

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

908

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 19 2013

RE: H.B. No. 411

H.D. 2

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 H.B. No. 411,
H.D. 2, 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
sexual assault victims are provided information about and access
to emergency contraception when receiving emergency medical care
at Hawaii's hospitals.

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; State of Hawaii
Crime Victim Compassion Compensation Commission; City and County
of Honolulu, Department of the Prosecuting Attorney; The Sex Abuse
Treatment Center; American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii;
American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists; Hawaii
Medical Association; Healthcare Association of Hawaii; Hawaii
Democratic Party, Gay Lesbian Bisexual and Transgender Caucus;
Planned Parenthood; IMUAlliance; Domestic Violence Action Center;
Kaiser Permanente Hawaii; Honolulu Pride; Community Alliance on
Prisons; and six individuals. Your Committee received testimony
in opposition to this measure from Hawaii Family Forum; Hawaii
Family Advocates; Saint Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii;
Hawaii Catholic Conference; and two individuals.



Your Committee finds that, according to a report prepared by the Department of the Attorney General, there were three hundred fifty-three reported cases of forcible rape in Hawaii in 2011. Further, according to the United States Department of Justice, over half of all rapes are not reported to the police. There are an estimated thirty-two thousand rape-related pregnancies every year in the United States.

Your Committee further finds that emergency contraception is a safe and effective means of preventing pregnancy after sexual assault. Providing information about and access to emergency contraception is the most widely recognized and accepted standard of care for sexual assault victims. Your Committee also finds it necessary to require all hospitals in Hawaii to provide information about and access to all victims of sexual assault who present themselves for emergency medical treatment at Hawaii's hospitals.

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 H.B. No. 411, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

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

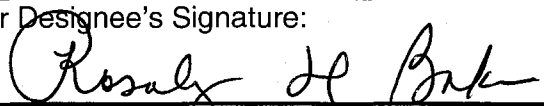


JOSH GREEN, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Seventh Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 411, HD2	Committee Referral: HTH, JDL	Date: 03/11/2013		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GREEN, Josh (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
SLOM, Sam			✓	
TOTAL	4	—	1	—
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes