Hawai'i: 2011*, at 4 (Nov. 2012), available at http://hawaii.gov/ag/cpja/main/rs/crimeinhawaii/CIH2011/Crime_in_Hawaii_2011.pdf

² U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Victimizations Not Reported to the Police, 2006-2010 National Crime Victimization Survey*, at 4, available at <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/vnrp0610.pdf>.

³ National Victim Center, *Rape in America: A Report to the Nation* (1992).

⁴ American Medical Association, Policy H-75.985 *Access to Emergency Contraception*.

⁵ American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Committee on Health Care for Underserved Women, *Committee Opinion: Access to Emergency Contraception*, No. 542, at 1 (Nov. 2012).

⁶ American College of Emergency Physicians, *Management of the Patient with the Complaint of Sexual Assault* (reaffirmed Oct. 2008).

DATE: February 5, 2013
TO: House Health Committee
Rep. Donna Au Belatti, Chair and Rep. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair
RE: **Opposition/Comments on HB 411**
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My name is James Hochberg, and I have been a civil rights attorney in Honolulu since 1984. Currently I am also the president of Hawaii Family Advocates, a 501©(4) independent expenditure, non-candidate committee.

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I am testifying in opposition to HB411 because it seeks to trample on the rights of conscience of people who, on the basis of religious belief as to when life begins, believe they cannot comply with the requirements of HB411.

Dr. William Fong submitted testimony on this bill before I am writing this testimony. He testifies that:

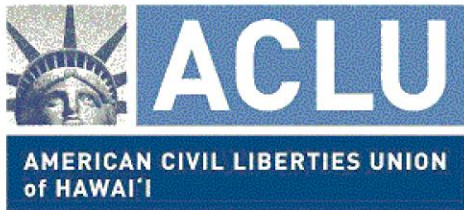
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For those whose religious belief includes that conception occurs at fertilization, their religious beliefs must be permitted to shield them from having to provide emergency contraception to sexual assault victims.

In addition, HB411 requires that medically and factually accurate and unbiased written and oral information about emergency contraception be given to female sexual assault survivors who present for emergency services. However, according to Dr. William Fong’s testimony cited above, HB411 itself is a biased presentation of the medical and factual information concerning what emergency contraceptives do with respect to ending a life.

As stated by the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals in its opinion January 27, 2012, in the Ward vs. Polite case, “Tolerance is a two-way street. Otherwise, the rule mandates orthodoxy, not anti-discrimination.”

This statement squarely applies to HB411. Without a religious exemption, HB411 mandates the orthodoxy on the disputed question of when life begins, and consequently what emergency contraceptives do with respect to ending a life. Tolerance for both beliefs is required, and on that basis I oppose HB411 without a clear religious exemption.



Committee: Committee on Health
Hearing Date/Time: Wednesday, February 6, 2013, 10:30 a.m.
Place: Conference Room 229
Re: Testimony of the ACLU of Hawaii in Support of H.B. 411

Dear Chair Belatti and Members of the Committee on Health:

The American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii (“ACLU of Hawaii”) writes in support of H.B. 411, which requires hospitals to provide survivors of sexual assault with medically and factually accurate and unbiased information regarding emergency contraception.

By expanding access to a critical, yet underutilized, means of pregnancy prevention, this bill would help ensure that Hawaii women access comprehensive reproductive healthcare.

Emergency contraception (“EC”) is often misunderstood and underutilized. Emergency contraceptive pills are really just high doses of oral contraceptives, the birth control pills that millions of U.S. women take every day. EC has been proven highly effective in preventing unintended pregnancy when taken no more than 72 hours after unprotected intercourse; it is most effective when it is taken within 12 hours. EC works by preventing ovulation, fertilization, or implantation. It does not disrupt an established pregnancy, which the medical community defines as beginning with implantation. EC should not be confused with mifepristone (RU-486), a drug approved by the Food and Drug Administration in September 2000 for early abortion. EC prevents unwanted pregnancy. It does not induce an abortion.

Despite the tremendous potential of EC to drastically reduce unintended pregnancy, EC is not as available or as widely known as it should be. The bill you consider today would dramatically expand access to EC and provide a crucial boost to reproductive freedom and women’s health.

Women have limited access to EC in Hawaii; there are no 24-hour pharmacies on neighbor islands, so women are unable to get EC after hours unless they can get it from an emergency room.

H.B. 411 would vastly expand access to emergency contraception for women in Hawaii, with the potential to bring about a dramatic decrease in unintended pregnancies. We know that time is of the essence in ensuring the effectiveness of EC. This problem is exacerbated in rural areas of Hawaii with fewer medical resources. Indeed, no neighbor island has a 24-hour pharmacy. Even Oahu has only a handful of 24-hour pharmacies in Honolulu and Kaneohe. Women who are raped after the pharmacies close may be unable to get emergency contraception except through an emergency room.

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Research suggests that widespread fast access to EC would prevent nearly half of the unintended pregnancies in the United States, a number estimated to be as high as 2.5 million each year. Given the unacceptably high rates of unintended pregnancy, expanded access to EC is certainly an urgent public health priority.

H.B. 411 would mandate that emergency rooms counsel rape survivors concerning the availability of EC and, upon her request, provide EC on site. Perhaps nowhere is access to EC more urgently needed than in emergency rooms treating survivors of rape. Each year, more than 600,000 American women are raped, with an estimated 25,000 of those rapes resulting in pregnancy. As many as 22,000 of those pregnancies could be prevented by timely administration of emergency contraception.

The major medical organizations agree: rape survivors should be counseled about and offered EC. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) recommends that physicians treating rape survivors, as part of their overall sexual assault exam, administer pregnancy tests and offer the patient EC. Likewise, in their guidelines for treating sexual assault survivors, the American Medical Association advises physicians to ensure that sexual assault patients are informed about and, if appropriate, provided EC. Quite simply, providing EC as part of sexual assault treatment is the standard of care.

Yet, despite this consensus, many hospitals fail to provide rape survivors with EC and some fail even to inform women about the available treatment.

A woman who has just survived rape is already in crisis and should not have to track down EC on her own, after she has undergone a rape exam in an emergency room. In addition to the emotional burdens of having to seek this medical care elsewhere, the rape survivor would face increased risk of pregnancy because of the delay inherent in having to find a pharmacist to dispense EC. By the time a woman arrives at an emergency room, hours may have already elapsed since the rape took place. In the time remaining before the 72-hour window expires, obtaining EC may be virtually impossible. Moreover, as the hours tick by, her chances of preventing pregnancy decrease.

Some health care institutions, invoking religious objections, refuse to provide EC. The ACLU of Hawaii is a staunch defender of religious liberty; however, we believe that an institution's religious objections to EC must not imperil a rape survivor's access to timely and comprehensive treatment. Emergency rooms - whether religiously affiliated or not - are ethically and morally obligated to offer the best care possible to everyone who comes through their doors in need of care.

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A rape survivor is often taken to a hospital by the police or emergency medical technicians. Under these conditions, most women lack the time, information, and opportunity to assess a given hospital's EC policy and ask to be taken to a facility that provides EC. Nor should she be expected to do so after surviving such a brutal crime. EC is basic health care for rape survivors and religious objections cannot be allowed to stand against the urgent needs of a rape survivor. Moreover, hospitals treat and employ people of many faiths; they should not be allowed to impose one set of religious beliefs on the people of diverse backgrounds who provide and seek their care.

In short, a hospital's failure to provide EC unacceptably leaves women at risk for becoming pregnant as a result of the assault. This bill would ensure that hospitals abide by the standard of care when treating rape survivors. For all these reasons, the ACLU of Hawaii urges support for H.B. 411.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,
Laurie Temple
Staff Attorney and Legislative Program Director
ACLU of Hawaii

The ACLU of Hawaii has been the state's guardian of liberty for 47 years, working daily in the courts, legislatures and communities to defend and preserve the individual rights and liberties equally guaranteed to all by the Constitutions and laws of the United States and Hawaii. The ACLU works to ensure that the government does not violate our constitutional rights, including, but not limited to, freedom of speech, association and assembly, freedom of the press, freedom of religion, fair and equal treatment, and privacy. The ACLU network of volunteers and staff works throughout the islands to defend these rights, often advocating on behalf of minority groups that are the target of government discrimination. If the rights of society's most vulnerable members are denied, everyone's rights are imperiled.

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To: Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair, House Health Committee
From: Marilyn B. Lee
Subject: HB 411
Date: February 6, 2013

Dear Representative Belatti and Members of the Health Committee,

I write in favor of the passage of HB 411, relating to the Compassionate Care of Rape Victims,

For over 10 years, this issue has come before the Legislature, and has not become law. In a recent letter I received, a friend stated: " Why is Hawaii not looking out for their women and girls?.

Rape is one of the most violent crimes that are perpetrated upon women. With the advent of a method of emergency contraception, it is now possible to prevent pregnancy following such a violent attack.

EC prevents "implantation of a fertilized egg", the scientific definition of pregnancy. EC is not an abortifacient, and will not disturb an existing pregnancy. Legislators should base their decisions about EC based on sound science.

EC is cheap and has few if any side effects. The sooner it is given after a rape, the more effective it will be. Therefore, it is part of the standard of care recognized by medical experts for the treatment of rape victims. These victims may be brought to the emergency room, which is the appropriate place to treat victims of trauma.

A rape victim deserves relief of pain both physical and psychological. We read with horror of the woman who was gang raped in India, and then violated with a metal rod. She later died. There are documented rapes in Hawaii, which were followed by violation with a sharp stick or broken bottle. Even without such a severe attack, the rape victim often suffers pain, bleeding, hysteria and risk of infection.

Imagine the anxiety a rape victim feels when she is unsure if her attack MAY LEAD TO PREGNANCY.

Despite the bizarre opinion of Senator Aiken of Missouri, the female body has no innate way of preventing a pregnancy after rape, and that is why we desperately need EC in the ER.

It is time for the Hawaii State Legislature to pass this bill. It is a matter not only of women's health, but also of victim's rights. Our

community must say NO to the insensitive violation of the rights of rape victims, and reject the outrageous contention that EC is somehow against community values. The Legislature must say YES to providing compassionate comfort and care to the victims of one of the most violent and despicable of crimes.

I urge the Committee to pass out this measure without exemptions or exceptions. It is the right thing to do.

Respectfully,

Marilyn B. Lee

M. NALANI FUJIMORI KAINA

Dear Chair Au Bellati, Vice-Chair Morikawa, and Members of the House Committee on Health:

I am writing, in my personal capacity, in strong support of HB411 which would require all hospitals to provide information and access to emergency contraception to all victims who seek care after rape.

The right to choose has always been available to me. My mother marched in many protests on in Washington in support of the right to choose and always instilled in me the importance of the right to choose. I would find bumper stickers as part of my care packages in college and she was never shy about articulating the importance of the control over one's body. The right to choose for women is critical for women and part of making any choice is the availability of information.

I believe that all women should have access to accurate information about emergency contraception especially for women who are victims of rape and ask that you support this bill to require hospitals to provide this information.

According to the Hawaii Attorney General's Report Crime in Hawaii, in 2011 there were 353 reported forcible rapes in Hawaii. Survivors find themselves dealing with a host of reproductive and sexual health issues, including pregnancy. Statistics vary, but indicate the approximately 5-8% of all rapes result in pregnancy. Providing EC in the ER is the accepted standard of care. The American Medical Association's Guidelines for treating sexual assault victims states that victims should be informed about and provided EC.ⁱ The American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology also supports this standard of care.ⁱⁱ

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

M. Nalani Fujimori Kaina

ⁱ See, American Medical Association, Strategies for the Treatment and Prevention of Sexual Assault (1995).

