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Testimony COMMENTING on S.B. 501 S.D. 1
RELATING TO HEALTH

REPRESENTATIVE DELLA AU BELATTI, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: March 16, 2017

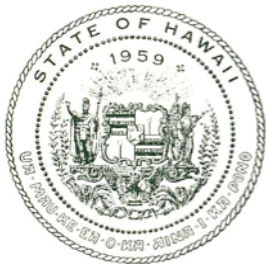
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- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** S.B. 501 S.D. 1 would require regulatory oversight of “limited service
- 2 pregnancy centers” by the Department of Health (DOH) not limited to civil penalties and civil
- 3 actions for enforcement and remedy which would include fiscal costs.

- 4 **Department Testimony:** We are providing comment on this bill that the DOH acknowledges
- 5 the importance of patients understanding their options for public programs that provide
- 6 immediate free or low-cost access to comprehensive family planning services. However, the
- 7 DOH does not have the resources nor the capacity to regulate and/or enforce the provisions in
- 8 this measure.

- 9 Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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March 16, 2017

To: Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Health

From: Cathy Betts
Executive Director, Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women

Re: Testimony in Support, SB 501, SD1, Relating to Health

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of SB 501, SD 1, which would ensure women in Hawaii are provided medically accurate information regarding their reproductive health, including information on how to access the full range of healthcare services and programs available to them.

Anyone seeking health care deserves to be provided with medically accurate, unbiased, and comprehensive information about their health and their choices. When individuals have a full range of information and are able to provide informed consent, they make better health choices for themselves and their families.

Limited Service Pregnancy Centers, also called “crisis pregnancy centers”, often utilize misleading and false information about reproductive health. Additionally, these centers are under no obligation to inform “patients” that they are not actually licensed health care providers or practitioners, and that they have no duty to safeguard medical information provided to them. These centers are commonly tied to religious organizations with stanch positions on contraceptive use and reproductive health care.

SB 501, SD1 provides common sense regulations and reasonable enforcement for these centers, which operate under the guise of helping vulnerable women and girls. The Commission strongly supports SB 501, SD1. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support.

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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair

Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

Committee members: Reps. Har, Morikawa, Oshiro, Todd and Tupola

Notice of Hearing

Thursday, March 16th.

10:30 am Room 329

March 14, 2017

To: Chair Belatti, Vice-Chair Kobayashi and committee members

Re: SB501 SD1 Relating to Health

I stand in strong opposition to this bill.

These centers like "A Place for Women" "Aloha Pregnancy Care and Counseling" "Pearson Foundation" "Malama Pregnancy Center of Maui" provide true options, real compassion and support to any and all women at no cost or obligation.

For those that chose abortions recently or decades ago these centers offer counseling, forgiveness and healing for those choices of regret.

This bill requires that these counseling centers must display and offer locations for abortion providers, which is against everything they stand for.

Yet there are no reciprocal requirements for abortion providers to offer a list and location of Pregnancy Counseling Centers "Limited Service Pregnancy Centers". It appears it's a one way street, all directions point women to abortion providers.

This bill is written in such a way that it tramples on the first amendment rights which are to be protected by you our elected officials.

*Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion,
or prohibiting the free exercise thereof;
or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press;
or the right of the people peaceably to assemble,
and to petition the government for a redress of grievances*

This bill has proven itself to be an obvious attack on these counseling centers, their religious freedoms and free speech so much so that the blatant bias in the Senate has been exposed and has now tainted the integrity of some of those in the senate.

CENSORED: Hawaiian Lawmakers Keep Pro-Lifers from Defending Free Speech

<https://pregnancyhelpnews.com/censored-hawaiian-lawmakers-keep-pro-lifers-from-defending-free-speech>

In closing I ask you to vote against passing this bill and those like it and remember that without these "Limited Service Pregnancy Centers" there will be such a void of service, options and hope for all Hawaii's women!

Respectfully submitted

Rita Kama-Kimura

Mililani, HI

Member of

the Hawaii Federation of Republican Women

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SB501

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Joan Kutzer	Hawaii Nurses Association, OPEIU local 50	Support	No

Comments: Hawaii Nurses Association is in strong support of SB 501.

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**American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
District VIII, Hawaii (Guam & American Samoa) Section**



TO: Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair
Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice-Chair

DATE: Thursday, March 16, 2017 (1030)

FROM: Hawaii Section, ACOG
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Lauren Zirbel, Community and Government Relations

**Statement of the Hawaii Section of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
SB 501: SUPPORT with CPH/JDL Amendments**

The Hawaii Section of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (HI ACOG) supports SB 501 and other legislative proposals that increase the transparency of healthcare services and promote the provision of medically acute information to patients. As a Section of the Nation's leading group of physicians dedicated to improving health care for women, HI ACOG represents more than 200 obstetrician/gynecologist physicians in our state.

Limited Service Pregnancy Centers (Crisis Pregnancy Centers) Mislead Women and Delay Important Reproductive Healthcare

- Limited service pregnancy centers, also known as crisis pregnancy centers, are a growing threat to women's health. These centers exist in order to dissuade and prevent people facing unintended pregnancy from accessing safe abortion care and other reproductive health services.
- Limited service pregnancy centers often provide medically inaccurate information and perform medical exams without a licensed or qualified clinician. They target women who are faced with unintended pregnancy and lack access to care by offering free pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, counseling, or prenatal care to vulnerable women without providing clear information about the limits of services offered or medically indicated referrals to qualified healthcare providers.
- Visits to limited service pregnancy centers often result in delays in accessing prenatal care, sexually transmitted infection testing and treatment, appropriate care following sexual assault, an other medically indicated reproductive health services, particularly for women with language barriers, limited financial resources, or limited health literacy.
- Personal health and other sensitive information disclosed to personnel at limited service pregnancy centers are not legally protected as is similar information provided to licensed healthcare providers.
- Several states and municipalities have proposed legislation to protect the public from the deceptive practices of limited service pregnancy centers. Most notably, California recently enacted the Reproductive Freedom, Accountability, Comprehensive Care, and Transparency (FACT) Act. Similar to SB 501, the FACT Act requires that licensed pregnancy-related clinics disseminate a notice stating the existence of publicly-funded family-planning services, including contraception and abortion. The FACT Act also requires that unlicensed clinics disseminate a notice stating that they are not licensed by the State of California. The FACT Act was upheld by the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in October of 2016. The Ninth Circuit also maintains appellate jurisdiction over Hawai'i.

Therefore, **our ACOG section strongly supports SB 501 with the amendment suggested by CPH/JDL that further inform and protect the public, as below.**

- We recommend amending the required written notice to include language informing potential clients that the clinic does not provide abortion services or abortion referrals, and that only ultrasounds performed by qualified healthcare professionals and read by licensed clinicians should be considered medically accurate.

We stand ready to provide you with factual information on women's health issues that come before the Legislature and hope you will contact us at any time.

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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB501 SD1

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
Rep. Sharon E. Har
Rep. Chris Todd
Rep. Dee Morikawa
Rep. Andria P.L. Tupola
Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro

HEARING Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 10:30 am Conference Room 329

Dear Chairmen, Vice Chairmen and Committee Members,

My name is Jim Hochberg and I am a civil rights attorney who has practiced law in Hawaii since 1984 (33 years). I testify in opposition to this bill on the grounds that it would, if passed, violate First Amendment rights and the rights of conscience of those who oppose uttering the words and ideas required by this law.

Not only does SB501 SD1 seek intentionally to violate the rights of those who operate pregnancy centers targeted by this bill based on the content of the compelled speech this bill will require, the process the Senate used to pass SB501 SD1 violated the Constitutional rights of some of those desiring to testify in opposition. In particular, in the course of the Senate consideration of this bill, the First Amendment Rights of the citizens to petition their government for the redress of grievances was also violated. That makes the process by which the Senate passed this bill unconstitutional. The very pregnancy center that was attacked by the Planned Parenthood testimony supporting this bill, had sought to present testimony to counter the claims against it, yet the Senate censored that testimony in violation of the Constitution. It is not the duty of the legislature to determine what testimony is permitted and what is not. Not only is the legislature duty bound to accept any testimony presented on a measure, it has no reason to censor testimony as it is not possible for a person to be sued by anyone based on the content of their testimony. See HRS 634F, the SLAPP statute. In addition, the other pregnancy centers in Hawaii, those who would be directly impacted by the passage of this bill that is intended to violate their First Amendment rights, submitted testimony and received email confirmations of the proper submission. Unbelievably, the

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Senate committee did not post nor provide those testimonies to the committee members prior to the committee vote. Again, censorship of testimony in opposition to a bill that violates constitutional rights is never appropriate nor legal. Consequently, as a civil rights attorney, I will not hesitate to represent a pregnancy center on a pro bono basis if it was offended by the process of the passage of this bill, or is impacted by the requirements of this bill should it become law.

I have many questions about the factual representations upon which this bill is premised in the preamble. Apparently, notwithstanding HRS 321-1 and its requirement that the Department of Health pursue a statewide policy of "health equity", the legislative findings fail to take into consideration the fact that abortion has an extremely negative, long lasting, effect on the women. Part of the services provided to women by a pregnancy center address those negative effects. While the legislative findings appear to have determined that abortion is the answer for an unintended pregnancy, for many women, abortion leaves in its wake women who are devastated by the emotional toll abortion causes them. Pregnancy centers address that toll. HRS 321-1 defines "health equity" as "assuring equal opportunity for all people in the State to attain their full health potential." SB 501 SD1 violates this statewide health policy by failing to require that abortion providers provide their customers with appropriate, truthful, complete information concerning post abortion health issues and the availability of the pregnancy centers to provide health saving information and counseling on those matters. This bill must be amended to include those requirements if it is to avoid violating the statewide health policy of the Department of Health of achieving health equity.

This bill compels speech which those working in pregnancy centers would be loathe to utter because it interferes with part of the pregnancy center's mission, and is repugnant to the overall purpose of the center. This governmental compulsion of repugnant speech is constitutionally impermissible under the Constitution of the State of Hawaii. Abortion providers have fought against having to provide women with ultrasound testing and the results thereof before providing abortions as a violation of the constitution. This bill is no different. In addition, this bill would be as if a legislative body decided that public safety required all people to praise the efforts of President Trump rather than express their true ideas of opposition. It is clear that there are many in this state who would vigorously object to such compelled speech. The government is prohibited from compelling a faith based organization to give a message which violates its fundamental principles. Pregnancy centers would not be able to help women who suffer from the lasting effects of having had an abortion if the pregnancy center supported abortion as an alternative to pregnancy.

To the extent that a person at a pregnancy center objects to abortion on the basis of religious belief, the compelled speech in support of abortion and related information required of this bill if enacted into law would also violate First Amendment religious liberty. The targets of this bill, pregnancy centers, are faith based ministries that are prolife and oppose abortion. Such opposition to abortion means that as a matter of religious principle they do not perform or teach about or refer

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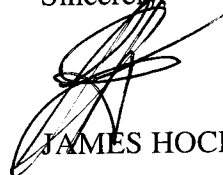
for abortion. This law, if enacted, would mandate that such faith based ministries violate their religious convictions and become abortion referral agencies. If the religious tenets of a group included a belief that cigarette smokers were subject to penalties through the religious order, then it would violate their religious liberty to force members of that religion to inform people in their workplace about the availability of and means to access cigarettes.

The disclosure and notice requirements in this bill are somewhat similar, but not identical, to a law passed in 2015 by the California legislature. The California law was challenged on behalf of pregnancy centers in the federal courts in California. The case is being appealed to the United States Supreme Court. It is expected that the high court will accept the appeal and, if so, argument on the merits of the law will be made this fall -- probably October. Because of the distinctions between the California law and SB 501SD1, I have made myself available to challenge this law in court here in Hawaii. Why would Hawaii want to move ahead on this legislation before the current litigation is completed and the Supreme Court has determined the constitutionality of the compelled speech mandated by that law.

This bill goes further than the California law by creating a private right of action against the person who objects to making the compelled speech. This generates confusion for the community with respect to who is enforcing this compelled speech.

For the foregoing reasons I oppose the bill and ask that you kill it today in committee. If you have any questions please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,



JAMES HOCHBERG

Attached HRS 321-1

JH

PART I. GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

§321-1 General powers and duties of the department. (a) The department of health shall have general charge, oversight, and care of the health and lives of the people of the State, and shall pursue as a goal, the achievement of health equity. The department shall consider social determinants of health in the assessment of state needs for health.

(b) The department may conduct epidemiologic investigations of diseases and injuries that threaten or are deemed by the department to threaten the public health and safety.

(c) The department shall have authority in matters of quarantine and other health matters and may declare and enforce quarantine when none exists and modify or release quarantine when it is established.

(d) When it is determined that there is imminent danger of epidemic or serious outbreak of communicable disease, the department may refuse, modify, or limit attendance at any school in the State.

(e) When in the judgment of the director, there is deemed to be a potential health hazard, the department may take precautionary measures to protect the public through the imposition of an embargo, the detention of products regulated by the department, the removal of products regulated by the department from the market, the declaration of quarantine, or by sequestering items suspected to be contaminated by toxic or infectious substances; provided that the director shall find evidence of a health hazard within seven days of the action taken or rescind the action. The director shall make public the findings.

(f) All county health authorities, sheriffs, police officers, and all other officers and employees of the State, and every county thereof, shall enforce the rules of the department. All such powers in health matters as have been or may be conferred upon any county shall be concurrent with those of the department.

(g) The department may establish charges and collect fees for any of its services; provided that the department shall not refuse to provide services to any person due to the person's inability to pay the fee for the service. The department, through the director, shall make an annual report to the governor, showing in detail all its expenditures and transactions, and such other information regarding the public health as the department may deem of special interest.

(h) The department, during the prevalence of any severe pestilence or epidemic, shall publish a weekly report of the public health.

(i) The department shall establish and administer programs, and adopt rules as deemed necessary, for the prevention of domestic and sexual violence and the protection and treatment of victims of domestic and sexual violence.

(j) As used in this section:

"Health equity" means assuring equal opportunity for all people

in the State to attain their full health potential.

"Social determinants of health" means the complex, integrated, and overlapping social structures and economic systems that contribute to health inequities. These social structures and economic systems include the social environment, physical environment, health services, and structural and societal factors. [L 1937, c 122, pt of §2; RL 1945, §2007; RL 1955, §46-8; am L Sp 1959 2d, c 1, §19; HRS §321-1; am L 1984, c 173, §1; am L 1985, c 271, §4; am L 1989, c 211, §10; am L 1990, c 281, §11; am L 1991, c 158, §1; am L 1996, c 167, §2; am L 1999, c 192, §3; am L 2002, c 169, §3; am L 2014, c 157, §2]

Cross References

Annual reports, see §93-12.

General functions and authority, see §26-13.

Case Notes

Health laws should be liberally construed to accomplish their purpose to protect community. 21 H. 56, 60; 21 H. 206, 208; 22 H. 327, 333.

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To: Hawaii State House of Representatives Committee on Health
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, Mar. 16, 2017, 10:30 a.m.
Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 329
Re: Testimony of Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii in strong support of S.B. 501 SD1, relating to Health

Dear Chair Belatti and Members of the Committee,

Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii (“PPVNH”) writes in strong support of S.B. 501, SD1, which seeks to require limited service pregnancy centers, otherwise known as “crisis pregnancy centers,” to disclose the availability of publicly-funded family planning services and to establish privacy protections and pregnancy test disclosure requirements.

S.B. 501 will go far to ensure that women have the information they need to make private, fair, informed choices about their health care. Anyone seeking health care should receive comprehensive, accurate, unbiased information in a confidential setting. Reproductive health care is no different. When women are fully informed, they are better able to make the best decisions for themselves about their personal health.

However, in Hawaii communities, limited service pregnancy centers are offering women biased, misleading, and even false pregnancy and health care information and denying women needed referrals for reproductive health services, and all while failing to disclose that they are not actually licensed health care providers and have no duty to protect women’s private medical information. Women in Hawaii deserve better.

S.B. 501 will put in place commonsense protections to ensure that any woman seeking pregnancy testing services receives the information she needs to make decisions about her reproductive health. Please support S.B. 501 to guarantee that all women receive the same basic standard of care.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of this important measure.

Sincerely,
Laurie Field
Hawaii Legislative Director and Public Affairs Manager



March 14, 2017

House's Committee on Health
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 329
Honolulu, HI 96813

Hearing: Thursday, March 16, 2017 – 10:30 a.m.

RE: **STRONG SUPPORT for Senate Bill 501 SD 1** – RELATING TO HEALTH

Aloha Chairperson Belatti, Vice Chair Kobayashi and fellow committee members,

I am writing in STRONG SUPPORT to Senate Bill 501 Senate Draft 1 on behalf of the LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i. SB 501 SD 1 requires all limited service pregnancy centers to disclose the availability of and enrollment information for reproductive health services. Establishes privacy and disclosure requirements for individual records and information. Authorizes civil penalties and civil actions for enforcement and remedy.

The LGBT Caucus views this bill as a necessity for anyone seeking medical information especially when you are talking about a women's right to know what is available to her.

We hope you all will support this important piece of legislation.
Mahalo nui loa,

Michael Golojuch, Jr.
Chair and SCC Representative
LGBT Caucus for the DPH



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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB501 SD1

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair
Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

HEARING Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 10:30 am Conference Room 329

Dear Chairmen, Vice Chairmen and Committee Members,

As a Pastor of Calvary Chapel Pearl Harbor, I am directly affected by this bill and I testify in OPPOSITION to this bill on the grounds that it would, if passed, violate my First Amendment rights and my religious liberty rights.

* SB501 SD1 seeks intentionally to violate the rights of those of us who operate pregnancy centers by compelling speech in violation of the First Amendment rights to free speech. We believe fundamentally that ALL ABORTION KILLS a living human being once conception has occurred.

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* As a completely free service to the community, our opposition to this bill is strictly Constitutional. We are fighting for our freedom of religion and freedom of speech, as protected by the US Constitution; whereas supporters of this bill are financially motivated since they view pregnancy centers as a threat to their business model.

For the foregoing reasons I oppose the bill and ask that you vote no in committee.

Pastor Austin Araki

Calvary Chapel Pearl Harbor



March 14, 2017

TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair
Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

For Hearing on Thursday, March 16, 2017
10:30 a.m., Conference Room 329
By: Chris Jimenez, Administrative Pastor, Calvary Chapel Pearl Harbor

Senate Bill No. 501 SD1

Relating to Health

Thank you for the opportunity to testify IN OPPOSITION to Senate Bill 501 SD1

As one of the staff pastors for a church that operates a limited services pregnancy center, as defined in Senate Bill 501 SD1, I'm absolutely opposed to this proposed bill.

As a faith based ministry, protected by the First Amendment which guarantees freedom of religion, it is a matter of religious principle that we oppose abortion. Thus, being forced to refer women to organizations that perform abortions is a **violation of a fundamental Constitutional right, and we are prepared to challenge this law all the way to the US Supreme Court.** Laws similar to this Hawaii bill have been defeated, at a high expense to the government entities that passed these unconstitutional laws.

• **Montgomery County, MD**

- A federal judge in Maryland struck down a county law that mandated signage at limited service pregnancy centers. (*Centro Tepeyac v. Montgomery County*)
- The opinion of the court noted that "when core First Amendment interests are implicated, mere intuition [of a problem] is not sufficient. Yet that is all the County has brought forth: intuition and suppositions."
- The decision was affirmed by the US Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit. In that ruling the court made the following comments:
 - "Because the dangers of compelled speech are real and grave, courts must be on guard whenever the state seeks to force an individual or private organization to utter a statement at odds with its most fundamental beliefs."
 - "In *Wooley v. Maynard*, 430 U.S. 705, 715 (1977), the Court quite explicitly noted that state action "which forces an individual . . . to be an instrument for fostering public adherence to an ideological point of view" was unacceptable under the First Amendment."
- **After losing the case, Montgomery County paid \$375,000 in attorneys' fees, costs, and nominal damages to the plaintiffs, and additionally incurred 4 years of legal expenses defending this unconstitutional law.**

- **New York, NY**

- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York issued an order that prohibited the city from enforcing its ordinance, which threatened pregnancy centers with heavy fines and possible closure if they didn't provide printed notices crafted by the city that emphasize abortion. (*Pregnancy Care Center of New York v. City of New York*)
- The city appealed that loss, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit affirmed most of the ruling, but the court did approve a settlement on one aspect of the law. However, the section of the law still in effect does not apply to the pregnancy centers since these centers already use licensed nurses and doctors to provide specific medical services like ultrasounds.
- **The city of New York incurred 5 years of legal expenses defending the unconstitutional portions of this law.**

- **Austin, TX**

- The Austin City Council passed an ordinance that required pregnancy centers post two signs about not performing or referring abortions. (*Austin LifeCare v. City of Austin*)
- Austin's ordinance was permanently enjoined from enforcement by the United States District Court in June 2014.
- **The city of Austin had to pay \$100,000 in attorney fees and incurred 4 years of legal expenses defending this unconstitutional ordinance.**

- **California**

- A California law mandates that medical pregnancy centers post a notice in their waiting room on how to obtain a state funded abortion. (*NIFLA v. Becerra [Harris]*)
- The 9th Circuit Court denied an injunction request, and an appeal is currently being filed.
- **This case has years of litigation ahead.**

- **Illinois**

- A new law forcing pregnancy resource centers to discuss abortion benefits and refer pregnant women for abortions despite their conscience-based opposition to abortion went into effective on January 1, 2017. This law is being challenged in Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit. (*NIFLA v. Rauner*)
- **This case has years of litigation ahead.**

If this law is enacted in Hawaii, NIFLA (National Institute of Family & Life Advocates), our national affiliate, is prepared to file a lawsuit (NIFLA President's Update, February 2017, Vol. V No2):

Regarding the proposed Hawaii Law, "NIFLA will, as we have done with the California and Illinois laws, file a lawsuit in federal district court seeking an injunction to prohibit the enforcement of this law if it is enacted. We are working with our friends and fellow attorneys with the Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) to prepare such a law suit, if necessary."

Given the Constitutional issues with this bill, and the history of case law defeating similar laws, please consider the following:

- It would be fiscally and judicially prudent for the State of Hawaii to wait for the Constitutionality ruling of the California law and Illinois law before preceding with a similar law in Hawaii.
- With only five pregnancy centers in Hawaii, the costs of defending this unnecessary law do not justify the proposed “benefit” of a forced sign that displays information already available with a quick Google search.
- As a completely free service to the community, our opposition to this bill is strictly Constitutional. We are fighting for our freedom of religion and freedom of speech, as protected by the US Constitution.
- Supporters of this bill are financially motivated. This one-sided bill targets pregnancy centers specifically since these centers are pro-information. Meaning, they share “the complete story” with women, including abortion procedure information, potential complications, medical research regarding risks, and they actually let women see the ultrasound screen, something many abortion clinics hide from women in fear they will change their mind, and thus lose revenue for the abortion clinic. The abortion industry supports this bill since they view pregnancy centers as a threat to their business model.

I would like to end with two final requests:

1. We all know this topic is a political hot button, so it can feel difficult to find unbiased information. I recently watched a documentary made by a pro-choice filmmaker (not Pro-life). This pro-choice woman doesn't focus on either label, she is merely pro-information. Her documentary provides unbiased reporting on the medical studies available worldwide, and the political pressure to keep a “Hush” on the topic. Her goal is to open the conversation on women's health and to encourage more research. I personally believe each legislator should watch this movie before voting on this important topic. The name of the film is “Hush” and you can learn more about the movie on hushfilm.com. Our office can provide free rentals of the film to legislators that request it through our office.
2. Because of the political nature of this issue, supporters of this bill are painting a grim picture of pregnancy centers. I challenge every legislator to come visit A Place for Women in Waipio. Take a tour. See what we do for the women in our community. Check out our processes and procedures firsthand, instead of relying the testimony of organizations with a financial motivation to disparage pregnancy centers.

I hope these points will be given consideration, and that you will oppose Senate Bill 501 SD1.



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* As a completely free service to the community, our opposition to this bill is strictly Constitutional. We are fighting for our freedom of religion and freedom of speech, as protected by the US Constitution; whereas supporters of this bill are financially motivated since they view pregnancy centers as a threat to their business model.

For the foregoing reasons I oppose the bill and ask that you vote no in committee.

Pastor Corey Boss

Calvary Chapel Pearl Harbor

March 14, 2017

Dear House Committee on Health,

I am writing on behalf of A Place for Women in Waipio. I have worked as a volunteer for over a year answering phone calls, sitting with clients, and performing ultrasounds. I am a registered nurse (RN) in the states of California and Hawaii with a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree.

Certifications

In response to accusations that we do not have medically certified staff, I would like you to consider that our facility has licensed nurses that are overseen by Dr. Vivian Wong. In addition, I have received training in ultrasound sonography through Sonography Now. The credentials and training certificates are displayed in our medical room. All my scans are reviewed by our MD, and we are HIPAA compliant even though we do not bill for any of our services. I would not put my nursing license on the line if I was not 100% sure that I was practicing within my scope of practice.

Clients

In response to how we obtain our clients, I have personally answered phone calls, and we offer our services that are appropriate to their needs. These clients are notified on the phone that we do not offer or refer for abortions. Most clients find us through our website where it also indicates that we do not offer or refer for abortions. In addition, all medical questions are referred to our medically licensed staff. It would not be within my interest to discuss abortion referrals when our clients are already bringing themselves in for appointments knowing that we do not offer or refer for abortions. This goes against what I personally stand for and also our church and organization.

Ultrasounds

During visits with clients I pride myself on creating a comforting and nonjudgmental environment where they can see and understand the progress of their pregnancy through ultrasound.

I am thankful to be able to volunteer my time at A Place for Women to serve women in our community facing difficult situations, no matter what their final decision.

Please vote NO on SB501 so that we can continue offering our free services to the community without compromising our mission. Help defend our freedom of speech and religion.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Zaman, RN, MSN

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 1:36 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Cc: gghaynes@msn.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB501 on Mar 16, 2017 10:30AM

SB501

Submitted on: 3/14/2017

Testimony for HLT on Mar 16, 2017 10:30AM in Conference Room 329

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gloria Haynes	A Place For Women In Waipio	Oppose	No

Comments: Twenty three years ago, I made a choice to walk into a Planned Parenthood and on that day, I had my baby murdered there. I walked out of Planned Parenthood that day not knowing of the horrible effects I was about to endure from the very “uninformed choice” I’ve made. I say “uninformed” because I was not counseled on the physical, emotional and spiritual consequences of having an abortion. There were no other options given to me but abortion. The feeling of relief after my procedure immediately turned into grief. I experienced countless nights of crying, years of feeling shame, regret and guilt and the burden of secrecy. I thank God for His forgiveness and grace in my life. After taking an abortion recovery bible study called “Forgiven and Set Free” from A Place for Women in Waipio, I realized that there were many women who suffered silently from the pain of their abortion/abortions. The class helped me a great deal with my healing process. I was freed from the bondage of guilt and shame. Soon after taking the class, I became a facilitator for this 10 week Bible study. As a facilitator, I have seen God do wondrous works in the lives of women, including myself, who have completed the Bible study “Forgiven and Set Free.” “There are numerous psychological and medical terms describing a woman’s grief following an abortion. From Post Abortion Syndrome to PTSD, the fact is that an abortion is not just a medical procedure, as many would want us to believe. No, this choice affects a woman’s soul at the deepest levels. A woman is designed to protect her womb and when violence has occurred against her child, it strikes her at the very core of her being. As a result, many women are left to deal with the resulting violation in silence. Some are silent out of shame and others from pressure by pro-choice groups who wants us to pretend there are no consequences to this perceived “right.”” Marian Jordan Ellis Women need a safe place to grieve an abortion loss. A Place for Women in Waipio is that place for them. It is a safe and a confidential place where women can process the different stages of grief and deal with their feelings of guilt, anger, unforgiveness and depression. We are there for the baby who is voiceless and for the woman who will find herself silent because she chose abortion. This Bill would be asking me to stare a mother in the eye and send her to the very same place where I had my baby murdered! I just can not do that. SB 501 has no regard for my First Amendment rights and is forcing me to violate my religious convictions. For these reasons, I strongly oppose SB 501.

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Thank you for the chance to be a part of our free and equal governmental process today!

I can only speak for myself when talking about abortion experiences. I have been hurt through my personal abortion and the medical and mental damage it caused me and my family for years. The pressure to abort my child was oppressive from every side. I did not feel like I had any choice except abortion. My child's father was told to be silent despite his desire to parent and this left me feeling abandoned. I wished I had another voice to hear and another view to experience. I wished I had a choice.

I can only speak for the pregnancy health centers that I am familiar with. I see and have experienced the damage being repaired in the services offered, the long term healing that takes place, and the attention to detail that is prominent in the mission to support and defend life. The life of the mothers seeking answers that are clear and free of monetary motivations, as well as the life of our future tax-paying citizens.

I can only speak for US citizens when pointing out the obvious constitutional right of the first amendment being crushed under this proposal. We enjoy the freedom to defend our religious beliefs and openly share them with whomever is listening! Every human has inalienable rights to LIFE. I implore you to uphold our constitution and OPPOSE SB501. God Bless you all, thank you!

With Great Respect,
Melissa Colombo
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March 16, 2017

TESTIMONY TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair Rep. Sharon E. Har Rep. Chris Todd Rep. Dee Morikawa Rep. Andria P.L. Tupola Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro

For Hearing on Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 10:30 a.m., Conference Room 329

By: Joy Wright

Executive Director, Malama Pregnancy Center of Maui

SB 501 SD1

Relating to Health

(WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY)

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to SB 501 SD1.

As the Executive Director of a pregnancy resource center, The Malama Pregnancy Center of Maui (MPC) that values the sanctity of life and the unborn I have serious concerns about this bill. One concern is that the proposed bill would effectively censor the voice of MPC to compelled speech which is a violation of the First Amendment. The First Amendment of the United States Constitution protects MPC from a law of this nature. The government is prohibited from compelling a nonprofit faith-based organization to give a message which is in direct opposition and violation of its fundamental principles.

In addition, the proposed bill also violates First Amendment guarantees of freedom of religion. The Malama Pregnancy Center of Maui (MPC) is a faith-based ministry that is life-affirming and is opposed to abortion. The Malama Pregnancy Center's opposition to abortion simply translates that as a matter of religious principle and conviction we do not perform or refer for abortion. This law, if enacted, would mandate that our faith-based ministry violate our religious convictions and become an abortion referral agency.

The Malama Pregnancy Center of Maui is a tremendous value to our local community in Hawaii. We are pro-woman and provide a non-judgmental, safe, and confidential place to those facing an unplanned pregnancy. We do not take away a women's right to choose, our mission is to provide more than one choice. We care about each woman deeply, and we care about her unique situation that she is facing. Since all our services are free, we do not benefit from a woman's reproductive choice as the abortion industry does. The abortion industry makes money aborting children. Why else would the abortion lobbyists and industry want to force others, even pro-life pregnancy centers to provide free abortion advertising?



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The Malama Pregnancy Center of Maui empowers women in Hawaii to make informed choices. Many women faced with an unplanned pregnancy will tell you that they feel an abortion is their only choice. Whether you consider yourself pro-life or pro-choice, that should never be. Women are smart and deserve the opportunity to be informed with accurate information regarding pregnancy decisions including the choice to carry the preborn to term and to parent. MPC clearly communicates that we do not perform or refer clients for abortions. Thus, the client is not misled regarding services offered. Pregnant women and girls need a place where they can find help and hope for themselves and for their babies. MPC exists to offer help and hope to our community.

The Malama Pregnancy Center's services are strictly confidential and free of charge. All our information is accurate and clearly communicated in a caring and compassionate environment. We care about women's health. The earlier a woman seeks medical care in her pregnancy the better. At MPC we offer early confirmation of pregnancy to help women take timely steps in their medical care. MPC offers women who believe they may be pregnant, via self-administered onsite pregnancy test, a positive pregnancy test verification form for her to obtain medical services and insurance. In addition, we refer her to a prenatal care provider. Our services help to streamline medical care. Please understand that all the Malama Pregnancy Center's services and paperwork are clear and confidential at every stage of the client experience beginning with our Limitation of Services form.

I feel that **SB501 SD1** is a one-sided bill clearly targeting Christian life-affirming nonprofit privately funded pregnancy resource centers.

- SB501 SD1 does not truly meet its intended goal set forth in Section 1 of SB 501 SD1, of making "every possible effort to advise women of all available reproductive health programs". SB 501 SD 1 does not require abortion providers to notify women and refer women to pregnancy resource centers for accurate information regarding the choice to carry and or parent (often women feel coerced into having an abortion), and for information regarding post abortion health related issues. This bill is one-sided and lacks health equity for all women seeking reproductive health programs.

-This one-sided bill violates the rights of those who operate pregnancy centers by violating our deeply held religious views of the sanctity of life by forcing pregnancy resource centers to promote abortion by posting or handing out the government's favored view. Forcing pregnancy resource centers to refer for abortion in any manner violates our First Amendment rights of the freedom of speech and freedom of religion.

Another very serious concern of mine pertains to the mishandled testimony that was submitted for the Senate Ways and Means (WAM) hearing that took place on February 23, 2017. Many testimonies including mine, the



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other pregnancy center directors from the state of Hawaii, many pregnancy center volunteers, licensed medical providers, and board member's testimonies were left out of the record for the WAM hearing. The thing that perplexes me is that we all have confirmation emails from the capitol that our testimonies were submitted properly and timely. One director's testimony was even censored. Yet, the WAM committee voted on the bill and passed it through without many of the key testimonies opposing the bill being properly uploaded and distributed. How can this be? Our testimonies are the only voice we have. Isn't it the government's duty to advance the right to freely and publicly express our views when legislation is being debated? How can this bill move forward when the checks and balances of the legislative process has been broken?

Given the obvious disregard for the First Amendment rights of the religious organizations affected, I can only assume we will fight this law to the highest court. Due to the cost of having to defend this unconstitutional bill, I oppose the State of Hawaii using taxpayers' dollars to defend it in the courts solely to regulate a handful of religious organizations doing no harm to society.

The state should not infringe their view on religious organizations and violate their First Amendment rights. Nor should the state waste tax payer dollars to defend unnecessary legislation.

For these reasons, I urge you to **OPPOSE SB501 SD1.**

Thank you for your time and for the opportunity to testify in opposition to SB 501 SD1.

Kind regards,

Joy Wright, Executive Director
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(Ewa, Ewa Beach, Ewa Gentry, Ewa Villages, Hoakalei, Ocean Pointe)

March 14, 2017

House Committee on Health
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 329
Honolulu, HI 96813

Hearing: Thursday, March 16, 2017 – 10:30 a.m.

RE: STRONG OPPOSITION for Senate Bill 501SD1 – Requires all limited service pregnancy centers to disclose the availability of and enrollment information for reproductive health services. Establishes privacy and disclosure requirements for individual records and information. Authorizes civil penalties and civil actions for enforcement and remedy. (SD1)

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Kobayashi and fellow committee members,

Republicans of Ewa Beach District 41 strongly support our pregnancy resource centers for their unique, positive contribution to the individual lives of women, men, and babies—both born and unborn; and decries the actions of any national, state, or local groups, from attempting to prevent pregnancy resource centers from effectively serving women and men facing unplanned pregnancies.

It is truly unconscionable that our non-profit pregnancy help organizations would be compelled to advocate a pro-abortion message. This as an unconstitutional trampling over the freedom of speech and conscience guaranteed to all Americans. The idea that the abortion industry can regulate the free speech of those opposed to it, and use the law to do so, is troubling.

Our pregnancy centers fundamentally exist to provide tangible help and real pro-life alternatives to abortion to pregnant women in need. But abortion profiteers like Planned Parenthood and NARAL are still not content, they are now pushing new discriminatory regulations like SB501 SD1. Discrimination is the correct word for this bill, which would compel those who have deeply-held moral and religious views to offer abortion as a choice.

I encourage you to vote NO.

Mahalo,
Brett Kulbis
District Chairman



Hawaii Republican Party

State House District 41

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Additionally, this makes unskilled workers more expensive for businesses to hire, so hiring skilled and highly paid union members becomes a more attractive choice. This effectively increases union members' earned income but reduces low-income workers' job prospects and income earning capability.

I encourage you to vote NO. Instead you should be focusing on lowering the cost of living here in Hawaii by cutting taxes, reducing regulations and truly allowing small businesses to flourish.

Mahalo,
Brett Kulbis
District Chairman



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Opposition to SB 501 SD1

March 13, 2017

Aloha members of the House,

As a concerned citizen of Hawaii, a pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, and board member of the Malama Pregnancy Center of Maui, which falls directly under consideration by SB 501, I state our strong opposition to this bill, and ask all of you to vote against this measure so that our state is not saddled with an unconstitutional law and attempts to enforce bad legislation.

First of all I would like to give testimony to the positive good that Pregnancy Centers, such as Malama Pregnancy Center (MPC), provide our community. Secondly, to state our objections to this legislation.

- MPC is a reputable, religious non-profit; privately funded; it receives no government funds.
- MPC serves the recognized need of women and girls who may be facing an unplanned pregnancy and feel unprepared and alone.
- MPC was established specifically to help women and girls to choose life for their children, and provide the encouragement and practical material support to do so.
- Services are strictly confidential, free of charge, and non-judgmental.
- It is our standard of integrity not to coerce, bully, or mislead any clientele.
- Both our website and forms clearly disclose that MPC does not perform or refer for abortion.
- We do provide medically accurate information regarding all choices that our clients have regarding their pregnancy decisions.
- MPC provides care and compassion to all women including those who are post-abortive.
- MPC provides prenatal, parenting, and life skills classes to walk alongside mothers and families.
- All clients served by MPC receive services voluntarily, and with transparency about the nature of our services. Limitation of services is clearly communicated when each client requests services.
- MPC provides material assistance to families and referrals to medical doctors, licensed professionals, and helpful community agencies. In addition, MPC provides referrals for clients to obtain health insurance.

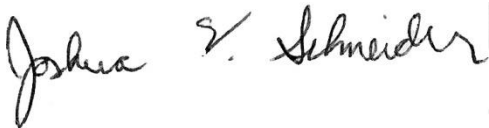
Our objections to SB 501 are summarized as follows:

- The mandated notice in SB 501 constitutes a referral to how one may obtain abortion services, which violates our right to define and pursue a life-affirming mission.
- The Senate modified the required notice to state that a center does not refer for abortions, and yet follows with information about how to obtain state funded abortion services. This is inherently contradictory.

- MPC is not an agency of the state or funded by it, such that MPC could be required to promote a government agenda.
- Provisions for lawsuits against pregnancy centers punish them for being pro-life, or not advertising or advocating for abortion services.
- The government must not restrict freedom of speech or freedom of religion.
- Information on abortion is far more widely accessible than awareness of pregnancy centers. The government does not need to enlist pregnancy centers for advertising.
- The same level of scrutiny and enforcement of alternative care options is not being applied to Planned Parenthood (PP) and other abortion providers in the state, which makes it disingenuous to say this is simply about women's health; it's narrowly targeted legislation.
- PP profits from abortion services, and has a financial interest in both providing abortions and harming the reputation of pregnancy centers. Their website attacks pregnancy centers as "fake clinics" that don't give women all their options. This bill seems to track with their messaging.
- Pregnancy centers make no profit from any decision made by our clientele.
- How can the government compel a private non-profit or even a business, for that matter, to advertise services that are contrary to their beliefs? Such compulsion takes away the freedom of a faith based non-profit organization to operate according to its principles.
- The government has the responsibility to protect the rights of all citizens including those that adhere to a religious life-affirming conviction. Life-affirming pregnancy centers should not be punished for their beliefs.
- This legislation targets 5(!) centers in Hawaii, and similar legislation has been struck down in other states, or is currently tied up in costly legal battles. This will undoubtedly be a costly measure for the state to adopt, and to accomplish very little, beyond interfering with a small number of religious non-profits.

For all of these reasons, I urge our Representative to uphold your ethical obligation to discard laws that do not apply equally and fairly to all, and that infringe on freedoms and principles guaranteed by the United States Constitution. Mahalo for listening. Vote NO on SB 501.

Pastor Joshua Schneider
Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Maui
Vice-Chair of the Board of Malama Pregnancy Center of Maui

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joshua V. Schneider". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Aloha,

On behalf of the Young Progressives Demanding Action Hawai'i's 568 registered members, I submit to this board the following:

- Crisis Pregnancy Centers, also known as CPCs, exist for the sole purpose of convincing women to carry their pregnancies to term regardless of the best interest of either mother or fetus.
- Many CPCs will intentionally spread misinformation about the nature of a pregnancy or the legal, physiological or mental ramifications of abortion.
 - A Place for Women in Waipio specifically offers “Abortion Recovery Classes” to help women overcome “Post Abortion Syndrome” which they define as a medical condition tantamount to PTSD. I will note here that while it is certainly *possible* for women to suffer from post traumatic stress disorder resulting from an abortion, no such syndrome exists in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, the standard by which every health care provider identifies and diagnoses mental health issues in the US.
 - In addition, the standard of care at places that offer abortion services, such as Planned Parenthood, is such that every woman going through the procedure is given every available resource and comfort.
- Some CPCs force women to watch anti-abortion films, slideshows, view photos intended to scare or receive biased, unfactual lectures in order to receive service.
- CPCs often advertise themselves as legitimate medical care centers, using keywords like “family planning services” or “abortion alternatives” to lure women in.
- CPCs disproportionately target teenagers, young women and women without easy access to actual medical services.
 - This is again particularly true of A Place for Women, as they advertise before Consolidated Movie screenings of films that target teenagers and young adults. These advertisements never mention that they are a religiously backed, pro-life institution, only that they offer family planning and pregnancy testing services.
- In this quote collected from NARAL Pro-Choice America's CPC fact-sheet, an Arizona man whose 16-year-old daughter had been raped describes the experience that she had after he mistakenly brought her to a CPC, “After being shown “brutal footage” including pictures of dismembered fetuses, the man claimed that, “they just emotionally raped her. . . . They are advocates for the unborn, and to hell with the troubled person. They had an ax to grind, and just terrorized her.””
- Hawai'i has the unfortunate distinction of being the home of these centers. In 1967, Robert Pearson opened the first clinic in the history of the US here on Oahu. On the subject of CPCs, he had been quoted as saying “Obviously, we're fighting Satan. A killer, who in this case is the girl who wants to kill her baby, has no right to information that will help her.”
 - These places, by the admission of their creator, do not exist to help women seeking medical care but rather impede them at every opportunity.

- We must regulate these centers such that women are aware that they are not receiving actual medical care. It is on this point that we offer the following suggestions:
 - That the penalty for failing to comply with this law be raised sharply. In Hawai'i, a single parent will pay roughly \$172,000 in costs related to child raising in the first 18 years of life. Compared to that, an initial \$500 and later \$1,000 fine for repeat offenses pales in comparison. Though it is not possible to charge them the full cost of a child whose mother has been coerced into giving birth, we strongly recommend that the board impose a stronger monetary deterrent to noncompliance.
 - Consider that the federal penalty for simply illegally downloading a movie can be as high as \$30,000. I think that we are all aware which one of these offenses carries a higher human cost.
 - In the state of Hawai'i, failure to display a Department of Health food safety placard is up to \$1,000 *per day*.
 - That the penalty not be deposited into the general fund but rather specifically be directed towards state funding for greater access to reproductive health education and services. It is even noted within the bill's language that thousands of women are in need of access to such care. Establishing that the penalties from noncompliance are directed towards further funding can help enable services to be more widely available, especially to underserved communities on the outer islands. It is worth noting that the rate of unintended pregnancy specifically in Hawai'i and Kaua'i Counties are higher than those in Honolulu County as per a Hawai'i State Dept of Health survey in 2010.

Mahalo for your time,
Maile Murphy
Social Justice Committee Chair
Young Progressives Demanding Action Hawai'i
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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII

Hawaii Catholic Conference
The Public Policy Voice of the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii



DATE SUBMITTED: March 14, 2017

TO: House Committee on Health
HEARING DATE: Thursday, March 16, 2017 @ 10:30 a.m.
SUBMITTED BY: Walter Yoshimitsu, Executive Director
POSITION: **Opposition to SB 501 SD1 Relating to Health**

The Hawaii Catholic Conference is the official public policy voice for the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii. SB 501 SD1 would require licensed covered facilities that provide family planning or pregnancy-related services to disseminate a notice to all clients stating that every pregnant woman has the right to decide whether to have a child or to obtain an abortion.

We oppose this bill because SB 501 SD 1 violates First Amendment Free Speech guarantees by coercing entities and individuals to engage in speech contrary to their own moral and ethical perspectives. On its surface, the bill pretends to want to “regulate” the state’s pregnancy centers/clinics, however this unfair legislation may discourage pregnant women from getting the assistance that they need and deserve. In addition, it will expose many of these pregnancy centers/clinics, including its directors and board members, to needless criminal or civil sanctions for failure to comply.

These centers, which provide free care to all clients and help save taxpayer money, offer a wide range of pregnancy related counseling and services to women. While well intentioned, we believe SB 501 SD 1 unfairly targets these centers because of their viewpoints, a direct violation of freedom of speech protections. Because the legal requirements of SB 501 SD 1 do not apply to Hawaii family planning providers that offer abortion services, the law clearly mandates viewpoint-based speech discrimination, in violation of the First Amendment.

Furthermore, many of these clinics are operated and staffed by entities and individuals who are opposed to abortion and contraceptive services on religious grounds. The bill effectively requires these clinics and their employees to be accessories in the provision of these services, in violation of their rights to free exercise of religion. Many women in Hawaii receive free care and support from these centers every year. To protect their First Amendment rights, we respectfully request you hold SB 501 SD1 in committee.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.



ONLINE TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL
HOUSE HEALTH COMMITTEE

Hearing on Thursday, March 16, 2017 @ 10:30 a.m.
Conference Room #329

DATE: March 14, 2017

TO: House Committee on Health
Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair
Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

FROM: Eva Andrade, President

RE: Opposition to SB 501 SD1 Relating to Health

Hawaii Family Forum is a non-profit, pro-family education organization committed to preserving and strengthening families in Hawaii. We oppose this bill because (1) it is a direct violation of freedom of speech, and (2) a similar law in California is on current appeal to the United States Supreme Court that will determine its constitutionality of law.

(1) SB501 SD1 is a blatant attempt to force pro-life pregnancy centers to promote abortion and contraception services that, in many cases, are a direct violation of their conscience and freedom of speech.

The government is prohibited from compelling a faith-based organization to give a message which violates its fundamental principles. In fact, we find it quite perplexing that it forces centers "what to say" and then fines them if they don't "say it." Not only is this bad public policy, but it is also an unjust and dangerous public policy.

(2) This bill is identical to a law (AB775) passed in 2015 by the California legislature and was appealed in *National Institute of Family and Life Advocates v. Harris*. Although the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit upheld AB 775, it is currently on appeal in the United States Supreme Court. Our understanding is that it is expected that the high court may accept the appeal and, if so, argument on the merits of the law could be made this fall.

We simply ask that the Hawaii legislature not move ahead on this bill until the current litigation is completed and the courts have determined the constitutionality of the law. We respectfully ask that you hold this bill in committee.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit written opposition to this bill.



March 13, 2017

Regarding: S.B. 501 SD1 Relating to Health

Thursday, March 16, 2017

10:30 AM -- State Capitol Conference Room 329

Submitted in **STRONG OPPOSITION** by: Janet Grace, Coordinator, HLA

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chairs Della Au Belatti, Bertrand Kobayashi & Members of the Committee:

From: Janet Grace, Coordinator, Hawaii Life Alliance

Hawaii Life Alliance is comprised of organizations statewide in Hawaii who believe in the sanctity of life, that life begins at conception and ends through natural death. We believe fundamentally that all abortion kills an unborn child.

Hawaii Life Alliance thanks you for the opportunity to **STRONGLY OPPOSE S.B. 501 SD1.**

This measure is problematic as it will force faith-based pregnancy resource centers to violate their First Amendment Right of Free Speech through compelled speech, or in others words, telling their clients something they do not want to say.

We all know government is not allowed to compel faith based groups to give a message that violates its fundamental principles.

The law violates First Amendment guarantees of freedom of religion. The pregnancy resource centers are faith based ministries that are pro life and

oppose abortion. Such opposition to abortion means that a matter of religious principle they do not perform or refer for abortion. If this law is enacted, would mandate that such faith based ministries violate their religious convictions and become abortion referral agencies.

The bill is similar to a law passed in 2015 by the California legislature, which is expected to be reviewed by the United States Supreme Court, possibly this year. It is expected that the high court will accept the appeal and, if so, argument on the merits of the law will be made this fall, probably in October. Prudence would dictate that Hawaii not move ahead on this legislation until the current litigation is completed and the court has determined the constitutionality of the law.

For the reasons stated, **I strongly oppose S.B. 501 SD1** and ask that you do not vote it out of committee.

Mahalo.

Aloha Life Advocates , Aloha Pregnancy Care & Counseling Centers, A Place for Women in Waipio, Catholic Dioceses of Honolulu, Christian Coalition of Hawaii, Christian Legal Society of Hawaii, Hawaii Catholic Conference, Hawaii Family Advocates, Hawaii Family Forum, Malama Pregnancy Center, Ohana Policy Group, PEACE Hawaii, Respect Life Hawaii, The Pearson Foundation of Hawaii, Inc., Whole Life Hawaii



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DATE: Thursday, March 16, 2017
TIME/PLACE: 10:30 a.m., Conference Room 329
TO: House Committee on Health
FROM: Ruth Prinzivalli, President
RE: OPPOSITION TO SB 501 SD1 – Relating to Health

Aloha and thank you for the opportunity to testify. My name is Ruth Prinzivalli and I am a 46 years resident of Kaneohe, and the president of The Pearson Foundation of Hi, Inc. We oppose this bill because we feel that it is both misleading and unconstitutional.

The Pregnancy Centers started in 1970 and have been serving the women and men of Hawaii ever since. The Centers exist to aid women and men who are concerned about the possibility of an unplanned pregnancy. We provide free pregnancy testing, information and support within a compassionate, confidential and non-judgmental setting and address further individual needs through other counseling and referral services.

We have served the people of Hawaii for over 40 years. We provided housing for pregnant women and girls by establishing the Mary Jane Home, now continuing under the control of Catholic Charities Hawaii. We have offered free pregnancy tests and non-judgmental counseling and in some instances provided educational information to many state funded services like WIC, Waikiki Health and Path Centers, Kalihi Palama Health, although we have never recommended abortion or contraceptive services because that is contrary to our religious tenets and personal beliefs.

In addition to that, we also provide educational programs for interested groups. Our educational programs do not stop there because we also provide information on open, closed and partially-open adoption options. Our services extend to provide new baby clothing, diapers, baby toys and such things as strollers or car seats to our clients who are struggling financially.

To be clear, we have never hid the fact that we do not perform abortions, (here is a copy of our disclosure form we give to every client we see) nor will we refer a client to an abortion provider for the purposes of obtaining an abortion. We won't do that because we strongly believe that abortion is very detrimental to women, and its affects will be with them their

whole lives. In our service to the community, we have seen many women destroyed emotionally due to their abortions and we cannot in good conscience encourage that procedure.

Our governance keeps us from ever advertising something we believe will harm our clients and/or their loved ones. The ultimate decision they make will carry over into their families and communities. In our work we help them see that their baby is a human being, not a commodity.

Financially we are supported by churches and individuals that believe in life from conception until natural death. We do not take any government funds and we humbly ask that this legislature allow us to continue to offer our services as our hearts and consciences dictate.

We prevent no one from getting an abortion if they decide to do so but we will not be the instrument that makes that happen. They know where to go. Planned Parenthood receives enough money to advertise their services on a large scale while we rely on the generosity of churches, private organizations, and private individuals and the like to financially enable us to promote our services.

If this is truly about choice and/or health, then let that freedom exist for women and men who choose to avail themselves of our services. For the sake of all the citizens of Hawaii, I ask that you oppose this bill.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.



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LIMITATION OF SERVICES

The *Pregnancy Problem Centers* are staffed by volunteers who have undergone training in pregnancy counseling. However, they are not licensed by the state and should not be considered a substitute for professional counseling. A referral for such counseling will be given if requested.

Under most circumstances, we will provide a free pregnancy test which detects the HCG hormone in your urine. However, there are limitations which could affect the results of the test. The result of your pregnancy test at the PPC is not a diagnosis. Only a licensed physician can provide a diagnosis and we recommend that you contact one for an appointment for a blood test. If you do not have a physician, we will provide you with referrals.

The Pregnancy Problem Center does not perform nor refer for abortion.

The Pregnancy Problem Center will hold in strict confidence all information provided, except as required by law regarding the mandatory reporting of cases where there are reasonable grounds to believe that abuse of a minor has occurred.

Acknowledgement

I, _____ (Print Name) have read the above and understand the Limitation of Services expressly stated. Having been fully informed of the nature of the services offered, I willingly enter into a relationship of accepting help and assistance from the *Pregnancy Problem Center*.

Client Signature: _____

Date: _____



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DATE: Thursday, March 16, 2017
TIME/PLACE: 10:30 a.m., Conference Room 329
TO: House Committee on Health
FROM: Ruth Prinzivalli, President
RE: OPPOSITION TO SB 501 SD1 – Relating to Health

Aloha and thank you for the opportunity to testify. My name is Ruth Prinzivalli and I am a 46 years resident of Kaneohe, and the president of The Pearson Foundation of Hi, Inc. We oppose this bill because we feel that it is both misleading and unconstitutional.

The Pregnancy Centers started in 1970 and have been serving the women and men of Hawaii ever since. The Centers exist to aid women and men who are concerned about the possibility of an unplanned pregnancy. We provide free pregnancy testing, information and support within a compassionate, confidential and non-judgmental setting and address further individual needs through other counseling and referral services.

We have served the people of Hawaii for over 40 years. We provided housing for pregnant women and girls by establishing the Mary Jane Home, now continuing under the control of Catholic Charities Hawaii. We have offered free pregnancy tests and non-judgmental counseling and in some instances provided educational information to many state funded services like WIC, Waikiki Health and Path Centers, Kalihi Palama Health, although we have never recommended abortion or contraceptive services because that is contrary to our religious tenets and personal beliefs.

In addition to that, we also provide educational programs for interested groups. Our educational programs do not stop there because we also provide information on open, closed and partially-open adoption options. Our services extend to provide new baby clothing, diapers, baby toys and such things as strollers or car seats to our clients who are struggling financially.

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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB501 SD1

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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Rep. Sharon E. Har

Rep. Chris Todd

Rep. Dee Morikawa

Rep. Andria P.L. Tupola

Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro

HEARING Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 10:30 am Conference Room 329

Dear Chairmen, Vice Chairmen and Committee Members,

Our names are Matthew & Ana Schaeztle, and we testify in opposition to this bill on the grounds that it would, if passed, violate First Amendment rights and the rights of conscience of those who oppose uttering the words and ideas required by this law.

- SB501 SD1 seeks intentionally to violate the rights of those who operate pregnancy centers by compelling speech in violation of the First Amendment rights to free speech. Pregnancy centers and those that work there believe fundamentally that ALL ABORTION KILLS a living human being once conception has occurred.
- SB501 SD1 compels speech which violates the religious liberty rights of the pregnancy centers and those who work there.
- SB501 SD1 does not truly meet its intended goal, set forth in Section 1 of SB 501 SD1, of making "every possible effort to advise women of all

available reproductive health programs". SB 501 SD1 does not require abortion providers to notify women of, and refer women to, pregnancy centers for help with the post abortion health problems that often arise but abortion providers do not address.

For the foregoing reasons I oppose the bill and ask that you vote no in committee.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of Matthew and Ana Schaetzle. The signature on the left is 'Matthew' and the signature on the right is 'Ana'.

Matthew & Ana Schaetzle
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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB501 SD1

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH : Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair

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Rep. Sharon E. Har, Rep. Chris Todd, Rep. Dee Morikawa, Rep. Andria P.L. Tupola, Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro

HEARING Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 10:30 am Conference Room 329

Dear Chairmen, Vice Chairmen and Committee Members,

My name is Ana Schaetzle, I'm the executive director of The Pregnancy Center on the Big Island and I testify in opposition to this bill on the grounds that it would, if passed, violate First Amendment rights and the rights of conscience of those who oppose uttering the words and ideas required by this law.

* SB501 SD1 seeks intentionally to violate the rights of those who operate pregnancy centers by compelling speech in violation of the First Amendment rights to free speech.

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I invite you to personally visit The Pregnancy Center on the Big Island and check out the work that it is done here. We are 100% privately funded and 95% volunteer based. 99% of the feedback we get from our patients is very positive, I wish you could read their words of appreciation and gratitude for our services. We've been serving this community for 25 years. We serve an average of 400 families per year and have strived to offer the care and support that these families (men, women and children) need.

I urge you to take all this into consideration before you vote, please.

Freedom of speech is a constitutional right and I urge you to uphold it.

Mahalo nui loa,

Ana Schaetzle
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Re: Senate Bill No. 501 SD1

Relating to Health

Thank you for the opportunity to testify IN OPPOSITION to **SB501 SD1**

Pregnancy Resource Centers are a tremendous value to our local community in Hawaii. They are pro-woman, pro-children, and provide safe, confidential places to those facing an unplanned pregnancy. Since all their services are free, they do not benefit financially from a woman's reproductive choice as other agencies may. They empower the women of Hawaii to make informed choices. Many women in unplanned pregnancies think an abortion is their only choice. Whether you consider yourself pro-life or pro-choice, you would agree they need more information. Pregnancy Resource Centers provide, for free, needed support, services, material assistance and medical screenings to empower women with that information. The abortion lobby is wrongfully attacking Pregnancy Centers with **SB501 SD1**

We feel that **SB501 SD1** is a one sided bill clearly targeting pregnancy resource centers for their deeply held religious convictions about the sanctity of life by forcing them to promote abortion by posting or handing out the government's favored view. Forcing pregnancy resource centers to refer for abortion in any manner violates their First Amendment rights of the freedom of speech and freedom of religion.

The additional regulations this bill creates will have to be monitored and enforced. This will create a cost to the state. This cost will, in essence, be created to regulate five private religious non-profit organizations that offer all services at no cost to clients and receive no federal or state funding.

Given its obvious disregard for the First Amendment rights of the religious organizations affected, we can only assume they will fight this law to the highest court. Due to the cost of having to defend this unconstitutional bill, we oppose the State of Hawaii using taxpayers dollars to defend it in the courts solely to regulate a handful of religious organizations doing no harm to society.

The state should not infringe their view on religious organizations and violate their First Amendment rights. Nor should the state waste tax payer dollars to defend unnecessary legislation.

For these reasons, we urge you to OPPOSE **SB501 SD1**.

Sincerely

Todd Morikawa, pastor, Kailua Baptist Church

Regarding: SB 501 SD 1

Statement submitted by: Barbara Ferraro, Concerned Women for America of Hawaii State Director

To: House Committee on Health

Date submitted: March 15, 2017

As the State Director for Concerned Women for America (CWA) of Hawaii, I join with my than 1,000 CWA members here in Hawaii in opposing SB501 SD1. CWA is the nation's largest public policy women's organization in the nation.

I have previously submitted testimony through the Senate for this bill, and now I am submitting my testimony again in opposition to SB501. CWA of Hawaii continues to believe that forcing crisis pregnancy centers (CPCs) and other pregnancy centers to offer their clients information regarding abortion options to be completely and morally wrong. It not only forces those working at CPCs to do something they do not believe in, it would ultimately result in the loss of funds and the possibility of having to close their doors. They would no longer be a place of refuge and hope for the women who find themselves with an unplanned pregnancy and nowhere else to turn — nowhere else to turn except for an abortion provider that is. Women who suddenly find themselves in an unplanned pregnancy will then often only have one choice left to them. One choice is not a choice.

These CPCs are typically volunteer-run, donation-based, life-embracing charities that will now be forced to promote abortion or pay bundles out of their shallow budgets if they don't comply.

This legislation is both a violation of free speech and a violation of freedom of religion. SB5501 forces those with deeply held convictions against promoting abortion to violate their conscience and often their religious freedoms guaranteed by our U.S. Constitution. Please help us make sure that doesn't happen.

Once again, for the pro-abortion crowd who profess a "war on women" is taking place, we don't disagree — but for a different reason. In fact, we submit that the pro-abortion lobby is part of the problem causing this war on women. Trying to take away precious resources and care from a woman in distress who is facing an unplanned pregnancy is the very definition of harm. Abortion not only ends the life of the unborn child, but also may hold serious and devastating physical, emotional, spiritual, and psychological consequences for the mother.

If the pro-abortion crowd is truly "pro-choice," why do they not support CPCs that give women other options? *One venue should not be forced to support the other.* Women are more than capable of making their own choice.

CWA of Hawaii is asking you to vote "NO" on this anti-religious liberty, anti-free speech, and anti-choice legislation. Thank you.

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Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair, Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair, And Members of the House Committee on Health

From: Garret Hashimoto, Director, Aloha Pregnancy Care and Counseling Center

To: Hearing of House Committee on Health

Hearing Date: Thursday, March 16, 2017 Hearing Time: 10:30 a.m.

Testimony in Opposition to S.B. No. 501, SD1 Relating to Health

Thank you for this opportunity to testify. As Director of the Aloha Pregnancy Care and Counseling Center, one of the centers that would be adversely affected by this bill, we stand in opposition to this measure. We are proud of our record of serving all Hawaii women, regardless of income, and of providing free and meaningful access to effective reproductive health services for Hawaii's families, which is the stated intent of this measure. We believe this measure should be held in committee for the following reasons:

-- This bill amounts to compelled speech which is a violation of the First Amendment. Our government is prohibited from forcing a faith based organization to give a message which violates its fundamental principles.

-- This bill violates First Amendment guarantees of freedom of religion. Our pregnancy centers are faith based ministries that are prolife and oppose abortion. Such opposition to abortion means that as a matter of religious principle we do not perform or refer for abortion. This bill, if enacted, would mandate that we, as faith based ministries, violate our religious convictions and become abortion referral agencies.

-- This bill is currently identical to a law passed in 2015 by the California legislature. The California law is presently being challenged and is being appealed to the United States Supreme Court. It is expected that the high court will accept the appeal and, if so, argument on the merits of the law will be made this fall -- probably October. Since our legislature would not want to act too hastily, wisdom and prudence would dictate that our State not move ahead on this legislation until the current litigation is completed and the courts have determined the constitutionality of the law.

For these reasons of freedom of speech and freedom of religion, and because a similar law in California is currently facing a United States Supreme Court challenge, please hold S.B. 501, SD1 and related measures for further study at this time. Thank you.



March 14, 2017

Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
House Committee on Health

**Re: S.B. 501, SD 1 Relating to Health
March 16, 2017, 10:30 am, Room 329**

Dear Chair Belatti and Members of the Committee on Health:

Hawaii Women Lawyers submits testimony in **support** of S.B. 501, S.D.1 which, among other things, requires all limited service pregnancy centers to disclose the availability of and enrollment information for reproductive health services, and establishes privacy and disclosure requirements for individual records and information.

The mission of Hawaii Women Lawyers is to improve the lives and careers of women in all aspects of the legal profession, influence the future of the legal profession, and enhance the status of women and promote equal opportunities for all.

Hawaii Women Lawyers supports this measure because it will ensure that accurate information about the full range of family planning services and pregnancy related care in Hawaii is made available to all women, no matter where they go for these services. Requiring limited service pregnancy centers to clearly disclose information about services not provided by the centers, as well as insurance information will allow women as healthcare consumers to make more informed decisions about their health and the health of their families. In addition, imposing basic HIPAA regulations over health information collected in limited service pregnancy centers will ensure that women's health information is appropriately protected.

For these reasons, we support S.B. 501, SD1, as amended, and respectfully request that the Committee pass this measure. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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Re. SCIENTIFIC OPPOSITION to a "Reproductive FACT Act" THAT IS MISSING ALL THE FACTS ! SB501 SD1.
The Following ABORTION FACTS DEMAND is for State, Federal Facilities that Perform Abortions AND ALL
ASSOCIATED WEB SITES, including mybenefits.hawaii.gov."

***We DEMAND:** That the following, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, **FACTS BE POSTED AT ALL NATIONAL,
State, Abortion Access Clinics, Web Sites, AND Provided in booklet-form to ALL Individuals inquiring of
the Clinics, whether pregnant OR NOT ...**

FACTS 1.: ABORTION IS BIG BUSINESS.

Planned Parenthood Alone Received \$500,000 Taxpayers' Monies, annually during
OBAMANATION'S Presidency.

FACTS 2. Induced Abortion and Breast Cancer.

Isn't it amazing how Sound Research from 1994 IS COMPLETELY TOPLED by more recent
research on Breast Cancer -- This IS Suspect, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE Abortion, again, IS BIG
BUSINESS ! The Study that Should Be INCLUDED **AS THE STANDARD OF CARE** IS Sound
Research, AND AS SUCH, WILL NOT REACH DIFFERING, and AMBIGUOUS Conclusions ! WE
WILL NOT BE FLIMFLAMMED ! The "new" Science MUST SHOW ANY perceived Flaws in Prior
Sound Studies PRIOR TO BEING ASSUMED FACT. Period.

FACT 3. Abortion INCREASES a Woman's Overall Risk of Breast Cancer By 30 Percent !

- The risk is likely much higher in women who have a first abortion at a young age, or who have a family history of breast cancer.
- Since 1957, 23 of 37 worldwide studies show an increased breast cancer risk with abortion, a risk as high as 310 per cent.
- Ten of fifteen U.S. studies confirm the abortion-breast cancer link.
- The biological rationale for breast cancer development is related to the woman's unprotected internal exposure to estrogen when a pregnancy is abruptly terminated early in gestation.
- The magnitude of the risk has, until recently, been hidden by studies of poor quality, many of which have failed to separate induced abortion from low-risk spontaneous miscarriage.
- The medical establishment is often slow to accept and respond to emerging data, slowed further, in this case, by the conflicting politics of abortion.

Chapter 2 contains 25 endnotes including:

Retrieved from: Daling JR, Malone KE, Voigt LF, White E, Weiss NS. Risk of breast cancer among young women: relationship to induced abortion. *Journal of the National Cancer Institute* 1994 Nov(2);86(21):1584-92.

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FACTS .4 Induced Abortion and Other Cancers

- A history of previous induced abortion(s) may play a role in cancers of the reproductive system and rectal cancers.
- Inconsistencies between studies and countries where the studies are done, in addition to the fact that in the literature, spontaneous and induced abortions are often not separated, make it difficult to draw definitive conclusions.
- Recent studies have connected a higher risk of cervical and ovarian cancers to previous abortions, though the degree of risk varies from study to study.
- A consistent finding has been the protective effect of full-term pregnancies against the onset of cancers of the reproductive system.
- Researchers have found a connection between abortion and rectal cancer.
- With reproductive and rectal cancers on the increase in women, more studies are needed, specifically to examine the connection between abortion and cancer.

Chapter 3 contains twelve endnotes including:

Kvale G, Heuch I. Is the incidence of colorectal cancer related to reproduction? A prospective study of 63,000 women. *International Journal of Cancer* 1991 February 1;47(3):390-5, p. 392.

FACTS 5: NEGATIVE Impact on Subsequent Pregnancies

- Subsequent pregnancies are negatively affected by induced abortion.

- The main complications are: cervical incompetence leading to future miscarriages; uterine perforations and placenta previa with serious implications to the health of the woman and her child(ren) in later pregnancies; and ectopic pregnancies which, if undiagnosed and not treated, can lead to a woman's death.
- Forty-nine studies of preterm or premature births from Europe and North America found increased risks ranging from 30 per cent to 510 per cent.
- The consequence of this significantly increased risk of prematurity after abortion is that the rate of cerebral palsy among premature infants weighing less than 1500 grams at birth is 38 times greater than among the general population. Induced abortion, in other words, is directly responsible for many thousands of cases of cerebral palsy - in North America alone - that otherwise would not have occurred.
- Despite the data which point to the link between induced abortion and future serious health risks, * many North-American research studies fail to point these out.
- Numerical data should be carefully compared to research abstracts and conclusions because they often do not correlate; in other words, where data clearly indicate increased health risks, they are often minimized in the abstracts and conclusions of medical articles.
- In light of the growing knowledge of the impact of abortion on the rate of prematurity, abortion providers soon incur greatly increased liability for obtaining informed consent for women contemplating abortion.

Chapter 4 contains 34 endnotes including:

Luke, B. Every Pregnant Woman's Guide to Preventing Premature Birth.1995 [foreword by Emile Papiernik], New York: Times Books; p.32.

Chapter 5: Future Fertility

- Coding systems at hospitals often make it difficult to link abortion with medical sequelae.
- Much larger numbers of women than previously suspected are negatively affected by induced abortion with PID and ectopic pregnancies at much higher levels than ever before in North America and Europe ...

- Other serious sequelae also on the rise are uterine perforations, endometriosis, Chlamydia trachomatis, endometrial ossification (bone fragments left in the uterus), all of which compromise future fertility.
- **Many of these medical problems go undetected at the time of abortion and are only discovered years later when women are treated for infertility.**

Chapter 5 contains 50 endnotes including:

Ruiz-Velasco V, Gonzalez Alfani G, Pliego Sanchez L, Alamillo Vera M. Endometrial pathology and infertility. Fertility and Sterility 1997 April;67(4):687-92 p. 692.

FACTS 6. CDC Maternal Mortality REPORTED

Retrieved from:

https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/65/ss/ss6512a1.htm#modalIdString_CDCTable_22

FACTS 7. Terminating a pregnancy because of a major fetal malformation is often a shattering experience for women.

*** The grief, guilt, and depression experienced after a genetic abortion can come as a complete surprise to many couples.**

- These negative experiences occur whether the pregnancy has been planned or unplanned.
- The decision to abort for genetic reasons can also have a negative impact on living children.
- Positive information needs to be given about the choice of parenting a child with special needs resulting from physical or mental handicaps.

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Testimony for HLT on Mar 16, 2017 10:30AM in Conference Room 329

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ann S Freed	Hawaii Women's Coalition	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Kobayashi and members, This bill is designed to curb the fraudulent practices of these fake clinics. They are fronts for the extremist religious-right anti-choice, anti-sex education, anti-birth control, in short - anti-woman's health, organizations. They victimize unknowing women who come to them looking for answers. What they get is trauma and in some cases, delay in test results in order to force the woman to carry an unwanted pregnancy to term. See the film "Trapped" available on Netflix. As in previous testimony, the Coalition remains in strong support. Ann S. Freed, Co-Chair, Hawaii Women's Coalition

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March 16, 2017

To: Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee on Health

LATE

From: Jeanne Y. Ohta, Co-Chair

RE: SB 501 SD1 Relating to Health
Hearing: Thursday, March 16, 2017, 10:300 a.m., Room 329

POSITION: Strong Support

The Hawai'i State Democratic Women's Caucus writes in strong support of SB 501 SD1 Relating to Health which would require limited service pregnancy centers to disclose the availability of publicly funded family planning services and to establish privacy protections and pregnancy test disclosure requirements.

These limited service pregnancy centers mislead women into believing that they are licensed health care providers instead of the biased and limited service providers that they are. It is this misinformation that is dangerous to women. When women are fully informed, they are better able to make the best decisions for themselves about their personal health.

The Hawai'i State Democratic Women's Caucus is a catalyst for progressive, social, economic, and political change through action on critical issues facing Hawaii's women and girls.

We respectfully ask the committee to pass this measure and we thank the committee for the opportunity to provide testimony.



March 15, 2017

To: Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair
Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
House Committee on Health

From: Karen Worthington, Project Coordinator
Early Childhood Action Strategy

Re: SB501-SD1 – Relating to Health
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 329, March 16, 2017, 10:30 AM

Position: Action Strategy supports SB501-SD1 Relating to Health

Dear Representative Au Belatti, Representative Kobayashi, and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of Hawaii's Early Childhood Action Strategy, a public private collaborative that recognizes the strength of communities and works across sectors to increase the number of young children in Hawaii who are born healthy, developing on track, ready for school when they enter kindergarten, and proficient learners by third grade.

Action Strategy supports the passage of SB501-SD1 because a key focus area of Action Strategy is Healthy and Welcome Births, which are achieved by supporting women and their partners in obtaining comprehensive, accurate, unbiased health information and medical care pre-conception through birth and into the baby's early years.


One of the six Action Strategy focus area teams is Team 1, Healthy and Welcome Births. The work of Team 1 is carried out by the Hawaii Maternal Infant Health Collaborative (HMIHC). The HMIHC has a "pregnancy and delivery" work group, and top priorities of that group include decreasing preterm birth rates through several strategies, including spacing births to meet physician recommendations to ensure the health and safety of mother and baby.

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Another of the six Action Strategy focus area teams is Team 2, Safe and Nurturing Families. Top priorities of Team 2 are creating safe and nurturing homes, supporting parents and families, and preventing all forms of family violence including child abuse and neglect. Parents who are resilient, can access concrete supports when needed, and are physically and emotionally healthy are better able to create safe and nurturing environments for their children. Therefore, supporting the health of pregnant women and mothers is an important aspect of supporting and nurturing children and preventing violence within families.

Action Strategy is committed to ensuring Hawaii's young children are healthy, safe and ready to learn and SB501-SD1 supports that vision. Please feel free to contact me for additional information. I can be reached at 808-214-9336 or karen@clnhawaii.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Worthington". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Karen Worthington, JD
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Aloha,

My name is Cassidy Holbrook and I am a student at the University of Hawai'i. This will be my first time testifying in person. I am here on behalf of Young Progressives Demanding Action Hawaii as one of their 568 registered members. I submit to the board the following in support of SB501:

As a person living in Kapolei and as a Kapolei High School graduate, I clearly see the dangers of Crisis Pregnancy Centers. Our school, and many others on island, have horrible sex education. I am a college sophomore and 20 years old, and just last week in one of my Women's Studies classes I had my first experience with someone teaching my class about how to use condoms. Once again, I am 20 years old and never received formal education on condom use at Kapolei High School or Island Pacific Academy, where I attended for a year. I also never received any good sex education in middle school. A Place for Women, a Crisis Pregnancy Center in Waipio, is directed towards pregnant individuals on the west side of O'ahu. Crisis Pregnancy Centers do give honest health care. They have been known to lie to people about how far a long they are in the pregnancy so the patients do not get an abortion. These centers are also known to show people videos dismembered fetuses. They have been showing dishonest commercials (not saying they are religiously affiliated) in Consolidated Movie Theaters, directly affecting young people. If we don't have proper sex education, we need to at least have honest health care.

I must acknowledge that A Place for Women does in fact do good things. They offer support groups for people who have gone through abortions and also offer free pregnancy tests. However, there must be some kind of rule stating that Crisis Pregnancy Centers need to tell their patients the truth about the services that are being provided. This bill has nothing to do with shutting down Crisis Pregnancy Centers. SB501 only requires that limited service pregnancy centers tell the TRUTH about their services. I ask the board, is there anything wrong with being honest?

This bill is in interest of the people of Hawai'i. We all deserve to receive medical care that is accurate. Crisis Pregnancy Centers have been known to lie to patients about how far along they are in their pregnancy. They have also been known to spread lies about how danger abortion is. In one of the Women's Studies classes I am taking right now at the University of Hawai'i, we have read a couple of articles about Crisis Pregnancy Centers. According to the article *The Anti-Abortion Clinic Across the Street* by Kathryn Joyce (2010), CPCs are often connected to violent anti-abortion extremists.

- A big name in Crisis Pregnancy Centers is Operation Rescue. Their former senior policy director, Cheryl Sullenger, conspired to blow up an abortion clinic in California. She has also been connected to the murder of abortion provider Dr. George Tiller (her phone number was found in the phone of his murderer).

- Operation Rescue also ran a long campaign against Tiller, in which Scott Roeder (the murderer) took part in.
- There was also Chet Gallagher, who has been arrested several times for trespassing during abortion-clinic blockades organized by Operation Rescue. The founder of the Bowie Crofton Pregnancy Clinic (a CPC) is Michael Bray, a convicted abortion-clinic bomber. He also wrote *A Time to Kill*, which is about justifiable murder of abortion doctors. He and his peers were responsible for many abortion doctors and clinic bombings.
- James Kopp founded a CPC in San Francisco and worked in Good Counsel Homes. He was the convicted murderer of a abortion provider by the name of Barnett Slepian, and is the prime suspect of the murder for four other doctors. He is affiliated with Operation Rescue
- Joan Andrew Bell was the wife of Chris Bell, who ran Good Counsel Homes (note that Kopp worked in one of these establishments). She spent five years in prison for invading and vandalizing a clinic. She has been arrested quite a few times for taking part in clinic blockades

SB501 only has the interest of the people of these islands. Please do not allow for Crisis Pregnancy Centers to continue to be able to lie to anyone coming to them for help.

- We must regulate these centers such that women are aware that they are not receiving actual medical care. It is on this point that we offer the following suggestions:
 - That the penalty for failing to comply with this law be raised sharply. In Hawai'i, a single parent will pay roughly \$172,000 in costs related to child raising in the first 18 years of life. Compared to that, an initial \$500 and later \$1,000 fine for repeat offenses pales in comparison. Though it is not possible to charge them the full cost of a child whose mother has been coerced into giving birth, we strongly recommend that the board impose a stronger monetary deterrent to noncompliance.
 - Consider that the federal penalty for simply illegally downloading a movie can be as high as \$30,000. I think that we are all aware which one of these offenses carries a higher human cost.

In the state of Hawai'i, failure to display a Department of Health food safety placard is up to \$1,000 *per day*.

We need to be creating an atmosphere that allow patients to feel comfortable and safe, and as of now Crisis Pregnancy Centers are not doing that. Please help Hawai'i head on a path of honesty.

Mahalo,
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Monique Yamashita	Malama Pregnancy Center	Oppose	No

Comments: Re: Senate Bill No. 501 SD1 Relating to Health Thank you for the opportunity to testify IN OPPOSITION to SB501 SD1 Pregnancy Resource Centers are a tremendous value to our local community in Hawaii. They are pro-woman and provide safe, confidential places to those facing an unplanned pregnancy. Since all their services are free, they do not benefit financially from a woman's reproductive choice as other agencies may. They empower the women of Hawaii to make informed choices. Many women in unplanned pregnancies will tell you that they feel an abortion is their only choice. Whether you consider yourself pro-life or pro-choice, that should never be. Pregnancy Resource Centers provide at not charge to the client much needed support, services, material assistance and medical screenings. This ensures that a woman never needs to feel that abortion is the only choice. The abortion lobby is wrongfully attacking Pregnancy Centers with SB501 SD1 We feel that SB501 SD1 is a one sided bill clearly targeting pregnancy resource centers for their deeply held religious views of the sanctity of life by forcing them to promote abortion by posting or handing out the government's favored view. Forcing pregnancy resource centers to refer for abortion in any manner violates their First Amendment rights of the freedom of speech and freedom of religion. The additional regulations this bill creates will have to be monitored and enforced. This will create a cost to the state. This cost will, in essence, be created to regulate five private religious non-profit organizations that offer all services at no cost to clients and receive no federal or state funding. These Pregnancy Centers are community supported by faith-based organizations. Given its obvious disregard for the First Amendment rights of the religious organizations affected, we can only assume they will fight this law to the highest court. Due to the cost of having to defend this unconstitutional bill, we oppose the State of Hawaii using taxpayers dollars to defend it in the courts solely to regulate a handful of religious organizations doing no harm to society. The state should not infringe their view on religious organizations and violate their First Amendment rights. Nor should the state waste tax payer dollars to defend unnecessary legislation. For these reasons, we urge you to OPPOSE SB501 SD1.

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FROM: David Willweber. Masters in Family Life Ministry

Husband. Father.

Community member on the School Community Council at Kainalu El

Pastor of Mauka Makai Ministries—Windward

Vice President of P.E.A.C.E. HI

RE: Testimony in **opposition to SB501**

Dear Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members,

The bill states...(b) Every limited service pregnancy center in the State shall disseminate on-site to clients or patients the following written notice in English and in other languages as required by section 321C-3:

"This clinic does not provide abortion services or abortion referrals. Only ultrasounds performed by qualified healthcare professionals and read by licensed clinicians should be considered medically accurate. Hawaii has public programs that provide immediate free or low-cost access to comprehensive family planning services including all FDA-approved methods of contraception, prenatal care, and abortion for eligible women. To apply for medical insurance coverage that will cover the full range of family planning and prenatal care services, apply on-line at mybenefits.hawaii.gov."

2 very simple reasons to oppose this bill...

1. Freedom of speech. Requiring "every limited service pregnancy center in the State" imposes on their freedom of speech.

2. Freedom of conscience and freedom of religion. Requiring "every limited service pregnancy center in the State" imposes on their freedom of conscience since some pregnancy centers consider abortion to be the murder of an innocent child. Their conscience prohibits them from advertising abortion because of the taking of a human life. Since most abortions take place after 5 weeks, the child's heart is already beating.

Thank you for listening. I encourage you to vote no on this bill since it stands in opposition of the United States constitution.

Aloha,
Dave Willweber
Kailua, Hawai'i

Jason Jones, President Movie to Movement
Committee on Health
March 16, 2017 10:AM

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Testimony in opposition to Bill SB 501

Thank you for allowing me to submit this statement. I am a father of seven and a film producer living in Kapolei.

I became a father at 18. Residing in Wahiawa, my wife and newborn son shared a tatami mat for a bed. We subsisted on Saimin noodles and tang. Every once and a while we would splurge and get two tacos for two dollars at Jack in the Box. My wife and I worked hard I attended Leeward community college then the University of Hawaii. By the time I was 19 my second child was born. Slowly we pulled ourselves out of poverty. In those days we were blessed to receive help from family and friends. I remember thinking "how do young women without support from the father or her family survive." It was then that I resolved to try to pay it forward when I was in a position to do so. It was in my early 20's that I began to volunteer and support local pregnancy centers.

In 2013 I produced the movie Crescendo with Pattie Mallette and Eduardo Verastegui. Crescendo went on to raise over 6mm for pregnancy centers across North America.

I am committed to helping vulnerable mothers and their children. I am also deeply opposed to the use of violence against the most vulnerable member of the human family the child in the womb.

SB 501, if it were to become law, would leave me only three options. Abandon the child womb and her mother to the abortion industry, participate in the violence of abortion by following the law or civil disobedience.

I commit that I am in solidarity with the child in the womb and her family without thought to positive law.

The Rev. Martin Luther King, the uncle of my dear friend Alveda King, was always reminding people of Antigone's testimony to King Creon, "There is a law even above the laws of Kings" And I might add there is a law above SB 501.

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A G E N D A

SB 501, SD1 RELATING TO HEALTH.
(SSCR907) Requires all limited service pregnancy centers to disclose the
Status availability of and enrollment information for reproductive
 health services. Establishes privacy and disclosure
 requirements for individual records and information.
 Authorizes civil penalties and civil actions for enforcement
 and remedy. (SD1)

To: Senate Committee on Health Regarding: SB 501 SD 1
Statement submitted in Opposition by:
Fern Mossman President Hawaii Federation of Republican Women
Date submitted: February 22, 2017

As the State President for Hawaii Federation of Republican Women (HFRW), I join with my members here in Hawaii in opposing SB 501 SD 1. This bill forcing crisis pregnancy centers (CPCs) across our state to provide information regarding an abortion option known as “reproductive health services.”

Requires pregnancy care centers to do what is in direct opposition to the centers’ very mission.
It is an attack on free speech.

It is an attack on religious freedom as this legislation forces those with deeply-held convictions against promoting abortion to violate their conscience, and often their religious freedoms guaranteed by our U.S. Constitution

It is a “one-way street” that imposes no such requirement on abortion providers to advertise the services of pregnancy care centers.

This bill seeks to further the agenda of abortion providers.

Please vote NO on SB 501 SD1.

Respectfully submitted,

Fern Mossman

President, HFRW



Date: March 15, 2017

To: The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair
The Honorable Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
House Committee on Health

From: NASW Hawai'i Chapter

RE: Testimony in Support of S.B. 501 S.D. 1 Relating to Limited Service Pregnancy Centers

Chair Au Belatti, Vice Chair Kobayashi, and members of the House Committee on Health:

The National Association of Social Workers- Hawaii (NASW-Hawaii) strongly supports S.B. 501 S.D. 1, which seeks to require limited service pregnancy centers, otherwise known as "crisis pregnancy centers," to disclose the availability of publicly-funded family planning services and to establish privacy protections and pregnancy test disclosure requirements.

The focus of this bill is to insure that centers that advertise themselves as Pregnancy centers, disclose what services they offer and that the records of clients at these centers are treated as private and confidential. We are also concerned that these centers are often lacking in qualified, licensed health care providers.

Limited service pregnancy centers in Hawai'i are offering women biased, misleading, and even false pregnancy and health care information and denying women needed referrals for reproductive health services, and all while failing to disclose that they are not actually licensed health care providers and have no duty to protect women's private medical information

It is the belief of NASW, that the nature of reproductive health services that a client receives should be a matter of self-determination in consultation with the qualified, licensed health care provider furnishing them.

S.B. 501 will put in place rational protections to ensure that any woman seeking pregnancy testing services receives the information she needs to make decisions about her reproductive health. Please support S.B. 501 to guarantee that all women receive the same basic standard of care.

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sonja Bannan".

Sonja Bigalke-Bannan, MSW, LSW
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Roberta	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I opposes NO to Bill SB501. This is a violation to our First Amendment Rights and Our Freedom of Religion and I truly Stand for life!!

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Victor K. Ramos	Individual	Oppose	No

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sally kaye	Individual	Support	No

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Lea Minton	Individual	Support	No

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Deborah Davis	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing in support of Senate Bill 501 to make sure health care in our state is fair, accessible, and private and to ask you to do everything you can to move the bill forward. Anyone seeking health care should receive comprehensive, accurate, unbiased information in a confidential setting. Reproductive health care is no different. When women are fully informed, they are better able to make the best decision for themselves about their personal health. However, in Hawaii communities, Limited Service Pregnancy Centers (LSPCs) have been known to offer women biased, misleading, and even false pregnancy and health care information, as well as denying women the needed referrals for reproductive health services -- all while pretending to be legitimate health care providers. Women in Hawaii deserve better. Senate Bill 501 will put in place commonsense protections to ensure that any woman seeking pregnancy testing services receives the information she needs to make decisions about her reproductive health. These bills will require LSPCs to protect the privacy of health care information collected, provide women with information on their full range of reproductive health options, and disclose that they do not provide all options for clients. Please support this bill and thank you for your time.

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Re: Senate Bill No. 501 SD1

Relating to Health

Thank you for the opportunity to testify IN OPPOSITION to **SB501 SD1**

Pregnancy Resource Centers are a tremendous value to our local community in Hawaii. They are pro-woman and provide safe, confidential places to those facing an unplanned pregnancy. Since all their services are free, they do not benefit financially from a woman's reproductive choice as other agencies may. They empower the women of Hawaii to make informed choices. Many women in unplanned pregnancies will tell you that they feel an abortion is their only choice. Whether you consider yourself pro-life or pro-choice, that should never be. Pregnancy Resource Centers provide, for free, needed support, services, material assistance and medical screenings so no woman needs to ever feel that abortion is the only choice. The abortion lobby is wrongfully attacking Pregnancy Centers with **SB501 SD1**

We feel that **SB501 SD1** is a one sided bill clearly targeting pregnancy resource centers for their deeply held religious views of the sanctity of life by forcing them to promote abortion by posting or handing out the government's favored view. Forcing pregnancy resource centers to refer for abortion in any manner violates their First Amendment rights of the freedom of speech and freedom of religion.

The additional regulations this bill creates will have to be monitored and enforced. This will create a cost to the state. This cost will, in essence, be created to regulate five private religious non-profit organizations that offer all services at no cost to clients and receive no federal or state funding.

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The state should not infringe their view on religious organizations and violate their First Amendment rights. Nor should the state waste tax payer dollars to defend unnecessary legislation.

For these reasons, we urge you to OPPOSE **SB501 SD1**.

Re: Senate Bill No. 501 SD1

Relating to Health

Thank you for the opportunity to testify **IN OPPOSITION to SB501 SD1**

“Limited service pregnancy centers” like Malama Pregnancy Center (MPC) here on Maui are not regulated businesses or concerns subject to the jurisdiction of any county, state, or federal authority. The state has no authority to tell the volunteers at MPC what they can and cannot say, and to whom they can or cannot say whatever is said. The State has no right or authority to demand records of such interactions to be kept, nor that any recordkeeping done be subject to disclosure to the State. The state has no licensing authority over entities like MPC, nor any certifying power over the volunteers who work there, under any existing state law or regulation.

What is MPC? MPC represents an exercise in pure free speech. People come of their own free will, and talk with others who are there on a purely voluntary basis. There is no funding provided by any governmental entity, of any kind, at any level. Free, private people come to talk with other free, private people on matters that are very strictly...private, not subject to any governmental authority or control.

Here's the issue:

(Quoting the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution): “...or abridging the freedom of speech...”

Private people are free to say to other private people whatever they want to say, provided this speech is not seditious, defamatory, threatening, or inciting to riot. The State of Hawaii has no business attempting to interfere with the speech of persons not in the employ of the State of Hawaii.

The State is out of line and in violation of the U.S. Constitution in mandating this (quoting 501SD1): The State “*Requires all limited service pregnancy centers to disclose the availability of and enrollment information for reproductive health services.*” That word, “disclose” means to tell, inform, or by whatever means necessary, to communicate. That is **compulsion**. The State cannot compel me (or any other private person) to tell a pregnant mother how to go about killing her keiki, or how to abort (end!) the preborn child's life. The State of Hawaii cannot compel free, private people with respect to what they will or won't say to other free, private people. ***The State has not right to do this under any federal statute.***

The issue at hand is this: The volunteers at centers like Malama Pregnancy Center advise pregnant mothers about **alternatives** to killing their keiki (the preborn in their wombs). The State of Hawaii may or may not have an opinion about what is now known scientifically to be fact: the preborn are in fact persons. No matter! The State has no right interfering in this exercise of the freedom of speech.

In short, this defective and highly intrusive bill is a clear violation of federal statute (the guarantee of freedom of speech in the First Amendment), and, for certain, a couple of centuries of case law in favor of private citizens' continued right to exercise this very kind of free speech. The State of Hawaii will waste untold millions of Hawaiian taxpayer dollars fighting this obviously defective law, not to mention the time wasted by State attorneys, time far better employed prosecuting real criminals involved in the violation of real criminal and civil statutes which are already on the books.

Doesn't the State have better things to do than to get in the way of free, private citizens trying to save the lives of the Islands' defenseless, preborn keiki? Is this practicing aloha towards these mothers and their children?

I believe these entities are standing ready to sue the State should it move ahead with this defective law:

- <https://www.adflegal.org/>
- <http://www.nifla.org/>

Is this really a fight the State wants?

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Georgina Failautusi	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: PO BOX 2922 EWA BEACH, HI 96706 March 11, 2017 TO: HAWAII STATE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH, AND HEALTH & SENATE JUDICIARY AND LABOR COMMITTEE Dear Senators, thank you for the opportunity to testify IN OPPOSITION to SB501. My name is Georgina Failautusi. I have been wounded my abortion, I was twenty-three years old and married with two young children, I found myself pregnant to my third child. Faced with an unplanned pregnancy, I was scared and alone because my marriage was falling apart. My decision to take my baby's life seemed to be the best choice. I had no idea my decision would turn my world upside down. For years after my abortion I tried to forget the pain of killing my precious baby. It wasn't until I attended an abortion recovery bible study at A PLACE FOR WOMEN IN WAIPIO that I realized how much I suffered secretly from the psychological impact of my abortion. I always felt a gapping whole in my heart and soul for taking my innocent baby's life. The Forgiven and Set Free Bible Study has helped me heal my broken heart through the love and forgiveness of Christ Jesus. I chose to be a Volunteer at the center and I have Facilitated for the abortion recovery bible study at A PLACE FOR WOMEN IN WAIPIO. Please allow women to have other options that I never got. I would never force anything on women who find themselves in a pregnancy crisis. As one who have suffered from abortion for years until finding healing, and as a Christian, I strongly oppose SB501. This bill will force me to say and promote something I DO NOT believe in. My rights to freedom of speech and freedom of religion is being violated by force me to refer women for abortion, I will be forced to go against everything I believe in that life begins at conception. Abortion is wrong and it kills. I was broken from my abortion and now I am made whole in Christ who loves me. Mahalo nui loa, Malama pono, Georgina Failautusi

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TESTIMONY OF JAMES E. COON SPEAKING IN STRONG OPPOSITION TO SB 501,SD1

Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Kobayashi, Members of Committee on Health:

My name is James E. Coon and I am testifying as a concerned citizen. I am a husband, a father of three adult children, a grandparent and one that believes in the sanctity of life.

I troubled by this proposed legislation that would coerce entities and individuals to engage in speech contrary to their own moral and ethical views which should be protected under the First Amendment Free Speech guarantee.

SB501,SD1 appears to specifically target pregnancy centers and/or clinics that do not promote abortion. Many of these are staffed by individuals that are opposed to abortions on religious grounds. This bill, as written, would essentially make them accomplices to what they view as a moral crime.- Additionally, it subjects the centers/clinics and the directors and board members to criminal and/or civil sanctions for failure to comply.

This unfair legislation may actually cause some of these centers to close and furthermore may discourage pregnant women from getting the advice and care they need.

Please do not pass this misguided legislation.

Aloha

James E. Coon, PO Box 847, Kula, HI 96790

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MARY JANE JACINTO	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Exodus 20:13 "You shall not murder". Psalm 139:13- 16 "For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them." Exodus 21:22-23 "When men strive together and hit a pregnant woman, so that her children come out, but there is no harm, the one who hit her shall surely be fined, as the woman's husband shall impose on him, and he shall pay as the judges determine. But if there is harm, then you shall pay life for life" Deuteronomy 27:25 "'Cursed be anyone who takes a bribe to shed innocent blood.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'" English Standard Version (ESV) The Holy Bible, English Standard Version. ESV® Permanent Text Edition® (2016). Copyright © 2001 by Crossway Bibles, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers.

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B.A. McClintock	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this important bill.

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RE: HEARING on Thurs. 3/16/2017 at 10:30 am re: SB 501

Testimony of Margaret Johnson, retired attorney and judge, 45-817 Anoi Place, Kaneohe, HI opposing SB 501

I am a retired attorney and judge. I strongly oppose this bill. This bill appears on its face to violate the protections afforded by both the federal and Hawaii state constitutions to freedom of religion and freedom of speech. And it provides no exception for those who are providing crisis pregnancy care precisely because they firmly hold to the scriptural mandate not to kill and recognize that abortion kills a child. To require such an organization and its owners, managers or staff to advertise killing abortion services to its patrons under the guise of making the public aware of “health” services [abortion is not a health service at all but a death service] is a blatant effort to bypass these constitutional protections which date back to the founding of our country and the establishment of this State’s constitution. To even contemplate such legislation is a grave and evil matter. To resist the push of the culture of death in this direction requires courage, a trait I hope some of our legislators and specifically the members of this committee might possess.

This law imposes significant fines on organizations that refuse, because of their religious beliefs, to in any way endorse the killing of babies and victimization of their mothers or to refer women who are often in what appears to be desperate circumstances to abortion services as if suggesting that these poor women should kill their babies. These organizations were set up precisely to offer other wholesome life-affirming alternatives.

This legislation absent an exemption for organizations that cannot endorse abortion as a matter of faith and conscience is inviting expensive litigation and will waste the limited financial resources of this state. To presume people are unaware of the availability of abortion particularly following the very contentious election this country has endured is lunacy. There is no compelling state reason for imposing this burden on faith based private organizations or on individuals that would justify violating their constitutional rights to freedom of religion and

speech. This is government compelled speech contrary to conscience and faith and contrary to the constitutions of both the United States and the State of Hawai'i.

A United States Supreme Court case which bears striking similarities to this legislation is *Wooley v. Maynard*, 430 US 705 (1977) which invalidated a New Hampshire law compelling display of a license plate slogan "Live Free or Die" that offended the Maynard's religious beliefs and imposed criminal fines on those who covered the slogan because it was offensive to their moral, political and religious beliefs. Mr. Maynard was prosecuted three different times for covering the slogan was initially fine for covering the slogan, and when he refused to pay the fine, he was jailed. Mr. Maynard sought and obtained an injunction in the federal district court which following a trial which held the ordinance invalid and enjoined the enforcement of the ordinance against the Maynards and other Jehovah's Witnesses. The Court of Appeals reversed. The Supreme Court noted particularly Mr. Maynard's summary of his objection to the license plate:

"I refuse to be coerced by the State into advertising a slogan which I find morally, ethically, religiously and politically abhorrent."

The Court then identified the question to be decided as whether the State may constitutionally require an individual to participate in the dissemination of an ideological message by displaying it on his private property in a manner and for the express purpose that it be observed and read by the public. Noting that the right of freedom of thought protected by the First Amendment against state action includes both the right to speak freely and the right to refrain from speaking at all, the Court held that the State may not constitutionally impose such a requirement. What this bill seeks to compel these private organizations to do is very similar and equally unconstitutional.

I also note that this effort to compel pro life private organizations to endorse the creeping culture of death in this way is completely contrary to the spirit of Aloha written into Hawaii State law and characteristic uniquely of Hawai'i and its people. "Aloha" has a wide variety of translations but it is certainly life nurturing and life affirming and is something uniquely Hawaiian that embraces a spirit of hospitality and kindness extended to life in all its manifestations. It is a spirit of life-giving, life-respecting, life-embracing and life-nourishing. It is not a spirit of death and death-dealing and death encouraging

Please have the courage to recognize this bill for what it is an vote no. I will be praying for you.

God bless you.

Margaret Johnson

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Committee on Health
March 16, 2017 and 10:30am
Conference Room 329
SB501

Aloha nui e Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Kobayashi, and members of the Committee on Health,

I am writing in **strong support** of Senate Bill 501, which seeks to ensure health care in our state is accurate, accessible, and private.

Anyone seeking health care should receive comprehensive, accurate, unbiased information in a confidential setting. Reproductive health care is no different. When women are fully informed, they are better able to make the best decision for themselves about their personal health. However, in Hawaii communities, Limited Service Pregnancy Centers (LSPCs) are offering women biased, misleading, and even false pregnancy and health care information and denying women needed referrals for reproductive health services, all while pretending to be legitimate health care providers. Worse, many of these centers target teenage girls and may be their only resource for information about their options during an unwanted pregnancy. Women in Hawaii deserve better.

Senate Bill 501 will put in place common sense protections to ensure that any woman seeking pregnancy testing services receives the information she needs to make decisions about her reproductive health. These bills will require LSPCs to protect the privacy of health care information collected, provide women with information on their full range of reproductive health options, and disclose that they do not provide all options for clients. I would even encourage the requirements go further to require these facilities to inform clients and patients that they are not medical facilities. Many of these centers look like clinics, their staff wear medical scrubs, and they provide ultrasounds and other medical services. This leads women to believe they are receiving the same services they would in a medical facility.

Mahalo for your leadership in putting this bill forward. Please support Senate Bill 501 to guarantee that all women receive the same basic standard of care.

Mahalo,



Rebecca Justine 'Iolani Soon

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB501 SD1

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HEARING Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 10:30 am Conference Room 329 Dear Chairmen, Vice Chairmen and Committee Members, My name is Rowena Tanicala and I testify in opposition to this bill on the grounds that it would, if passed, violate First Amendment rights and the rights of conscience of those who oppose uttering the words and ideas required by this law. * SB501 SD1 seeks intentionally to violate the rights of those who operate pregnancy centers by compelling speech in violation of the First Amendment rights to free speech. Pregnancycenters and those that work there believe fundamentally that ALL ABORTION KILLS a living human being once conception has occurred. * SB501 SD1 compels speech which violates the religious liberty rights of the pregnancy centers and those who work there. * SB501 SD1 does not truly meet its intended goal, set forth in Section 1 of SB 501 SD1, of making "every possible effort to advise women of all available reproductive health programs". SB 501 SD1 does not require abortion providers to notify women of, and refer women to, pregnancy centers for help with the post abortion health problems that often arise but abortion providers do not address. For the foregoing reasons I oppose the bill and ask that you vote no in committee.

Rowena Tanicala

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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB501 SD1

March 14, 2017

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HEARING Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 10:30 am Conference Room 329

Dear Chairmen, Vice Chairmen and Committee Members,

My name is Stephanie Kamanawa. As a mother, a post-abortive woman, and a person who cares deeply about other woman and innocent children, I am deeply concerned and strongly **OPPOSE** Senate Bill No. 501 SD1.

First and foremost, this bill is in direct conflict of first amendment rights protecting religion, expression, and speech. This bill, while an attempt in providing women with multiple choices, is actually forcing a woman toward only one choice, abortion. I would not assume that Planned Parenthood would be forced by law to provide every client with pro-life options. They are clear as to their services provided and it's not life. Forcing, on one side of the argument only, to have pro-life centers promote abortion in any way is a violation of the law and core beliefs. It's not fair, it's not right and it's unethical. There are numerous ways abortion facilities can promote abortion – let the abortion facilities do that for themselves. Do not ask pro-life centers to promote abortion in any way, shape, or form. SB501 SD1 seeks intentionally to violate the rights of those who operate pregnancy centers by compelling speech in violation of the First Amendment rights to free speech. Pregnancy centers and those that work there believe fundamentally that ALL ABORTION KILLS a living human being once conception has occurred.

Furthermore, I have first-hand experience and knowledge of the detrimental effects and life altering mental and physical challenges abortion has on the mother. I have had two abortions in my lifetime. I chose to take the life of my babies. I was not given options. I was not given true facts about what abortion is – I had no idea that my baby would be sucked out of my womb in pieces. I thought at the time I was making the best decision for ME with no concern about my babies- their lives- or thought of how others might be affected by my choice. I suffered in silence for many years eventually living out my torment from these tragic decisions. I turned to drugs, alcohol, and ironically sex. I was suicidal because I believed I did not deserve to live when my babies were dead.

Fast forward many years to 2011. I became a client of A Place For Women in Waipio. I received free counseling and care to work through my deeply seated issues. I was wrapped in a caring environment free from judgment and plentiful in love. These women stood beside me as they still do today. I received healing as I worked through my issues attached to my abortions.

I was inspired and hopeful so I became a volunteer. I never received a dime for my time as other volunteers who work in the center. We believe in our goal – to help women and save babies – help women to NOT make the same decisions that I made. We do not deceive as we are forthright in our mission. Promoting any type of information about abortion services as a prolife center is in itself an oxymoron.

Lastly, A Place For Women is not government funded. Why then should the government have a say in how we decide to help women. I am praying that the reason for this bill comes from lack of information and knowledge, but I am hopeful that you hearing testimonies such as mine will have an impact on your decision to make the right choice and OPPOSE this bill which will be utterly devastating for the prolife community in whole and for each individual baby whose life is lost.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this sensitive matter.

Respectfully,

Stephanie Kamanawa

Re: Senate Bill No. 501 SD1

Relating to Health

Thank you for the opportunity to testify IN OPPOSITION to **SB501 SD1**

Pregnancy Resource Centers are a tremendous value to our local community in Hawaii. They are pro-woman and provide safe, confidential places to those facing an unplanned pregnancy. Since all their services are free, they do not benefit financially from a woman's reproductive choice as other agencies may. They empower the women of Hawaii to make informed choices. Many women in unplanned pregnancies will tell you that they feel an abortion is their only choice. Whether you consider yourself pro-life or pro-choice, that should never be. Pregnancy Resource Centers provide, for free, needed support, services, material assistance and medical screenings so no woman needs to ever feel that abortion is the only choice. The abortion lobby is wrongfully attacking Pregnancy Centers with **SB501 SD1**

I, Pamela Edwards, feel that **SB501 SD1** is a one sided bill clearly targeting pregnancy resource centers for their deeply held religious views of the sanctity of life by forcing them to promote abortion by posting or handing out the government's favored view. Forcing pregnancy resource centers to refer for abortion in any manner violates their First Amendment rights of the freedom of speech and freedom of religion.

The additional regulations this bill creates will have to be monitored and enforced. This will create a cost to the state. This cost will, in essence, be created to regulate five private religious non-profit organizations that offer all services at no cost to clients and receive no federal or state funding.

Given its obvious disregard for the First Amendment rights of the religious organizations affected, we can only assume they will fight this law to the highest court. Due to the cost of having to defend this unconstitutional bill, we oppose the State of Hawaii using taxpayers dollars to defend it in the courts solely to regulate a handful of religious organizations doing no harm to society.

The state should not infringe their view on religious organizations and violate their First Amendment rights. Nor should the state waste tax payer dollars to defend unnecessary legislation.

For these reasons, we urge you to OPPOSE **SB501 SD1**.

Thank you, Pamela Edwards 808-446-4009 – pamela.edwards@hotmail.com

To the House Committee on Health
Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.
Conference Room 329

Re: Opposition to SB501 SD1 Relating to Health

Testimony of Ross Fusato, Board Member of the Malama Pregnancy Center of Maui

Chair Della Au Belatti, Vice Chair Bertrand Kobayashi and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify IN OPPOSITION to SB501 SD1. My name is Ross Fusato and I am a board member of the Malama Pregnancy Center of Maui, one of the targeted centers of this proposed bill.

I strongly oppose SB501 SD 1. Pregnancy resource centers provide free, confidential and accurate information and counseling to women and men facing an unplanned pregnancy. Claims that Hawaii centers use deception or delay tactics are factually inaccurate. Please visit our center and you will easily verify that our staff and volunteers genuinely care and love the clients that they counsel. These centers provide clients with support they may not otherwise receive. Before you shut them down, meet these constituents face to face and discuss your concerns you have.

Providing the women of Hawaii with timely medical information is important. The state should take the initiative in promoting its programs. The state should not be forcing privately funded entities to do this for them. I'm sure state agencies can find many more effective ways of promoting its programs than requiring 5 small centers to do it. However, it is apparent that informing the public is not the intention of this bill. This law intentionally forces pregnancy centers to violate their constitutionally protected religious beliefs by advertising for abortion providers. Since life affirming pregnancy centers will not do this, it forces these pregnancy centers to close. Closing pregnancy centers is the goal of SB501 SD. Instead of coming out and stating that pregnancy centers are a threat, this law hides behind a seemingly innocuous but urgent need to inform low income women of state health programs. This type of manipulative legislation is politics at its worst and can only continue if you let it.

The State of Hawaii Department of Health has previously testified that it does not have the resources or the capacity to enforce SB501 SD1. In addition, it is well known that future legal challenges to SB501 SD1 will create tremendous legal expenses for the State of Hawaii. It would be fiscally irresponsible to

pass this bill with no tangible benefits or results. SB501 SD1 would actually reduce support and services to those who need it the most.

I urge you to please take a stand for integrity and honesty by voting no on SB501 SD1.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,
Ross Fusato

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Susan Duffy	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Those who defend human life should not have to be forced to participate in promoting the destruction of human life against their moral objections, rights to free speech and free exercise of religion.

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I made a choice, a choice to kill my child. The doctor at the abortion clinic never mentioned any other option. She assured me this was just a blob a tissue however she left out the fact that at conception all the genetic makeup for this "blob" was complete. If all the genetic makeup was complete then what I had was a child who just needed time to grow. Yet the doctor never told me nor did she tell me there was any other choice I had. She didn't say I should think about it or advocate for adoption she only assured me I was doing what was best. Never did the doctor or anyone else at the clinic tell me about the flood of emotions that would follow this traumatic experience. No one prepared me the calluseness of the doctor while he was suctioning the life of my child out of me. Once done I was no more than just a statistic. No one from that clinic asked how I was afterwards. No one even spoke in the recovery room which was more like that of a funeral home. That's because it was a funeral home. There was no love or joy in that room, no ladies smiling and patting themselves on the back over their "choice." No, there was only silence and sadness. A very heavy sorrow lay over that recovery room. There I was, left to pick up the pieces with no help from this abortion clinic who was all too happy to take the life of my child all the while caring nothing for me.

The abortion clinic had given me no information about any other option I had, none. I believed their lie and for many years I carried around the shame and guilt that accompanied the killing of my child. That was until I began attending a church on Oahu, Calvary Chapel Pearl Harbor, that also had a women's crisis pregnancy center. A place women could come to and receive love, compassion and options that did not include death and sorrow. This was a place that gave women hope, real hope and a place where women could find healing from past abortions. I went through a beautiful Bible study called "Forgiven and Set Free." It was through this study I was able to truly grieve the loss of my beautiful child and find forgiveness. I knew God had this child with Him and that I no longer had to live in shame and guilt. I knew then I could give those feelings of sorrow and sadness to Christ Jesus my Lord and He would heal me and that's what He did. I now have hope and no longer do I feel abandoned. The Bible tells us in Jeremiah 1:5a God says, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you," and in Psalm 139:13-16 "For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from You, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in Your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them." Now the courts are trying to add sorrow, sadness, shame, and guilt to places like these that offer such hope and restoration. How can a place of healing offer death when a place of death, like abortion clinics, offer no hope, no life, no options. It is heartbreaking to see how the life of beautiful unborn children have become worthless to so many. Since your life was not aborted you believe you have the "right" to force others to offer murder as a way out if their pregnancy?

Heather Day

March 14, 2017

TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

For Hearing on Thursday, March 16, 2017 10:30, Conference Room 329

By: CDR K.J. Edwards, USN, Retired

Re: Senate Bill No. 501 SD 1 Relating to Health

Dear CHAIRPERSON AU BELATTI, VICE CHAIR KOBAYASHI AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Thank you for the opportunity to testify IN OPPOSITION TO S.B. 501 SD1.

I am proud of my 20 years of service in uniform as a Naval Officer and the time I spent defending my country. I served on U.S. soil, foreign soil, in hazardous duty zones, and in civilian attire that required a cover story and during that time I always remembered my oath of office, "that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same,." For in taking that oath I was agreeing to lay down my life in defense of my country. I served and defended the rights of her citizens that are outlined in the Constitution of the United States because of my great love for my country and my staunch belief in what our founding fathers wrote in the Constitution. I defended the right of free speech and the right of religious practice. However, I have found that this right has already been violated since fighting this bill. My testimony was mishandled and not submitted to the Ways and Means committee. It was submitted on the 21st of February for a 23 February hearing but was not submitted to the committee for consideration. When I filed an official complaint with the Senate President and the Chairman of the Committee my testimony was marked LATE, which it was not. That was later corrected but that did not correct the problem. My testimony was not considered before deliberation and voting on the bill. My First Amendment Rights are being violated before this bill has even been approved.

Second, I am also a woman who has had an abortion and experienced the devastating emotional, psychologically, and spiritual effects of the procedure. As a counselor at A Place for Women I am again sharing my life but in a different way. A Place for Women is a faith based crisis pregnancy center that is privately funded and offers free of charge education and emotional support to women who call us looking for answers to their questions. I have experienced and seen the damage that abortion does to the soul of a woman and that is why I am involved in the pro-life movement. I care about the women who call and I want to provide them with information, and if they agree, my perspective on abortion. In that way they can make a more informed decision. This is not just a medical decision but an emotional, mental, and spiritual decision as well. As a facilitator in an abortion recovery Bible study I have worked with women who are looking for healing in their lives from the trauma of abortion. My purpose for volunteering at A

Place for Women is to help women who have had abortions and to share that there is healing from abortion. It is also to speak to women who are pregnant and, if I can, keep them from damaging their psyche and heart.

However, this bill will require me to pass out information to women telling them where they can obtain free or low cost abortions. This action I see as doing nothing but long-term damage and harm to the woman. What has happened to my freedom of speech and my freedom of religion? Is this not an infringement on my freedom of speech and on my freedom of religion? I say yes! It goes against the very rights and freedoms that I served to uphold. Abraham Lincoln in a speech at Kalamazoo, Michigan on August 27, 1856 said, "Don't interfere with anything in the Constitution. That must be maintained, for it is the only safeguard of our liberties. And not to Democrats alone do I make this appeal, but to all who love these great and true principles."

As a U.S. citizen who loves her country and who has served with pride, I most vehemently oppose this bill on constitutional grounds as it restricts freedom of speech and freedom of religion. It is forcing me to say things I believe are harmful to women and goes against the very core of my religious beliefs. As hard as I fought for my country in uniform, I will fight against this bill out of uniform.

Watch over your heart with all diligence,
For from it flow the springs of life.
Proverbs 4:23

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For Hearing on Thursday, March 16, 2017, 10:30 a.m. Conference Room 329

**Re: Senate Bill No. 501 SD1
Relating to Health**

Dear CHAIRPERSON, DELLA AU BELATTI, VICE CHAIR, BERT KOBAYASHI AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE HEALTH COMMITTEE

Thank you for the opportunity to testify IN OPPOSITION to SB 501 SD1.

I am a volunteer at a pregnancy resource center here on Oahu. We provide women faced with an unplanned pregnancy with information about ALL of their options, parenting, adoption, and abortion. Each option is presented with the possible positive and negative consequences that are associated with it. THIS IS DONE WITHOUT ANY FINANCIAL MOTIVATION. We provide all of our services for free. All counselors as well as our licensed medical staff, VOLUNTEER our time. Our concern is for the physical, emotional, psychological and spiritual well-being of each client. The decision is ultimately made by the client; but at least she can make her own decision based on having all the facts.

In my own experience with an unplanned pregnancy, I was not given any counseling as to what my options were, nor was I told that I was carrying a life with a heart that was already beating. Rather, I was told only of what the risks of having general anesthesia were for the abortion and that was it. I regret my abortion. I am upset that I was never provided the information about what my options were and what the consequences an abortion would have on my life.

This bill, if passed would FORCE me, as a post-abortive woman, to promote and refer a woman to do the very thing I regret having done. In this day and age, do you really think that a woman wanting an abortion could not find an abortion provider herself?

As a Christian, I believe that life begins at conception and ending that life with an abortion is wrong. Requiring me to hand out any information promoting abortion or telling a woman where she can obtain an abortion would go against my conscience and violate my First Amendment rights to freedom of speech and freedom of religion.

I ask that you please oppose SB 501. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Sincerely,

Cindy Sasaki
Mililani, HI

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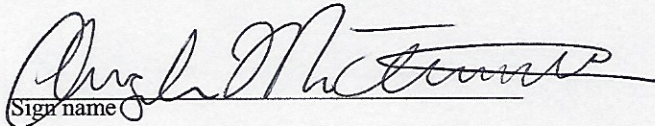
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Charleen A. Sprague

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My name is John K. Lewis, and I testify in opposition to this bill on the grounds that it would, if passed, violate First Amendment rights and the rights of conscience of those who oppose uttering the words and ideas required by this law.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kathleen Hashimoto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Maly Nako	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As a Christian and registered nurse I find this bill to be a complete violation of these pregnancy centers constitutional rights. This bill forces pregnancy centers, most of which are faith-based, to post offensive, contradictory information in their centers. This form of compelled speech violates the separation of church and state. Caving to special interest groups such as Planned Parenthood is Not Representing the people of Hawaii. Everyone knows exactly where to go if they so choose to have an abortion. Are you going to force Planned Parenthood to post every pregnancy centers information in their clinic? I highly doubt it. Then why the double standard. If this bill passes you will be guaranteed a lawsuit, costing us taxpayers unnecessarily. These types of bills have already been challenged and won in New York. They are also in court in California, Please oppose this bill so the people of Hawaii do not have to front the bill for this litigation!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mari Burnett	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am writing to oppose SB 501. This bill violates my First Amendment rights to choose free speech and my freedom of religion as a United States citizen and as a woman. Do I not have a right to choose these things for myself but have the senate choose these things for me? AMENDMENT I Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances. As a young woman growing up in Hawaii, I have been wounded by abortion. I had my first pregnancy in high school. When I alerted the father of the pregnancy, he immediately decided that I should have an abortion and was willing to fund the procedure 100% without giving me a chance to have my own opinion. I visited a Planned Parenthood to see how far I was and to also hoping to get more facts on the matter. All I got from them was that I had 4 weeks before my first trimester ended to have the abortion. No other information, no counseling. I put a life changing decision in a young man and a clinical staff. I decided to keep my baby and talks of abortion from acquaintances and so called friends wouldn't end, even after my son was born. I couldn't go a week without strangers disguising small talk with judgmental comments to my face about how my life would have been easier if I just got rid of the baby before it was too late. Society is so convincing. Fast forward to my early 20's and I became pregnant again. The father wanted me to have an abortion again, but this time I gave in and let everyone have their way with me. A third pregnancy happened in my mid 20's. To save all of the judgment and grief, I hid this pregnancy and had the abortion on my own. I spent years of shame, guilt, and humiliation for what I had done. This is not what I wanted for my son and unborn children I had murdered to make everyone else happy. These emotional scars affected my parenting and also my marriage that I started when I turned 29. In my 30's I discovered ARBS (Abortion Recovery Bible Study) through my church. Going through the program gave me a place to finally grieve my unborn children, help me move forward in my life, and help me tremendously to lift the deceptive shame of being a woman like how most of society makes us feel. In all fairness, please let us keep the right to these pregnancy centers to be our safe abortion free and judgement free zones, in a world where society feels otherwise.

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14 March 2017

Aloha Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Health ,

I am writing to you concerning SB501. It is known in our ohana as "The Bully Bill." Please let me tell you why. I belong to Calvary Chapel Pearl Harbor and our church supports a pregnancy center called "A Place for Women." This bill would require our church to place a sign advertising places on Oahu to get an abortion. Our church believes that life begins at conception. We believe there is a soul the moment the human egg is fertilized. Modern science has not proven us wrong. The Ten Commandments tell us murder is against God's Will and I believe ending a life through abortion is murder.

Bill SB501 tells us that we must advertise in our church sponsored pregnancy center; murder? Does SB501 bill require a sign at the abortion center stating "If you change your mind and don't want to kill your baby, you can visit A Place for Women in Waipio?" The answer to that question is NO.

The testimony from opponents of this bill in the senate was not read before the vote. We were told it was a "glitch," and was because of staffing problems. The bill should have never left committee because of this. My hope and prayer is that you will see how unfair SB501 is and the very process to get it before you has been unfair too, and you will vote NO on it. Thank you for your concern.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Michael Dinneen

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Dear Chairmen, Vice Chairmen and Committee Members,

My name is Frederick Herrmann.

I oppose this bill on the grounds that it violates the integrity of NPOs. Whereas the pregnancy centers of Hawaii do not receive any funds from federal nor state government, they are free to act independently of the government mandate inherent in SB501 SD1.

This bill represents a dangerous precedent.

What is at stake here is not merely the pro-life ideologies of the directors of Hawaii's mere handful of pregnancy centers, but the free conscience of the directors and board members of any and all NPOs. It allows the State to enforce compulsory actions upon NPOs that violate the federal constitutional rights of corporations (*cf.* Congressional Research Service, R43293), and the bill does so without legal justification.

In short, the bill fails in any of three categories: First, the requirement for abortion referrals violates the First Amendment right to freedom of speech, since it prohibits the NPO from speaking its views in freedom, but requires it to speak contrary views under compulsion; Second, if the NPO is classified as religious, the bill violates the First Amendment right of freedom of religion, since it requires action contrary to the religious doctrines of such organizations; Third, if the NPO is considered a health service, it violates Hawaii's conscience clause that prohibits hospitals or persons from participating in abortions or being liable for any such refusal.

What concerns me is how quickly, despite blatant flaws, this bill is progressing through our legislation. This gives a clear impression that its mandates are not clearly understood, but that the bill is being rushed through without deliberation.

Thank you for hearing my statements.
Frederick Herrmann

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Testimony

AGAINST SB 501, A Bill For An Act Relating to Health
14 March 2017

Aloha Legislative Committee,

I am opposed to S.B. NO. 501. I represent the women of Hawaii as a woman of Hawaii, protecting the First Amendment of the United States Constitution and what it stands for. The First Amendment states, "Religion and Expression – Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances" (U.S. Const. amend. I). According to SB 501, public programs made available to women regarding family planning, education and counseling services would be mandated to advertise abortion.

SB 501 violates the First Amendment. Forcing programs to offer abortion services does not conserve the freedom of speech or the freedom of religion.

As a former patient of Planned Parenthood, I was not given information about counseling nor was I told accurate facts from sound research on the process of abortion. Instead of being respected as a woman, I was persuaded into believing that abortion was my only option because of my age. My abortion procedure was in 2008 and I was left in a mental state of anguish. Following my abortion, I believe that I was emotionally stunted. Through blocking out the reality of my experience, I was able to go on and receive both my Bachelor's and Master's degrees. It was soon after I finished school that I had time to think about the emotional pain that lingered from abortion and a time in my life that I am not proud of. Late 2015 is when I found 'A Place For Women' in Waipi'o, Waipahu.

'A Place For Women' is a public program that advocates for women under their religion. At this public program, women are not forced to choose to follow their religious principles thus this public program should not have to operate against their own religion. This public program has offered me a place to heal from the trauma of abortion. This public program has provided myself and many other women who have gone through abortion an Abortion Recovery class in which this class has changed my life positively forever through providing me a safe, nonjudgmental and healthy environment to express myself and to fully process my situation. The physical pain may have left my body weeks after my abortion but the psychological pain has tortured me every day since. I ask that you do not pass SB 501 because taking away 'A Place For Women' would be taking away from women an amazing resource to grieve their abortion or to gain counseling, accurate facts and education on pregnancy. I ask that you consider the everlasting pain in which abortion brings to women, babies and families around the world. Passing SB 501 would leave the broken women of Hawaii, broken.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kelsi K. Yonting

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SB501

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Testimony for HLT on Mar 16, 2017 10:30AM in Conference Room 329

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kimi Deinhard	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Chairmen, Vice Chairmen and Committee My name is Kimi Deinhard and I testify in opposition to this bill on the grounds that it would, if passed, violate First Amendment rights and the rights of conscience of those who oppose uttering the words and ideas required by this law. * SB501 SD1 seeks intentionally to violate the rights of those who operate pregnancy centers by compelling speech in violation of the First Amendment rights to free speech. Pregnancy centers and those that work there believe fundamentally that ALL ABORTION KILLS a living human being once conception has occurred. * SB501 SD1 compels speech which violates the religious liberty rights of the pregnancy centers and those who work there. * SB501 SD1 does not truly meet its intended goal, set forth in Section 1 of SB 501 SD1, of making "every possible effort to advise women of all available reproductive health programs". SB 501 SD1 does not require abortion providers to notify women of, and refer women to, pregnancy centers for help with the post-abortion health problems that often arise but abortion providers do not address. For the foregoing reasons I oppose the bill and ask that you vote no in committee.

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Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Kobayashi, and members of the House Committee on Health,

As one of the Young Progressives Demanding Action Hawai'i's 568 registered members, I write to offer my strong support of SB501, which requires Crisis Pregnancy Centers to be honest about both the services they provide and the options available to women seeking help. These centers exist for the sole purpose of convincing (often young) women to carry their pregnancies to term, regardless of their personal situations or the best interest of mother or fetus.

In support, please see the following information:

- Many CPCs will intentionally spread misinformation about the nature of a pregnancy or the legal, physiological or mental ramifications of abortion.
 - A Place for Women in Waipio specifically offers "Abortion Recovery Classes" to help women overcome "Post Abortion Syndrome" which they define as a medical condition tantamount to PTSD. I will note here that while it is certainly *possible* for women to suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder resulting from an abortion, no such syndrome exists in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, the standard by which every health care provider identifies and diagnoses mental health issues in the US.
 - In addition, the standard of care at places that offer abortion services, such as Planned Parenthood, is such that every woman going through the procedure is given every available resource and comfort.
- Some CPCs force women to watch anti-abortion films, slideshows, view photos intended to scare or receive biased, unfactual lectures in order to receive service.
- CPCs often advertise themselves as legitimate medical care centers, using keywords like "family planning services" or "abortion alternatives" to lure women in.
- CPCs disproportionately target teenagers, young women and women without easy access to actual medical services.
 - This is again particularly true of A Place for Women, as they advertise before Consolidated Movie screenings of films that target teenagers and young adults. These advertisements never mention that they are a religiously backed, pro-life institution, only that they offer family planning and pregnancy testing services.
- Hawai'i has the unfortunate distinction of being the original home of these centers. In 1967, Robert Pearson opened the first clinic in the history of the US here on Oahu. On the subject of CPCs, he had been quoted as saying "Obviously, we're fighting Satan. A killer, who in this case is the girl who wants to kill her baby, *has no right to information that will help her.*" (emphasis mine)
 - These places, by the admission of their creator, do not exist to help women seeking medical care but rather impede them at every opportunity.
- We must regulate these centers such that women are aware that they are not receiving actual medical care. It is on this point that we offer the following suggestions:
 - That the penalty for failing to comply with this law be raised sharply. In Hawai'i, a single parent will pay roughly \$172,000 in costs related to child raising in the first 18 years of life. Compared to that, an initial \$500 and later \$1,000 fine for repeat offenses pales in comparison. Though it is not possible to charge them the full cost of a child whose mother has been coerced into giving birth, we strongly recommend that the board impose a stronger monetary deterrent to noncompliance.
 - Consider that the federal penalty for simply illegally downloading a movie can be as high as \$30,000. I think that we are all aware which one of these offenses carries a higher human cost.

- In the state of Hawai'i, failure to display a Department of Health food safety placard is up to \$1,000 *per day*.
- That the penalty not be deposited into the general fund but rather specifically be directed towards state funding for greater access to reproductive health education and services. It is even noted within the bill's language that thousands of women are in need of access to such care. Establishing that the penalties from noncompliance are directed towards further funding can help enable services to be more widely available, especially to underserved communities on the outer islands. It is worth noting that the rate of unintended pregnancy specifically in Hawai'i and Kaua'i Counties are higher than those in Honolulu County as per a Hawai'i State Dept of Health survey in 2010.

Sincerely,

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Adrian Tam	Individual	Support	No

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Senators and Representatives

I am writing in opposition to SB501 that requires pregnancy counseling centers to post abortion information at their place of service, whether or not they agree with abortion. This violates religious beliefs and freedom to counsel per religious beliefs. It is especially intrusive of government to require this of centers who are non-profits, and who receive no government funding.

In addition to the opposition stated above, I wanted to add that the non-profit, non-government-funded pregnancy counseling centers in no way obstruct clients from pursuing looking into abortion alternatives by also researching that as an option in addition to the counsel they give. Women are free to visit health clinics outside these non-profit pregnancy centers that do not get federal or state funding. *If you require places that give counsel about alternatives to abortion to post information about centers that give information about abortions, you should equally require clinics that counsel or perform abortions, to display posters that can direct women to pregnancy centers that do not counsel for or perform abortions.* I think it is best to leave each counseling center free to counsel as they feel right according to free speech and religious beliefs. If each church had to put up a poster listing all the alternative religions a person could choose to visit, it would seem quite ridiculous, invasive of government, and contrary to their message. Such a poster should not be required of non-profit pregnancy counseling agencies counseling according to their religious beliefs.

Please vote against SB501 as its a bad proposal and would be an unfair, intrusive law violating religious freedom and freedom of speech.

Thank you,
Nancy Vidana
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March 14, 2017

Re: SB501

As a woman who has been hurt by abortion I would like to express my first amendment rights that includes freedom of speech and freedom of religion. I myself went through an abortion when I was younger. When I first found out I was pregnant I cried at the doctors office and he refer me to an abortion clinic right away because he assumed that's what I wanted to do. He didn't give me any information on what I was going to go through physically and emotionally if I had an abortion. Why did I cry? Because I knew I didn't have the support of my parents and boyfriend. When I told my boyfriend he suggested me to abort our child because that was going to be "better for us." In reality, who was it better for? I went through it because I didn't have any counseling, information or support from anyone. No one told me the truth about what abortion really did which was killing my innocent child that had the right to live. The abortion clinic said that if I wanted to get an abortion to make a decision quick because the sooner the better for the "tissue" in my womb. Now, being confuse and not having the support of my family I got the abortion. I almost lost my first born child because I bled during my first trimester due to having an abortion earlier in my life. Not only did I kill my child but the abortion left me with guilt and pain in my soul. "A place for women in Waipio" offered me an abortion and recovery bible study called, "Forgiven and Set Free" that class helped me understand that it was okay to recognize my unborn baby that I chose to abort without being criticized for the wrong decision I took years ago. They told me the truth with love and understanding of what an abortion is and does to a woman physically and emotionally; that a child in the womb is a human being. If it wasn't for "A place for women in Waipio," that offers this recovery class I would still be crying silently in the shower and not knowing that God was ready to forgive me. It was by the grace and mercy of God that my heart and soul are now heal and I have been set free from the guilt I carried for many years. I thank God for forgiving of the wrong decision I chose many years ago and I know how much women need to know they also can be set free from the guilt of their past decisions. As a woman that has experienced the pain of abortion I plead for these women to get a chance of help whether if is for a free ultrasound, adoption information, an abortion recovery class or a listening ear with understanding and without any judgement, for these reasons I strongly oppose SB501

Norma Solorio

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Tulsi Greenlee	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I agree with Planned Parenthood...please support this bill. "Anyone seeking health care should receive comprehensive, accurate, unbiased information in a confidential setting. Reproductive health care is no different. When women are fully informed, they are better able to make the best decision for themselves about their personal health. However, in Hawaii communities, Limited Service Pregnancy Centers (LSPCs) are offering women biased, misleading, and even false pregnancy and health care information and denying women needed referrals for reproductive health services, all while pretending to be legitimate health care providers. "Women in Hawaii deserve better. Senate Bill 501 will put in place commonsense protections to ensure that any woman seeking pregnancy testing services receives the information she needs to make decisions about her reproductive health. These bills will require LSPCs to protect the privacy of health care information collected, provide women with information on their full range of reproductive health options, and disclose that they do not provide all options for clients."

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March 14, 2017

To: Representative Della Belatti, Chair of House Health Committee, Representative Bertrand Koybayashi, Vice Chair and to the Members of the House Health Committee

From: Cheryl Toyofuku

Re: Strong Opposition to SB501, relating to "Limited Service Pregnancy Centers"

Hearing: Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. in room 329

My name is Cheryl Toyofuku and I am a mother, grandmother, registered nurse and health advocate. I am in strong opposition to SB501, which "requires all limited service pregnancy centers to disclose the availability of and enrollment information for reproductive health services." This bill will require all pregnancy centers to provide information on health services, including abortion.

Several of Hawaii's pregnancy centers are faith based ministries that are pro-LIFE and oppose abortion. These pro-life pregnancy centers offer many LIFE saving services to the community. Pregnancy tests, ultrasound services, women & men's counseling, adoption referrals, baby & mother clothing/supply boutiques and birth education workshops are provided. Instead of promoting abortion, they provide life-affirming compassionate pregnancy care and counseling as they actively try to prevent abortions in our communities. Therefore, they do NOT perform or refer for abortion. SB501 would mandate such faith based centers to violate their religious convictions and become abortion referral agencies.

This bill will violate the First Amendment guaranteeing the freedom of religion, since opposition to abortion is a matter of religious principle. Legislation compelling a faith based center as to what that center must say, distribute or post at their location under the threat of financial penalty is unjust and dangerous. Forcing a pro-life center to promote abortion amounts to compelled speech which is a clear violation of the center's constitutionally protected First Amendment freedoms. Litigation against forcing pregnancy centers to promote abortion have occurred in other states. An appeal to the United States Supreme Court on similar California legislation is expected to be accepted. Hawaii should not move ahead on this legislation until current litigations are completed and the courts have determined the constitutionality of the law.

As Hawaii's representatives of our islands of Aloha, you should NOT compel and require faith based centers to give a message which violates their fundamental principles and beliefs.

SB501

House Health Committee Chair Della Au Belatti and Committee Members:

I am a volunteer at the Aloha Pregnancy Center in Kaneohe and I am writing to ask you to vote no on SB501. This proposed bill is a violation of our constitutional rights of freedom of speech and freedom of religion. Pregnancy centers are pro-life, faith based organizations - why should we be required to provide information on how and where to receive abortions?

Pregnancy Centers are there to help women choose life for their babies, not to tell them where they can go to have those babies killed. We are there to tell women that they are strong and able and that we will help them in any way we can; whereas Abortion Centers tell women they are too weak, too young, too poor and that they can't. We speak life to the women who enter our Pregnancy Centers, whereas Abortion Centers speak death.

This proposed law would mandate that we violate our religious convictions, which is a violation of the 1st Amendment. This bill also amounts to compelled speech which is also a violation of the 1st Amendment. A similar bill in California is going to the Supreme Court for a decision. Why would Hawaii want to enter into a legal battle, wasting taxpayer money to force this unconstitutional law on 5 Pregnancy Centers in this State? I urge you to vote no on this proposed bill. SB501 is oppressive and overreaching into private organizations and it infringes upon our free speech rights. Thank you.

Tracey Clay-Whitehurst

Re: Senate Bill No. 501 SD1

Relating to Health

Thank you for the opportunity to testify IN OPPOSITION to **SB501 SD1**

Pregnancy Resource Centers are a tremendous value to our local community in Hawaii. They are pro-woman and provide safe, confidential places to those facing an unplanned pregnancy. Since all their services are free, they do not benefit financially from a woman's reproductive choice as other agencies may. They empower the women of Hawaii to make informed choices. Many women in unplanned pregnancies will tell you that they feel an abortion is their only choice. Whether you consider yourself pro-life or pro-choice, that should never be. Pregnancy Resource Centers provide, for free, needed support, services, material assistance and medical screenings so no woman needs to ever feel that abortion is the only choice. The abortion lobby is wrongfully attacking Pregnancy Centers with **SB501 SD1**

We feel that **SB501 SD1** is a one sided bill clearly targeting pregnancy resource centers for their deeply held religious views of the sanctity of life by forcing them to promote abortion by posting or handing out the government's favored view. Forcing pregnancy resource centers to refer for abortion in any manner violates their First Amendment rights of the freedom of speech and freedom of religion.

The additional regulations this bill creates will have to be monitored and enforced. This will create a cost to the state. This cost will, in essence, be created to regulate five private religious non-profit organizations that offer all services at no cost to clients and receive no federal or state funding.

Given its obvious disregard for the First Amendment rights of the religious organizations affected, we can only assume they will fight this law to the highest court. Due to the cost of having to defend this unconstitutional bill, we oppose the State of Hawaii using taxpayers' dollars to defend it in the courts solely to regulate a handful of religious organizations doing no harm to society.

The state should not infringe their view on religious organizations and violate their First Amendment rights. Nor should the state waste tax payer dollars to defend unnecessary legislation.

For these reasons, we urge you to OPPOSE **SB501 SD1**.

Jane Henkel

Kihei, HI

March 14, 2007

Testimony submitted by Kelly Stauffer in OPPOSITION to SB 501

Contact information: Kellystauf@gmail.com

Aloha Chair Belatti and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today in STRONG OPPOSITION to SB501. I believe most people understand that this bill is aimed at providing women with information and resources in order to help them make the best decisions for themselves and their families. As a woman who experienced an unplanned pregnancy I can testify that the situation is one of anxiety and confusion. I relied on information provided by family, doctors, and abortion providers. I was told that I was unable to provide for a child. I was told what was growing inside me was not a baby yet. I was told abortion was easy and it would solve my problem. I believed all the information I was given at this very stressful time in my life and chose to abort.

Unfortunately, I came to realize that the information I received was incomplete and incorrect. In the years that followed my abortion I felt overwhelmed by depression and regret for what I had done. I realized that I would have had resources and support had I decided to parent my child, and I discovered many families desperately wanting to have children that would have been able to provide my child with a healthy home.

I began to learn about fetal development and realized that while I was told it was not a baby at the time of my abortion, it actually was a child with ten fingers, ten toes, a beating heart, and fingerprints. She could hear muffled sounds and was dreaming. She was a baby. A life. Aborting her was not a solution to my problem. It ended her life and damaged mine in ways no one told me about at the time of the abortion.

The abortion procedure itself was not easy and even though my doctor and abortion provider told me it would be simple, I am still haunted by the details to this day. I was told I would go on with my life and there would be no lasting effects, however I experienced years of pain, regret, nightmares, flashbacks, and depression to the point of being suicidal. I tried to self medicate with drugs and alcohol and made many reckless decisions. Thankfully I finally found hope through counseling and post-abortion support and this is why I am testifying today. To speak up for women who are able to make good decisions WHEN they are actually given all the information available.

I have the privilege of volunteering at A Place For Women in Waipio, one of the pregnancy resource centers that will be affected by this bill. I feel honored to be a part of a caring, selfless group of people who offer free, honest, life affirming information to women who, like I once was, are experiencing a stressful, confusing time in their lives. I was never given the chance to make a decision with accurate information about abortion procedures and risks. I was never provided with accurate information about fetal development. I was never provided with information about life affirming resources available.

Without this information I made a decision that I regret but at A Place for Women, we are valuing a women's ability to make a decision, with accurate information, that she will not regret. The center does not coerce women in to making any specific decision. Many women take the information they have been given at the center and end up choosing to abort. We will however not refer a women to an abortion facility. That is not a service we feel is in line with what we believe.

Thankfully the Constitution of the United States allows us to make decisions about what we believe and allows protections to our rights to make that decision. Abortion services are not difficult to find and we clearly tell them, through verbal and written form, that we do not provide or refer for such services. They are in no way forced to be at the center and what they do with the information provided is up to them.

At A Place for Women in Waipio, I have had the privilege of helping minister to women who have been hurt by past abortions. The government should not force me to refer out women in any way for the very thing I facilitate recovery classes for. I have seen how the hurt and regret I experienced is not an isolated occurrence. I have heard many women share how they felt pressured to have an abortion, felt that it was their only option, and felt they did not have accurate information when making the decision. Woman after woman has poured out tears before me as they recall the damage abortion caused in their lives. I'm thankful they are able to find healing at A Place for Women, but my heart aches knowing women are being led to believe abortion is their only option every day and post-abortion healing will be a busy ministry until we start to trust women enough to actually make informed decisions.

If transparency is the goal, if we are trying to provide women with accurate complete information and trust them with decisions about their health and the health of their children, then we need a service that provides a balance to the services found through abortion providers. When a women sees an abortion provider, she receives a procedure. If transparency is the goal, should we not also regulate the information provided in those facilities as well? Should Planned Parenthood be asked to offer their clients referrals to a pregnancy resource center? Should facilities providing abortion have to notify their clients about abortion recovery classes in the area? Or, that the Medical Abortion can be reversed and post the hotline number to get help? If transparency is the issue and you want a fair bill, then the answer to these questions is yes!

Again, thank you for hearing my testimony in OPPOSITION to SB501. As someone personally affected by this issue in so many ways, I ask that you VOTE NO on this bill and decide to trust women and honor the Constitution.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Janet Grace	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: Aloha Chair Balatti, Vice Chair Kobayashi and Members of the Committee on Health. Please KILL this unconstitutional and horrible bill. As you've heard and read from many in the faith based community and those that are not even religious, however, know this is a violation of a person's First Amendment protection and really a horrible idea of a bill. With exception to a few on this committee, I'm just appalled that we have a huge homeless crisis, highest cost of living in the country, massive welfare state, kupuna struggling to age safely at home and so many more problematic issues and this is what you are focusing on. It's tragic that you seem to forget, we own the government. You work for us - the people. Please do the right thing. You all know that this is extremely unbalanced, unfair and not legal. Kill this bill and get on to solving the real problems that face the people of our great state. Mahalo, JM Grace Aina Haiana

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Health Committee Chair and Members:

I am writing to ask you to vote no on SB501 SD1. This proposed bill is a violation of the constitutional rights of freedom of speech and freedom of religion. Pregnancy centers are pro-life, faith based organizations - why should they be required to provide information on how and where to receive abortions?

A similar bill in California is going to the Supreme Court for a decision. Why would Hawaii want to enter into a legal battle, wasting taxpayer money, to force this clearly unconstitutional law on 5 pregnancy centers in this State? I urge you to vote no on this proposed bill. SB501 SD1 is oppressive and overreaching into private organizations and it infringes upon free speech rights. Thank you. Quentin Whitehurst

March 15, 2017

To: Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Health

From: Lisa Ellen Smith

Subject: Testimony in Support, SB 501 SD1 Relating to Health

Hearing: March 16, 2017 10:30AM in House conference room 329

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of SB 501. This bill provides women with the right to unbiased, evidenced based information when they may be the most vulnerable this bill allows them the opportunity to make the right decision for themselves. This bill will ensure that no matter where a women goes to seek information regarding a life altering decision she will be not be given misleading and or false information about her reproductive health.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of SB 501 SD1.

To: House Committee on Health
Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair; Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair; Members of the Committee

Date: Thursday, March 16, 2017

Time: 10:30am

Place: Conference Room 329, Hawaii State Capitol

RE: SB 501, SD 1 RELATING TO HEALTH
Requires all limited service pregnancy centers to disclose the availability of and enrollment
Information for reproductive health services

FROM: Marti Tom

I strongly OPPOSE this bill for the following reasons, based upon my experience in working with girls and women facing crisis pregnancies:

1. By requiring Crisis Pregnancy Centers to publicly disclose abortion as an alternative is counterintuitive to the purpose of these centers, that is, to provide an option that does not include taking a life. That is precisely why these girls go to these centers. They already know abortion is an option and that is not the road they want to take. If the CPC is faith-based it forces them to counsel against their beliefs, thus stepping on their constitutional right.
2. By not offering ADOPTION as an alternative this bill is not giving the full range of services that should be offered. In addition to the CPCs there are organizations that assist in the adoption process from pregnancy through birth. The bill says there are public funds for health services, why is adoption not included?
3. By removing CPCs as safe havens for young vulnerable teens seeking help on figuring out what to do at one of the most critical junctures in their lives, this bill literally takes away the help that it purports to give. In the past, bills were introduced to create safe havens for other segments of society, yet this this bill seeks to remove CPCs as safe havens.
4. By offering education on all health services it fails to include an emphasis on how an abortion is performed and its effects on both the baby and the mother. The bill emphasizes abortion as an alternative via signage and written or digital notice to the mothers-to-be, therefore, they should be informed of ALL aspects of this procedure. Furthermore, this emphasis can be interpreted as coercion to choose an option these girls don't need or want.
5. By stating that 16,000 females experienced unintended pregnancies gives a false conclusion that these pregnancies were unwanted. They may have just been unexpected. The bill does not state where these statistics come from. The bill also says that these "unintended" pregnancies "carry enormous social and economic costs to families and the state of Hawaii". The inference is that by getting rid of these babies our society is better off. Have you considered the cost over decades for women who have had abortions? Depression, suicide, divorce, and cancer are some of the consequences and these all take a toll on society.

Please do not pass this bill. It will not help women nor strengthen Hawaii's families; it is punitive to Crisis Pregnancy Centers. Forcing them to comply with this legislation takes away the freedom to offer alternative care for the most vulnerable. They offer a special type of care not rendered at health clinics. Furthermore, the bill favors abortion providers; it is a guise to undermine faith-based centers, and to force them to promote an agenda that favors killing innocent lives.

Thank you for your consideration.

To: Members of the Committee on Health

Re: SB 501, SD 1 – Limited Service Pregnancy Centers

Hearing Date: March 16, 2017 (1030 AM)

Position: Strong support

Dear Representative Bellati, Representative Kobayashi, and Members of the Committee on Health:

I am an Assistant Professor at the University of Hawai'i, John A. Burns School of Medicine, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women's Health. I was raised in Honolulu, and have been an obstetrician-gynecologist providing comprehensive reproductive health services here for the last 16 years. I am writing in strong support of Senate Bill 501, SD 1.

Limited service pregnancy centers, also known as crisis pregnancy centers, are a growing threat to women's health. These centers exist solely for their personal agenda, which is to dissuade and prevent people facing unintended pregnancy from accessing abortion care. Limited service pregnancy centers rely on deception – they often provide medically inaccurate information and perform medical exams without a licensed or qualified clinician. They target women who are faced with unintended pregnancy and lack access to care by offering free pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, counseling, or prenatal care.

A couple of years ago I took care of a 16 year-old local girl who came to my office with her parents requesting an abortion. My examination found her to be beyond the gestational age limit that the state of Hawai'i allows a termination to be performed. Her parents explained to me that over the past two months she had several visits at a local limited service pregnancy center and they had delayed doing an ultrasound several times. Furthermore, when they did an ultrasound they deceived them about the gestational age of the pregnancy, letting them believe that the pregnancy was not as far along as it actually was. The girl and her parents had to do their own research to find places where she could get an abortion, which is how they ended up in my office. When I explained that she was now beyond the gestational age limit, this 16 year-old girl was beyond grief and her parents were understandably very upset. For two months this center had deceived this family, and essentially forced this girl into continuing her pregnancy. This is not health care. This is deception, and unlawfully denying someone their constitutionally protected right to an abortion.

When any one of us seeks medical care, we expect that no matter what the health care provider's own personal biases may be, we will be informed of all of our options. If I am told I have cancer, I expect and deserve to be told all of my treatment options. While a limited service pregnancy center may not actually be a licensed health care facility, and therefore not held to the same standards of health care and medical ethics, they allow patients who come to these centers to believe that they are. The point is not that these centers should be forced to discuss

something they do not want to discuss. The point is that if they will not inform a patient of all of her options, the patient deserves to know that.

Furthermore, as patients we also expect that our medical and personal information are kept confidential. These centers are perceived by the public (and one might argue that they work very hard to be perceived by the public) as health care facilities and therefore patients divulge very personal information to their staff that they are expecting will be kept confidential. I appreciate that this bill has language requiring these centers to comply with HIPAA and respect patient's confidentiality.

Several states and municipalities have proposed legislation to protect the public from the deceptive practices of limited service pregnancy centers. Most notably, California recently enacted the Reproductive Freedom, Accountability, Comprehensive Care, and Transparency (FACT) Act. Similar to SB 501, the FACT Act requires that licensed pregnancy-related clinics disseminate a notice stating the existence of publicly-funded family-planning services, including contraception and abortion. The FACT Act also requires that unlicensed clinics disseminate a notice stating that they are not licensed by the State of California. The FACT Act was upheld by the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in October of 2016. The Ninth Circuit also maintains appellate jurisdiction over Hawai'i.

Therefore, **I strongly support SB 501 to protect the people of Hawai'i.**

I stand ready to provide you with factual information on women's health issues that come before the Legislature and I hope you will contact me at any time.

Please protect Hawai'i's families from deceptive health centers by passing SB 501.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Reni Soon', with a large, sweeping flourish above the name.

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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB501 SD1

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HEARING Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 10:30 am Conference Room 329

Dear Chairmen, Vice Chairmen and Committee Members,

My name is Sharon U Colombo, and I testify in opposition to this bill on the grounds that it would, if passed, violate First Amendment rights and the rights of conscience of those who oppose uttering the words and ideas required by this law.

* SB501 SD1 seeks intentionally to violate the rights of those who operate pregnancy centers by compelling speech in violation of the First Amendment rights to free speech. Pregnancy centers and those that work there believe fundamentally that ALL ABORTION KILLS a living human being once conception has occurred. * SB501 SD1 compels speech which violates the religious liberty rights of the pregnancy centers and those who work there. * SB501 SD1 does not truly meet its intended goal, set forth in Section 1 of SB 501 SD1, of making "every possible effort to advise women of all available reproductive health programs". SB 501 SD1 does not require abortion providers to notify women of, and refer women to, pregnancy centers for help with the post abortion health problems that often arise but abortion providers do not address.

For the foregoing reasons I oppose the bill and ask that you vote no in committee.

Sharon U Colombo - Print name

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DATE: March 15, 2017

TO: Rep. Della Au-Belatti
Chair, Health Committee

RE: SB 501, as amended (Relating To Health)
Date & Time of Hearing: March 16, 2017 @ 10:30 a.m.
Conference Room 329, Hawaii State Capitol

Dear Rep. Au-Belatti and Members of the Health Committee

I urge you very strongly to vote against SB 501, as amended.

It is my legal opinion that SB 501, as amended is unconstitutional in that among other things:

1. It violates the US First Amendment and Article I Section 4 of the Hawaii State Constitutions of those so called "limited service pregnancy centers "LSPCs" by compelling them to disseminate such information relating to abortions, among other information, which run contrary to their religious, spiritual and other philosophical views and tenets.

2. Moreover, SB 1, as amended, by its terms may be violating both the US Fifth Amendment and Article I, Section 5 of the Hawaii State Constitutions in that, among other things, the services of these LSPCs are not posted on any institutions and centers which perform abortions.

It is a certainty a lawsuit will be filed to have SB 1, as amended, declared unconstitutional, if it is enacted into law.

Moreover, because there is testimony given, which I consider to be "fake testimony", if SB 1, as amended, is passed out of committee, the said bill should be further amended to require the following:

Any and all facilities and institutions which perform or counsel women who are contemplating having an abortion should be informed in writing to the following:

- A. At the moment of conception, the conceived fetus has two (2) sets of chromosomes, one set from the mother and one set from the father.
- B. There is a consensus among scientists that life begins at conception, no matter what the conceived being is called.
- C. At six weeks, the embryo's limb buds and eye(s) are clearly visible and the baby's heart starts beating.
- D. At eight weeks, there is clear evidence of brain development.
- E. At five months, the baby in the womb exhibits movements and the baby itself becomes aware of its surroundings.
- F. A full explanation with diagrams of what abortion procedure is being undertaken and the disposal of all body parts. In that regard, whether the body parts are sold or given for testing, experimentation, and/or research.
- G. And since, Hawaii allows for late term abortions, diagrams and exhibits should be shown to any prospective client who contemplates such a gruesome procedure.

Most, if not, all of the LPSCs are aware of these early developments not only from a religious, spiritual and/or philosophical view and/or tenet, but also from a humanitarian standpoint. The gruesome destruction of human life by abortions, and the "forced" referral or dissemination to a clinic or institution which performs abortions would run counter to their belief and their constitutional rights.

Thank you for allowing me to transmit my views on this most important topic.

Very truly yours,



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March 14, 2017

Representative Bertrand Kobayashi (Fax 808-631-^{P1})

Re: SB 501

Dear Representative Kobayashi:

SB 501 is a very bad bill. It is unfair, unnecessary and it is highly controversial (do you want to be labeled as one who supported the "Bully Bill?"). It requires pregnancy centers in Hawaii to post/distribute notices about abortion services:

1. It is highly unfair. It is forcing pregnancy centers to be a tool for advertising abortion services in Hawaii. Virtually everyone in Hawaii knows that there are abortion providers in Hawaii and that insurance is available to pay for it.
2. To be fair, why not require abortion providers:
 - A) to post/distribute notices for its patients that many believe abortion takes a human life?
 - B) to inform its patients that many women suffer emotional distress after an abortion because they realize that they helped take a human life.
 - C) to provide to the patient an ultrasound image of their unborn child?
3. Most of those who work in pregnancy centers are highly committed to protecting human life. This bill is at best a "poke in the eye" of the people at these centers. It is mean spirited and it may well backfire on those Legislators who support the bill.
4. Many of the pregnancy center workers have deep religious beliefs against abortion and to require them to advertise something that is already well known when weighed against their need for freedom of religion, is a violation of the U.S. and SOH Constitution.

I sincerely hope that you will not vote in favor of this bill. Thank you so much for your anticipated help.

Sincerely yours,


ROBERT R. TAYLOR

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Aloha Chairs and Committee Members,

I strongly support SB 501.

Mahalo,
Kaulana Dameg

March 15, 2017

SB501

House Health Committee Chair Della Au Belatti and Committee Members:

I am writing in opposition of SB501. I am an OB/GYN physician, and have worked in women's health on the island of Oahu for the last 12 years. I have made it a personal mission to provide compassionate, quality care to the women of this island. I also volunteer at the Aloha Pregnancy Center on a weekly basis, performing ultrasounds for women who have limited access to resources, and are faced with challenging decisions regarding their pregnancy.

I am very concerned about the implications of SB501, and the requirements for a faith based organization to post signs in clear opposition of our beliefs. As a crisis pregnancy center, our mission is to help women find alternatives to abortion, and forcing our center to post signs in direct opposition of this mission is against our constitutional rights. Regardless of a person's individual stance on abortion, it should be clear that being forced into publicly posting views that oppose our beliefs is a violation of our rights.

We hope to maintain an environment of hope, encouragement, and empowerment for the women that we serve, and this not only challenges our ability to do so, but also puts those of us that oppose abortion in a difficult situation, by forcing us to promote something that we ethically oppose.

Respectfully,

Emilie Stickley, MD, FACOG

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SB501

Submitted on: 3/15/2017

Testimony for HLT on Mar 16, 2017 10:30AM in Conference Room 329

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Hom	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I ask that SB501 not be passed. It is an infringement on religious liberty and freedom of speech. One cannot be forced to give information on matters that directly violate their conscience. I ask that you respect the freedoms of the volunteers that provide these life-saving services at these pregnancy centers. We live in a world where information is so easily accessible, that if anyone knows what they are looking for, they know where to find it on the internet. What precedent is there for such an action? I have been involved in many non-profit organizations, and there has never been an instance where we have been required to give information that was ideologically opposed to the cause we were serving. I ask you to please vote against this bill in the interest of freedom of conscience. Mahalo John W. Hom (Lifetime Hawaii Resident)

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Re: Personal Testimony in strong support of S.B. 501, relating to Health

Dear Chair Belatti, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Morgen Trube, I am currently a college senior studying Public Health at HPU as well and the President of Planned Parenthood's Generation Action; and I stand in strong support of this bill.

As an out of state college student, when I found out I was pregnant my options were very limited. I tried to get into to multiple OB/GYN's as well as Planned Parenthood and they couldn't see me due to a lack of availability or due to my out of state medical insurance. So I had no other options then to go to a crisis pregnancy center/ limited service pregnancy center.

My personal experience is with the center, "A Place for Women Waipio." When I went to this clinic I was under the impression that I was there to get a free pregnancy test, ultrasound and be able to leave. But instead I had to sit through coercive videos and stories before they would even consider giving me a test. Once they gave me a test I then had to sit through another video before they gave me my results.

When I got my results and they told me I was pregnant, they then finally offered me the ultrasound. In the ultrasound room the lady who administered the ultra sound was dressed in scrubs but never mentioned to me that she was a licensed medical professional.

While I was in the ultrasound room, I was signed up for a pregnancy tacking website, without my consent, to track the stages of my pregnancy straight to my email. They used my personal information with out letting me know that's what they were going to be doing. Because I was under the impression that this was a medical facility, I thought my personal information had to remain confidential.

Everyone, including women, deserves not only access to healthcare, but to unbiased and factual care that is free of manipulative facts and tactics. All I wanted was somebody who could help me, but instead it felt like the only thing they cared about was the baby. It was never about my health, what I wanted for myself in life, or how I was feeling.

Please support this bill to regulate crisis pregnancy centers. Women have the right to know that these places aren't actual medical facilities providing fact base care, their privacy is not protected and their only interest is to persuade you out of making choices for yourself. If I would have seen a sign stating where I could find the resources that I needed and wanted I would have turned around and left.

Thank you very much for listening.
Morgen Trube

March 15, 2017

SB501

House Health Committee Chair Della Au Belatti and Committee Members:

My name is Nova Stickley. I am 8 years old. I am submitting testimony to oppose SB501. I think people should be able to have the freedom of speech. They should not be forced to say what the government wants them to say. This bill would force Pregnancy Centers, that are trying to help women make the right choice, into saying things they believe are wrong. This is against our constitution.

Sincerely,

Nova Joelle Stickley

TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

ON

S.B. 501 S.D. 1 Relating to Health

16 March 2017

10:30 A.M.

Conference Room 329

by

Scott W. Smart

Chairman Au Belatti, Vice Chairman Kobayashi and members of the House Committee on HLT:

I am testifying AGAINST S.B. 501 S.D. 1 as a citizen.

This bill is plainly modeled after the California statute known as the "Reproductive FACT Act" and codified at Ca Health & Safety Code sections 123470 and following. This Ca statute is currently under federal court review as an unconstitutional impairment of First Amendment rights of Free Speech and Religious Expression. See NIFLA v Harris decided in the U SCourt of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

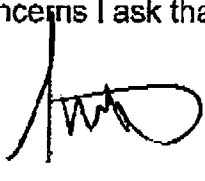
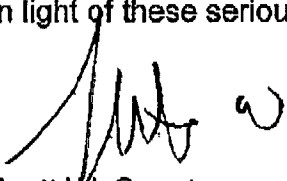
The Ca statute differs from this proposed Act in the following way, which results in new questions of law. The Ca statute provides two different criteria and compelled speech for pro-life centers. The first is for "licensed covered facility". The second is for "unlicensed covered facility". The distinction is significant.

S.B. 501 incorporates substantially all the language of the Ca statute applicable to "licensed covered facilities" in requiring the "licensed facility notice". However, S.D. 501 makes no distinction between types of pro-life centers.

In the Ninth Circuit's decision, they found that the statute is compelled speech. With respect to the "licensed facility notice", that is the same notice as this bill requires, they held that because facilities are licensed, the speech involved was "professional speech" and thus was subject to a standard of intermediate scrutiny. Pro-life centers in Hawaii are not "health care providers", are not "licensed", and do not offer "professional services". Thus the standard of strict scrutiny will apply to the coerced speech required by this bill's notice. There is a high likelihood that this bill will be found an unconstitutional burden.

Aside from the obvious constitutional fatal flaws in the bill, there is no evidence that women in Hawaii do not have or can readily obtain information on reproductive health services; tot he contrary there are numerous private and public entities actively soliciting to provide these "services". If the state believes there is a need for additional information, it should task and fund the State's Department of Health to do this rather than imposing a burden on private entities.

In light of these serious concerns I ask that you VOTE NO on this bill.



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tim Clayton	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Re: Senate Bill No. 501 Relating to Health Thank you for the opportunity to testify IN OPPOSITION to SB501 Pregnancy Resource Centers are a tremendous value to our local community in Hawaii. They are pro-woman and provide safe, confidential places to those facing an unplanned pregnancy. Since all their services are free, they do not benefit financially from a woman's reproductive choice as other agencies may. They empower the women of Hawaii to make informed choices. Many women in unplanned pregnancies will tell you that they feel an abortion is their only choice. Whether you consider yourself pro-life or pro-choice, that should never be. Pregnancy Resource Centers provide, for free, needed support, services, material assistance and medical screenings so no woman needs to ever feel that abortion is the only choice. The abortion lobby is wrongfully attacking Pregnancy Centers with SB501 We feel that SB501 is a one sided bill clearly targeting pregnancy resource centers for their deeply held religious views of the sanctity of life by forcing them to promote abortion by posting or handing out the government's favored view. Forcing pregnancy resource centers to refer for abortion in any manner violates their First Amendment rights of the freedom of speech and freedom of religion. The additional regulations this bill creates will have to be monitored and enforced. This will create a cost to the state. This cost will, in essence, be created to regulate five private religious non-profit organizations that offer all services at no cost to clients and receive no federal or state funding. Given its obvious disregard for the First Amendment rights of the religious organizations affected, we can only assume they will fight this law to the highest court. Due to the cost of having to defend this unconstitutional bill, we oppose the State of Hawaii using taxpayers dollars to defend it in the courts solely to regulate a handful of religious organizations doing no harm to society. The state should not infringe their view on religious organizations and violate their First Amendment rights. Nor should the state waste tax payer dollars to defend unnecessary legislation. For these reasons, we urge you to OPPOSE SB501.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, March 16, 2017
TIME: 10:30 am
PLACE: Conference Room 329

TESTIMONY OF Timothy Walsh SPEAKING IN STRONG OPPOSITION TO SB 501,SD1

Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Kobayashi, Members of Committee on Health:

My name is Timothy A Walsh and I am testifying as a concerned citizen of Maui, Hawaii. I am an adult that believes in the sanctity of life.

I am troubled by this proposed legislation that would coerce entities and individuals to engage in speech contrary to their own moral and ethical views which should be protected under the First Amendment Free Speech guarantee.

SB501,SD1 appears to specifically target pregnancy centers and/or clinics that do not promote abortion. Many of these are staffed by individuals that are opposed to abortions on religious grounds. This bill, as written, would essentially make them accomplices to what they view as a moral crime. Additionally, it subjects the centers/clinics and the directors and board members to criminal and/or civil sanctions for failure to comply.

This unfair legislation may actually cause some of these centers to close and furthermore may discourage pregnant women from getting the advice and care they need.

Please do not pass this misguided legislation.

Aloha

Tim Walsh 36 Palena Pl. Kula HI 96790

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Timothy A Walsh	Individual	Oppose	No

Submitted by: Wilma Youtz
To: The House Committee on Health
March 16, 2017
10:30am, Conference Room 329
SB 501, SD 1

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB501, SD 1

I respectfully request that the members of the House Committee on Health vote NO on SB 501, SD 1 for the following reasons:

- 1) SB501 is discriminatory in its application, making requirements of non-profit, self-funding pregnancy centers that are not similarly imposed on abortion clinics. SB501 requires pregnancy centers to advertise the services of abortion providers, yet Planned Parenthood is not required to inform their clients of the services available at pregnancy centers. The hypocrisy of this bill is evident in the written testimony submitted on 2-2-17 to the Senate by Laurie Field, Hawaii Legislative Director & Public Affairs Manager for Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest & Hawaii, supporting SB501 “to put in place common sense protections to ensure that any woman seeking pregnancy testing services receives the information she needs to make decisions about her reproductive health.” Planned Parenthood applies no such “common sense” by withholding information about pregnancy centers.
- 2) Clearly, this bill is not about the quality of care or lack of information being provided women facing unplanned pregnancies. It is an aggressive effort on the part of abortion-providers to protect increase their turf and protect their profits. Each pregnancy successfully carried to term is one less abortion they can perform for monetary gain. In the same above testimony submitted by Ms. Field, unsubstantiated allegations are made: “limited service pregnancy centers are offering women biased (*exercising freedom of speech*, emphasis added), misleading, and even false pregnancy and health care information and denying women needed referrals for reproductive health services....” No evidence is provided to support the negative claims made.
- 3) This bill is an unfunded mandate, as evidenced by the written testimony submitted by the State of Hawaii Department of Health on 2-2-17: “The Department of Health does not have the resources nor the capacity to regulate and/or enforce the provisions in this measure.” If this bill cannot be enforced, it is a waste of taxpayer money and merely serves as an instrument of harassment by abortion providers.

- 4) SB 501 is an assault on freedom of speech and freedom of religion. Pregnancy centers receive no government funding and therefore should not be subject to the government overreach that this bill represents. This bill requires privately-funded, non-profit organizations to publicize services that are in direct opposition and contrary to their mission.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask and implore the Committee members to vote NO on SB 501, SD1. Thank you for this opportunity to express my serious concerns and reservations about this bill.

TESTIMONY to the House Committee on Health

Regarding: S.B. 501 S.D. 1 Relating to Health

Thursday, March 16, 2017

10:30 AM -- State Capitol Conference Room 329

Submitted in **OPPOSITION** by: Mary Smart, Mililani, HI 96789

Chair Della Au Belatti, Vice Chair Bertrand Kobayashi, and Committee Members:

1. I Strongly **OPPOSE SB501**. Similar bills in other states have been overturned. The California bill that is similar is headed to [the Supreme Court](#). The California bill only applies to licensed facilities, however, Hawaii's bill seems to include non-medical facilities that already post that they are not a medical facility. This expansion of California's bill is especially egregious. Hawaii should not waste time, effort, and our taxes on an issue that is already being questioned for constitutionality.

2. Making all centers offering help to women advertise abortion services is a clear violation of free speech protections. Many women are appalled by the services provided at what is called "full service pregnancy centers". Women have [died](#) receiving services at those centers. Many abortion facilities [break laws, are filthy](#), and don't have sanitized equipment. Kermit Gosnell, who ran a "full service" pregnancy center is serving time in prison for the atrocities he committed in the name of women's reproductive healthcare including [killing their born alive babies](#). Women who truly care about other women wouldn't direct them to those facilities.

3. As the bill says, public programs provide insurance coverage and direct services for reproductive health care and counseling to eligible, low-income women are currently available through the department of health and department of human services. For this reason, government has no business interfering with the activities and services of private institutions. The state extracts taxes for public funds for these services from residents who find the services provided repulsive. Private organizations should not have to fund advertising for public services that are already over funded.

4. If there were sixteen thousand women in Hawaii who experienced an unintended pregnancy, there were sixteen thousand blessings bestowed upon our residents. Whatever the costs incurred would be well worth bringing all those children to term and find themselves in a happy and loving home. There are different perspectives about unintended pregnancies. I know many people who fit that category, only because their mother's were pressured into taking their life.

5. The real toll and expense occurs with the pain and suffering of women who make the choice of abortion. Many people reading this testimony have either had an abortion or know women who have had abortion. What is spoken about little, is the shattered lives

that are caused by this one decision made in a panic, sometimes because they entered a facility that had a quota for abortions to meet. There is no "choice" -- just a sales job to a frightened new mother. Women suffer many side effects [mentally](#), [physically](#) and [emotionally](#) after an abortion. Many women carry deep regret with them the rest of their lives as the testimonies [here](#) tell. Abortion is a [horrific crime](#) against the very young. If women were given the full and accurate information about abortion and shown the actual procedure and the "products of abortion," most women would not make the choice. Government should be closing down abortion facilities as a danger to the women they are supposed to serve.

6. The limited service centers discussed in the bill are pro-life centers. They don't condone the taking of innocent life. Many of them are affiliated with a Church. Nearly all my life I have heard that there is a separation of Church and State -- and yet, in this bill, the state is over-reaching into Church teaching and beliefs. The state has no right to impose their secular humanism on everyone as a state religion/group think.

7. The government needs to stop dictating what services every organization provides. It should be sufficient that the private organization to provide only those services documented in their by-laws. The government shouldn't be allowed to change the services provided by a private organization. Whether a private center provides a service or not, such as a written report, that should only depend on the organization's policy, not government intervention. By mandating the writing of a report, an individual's privacy could be violated.

8. **The intent of this bill appears to eliminate choice.** Many women/girls don't want to go to the high pressure abortion centers. They choose the private, no-pressure, free services offered only at the "limited service pregnancy center." Some of these limited services centers have been providing services since the 1970's because their clients are pleased with the services they provide.

9. **Vote NO on SB501 SD1.**

Relating to Health

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For these reasons, we urge you to OPPOSE **SB501/~~HB663~~**.

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From: [kkita1000.](#)
To: [Rep. Della Belatti](#); [Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi](#); [Rep. Sharon Har](#); [Rep. Daynette Morikawa](#); [Rep. Marcus Oshiro](#); [Rep. Chris Todd](#); reptupuola@captiol.hawaii.gov
Subject: Opposition to SB501
Date: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 11:29:32 AM

My name is Kent Kitagawa and I strongly oppose this bill as a state sanctioned violation of free speech as guaranteed by the First Amendment of our nation's constitution as set forth in the following:

-SB501 SD1 seeks intentionally to violate the rights of those who operate pregnancy centers by compelling speech in violation of the First Amendment rights to free speech. Pregnancy centers and those that work there believe fundamentally that ALL ABORTION KILLS a living human being once conception has occurred.

-SB501 SD1 compels speech which violates the religious liberty rights of the pregnancy centers and those who work there.

-SB501 SD1 does not truly meet its intended goal, set forth in Section 1 of SB 501SD1, of making "every possible effort to advise women of all available reproductive health programs". SB 501 SD1 does not require abortion providers to notify women of, and refer women to, pregnancy centers for help with the post abortion health problems that often arise but abortion providers do not address.

For these reasons I ask that you vote no in committee.

Sincerely,

Kent T. Kitagawa
98-1440 Koahehe Street, Pearl City, HI 96782

To: House Committee on Health
Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair; Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair; Members of the Committee

Date: Thursday, March 16, 2017

Time: 10:30am

Place: Conference Room 329, Hawaii State Capitol

RE: SB 501, SD 1 RELATING TO HEALTH
Requires all limited service pregnancy centers to disclose the availability of and enrollment
Information for reproductive health services

FROM: Marti Tom

I strongly OPPOSE this bill for the following reasons, based upon my experience in working with girls and women facing crisis pregnancies:

1. By requiring Crisis Pregnancy Centers to publicly disclose abortion as an alternative is counterintuitive to the purpose of these centers, that is, to provide an option that does not include taking a life. That is precisely why these girls go to these centers. They already know abortion is an option and that is not the road they want to take. If the CPC is faith-based it forces them to counsel against their beliefs, thus stepping on their constitutional right.
2. By not offering ADOPTION as an alternative this bill is not giving the full range of services that should be offered. In addition to the CPCs there are organizations that assist in the adoption process from pregnancy through birth. The bill says there are public funds for health services, why is adoption not included?
3. By removing CPCs as safe havens for young vulnerable teens seeking help on figuring out what to do at one of the most critical junctures in their lives, this bill literally takes away the help that it purports to give. In the past, bills were introduced to create safe havens for other segments of society, yet this this bill seeks to remove CPCs as safe havens.
4. By offering education on all health services it fails to include an emphasis on how an abortion is performed and its effects on both the baby and the mother. The bill emphasizes abortion as an alternative via signage and written or digital notice to the mothers-to-be, therefore, they should be informed of ALL aspects of this procedure. Furthermore, this emphasis can be interpreted as coercion to choose an option these girls don't need or want.
5. By stating that 16,000 females experienced unintended pregnancies gives a false conclusion that these pregnancies were unwanted. They may have just been unexpected. The bill does not state where these statistics come from. The bill also says that these "unintended" pregnancies "carry enormous social and economic costs to families and the state of Hawaii". The inference is that by getting rid of these babies our society is better off. Have you considered the cost over decades for women who have had abortions? Depression, suicide, divorce, and cancer are some of the consequences and these all take a toll on society.

Please do not pass this bill. It will not help women nor strengthen Hawaii's families; it is punitive to Crisis Pregnancy Centers. Forcing them to comply with this legislation takes away the freedom to offer alternative care for the most vulnerable. They offer a special type of care not rendered at health clinics. Furthermore, the bill favors abortion providers; it is a guise to undermine faith-based centers, and to force them to promote an agenda that favors killing innocent lives.

Thank you for your consideration.

From: [Frances Santoki](#)
To: [Rep. Della Belatti](#)
Subject: SB501
Date: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 10:05:40 AM

Dear Representative,

I am a concerned citizen of Hawaii, and Oppose SB501. I do not see a need for pregnancy care centers to advertise abortion providers. (They can find that on Google.) An abortion is not what Caring Centers are advertising to provide. Hawaii would be making Pregnancy Care Centers advertise something they have no intention of providing. You would be voting against the people of Hawaii and the people of our Nation's "free speech".

Please be a Government Representative that cares for the concerns of all the people, and by voting against SB 501, and by stopping this will do for the future concerns of all Hawaii's people.

Please Listen to both sides of the issue based your conscience that you will be standing for "good"---if you vote against SB501.

This Bill is not about businesses supported by government money--this is about people's lives--what is good for the people of our islands and our Nation.

Thank you for Listening to a concerned citizen of Hawaii and America.
Frances Santoki

Christa Brown
3447 McCorriston St.
Honolulu, HI 96815
March 15, 2017

Representative Bert Kobayashi
19th Representative District
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 403
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Aloha Representative Bert Kobayashi:

I am a constituent and a first-year medical student at the University of Hawai'i. **I am submitting this letter in opposition to SB501SD1** on the grounds that it would, if passed, violate First Amendment rights and the rights of conscience of faith-based community organizations that provide a necessary service to people who choose to utilize them.

I am opposed because SB501 SD1 violates the rights of those who operate pregnancy centers by *compelling speech* in violation of the First Amendment rights to free speech. The pregnancy centers in question and those that work there believe fundamentally that abortion involves terminating a human life that began at conception.

Regardless of your or my personal convictions on the issue of abortion or reproductive rights, these centers deserve to have the freedom to provide the services they deem in the best interests of the people who choose to utilize their services, just as I will have the right to recommend the services I deem best to my future patients as a physician.

With your role as a member of the House Health Committee you have a particularly strong influence in the passage or halting of this bill.

Please vote NO on SB501.

Sincerely,

Christa Brown

From: jvborg@aol.com
To: [Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi](#)
Subject: testimony opposing SB501 SD1
Date: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 9:41:25 AM

Testimony in opposition to SB501 SD1

Committee on Health:

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Rep. Sharon E. Har

Rep. Chris Todd

Rep. Dee Morikawa

Rep. Andria P.L. Tupola

Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro

HEARING Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 10:30 am Conference Room 329

Dear Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Committee Members,

My name is Victoria Borg, and I testify in opposition to this bill on the grounds that it would, if passed, violate First Amendment rights and the rights of conscience of those who oppose uttering the words and ideas required by this law.

- SB501 SD1 seeks intentionally to violate the rights of those who operate pregnancy centers by compelling speech in violation of the First Amendment rights to free speech. Pregnancy centers and those that work there believe fundamentally that ALL ABORTION KILLS a living human being once conception has occurred.
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Thank you for your sincere contemplation, as it is ridiculous to require a private organization to advertise for a government program. This goes TOO far.

For the foregoing reasons, I oppose the bill and ask that you vote no in committee.

Kind regards,

Victoria A. Borg, RN

75-327 Hoene St.

Kailua Kona, HI 96740

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Cc: ainapono@hotmail.com
Subject: *Submitted testimony for SB501 on Mar 16, 2017 10:30AM*
Date: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 12:46:00 PM

SB501

Submitted on: 3/15/2017

Testimony for HLT on Mar 16, 2017 10:30AM in Conference Room 329

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Edie Ignacio Neumiller	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted by: Wilma Youtz
To: The House Committee on Health
March 16, 2017
10:30am, Conference Room 329
SB 501, SD 1

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB501, SD 1

I respectfully request that the members of the House Committee on Health vote NO on SB 501, SD 1 for the following reasons:

- 1) SB501 is discriminatory in its application, making requirements of non-profit, self-funding pregnancy centers that are not similarly imposed on abortion clinics. SB501 requires pregnancy centers to advertise the services of abortion providers, yet Planned Parenthood is not required to inform their clients of the services available at pregnancy centers. The hypocrisy of this bill is evident in the written testimony submitted on 2-2-17 to the Senate by Laurie Field, Hawaii Legislative Director & Public Affairs Manager for Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest & Hawaii, supporting SB501 “to put in place common sense protections to ensure that any woman seeking pregnancy testing services receives the information she needs to make decisions about her reproductive health.” Planned Parenthood applies no such “common sense” by withholding information about pregnancy centers.
- 2) Clearly, this bill is not about the quality of care or lack of information being provided women facing unplanned pregnancies. It is an aggressive effort on the part of abortion-providers to protect increase their turf and protect their profits. Each pregnancy successfully carried to term is one less abortion they can perform for monetary gain. In the same above testimony submitted by Ms. Field, unsubstantiated allegations are made: “limited service pregnancy centers are offering women biased (*exercising freedom of speech*, emphasis added), misleading, and even false pregnancy and health care information and denying women needed referrals for reproductive health services....” No evidence is provided to support the negative claims made.
- 3) This bill is an unfunded mandate, as evidenced by the written testimony submitted by the State of Hawaii Department of Health on 2-2-17: “The Department of Health does not have the resources nor the capacity to regulate and/or enforce the provisions in this measure.” If this bill cannot be enforced, it is a waste of taxpayer money and merely serves as an instrument of harassment by abortion providers.

- 4) SB 501 is an assault on freedom of speech and freedom of religion. Pregnancy centers receive no government funding and therefore should not be subject to the government overreach that this bill represents. This bill requires privately-funded, non-profit organizations to publicize services that are in direct opposition and contrary to their mission.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask and implore the Committee members to vote NO on SB 501, SD1. Thank you for this opportunity to express my serious concerns and reservations about this bill.

Re: Senate Bill No. 501 SD1

Relating to Health

Thank you for the opportunity to testify IN OPPOSITION to **SB501 SD1**

Pregnancy Resource Centers are a tremendous value to our local community in Hawaii. They are pro-woman and provide safe, confidential places to those facing an unplanned pregnancy. Since all their services are free, they do not benefit financially from a woman's reproductive choice as other agencies may. They empower the women of Hawaii to make informed choices. Many women in unplanned pregnancies will tell you that they feel an abortion is their only choice. Whether you consider yourself pro-life or pro-choice, that should never be. Pregnancy Resource Centers provide, for free, needed support, services, material assistance and medical screenings so no woman needs to ever feel that abortion is the only choice. The abortion lobby is wrongfully attacking Pregnancy Centers with **SB501 SD1**

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The additional regulations this bill creates will have to be monitored and enforced. This will create a cost to the state. This cost will, in essence, be created to regulate five private religious non-profit organizations that offer all services at no cost to clients and receive no federal or state funding.

Given its obvious disregard for the First Amendment rights of the religious organizations affected, I can only assume they will fight this law to the highest court. Due to the cost of having to defend this unconstitutional bill, I oppose the State of Hawaii using taxpayers' dollars to defend it in the courts solely to regulate a handful of religious organizations doing no harm to society.

The state should not infringe their view on religious organizations and violate their First Amendment rights. Nor should the state waste tax payer dollars to defend unnecessary legislation.

For these reasons, I urge you to OPPOSE **SB501 SD1**.

Thank you,

Steven Rohr

(330) 749-7064

Stevenrohr85@gmail.com

kobayashi2 - Jessi

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jami Farris	Individual	Oppose	No

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Eric Farris	Individual	Oppose	No

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kobayashi2 - Jessi

From: Joy Hirata <jdshawaii007@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 1:59 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: SB 501 I Strongly Oppose this Bill and Urge Each Member of The Committee to Vote NO

Dear Chairman, VP Chairman and Committee Members,

My name is Joy Hirata (Retired, LTC, AN) I am writing to denounce SB 501 which is in direct violation of the 1st Amendment to the United States Constitution which protects Freedom of Religion and Freedom of Speech. This bill seeks to force PRO LIFE Pregnancy Counseling Centers to post information on where to obtain an abortion (killing of the pre-born infant). Are you forcing Abortion Centers to post and inform their clients that "Adoption is an Option"? Are you requiring the Abortion Centers to inform their clients that there are Pregnancy Counseling Centers that can assist them with medical care and help should they desire to keep their child?

I do not want my tax dollars to go to an organization that terminates the pre-born. I would encourage each and everyone of you to view the video on TED TALK produced by mathematician Alexander Tsiras (worked for NASA) which shows that the human heartbeat actually begins at 16 days. Technology has proven that pre-born children are not clumps of cells, watch "Conception to birth, visualized" on YouTube, which is a scientific documentary with state of the art technology. It is a MYTH that the pre-born are a clump of cells.

Hawaii seems to be embracing a culture of DEATH between SB 501 and SB 1129. Hawaii is getting national press over it's bills, but it is NEGATIVE press. Do you really want to be known as the state that discriminates and persecutes Christians? This will affect your bottom line which is tourism. I strongly urge each and everyone of you on this committee to vote NO on SB 501.

Thank you for your consideration,

LTC (Ret) Joy Hirata

MY TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB501 SD1

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HEARING Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 10:30 am Conference Room 329

Dear Chairmen, Vice Chairmen and Committee Members,

My Name is Kehaulani Terehote, and I testify in opposition to this bill on the grounds that it would, if passed, violate First Amendment rights and the rights of conscience of those who oppose uttering the words and ideas required by this law.

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In 1996 our teenage son got his girlfriend pregnant and was immediately referred to Planned Parenthood. The advice that they got from planned parenthood was that they had an alternative to abort their child. His girlfriend's mother also had stressed that abortion was the only result. They both ran away and slept at bus stops confused on what to do with their unborn baby.

They didn't like the advice as Jennifer's mother who at that time didn't have Godly values and was forcing her daughter to have an abortion.

They both disagreed with Planned Parenthood, her mother and everyone else around them who was pressuring them about going back to Planned parenthood center for an abortion. Under much pressure they finally came to my husband and I. They were not given another alternative.

At that time, Steve Holck was in the process of opening the Aloha Pregnancy Center and he heard about our story through a friend who introduced us, Steve gave me the video, "The Silent Scream" This video educated my husband and I and our teen children about the procedures of an abortion. Something that our children was never told about in the meeting with Planned parenthood.

At that point our son's girlfriend chose to find another solution she was 4.5 months pregnant and there was a lot of commotion going on between the girl and her familys. Though she made up her mind that she was not going to choose abortion I could still see her stressing because of the pressure from her surroundings. I ended up taking her to her ultra sound appt. at Queens hospital.

Her ultra sound returned that she was having a Baby A and Baby B. Meaning Twins.

In September of 2010, our youngest son Giovanni and his wife went to their 2nd childs ultra sound and was told that they needed to have more test done on the baby and announced that they will be having a boy. As thrilled as they were about the good news, the drs later gave them the bad news that their child was diagnosed with Trisomy 13. The Dr.s interpreted what Trisomy 13 is and described to them the disfiguration of their baby and doctors description of our grandson would be as if they were going to be birthing a monster.

They too was being pressured about abortion. And they couldn't find any place where they could get counseling other than abortion. Giovanni called us in Tahiti and explained the situation as he was devastated to abort his son to save his wife or keep the baby and risk his wife's life and his sons life. The counseling that they had was turning more and more towards abortion being their only result and choice that they have. They were not given a hope for their child. Dr.s highly suggested that they make a decision immediately to choose the abortion. 2 reasons. 1) Your child will possibly die in the womb 2) it is possible that if you keep the child then you will be putting your wife's life in danger and it would be better to save your wife and abort the child.

I immediately had another daughter in law whom Steve Holck helped and had her contact Sue Skinner at a place for women. My grand childs life was in danger and my kids had no place to go to give them another alternative nevertheless to really understand what all the commotion was about and a time for them to really take the time to be educated and to make the decision after given. They never new that there was another alternative to abortion. the staff at A place for women, God provided a safe place for them to walk through with the trained staff.

Why did I have my daughter in law to call a Place for women? Because I knew it was a safe place for them to get professional counseling and It was also because Lest than 2 months prior to all of this Sue Skinner gave me a tour of "A place for Women" and Sue and I had ties through ministry and homeschool and she knew who Giovanni was.

Because of the the services that was provided for Giovanni and Shalane and our familys by the pregnancy center our grandson lived through birth. We got to hold him and love on him and see our a part of our family breath life through out all of this craziness of trying to abort him.

I am so thankful for the pregnancy centers in Hawaii and a place where I can refer people other than planned parenthood. Without these centers my bloodline would not be able to carry.

Today our oldest twin grand daughters are 21 years old and living in Oregon going to school.

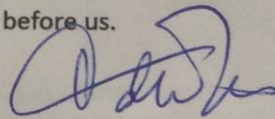
Thank you for your time and please know that they lived because they had a safe place to go to and choice to make other than abortion.

I didn't step down but the people were being harassed by their leaders and was being pressured to vote for their leaders to be the head of the Center. Sadly the center and core group dissolved because most of the people could not work in unity and humility.

I took a trained class in Petaluma, California and that is how I was chosen to be the director of a pregnancy and crisis center.

Today I stand here in great thankfulness for all of you who have ran before us.

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Sign Name

Kelendani Taita Telata

Print Name

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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB501 SD1

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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HEARING Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 10:30 am Conference Room 329

Dear Chairmen, Vice Chairmen and Committee Members,

My name is Garrett Tebeka and I testify in opposition to this bill on the grounds that it would, if passed, violate First Amendment rights and the rights of conscience of those who oppose uttering the words and ideas required by this law.

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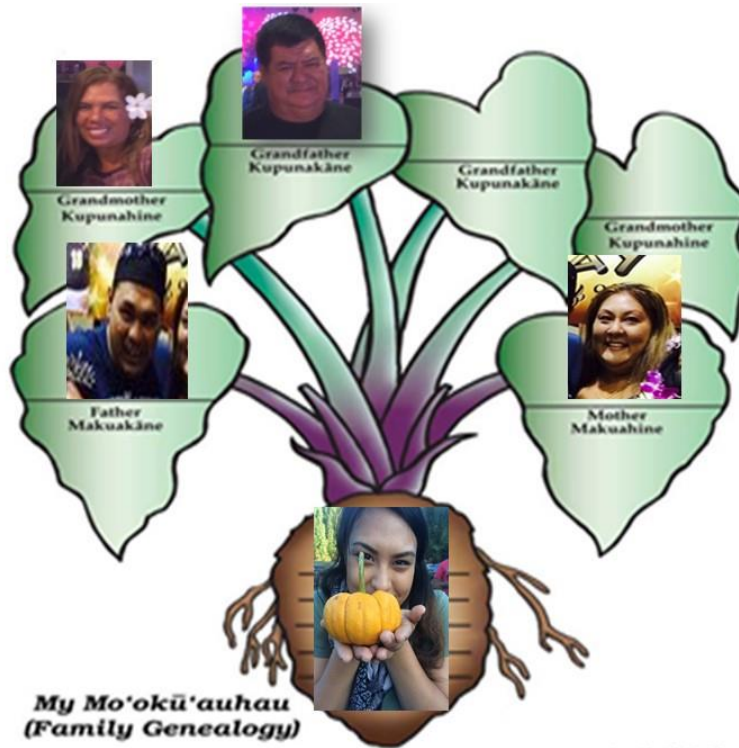
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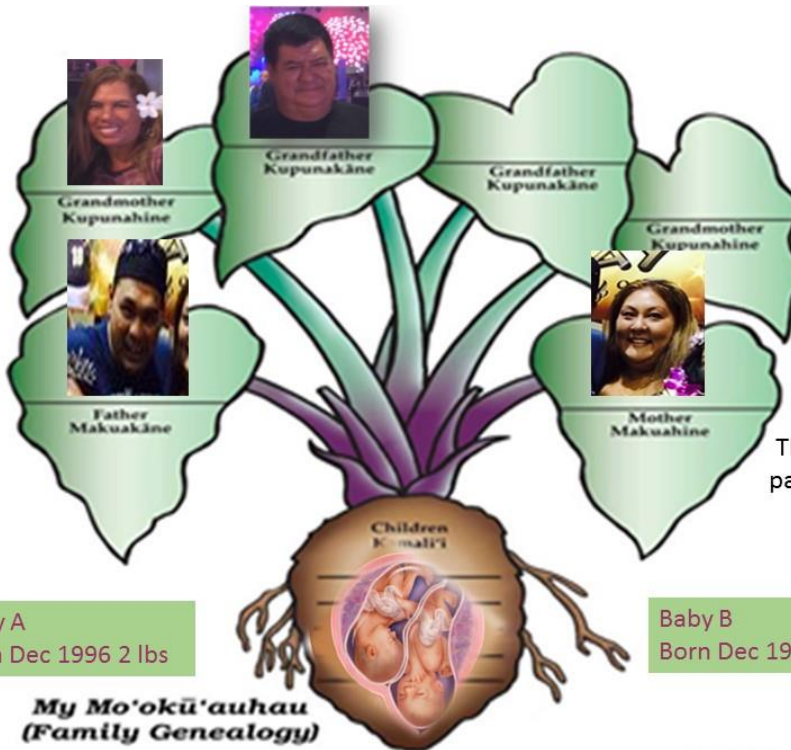
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Baby A TEHOTU
TODAY



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First living generation



2nd Living Generation

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TEHOTU
Was to terminate them.