ⁱⁱ American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Violence Against Women: Acute Care of Sexual Assault Victims (2004), at http://www.acog.org/departments/dept_notice.cfm?recno=17&bulletin=1625.

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Comments: This bill is much-needed and long- overdue. Please pass HB 411 in the interest of women across the State; women deserve to make an informed choice, particularly after such traumatic incidents.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

DATE: Wednesday, February 6, 2013
TIME: 10:30 AM
PLACE: Conference Room 329, State Capitol

**RE: Public Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB411 RELATING TO HOSPITAL
EMERGENCY COMPASSIONATE CARE FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS.**

Monday, February 4, 2013

Dear Committee Members,

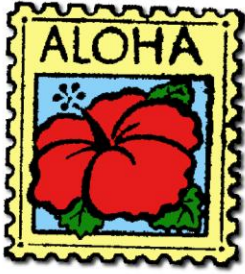
I am writing to express STRONG SUPPORT for HB411 that “Establishes a new part in chapter 321 to ensure that victims of sexual assault are provided with medically and factually unbiased information about and access to emergency contraception when receiving emergency medical care at Hawaii's hospitals for sexual assaults.”

Emergency contraception is safe, effective, and legal and there is no ethical reason, moral exception, or compelling government interest in withholding any approved medical treatment from patients.

Please vote “YES” and help pass HB411.

Sincerely,

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House Committee on Health

Hearing on February 6, 2013 @ 10:30 AM in Conference Room 329

HB411 RELATING TO HOSPITAL EMERGENCY COMPASSIONATE CARE FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

February 3, 2013

Aloha Committee Members:

Mahalo for hearing HB411 on emergency compassionate care.

I urge you to **STRONGLY SUPPORT** this important measure providing SAFE, LEGAL medical care and FACTUALLY ACCURATE information to victims of sex assault.

Consider the alternative that allows hospitals to withhold information and deny medical procedures and prescriptions. How can that be right?

A lease agreement with a landowner should not be used to restrict medical care!!

In the recent election, congressional candidates spouted misinformation and myths about rape, contraception and women's reproductive health. They not only lost the election, they were ridiculed for holding such outrageous and outmoded positions.

HB411 promotes SAFE and LEGAL medical treatments as well as FACTUALLY ACCURATE and UNBIASED information.

Please vote "YES" on HB411 and support women's health.

Sincerely,

Holly J. Huber

February 2, 2013

Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair, Committee on Health

Rep. Dee Morikawa

Rep. Rida Cabanilla

Rep. Mele Carroll

Rep. Jo Jordan

Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi

Rep. Justin Woodson

Rep. Lauren Cheape

House of Representatives

Hawaii State Legislature

Honolulu, Hawaii

Dear Representatives:

I take this opportunity to submit testimony as an individual citizen in opposition to HB411 related to compassionate care for sexual assault victims. I have been licensed as a physician in the State of Hawaii since 1979. In addition, I am a member in good standing of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG). The opinions that I express do not represent the views of the John A. Burns School of Medicine of which I am a faculty member.

HB411 states, “**Emergency contraception is not an abortion pill, nor does it cause any abortive process to take place.**” My objection to this statement and therefore HB411 revolves around the use and understanding of the words “abortion” and “abortive process”. Some in the medical field (notably ACOG) define pregnancy or the beginning of human life as occurring at the time of implantation of the fertilized egg. Their logic then follows that since EC reportedly does not affect a fertilized egg after implantation it does not cause an abortion and is not involved in the abortive process. However, many others define pregnancy as occurring at the time of conception or fertilization of the egg,

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I sincerely care for the victims of sexual assault. I have in the past provided what I believe was compassionate medical services to clients of the Sex Assault Treatment Center (SATC). Once informed of all possible mechanisms of EC (how and when it works), sexual assault victims that so desire EC may obtain it through a variety of readily available sources. It is not necessary to require hospitals or physicians to provide or dispense EC if this action violates their conscience.

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Hawaii's most vulnerable patients deserve access to quality, compassionate care after a sexual assault, no matter which emergency room they arrive in. I urge the Committee to pass HB 411. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Hilo, HI 96721-5889
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Honolulu, HI 96826-1032
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From: Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [kreardon@pphi.org] on behalf of Gemma Grott [gemmaloha@hawaiiantel.net]
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As a PA-C, a physician assistant, I have worked providing health care for women for over 20 years.

It is an appropriate standard of health care to provide these services to women.

I hope you will pass this bill.

Kathleen Elliott, PA-C

Honolulu, HI

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Sincerely,

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Kamuela, HI 96743-8124

morikawa2 - Shaun

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Women gave us life, they deserve our protection.

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Sincerely,

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HB411

Submitted on: 2/4/2013

Testimony for HLT on Feb 6, 2013 10:30AM in Conference Room 329

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Sincerely,

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Sent: Monday, February 04, 2013 3:12 PM
To: HLTtestimony
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Sincerely,

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From: Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [kreardon@pphi.org] on behalf of Milton Diamond [diamond@hawaii.edu]
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From these experiences, learning of the heartfelt drama involved in the decision making by families throughout the state, the personal weighing of needs and desires regarding potential and real parenthood, and the commiserate dilemma among legislators in deciding this issue, it is my conclusion that any and all final decisions regarding a potential abortion must, with all compassion, be made by that woman carrying the pregnancy. It is she, who may or may not have familial or spousal support that will most bear the burden of that decision.

As Governor John Burns stated so eloquently as he let the bill become law:

"I appreciate the considerable thought and energies that went into the final development of House Bill 6I. Many people -- all-sincere -- in their desire to better the quality of life in Hawaii -- spoke both for and against enactment of this bill.

Let us now rejoin all our forces and continue to work for a better Hawaii for all our people."

Dr. Milton Diamond,
Professor
255 Saul Place,
Honolulu, Hawaii 96816

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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morikawa2 - Shaun

From: Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [kreardon@pphi.org] on behalf of Daniel Lindsay [danl@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Monday, February 04, 2013 3:43 PM
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Sincerely,

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From: Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [kreardon@pphi.org] on behalf of Lani Kwon [heavenlybalance@yahoo.com]
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Sincerely,

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From: Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [kreardon@pphi.org] on behalf of Patty Smith [pattyesmith@gmail.com]
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Sincerely,

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Makawao, HI 96768-9061

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From: Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [kreardon@pphi.org] on behalf of Barb Travis [barbtravis@hawaiiantel.net]
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Sincerely,

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From: Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [kreardon@pphi.org] on behalf of Margaret Copi [tango.lindygirl@gmail.com]
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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Kailua, HI 96734-9999

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From: Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [kreardon@pphi.org] on behalf of Joanna Amberger [joanna_amberger@hotmail.com]
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Sincerely,

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(808) 791-2925

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From: Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [kreardon@pphi.org] on behalf of Marjorie Erway [merway@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, February 04, 2013 4:43 PM
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Sincerely,

Ms. Marjorie Erway
PO Box 2807
Kailua Kona, HI 96745-2807

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From: Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [kreardon@pphi.org] on behalf of R. Dougal Crowe [adcrowe@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Monday, February 04, 2013 4:43 PM
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Sincerely,

Mr. R. Dougal Crowe
1104 Polipoli Rd
Kula, HI 96790-7627

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From: Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [kreardon@pphi.org] on behalf of Amara Karuna [amara@mindspring.com]
Sent: Monday, February 04, 2013 5:13 PM
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Sincerely,

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From: Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [kreardon@pphi.org] on behalf of Andrew Bushnell [bushnell.andy@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 04, 2013 8:13 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of HB 411

Feb 5, 2013

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Rape victims should be informed about their choices and given the opportunity to choose whether they want to use the medication or not!

Wouldn't YOU want that choice? Aloha, Andy Bushnell

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Sincerely,

Mr. Andrew Bushnell
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morikawa2 - Shaun

From: Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [kreardon@pphi.org] on behalf of Aimee Rice [dh1lighthouse@aol.com]
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Sincerely,

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From: Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [kreardon@pphi.org] on behalf of Bobbie Becker [bobbibecke@mindspring.com]
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From: Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [kreardon@pphi.org] on behalf of Doris Matsunaga [dsegalmatsu@gmail.com]
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Hawaii's most vulnerable patients deserve access to quality, compassionate care after a sexual assault, no matter which emergency room they arrive in. I urge the Committee to pass HB 411. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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morikawa2 - Shaun

From: Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [kreardon@pphi.org] on behalf of Charles Rykken [feralyung@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, February 04, 2013 5:43 PM
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Subject: Testimony in Support of HB 411

Feb 4, 2013

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It is time to stand up to the dogmatists and let them know that their thuggish politics will no longer be tolerated. The law is clear (Roe v. Wade) and so are the social norms. It is long past time to continue giving in to the gangster intimidation of a dogmatic minority!

Hawaii's most vulnerable patients deserve access to quality, compassionate care after a sexual assault, no matter which emergency room they arrive in. I urge the Committee to pass HB 411. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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morikawa2 - Shaun

From: Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [kreardon@pphi.org] on behalf of Karine Silva [kgkgosselin@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 04, 2013 8:13 PM
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Sincerely,

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morikawa2 - Shaun

From: Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [kreardon@pphi.org] on behalf of Kelley Sage [kelleysage@gmail.com]
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Any woman who has been sexually assaulted should be offered the choice of EC. One of the devastating outcomes of sexual assault is that a woman feels like she is no longer 'in charge' of her own body, it is imperative that hospitals and care givers allow a woman to make a choice about EC, it's her right, her body, and her choice. This could be the first step in allowing a victim to 'take charge' about what happens to her body, no one else should be making that decision.

Hawaii's most vulnerable patients deserve access to quality, compassionate care after a sexual assault, no matter which emergency room they arrive in. I urge the Committee to pass HB 411. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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(808) 286-2722

January 25, 2013

Testimony in Support: HB411

To: Chair Della Au Belatti, Vice Chair Dee Morikawa, and Members of the House Committee on Health

From: Lauren Sharkey



Re: Testimony in Support of HB411 Relating to Hospital Emergency Compassionate Care for Sexual Assault Victims.

I strongly support HB411, which ensure compassionate care for sexual assault survivors in Hawaii by requiring that emergency departments throughout the state offer information about emergency contraception (EC) and dispense the medication when it is needed and the survivor requests it.

When a woman is sexually assaulted, she should be able to prevent pregnancy as the result of rape. EC prevents pregnancy and the best, compassionate care that survivors deserve. According to the Hawaii Attorney General's Report Crime in Hawaii, in 2011 there were 353 reported forcible rapes in Hawaii. Major studies show that reporting rates for rape and sexual assault are approximately 40%.ⁱ Still some studies have shown that rate to be as low as 16%.ⁱⁱ Therefore, the rate of sexual assault in Hawaii is likely much higher. Survivors find themselves dealing with a host of reproductive and sexual health issues, including pregnancy. Statistics vary, but indicate the approximately 5-8% of all rapes result in pregnancy.

Providing EC in the ER is the accepted standard of care. The American Medical Association's Guidelines for treating sexual assault victims states that victims should be informed about and provided EC.ⁱⁱⁱ The American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology also supports this standard of care.^{iv} Disturbingly, some hospitals in Hawaii do not offer victims Emergency Contraception, or even provide information about it, leaving some victims at risk for pregnancy resulting from rape.

Hawaii's most vulnerable patients deserve access to quality, compassionate care after a sexual assault, no matter which emergency room they arrive in. Therefore I urge the Committee to pass HB411. Thank you.

ⁱ <http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/crime-in-the-u.s/2011/crime-in-the-u.s.-2011/tables/table-5>

ⁱⁱ National Center for Victims of Crime & Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center, *Rape in American: A Report to the Nation*, (1992).

ⁱⁱⁱ See, American Medical Association, *Strategies for the Treatment and Prevention of Sexual Assault* (1995).

^{iv} American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, *Violence Against Women: Acute Care of Sexual Assault Victims* (2004), at http://www.acog.org/departments/dept_notice.cfm?recno=17&bulletin=1625.

morikawa2 - Shaun

From: Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [kreardon@pphi.org] on behalf of Marcy Koltun-Crilly [marcyfrommaui@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 04, 2013 6:13 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of HB 411

Feb 4, 2013

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As a woman, an R.N. and a citizen of Hawaii I strongly support HB 411.

By not doing so, medical personal are forced to do the opposite of what they are supposed to do, educate and act in the best interests of the people they are care for.

The government, a hospital and medical professionals should not push their beliefs on others, they should always offer choices and benefits verses risks

When a woman is sexually assaulted, she should be able to prevent pregnancy as the result of rape. EC prevents pregnancy and the best, compassionate care that survivors deserve, should they choose it.

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Sincerely,

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morikawa2 - Shaun

From: Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [kreardon@pphi.org] on behalf of Meg McGowan [meg.mcgowan@gmail.com]
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Sincerely,

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morikawa2 - Shaun

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Sincerely,

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morikawa2 - Shaun

From: Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [kreardon@pphi.org] on behalf of marney richards [marneyrichards370@gmail.com]
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Sincerely,

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From: Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [kreardon@pphi.org] on behalf of Marian Tsuji [mariantsuji@hawaii.rr.com]
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Why victimize the victim again!?!?

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Sincerely,

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Apt 702
Honolulu, HI 96822-2649

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From: Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [kreardon@pphi.org] on behalf of Rosemary Griggs [rosieg1021@aol.com]
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Sincerely,

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morikawa2 - Shaun

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Sincerely,

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From: Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [kreardon@pphi.org] on behalf of Rowena Vaca [rocokona@gmail.com]
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Sincerely,

Ms. Rowena Vaca
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Kailua Kona, HI 96740-1956

morikawa2 - Shaun

From: Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [kreardon@pphi.org] on behalf of Shannon Rudolph [shannonkona@gmail.com]
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Sincerely,

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morikawa2 - Shaun

From: Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [kreardon@pphi.org] on behalf of Tom Wright [tom.wright.hoaka@gmail.com]
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Sincerely,

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From: Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [kreardon@pphi.org] on behalf of Valerie Holland [karma755@msn.com]
Sent: Monday, February 04, 2013 6:43 PM
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Sincerely,

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Kalaheo, HI 96741-9560

morikawa2 - Shaun

From: Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [kreardon@pphi.org] on behalf of Ann Pitcaithley [pitcaith@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Monday, February 04, 2013 9:13 PM
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Sincerely,

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(808) 250-2280

morikawa2 - Shaun

From: Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [kreardon@pphi.org] on behalf of Giulia Nelken [geegeeadore@mac.com]
Sent: Monday, February 04, 2013 9:13 PM
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Our country does not support forced labor! Some people can not afford another child. Caring for a child curtails a woman's ability to educate herself and find meaningful work. Most women want to choose the father's of their children. Pregnancy is a strain on all bodies, it ages many of the bodies systems. Carrying the child of a man who has raped you is traumatic and causes mental pain and suffering. People who can't afford to have children can end up needing more public assistance in order to house, feed and clothe that child.

Please think carefully about the moves you make to block women's access to Compassionate Care and commit our country to the immorality of imprisoning peoples bodies and lives, and spending money our country doesn't have. I do not stand alone.

Sincerely,
Giulia Nelken
Kailua, Hawaii, 96734

Hawaii's most vulnerable patients deserve access to quality, compassionate care after a sexual assault, no matter which emergency room they arrive in. I urge the Committee to pass HB 411. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Giulia Nelken

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morikawa2 - Shaun

From: Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [kreardon@pphi.org] on behalf of Laura Sprowls [laurasprowls@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 04, 2013 10:43 PM
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Subject: Testimony in Support of HB 411

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Sincerely,

Ms. Laura Sprowls
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Honolulu, HI 96821-1968

February 4, 2013

TO: Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair House Committee on Health
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Representative Rida T.R. Cabanilla
Representative Mele Carroll
Representative Jo Jordan
Representative Bertrand Kobayashi
Representative Justin H. Woodson
Representative Lauren Kealohilani Cheape

February 6, 2013 10:30 Conference Room 329

FROM: Jess Glasser

RE: HB 411 Relating to Hospital Emergency Compassionate Care for Sexual Assault Victims - SUPPORT

Representative Della Au Belatti Chair, Representative Dee Morikawa Vice Chair, and members of the House of Representatives Committee on Health, I am Jess Glasser, I am a social work graduate student at UH Manoa and am committed to empowering our state's most vulnerable. I strongly support HB 411 Relating to Hospital Emergency Compassionate Care for Sexual Assault Victims.

I strongly support this bill because it will:

- Increase access to accepted standard of care for all of Hawaii's women
- Reduce healthcare disparities
- Reduce the number of unintended pregnancies
- Allow women control over their own bodies and healthcare decisions
- Impose no significant additional financial burden on taxpayers

377 forcible rapes were reported to Hawaii law enforcement in 2010. I shudder to think how many survivors of sexual assault in Hawaii must endure the additional stress, trauma, and fear that the rape they just survived will result in pregnancy, only because their emergency care provider refused to tell them about all their options.

Please ensure that sexual assault survivors across our islands have the same information about and access to the accepted standard of care, no matter where they seek it out.

I urge your favorable consideration of HB 411.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

5 February 2013

In Support of HB 411

To: House Committee on Health

From: Kelsey De Avila, BA Psychology and BA Women's Studies from the University of Hawaii, Manoa '13.

I'm writing you today not on behalf of any particular organization, but on behalf of a friend. I found out Monday morning that a friend was raped Friday night on February 1, 2013.

Three days pasted until she gained enough courage to tell her closes friends. It wasn't because she didn't see it as important issue, it was because she was embarrassed, ashamed and guilty for what had happened to her that night. Most of all she was afraid to tell her story and she was afraid that she could be pregnant. The man who raped her did not use a condom. The man who raped her forced her against her will and became extremely rough with her. For those three days, from Friday to Monday, she was in pain and bleeding, vaginally.

Her health was at risk.

When I found out what happened I was asked what to do. My first concern was her health. I was worried for her safety and her well-being. All I wanted was for her to see a doctor.

As only a student in the Women's Studies Department I'm no expert in the field of women's health, but when a woman is taken against her will and forced to have sex, so vigorously that she begins to bleed, that should tell you that no victim of sexual assault ever asks for this.

This should also tell you that any victim of sexual assault is at risk of much related health concerns.

If this bill were to have already been passed I could have taken my friend to an ER. She would have received the compassionate care that she needed. She would have only had to tell her story once. And the thought of a possible pregnancy that resulted from a rape could be released from her mind and she could start moving forward at rebuilding her life, healing and becoming a stronger woman.

This is my first testimony that I've ever written and submitted. There are many issues that I want to see government resolve, but I hope that this will be on the top of the list.

Unlike what many people think, sexual assault becomes a health related concern. EC is basic health care responsibility.

Any and every sexual assault victim that comes through the ER deserves the correct information and deserves the opportunity to choose what she feels is best for her and for her future.

My friend that I've been mentioning is not the first woman I know who has been sexually assaulted. I'm only 23 and many of my friends were sexual assault survivors before we ended high school.

I hope to see this bill pass because I want to see survivors treated with the most compassionate care and respect that any and all health professionals should be providing.

Please pass this bill in the hope that this can be the beginning of the healing process.

Thank you for your time,
Kelsey

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From: Planned Parenthood of Hawaii [kreardon@pphi.org] on behalf of Cindy Ledesma [c_ledesma3@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 05, 2013 10:03 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of HB 411

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Thank you for your attention and support for this very important standard of care

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Sincerely,

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