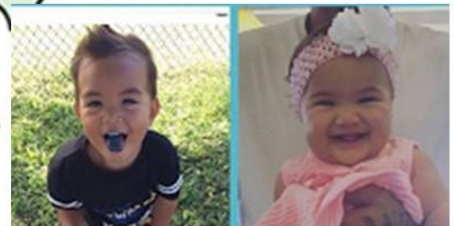
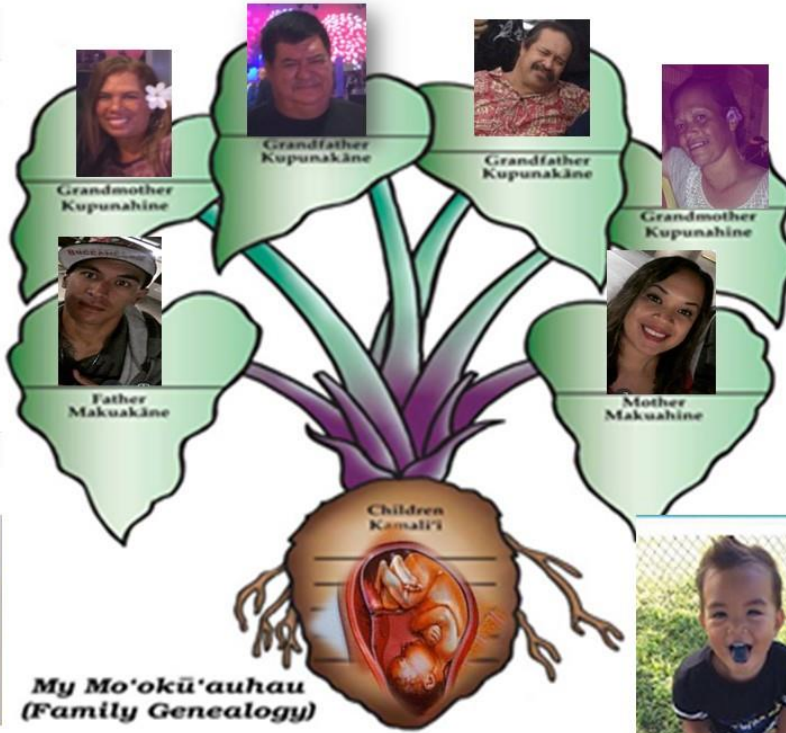
Beginning of our
3rd generation

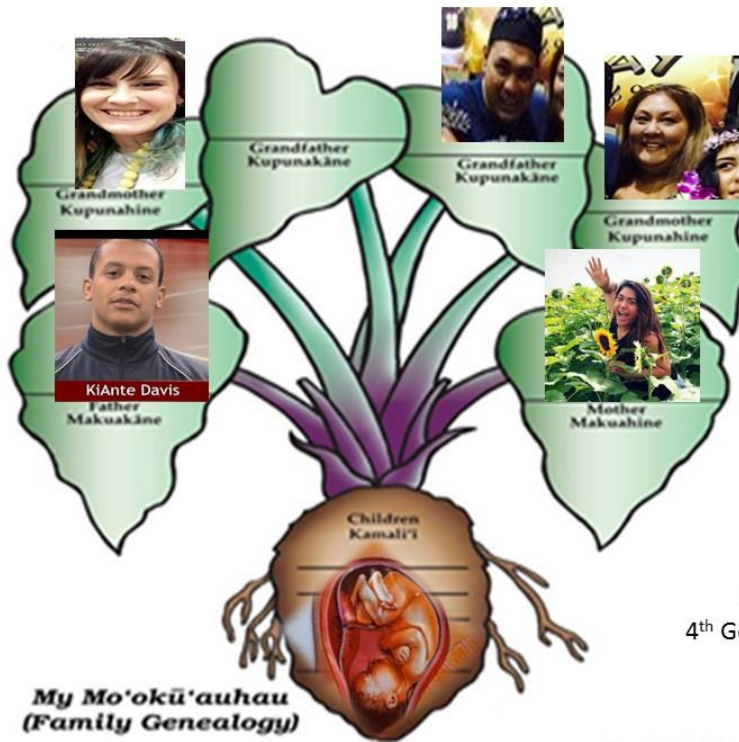
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Born Dec 1996 2 lbs

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Baby B TEHOTU
2013 OIA Hawaii
Wrestling Champ





Our 2nd Generation

Our 3rd Generation

Our 4th Generation

**My Mo'okū'auhau
(Family Genealogy)**

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We wanna be like a tree
planted by the streams of
LIVING waters.
We are unmoveable
Unshakable
And our roots go down
deep
Our Bloodline is strong
and we have planned to
live long.
We created to leave a
legacy in for the next 7
and more generations. We
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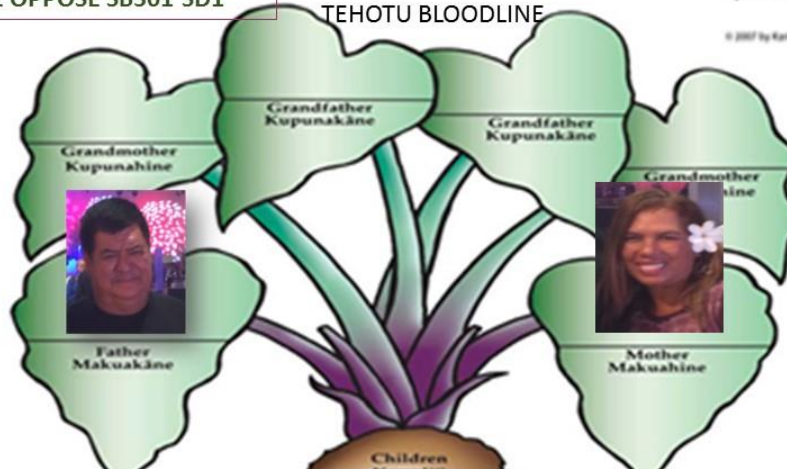
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WE OPPOSE SB501 SD1

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From: Edward Thompson, III on behalf of Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 6:48 PM
To: kobayashi2 - Jessi
Subject: FW: Your legislator is on the House Health Committee!

-----Original Message-----

From: Kristine Wong [mailto:user@votervoice.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 3:05 PM
To: Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi <repkobayashi@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Your legislator is on the House Health Committee!

Dear Representative Kobayashi,

Aloha! I am a constituent and I am submitting this email in opposition to SB501SD1 on the grounds that it would, if passed, violate First Amendment rights and the rights of conscience of faith-based community organizations that provide a necessary service to people who choose to utilize them.

I am opposed because SB501 SD1 seeks intentionally to violate the rights of those who operate pregnancy centers by compelling speech in violation of the First Amendment rights to free speech. Pregnancycenters and those that work there believe fundamentally that ALL ABORTION KILLS a living human being once conception has occurred.

Please vote NO on SB501.

Sincerely,

Kristine Wong
930 18th Ave
Honolulu, HI 96816
kriscmwong@yahoo.com

From: Clarice Kaneshiro <ckane4gzs@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 10:05 PM
To: HLTtestimony; JUDtestimony
Subject: SB501 testimony

Re: Senate Bill No. 501 SD1
Relating to Health

Thank you for the opportunity to testify IN OPPOSITION to SB501 SD1 Pregnancy Resource Centers are a tremendous value to our local community in Hawaii. They are pro-woman and provide safe, confidential places to those facing an unplanned pregnancy. Since all their services are free, they do not benefit financially from a woman's reproductive choice as other agencies may. They empower the women of Hawaii to make informed choices. Many women in unplanned pregnancies will tell you that they feel an abortion is their only choice. Whether you consider yourself pro-life or pro-choice, that should never be. Pregnancy Resource Centers provide, for free, needed support, services, material assistance and medical screenings so no woman needs to ever feel that abortion is the only choice. The abortion lobby is wrongfully attacking Pregnancy Centers with SB501 SD1 We feel that SB501 SD1 is a one sided bill clearly targeting pregnancy resource centers for their deeply held religious views of the sanctity of life by forcing them to promote abortion by posting or handing out the government's favored view. Forcing pregnancy resource centers to refer for abortion in any manner violates their First Amendment rights of the freedom of speech and freedom of religion. The additional regulations this bill creates will have to be monitored and enforced. This will create a cost to the state. This cost will, in essence, be created to regulate five private religious non-profit organizations that offer all services at no cost to clients and receive no federal or state funding.

Given its obvious disregard for the First Amendment rights of the religious organizations affected, we can only assume they will fight this law to the highest court. Due to the cost of having to defend this unconstitutional bill, we oppose the State of Hawaii using taxpayers dollars to defend it in the courts solely to regulate a handful of religious organizations doing no harm to society.

The state should not infringe their view on religious organizations and violate their First Amendment rights. Nor should the state waste tax payer dollars to defend unnecessary legislation.

For these reasons, we urge you to OPPOSE SB501 SD1.

Mahalo for your consideration,
Clarice Kaneshiro
Wailuku, HI 96793

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 11:29 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Cc: koryohly@outlook.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB501 on Mar 16, 2017 10:30AM

SB501

Submitted on: 3/15/2017

Testimony for HLT on Mar 16, 2017 10:30AM in Conference Room 329

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kory Ohly	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: "You're pregnant! Congratulations, that's WONDERFUL! Let me give you directions to the nearest abortion clinic!" Such a statement should be horrifying. The fact that this bill is even being voted on is evidence of how callous we as a society are becoming. I am pro-life. I respect the people who are working at pro-life clinics. They know life is precious, and are trying to help women in a challenging situation do the right thing, even though it may involve personal sacrifice. We are ALL here, thinking about this bill, because of great personal sacrifice. It's the only way we got the opportunity to live. Please vote NO on this bill! Here's the logic of the bill, as I see it: 1) Abortion is available*. 2) Uh oh, "many women in Hawaii remain unaware..." 3) We need to spread the word - let's make the pro-life people tell them 4) And let's make sure women can sue clinics for cause (causing them to have a baby). *Many argue that the decision to abort is a difficult one, and the gov't has no business telling women what to do with their bodies. Why is it often described as a "difficult" decision? Think about it. Is it because everyone knows what's really happening, regardless of the words we carefully choose to describe the process, and justify it? Please vote NO on this bill!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Valerie Sisneros	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Reproductive Health Services is abortion. Say it straight! These pregnancy centers are privately funded by people who often are pro-life and they should not be forced to promote abortion which is against the religious beliefs of many. Will Planned Parenthood be forced to provide information on the options that the pregnancy centers provide?? If not, it is just a Bully Bill and a very unfair law. Please, do not threaten privately funded business with this government overreach! Vote NO!!

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 9:14 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Cc: deeallen25@gmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB501 on Mar 16, 2017 10:30AM

SB501

Submitted on: 3/15/2017

Testimony for HLT on Mar 16, 2017 10:30AM in Conference Room 329

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dee Leite	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Re: Senate Bill No. 501 SD1 Relating to Health Thank you for the opportunity to testify IN OPPOSITION to SB501 SD1 Pregnancy Resource Centers are a tremendous value to our local community in Hawaii. They are pro-woman and provide safe, confidential places to those facing an unplanned pregnancy. Since all their services are free, they do not benefit financially from a woman's reproductive choice as other agencies may. They empower the women of Hawaii to make informed choices. Many women in unplanned pregnancies will tell you that they feel an abortion is their only choice. Whether you consider yourself pro-life or pro-choice, that should never be. Pregnancy Resource Centers provide, for free, needed support, services, material assistance and medical screenings so no woman needs to ever feel that abortion is the only choice. The abortion lobby is wrongfully attacking Pregnancy Centers with SB501 SD1 We feel that SB501 SD1 is a one sided bill clearly targeting pregnancy resource centers for their deeply held religious views of the sanctity of life by forcing them to promote abortion by posting or handing out the government's favored view. Forcing pregnancy resource centers to refer for abortion in any manner violates their First Amendment rights of the freedom of speech and freedom of religion. The additional regulations this bill creates will have to be monitored and enforced. This will create a cost to the state. This cost will, in essence, be created to regulate five private religious non-profit organizations that offer all services at no cost to clients and receive no federal or state funding. Given its obvious disregard for the First Amendment rights of the religious organizations affected, we can only assume they will fight this law to the highest court. Due to the cost of having to defend this unconstitutional bill, we oppose the State of Hawaii using taxpayers dollars to defend it in the courts solely to regulate a handful of religious organizations doing no harm to society. The state should not infringe their view on religious organizations and violate their First Amendment rights. Nor should the state waste tax payer dollars to defend unnecessary legislation. For these reasons, we urge you to OPPOSE SB501 SD1.

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SB501

Submitted on: 3/15/2017

Testimony for HLT on Mar 16, 2017 10:30AM in Conference Room 329

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Morioka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Representatives, I am writing to voice my strong opposition to Senate Bill 501 SD 1, the bill which would require pregnancy care centers to disclose the services and availability of abortion providers, contrary to the centers' very mission. If your intent and mission is to truly provide women with the "complete" package of options available, this bill does not do so. SB501 SD1 is extremely biased and is a "one- way street" that imposes no such requirement on abortion providers to advertise the services of pregnancy care centers, many of which are non-profit, self-supporting and receiving no governmental financial support. Thank you in advance for your kind consideration of my position on this matter. Mahalo, John Morioka

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SB501

Submitted on: 3/15/2017

Testimony for HLT on Mar 16, 2017 10:30AM in Conference Room 329

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Matt Smith	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha. I urge you to vote NO on SB501 when it comes to you. It is a grave violation of the basic constitutional rights to freedom of speech and freedom from government forcing a religious belief upon its citizens. The requirement and associated penalty to force a women's clinic to advertise the right to have an abortion is at best a hypocritical practice and at worst a violation of the First Amendment which you are sworn to uphold in the laws you vote on. It would be analogous for a Suicide Hotline to prevent a suicide to also make available the means and directions to where you could go to commit suicide which I think decent common sense people would find ludicrous. I urge you to show restraint where your senate colleagues have not and vote NO to require women's health clinics offering an alternative to abortion to also give directions on where they can go get one. Our society deserves better laws than this.

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Re: Senate Bill No. 501 SD1

Relating to Health

TESTIMONY BY:
SHANNON JARVIS
State of Hawaii Educator
Kihei, Maui, Hawaii

Thank you for the opportunity to testify IN OPPOSITION to SB501 SD1.

As a teacher in the State of Hawaii, I have a healthy respect for the laws governing separation of church and state. There are so many reasons why this bill, as proposed, is unlawful, but I will focus on the two most grievous offenses for the purpose of this testimony:

1. It is against Federal Law to prevent the exercise of free speech. This bill imposes “Forced Speech” on a group of Christian, non-profit, community centers, which is an indefensible violation of First Amendment Rights.
2. It is also a blatant act of “Viewpoint Discrimination”. Pregnancy Centers do not PROMOTE abortion, because of this they are being targeted by special interest groups under the guise of “improving” their services. This is a weak, and frankly transparent, ploy by supporters of Planned Parenthood and other such entities to minimize the loss of revenue that may result when a mother decides against abortion. Pregnancy Centers do not tell women what to do; instead they offer emotional, material, and practical help to women who seek them out. They provide a FREE community service that is benevolent and autonomous.

In closing, the idea that the state needs Pregnancy Centers to make women aware of the availability of abortion is absurd. Every high school student in America knows where and how to obtain an abortion, a sad but true fact. As a taxpayer in Hawaii, I am appalled at the lack of concern for the millions of dollars this bill will cost Hawaii citizens to defend in the Supreme Court should it pass.

I have obtained the following signatures in support of this testimony:

Sara Monteiro, Kihei, Hawaii

Whitney and Chris Blythe, Wailuku, Hawaii

Karen Ort, Kihei, Hawaii

Katrina and Chris Haas, Kihei, Hawaii

Janet Brown, Waikapu, Hawaii

Taylor Smith, Kihei, Hawaii

Mike Jarvis, Kihei, Hawaii

Jordan Jarvis, Kihei, Hawaii

Mele Nelson, Wailuku, Hawaii

Carrie Birkholz, Wailuku, Hawaii

Jan Apo, Kihei, Hawaii

Carrie Pierre Coetze, Wailuku, Hawaii

Tabith Blessum, Kihei, Hawaii

Forest Blessum, Kihei, Hawaii

Liza Pierce, Kihei, Hawaii

Carolyn Wilfley, Kihei Hawaii

Tehani Wilfley, Kihei, Hawaii

Theresa Mather, Kihei, Hawaii

Charlie Brady, Kihei, Hawaii

Liana Evenhuis, Kihei Hawaii

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To Whom It May Concern:

This is in opposition to SB501 SD1

This bill is a blatant attack on our first amendment rights. This is insisting that Pro-Life Pregnancy Clinics promote abortions. This is against everything we believe in and it is not right to force anyone to go against their beliefs. Since these are non-profit free centers, it is not right for the government to tell them what they must tell the future mothers. Choice? What about free speech and freedom of religion?

This bill is not addressing the fact that the Planned Parenthood does not do the same for those who want to keep their child. They don't do prenatal care or ultrasounds for the life of the baby. Why is it not forcing Planned Parenthood to provide FREE ultrasounds and prenatal care for people who what that choice?

I was hurt by abortion. I was a young woman and thought I had no other "choice" since the "clinic" I went to was Planned Parenthood. I was given the option of ruining the rest of my life raising a baby or participation in a procedure to remove the embryo. Where was the "truth" then? Why did they not tell me other options? I didn't realize it at the time that this was a decision I would have to live with for the rest of my life. I must live with the fact I ended a life. Again, this is not a decision that is based on truth. Where was the alternative counseling? Where was the optional assistance? Post Abortion Syndrome is something that most women suffer with. Had I not received the counseling for Abortion Recovery, by A Place for Women in Waipio, I would still be suffering the effects.

Please, don't forget about the people who are suffering every day. This is a Choice, do not take away the Choice for women to go where they feel led to save themselves.

Thank you,

Diane Reyes

From: Kris McPhee <mcphee.kris@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 7:26 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Please oppose SB 501, SD1

Dear House of Representatives Committee on Health,

I volunteer at the Malama Pregnancy Center of Maui as a Board member. Please visit our website www.mpcmaui.org and I would be glad to provide a tour of our center or answer any questions. We have provided many services to the public at no charge for almost 3 years now on Maui. 90+ percent of our clients are very happy with our services.

This measure SB501 directly affecting our center should be voted down. This measure would mandate us to provide abortion referrals, a notice of how one may obtain abortion services, which violates our right to define and pursue a life-affirming mission. **Both our website and forms clearly disclose that we do not perform or refer for abortion, and our right not to offer referrals for abortion is a constitutional right.**

All women, if they want abortion services know they can look it up on their cell phone and get that information. There is no lack of resources to get abortion service information in Hawaii.

How can the government compel a private non-profit or even a business, for that matter, to advertise services that are contrary to their beliefs?

- o Examples: If it wished, could the government force organic health food stores to post notices that GMOs were not proven harmful to health, and widely available at other stores?
- o What about practitioners of homoeopathic or alternative medicine? Could the government force notices in their offices, recommending traditional Western alternatives, available elsewhere?

This takes away the freedom of a business or non-profit to operate according to its principles, and to engage in voluntary transactions with clients who are properly informed about the nature of services offered.

Thank you for considering to oppose SB501. I hope you do.

Sincerely

Mr. Kris McPhee
Malama Pregnancy Center of Maui
Board Member
Residing in Wailuku, Maui

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kobayashi2 - Jessi

From: Vivien Wong <vivienwong@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 1:32 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: SB 501

My name is Dr. Vivien Wong. I am a board certified radiologist with medical license to practice in the State of Hawaii and California. As a physician and diagnostic radiologist, I am trained to supervise and interpret all imaging modalities including ultrasound.

I am writing to you in regard to SB501. The preface of this bill is to ensure that all women living in Hawaii have full and accurate health information regarding their rights to access the full range of health care services that are available to them through the availability of publicly funded free or low cost comprehensive family planning services and pregnancy related care. The bill also addresses the needs of women who are experiencing unintended pregnancy.

I fully agree with the state's intentions and the state's responsibilities. It absolutely should provide means to disseminate such information to the public. This bill however does nothing to further that goal. Instead of applying efforts to further awareness regarding women's health, this bill targets a small group of private pro-life clinics that provide their services free of charge.

SB501 targets privately funded limited service pregnancy centers that do not receive any state or federal subsidies to finance their operation. The bill also insinuates that these limited service pregnancy centers do not provide free, confidential, non-biased comprehensive counseling in regards to family planning, contraception, prenatal care, and abortion to all women, including those women who are facing unintended pregnancy.

There are a total of five privately funded limited service pregnancy centers in the state of Hawaii. The centers are faith-based and pro-life. They all provide free, non-biased and comprehensive education on women's health issues. However, they do not perform abortions or refer for non- medically indicated abortions. This is fully disclosed from the beginning to each individual seeking care at these facilities.

The mandate in this bill that a pro-life center must explicitly display a placard or distribute a pamphlet indicating availability of publicly funded programs that provides reproductive health services, especially abortion services, is totally antithesis of what the pro-life centers stand for.

If the primary argument for this bill is that the women should be aware of availability of free or low cost publicly funded reproductive health services, instead of a more expensive option, then it must be acknowledged that these five privately funded faith based pro-life centers also provide free services. As such, the bill would be redundant.

I have been the medical director at "A Place for Women in Waipio", a faith based pro-life center, for the past 7 years. I oversee the medical services provided. The center provides free pregnancy counseling, limited OB ultrasounds, and abortion recovery classes to all women. Limited OB ultrasounds are performed under the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM) practice guidelines. These guidelines were developed in conjunction with the American College of Radiology (ACR), American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) and the

Society of Radiologists in Ultrasound (SRU). In addition, the center is affiliated with national organizations such as National Institute of Family and Life Advocates (NIFLA), CareNet, and Heartbeat International. The

center's policies and procedures are based on guidelines set forth from these organizations, and it is fully HIPAA compliant.

The center's goal is to provide the highest standard of care to women of all ages. It provides accurate comprehensive health education and counseling that addresses all issues pertinent to women's health. The services are provided in a safe, private, non-judgmental environment where life is embraced. All clients are encouraged to seek additional medical care from qualified healthcare providers including publicly funded options following services provided at the center for prenatal care, sexually transmitted infection testing and treatment, and other medically indicated reproductive health services.

Please oppose SB501. It is a bill that does nothing to further improve women's health-care. It however targets five privately funded pro-life centers that provide their services free of charge with vulnerabilities to lawsuits and fines.

Sincerely,
Vivien C. Wong M.D.

kobayashi2 - Jessi

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Alex Alexander <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 2:23 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Please, protect women and support SB 501!



Mar 16, 2017

House Health Committee Members

Dear House Members,

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 501 to make sure health care in our state is fair, accessible, and private and to ask you to do everything you can to move the bill forward.

Anyone seeking health care should receive comprehensive, accurate, unbiased information in a confidential setting. Reproductive health care is no different. When women are fully informed, they are better able to make the best decision for themselves about their personal health. However, in Hawaii communities, Limited Service Pregnancy Centers (LSPCs) are offering women biased, misleading, and even false pregnancy and health care information and denying women needed referrals for reproductive health services, all while pretending to be legitimate health care providers.

Women in Hawaii deserve better. Senate Bill 501 will put in place commonsense protections to ensure that any woman seeking pregnancy testing services receives the information she needs to make decisions about her reproductive health. These bills will require LSPCs to protect the privacy of health care information collected, provide women with information on their full range of reproductive health options, and disclose that they do not provide all options for clients.

Alex Alexander

Please support Senate Bill 501 to guarantee that all women receive the same basic standard of care.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Ms. Amy Agbayani
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Honolulu, HI 96819-3080
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kobayashi2 - Jessi

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Amy Cook <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 2:13 AM
To: HLTtestimony
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Sincerely,

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From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Andrew Keith <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
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Subject: Please, Protect Women's Health Services via Your Support for SB 501!

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Sincerely,
Andrew Keith

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Sincerely,

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As a physical therapist specializing in women's health, I talk to many women during the course of my work day as well as connecting with many people socially. This issue is vital to the well being of Hawaii's people.

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kobayashi2 - Jessi

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Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 2:04 AM
To: HLTtestimony
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Sincerely,

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kobayashi2 - Jessi

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Audrey Lester <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 2:28 AM
To: HLTtestimony
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Sincerely,

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kobayashi2 - Jessi

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As a female college student this is extremely important especially given the circumstances of reproductive health getting access to correct and unbiased information is detrimental to making our own decisions regarding our bodies.

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Sincerely,

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Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 3:30 AM
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Sincerely,

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kobayashi2 - Jessi

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Dan Gardner <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 5:18 AM
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Now, more than ever, the women of Hawai`i need to be fully informed regarding their health care and their options.

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 5:32 AM
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Many consumers, especially when in a time of crisis, don't have the resources to conduct investigations into the different types of providers holding themselves out to be health care providers. It is up to us to ensure that any woman seeking information from a perceived health care provider be given accurate and comprehensive information free from bias.

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Sincerely,

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I know this from personal experience, being young single and needing not only support but unbiased information and options.

I remember sitting in a waiting room with plastic models of fetuses at different stages and being made to watch a video that clearly was to manipulate and shame me from terminating a pregnancy before I was given the a pregnancy test.

These kind of clinics victimize as oppose to inform.

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Sincerely,

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Thank you for taking the time to consider this testimony.

Please support Senate Bill 501 to guarantee that all women receive the same basic standard of care.

Sincerely,

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kobayashi2 - Jessi

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Kristy Washizaki <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 6:04 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Please, protect women and support SB 501!

Mar 16, 2017

House Health Committee Members

Dear House Members,

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Sincerely,

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kobayashi2 - Jessi

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Leslie Alberts <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 3:51 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Please, protect women and support SB 501!



Mar 16, 2017

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Sincerely,

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kobayashi2 - Jessi

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Lisa Freudenberger <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 2:39 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Please, protect women and support SB 501!



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Sincerely,

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kobayashi2 - Jessi

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Margaret Sipple <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 5:05 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Please, protect women and support SB 501!



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Sincerely,

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Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 2:04 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Please, protect women and support SB 501!

Mar 16, 2017

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Sincerely,

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From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Martha Nakajima <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 2:47 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Please, protect women and support SB 501!



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Sincerely,

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From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Namphuong Quach <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 3:32 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Please, protect women and support SB 501!



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Sincerely,

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Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 5:59 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Please, protect women and support SB 501!

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Do what's right, and please do your job to represent the people that voted for you AND those that didn't vote for you. You took on the job, now do it. Thank you!

Please support Senate Bill 501 to guarantee that all women receive the same basic standard of care.

Sincerely,

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From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Roberts Leinau <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 3:48 AM
To: HLTtestimony
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Sincerely,

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From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Sarah Shewmaker <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 3:53 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Please, protect women and support SB 501!



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Sincerely,

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From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Skyler Stevens <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 3:19 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Please, protect women and support SB 501!



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Sincerely,

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kobayashi2 - Jessi

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of thaddeus pham <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 3:25 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Please, protect women and support SB 501!



Mar 16, 2017

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As a public health professional, I strongly believe that Senate Bill 501 will improve the health and well being of our communities. It will put in place commonsense protections to ensure that any woman seeking pregnancy testing services receives the information she needs to make decisions about her reproductive health. These bills will require LSPCs to protect the privacy of health care information collected, provide women with information on their full range of reproductive health options, and disclose that they do not provide all options for clients.

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Sincerely,

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From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of tia pearson <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 3:16 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Please, protect women and support SB 501!



Mar 16, 2017

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Sincerely,

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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB501 SD1

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

- Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair
- Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
- Rep. Sharon E. Har
- Rep. Chris Todd
- Rep. Dee Morikawa
- Rep. Andria P.L. Tupola
- Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro

HEARING Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 10:30 am Conference Room 329

Dear Chairmen, Vice Chairmen and Committee Members,

My name is Candice, and I testify in opposition to this bill on the grounds that it would, if passed, violate First Amendment rights and the rights of conscience of those who oppose uttering the words and ideas required by this law.

- * SB501 SD1 seeks intentionally to violate the rights of those who operate pregnancy centers by compelling speech in violation of the First Amendment rights to free speech. Pregnancy centers and those that work there believe fundamentally that ALL ABORTION KILLS a living human being once conception has occurred.
- * SB501 SD1 compels speech which violates the religious liberty rights of the pregnancy centers and those who work there.
- * SB501 SD1 does not truly meet its intended goal, set forth in Section 1 of SB 501 SD1, of making "every possible effort to advise women of all available reproductive health programs". SB 501 SD1 does not require abortion providers to notify women of, and refer women to, pregnancy centers for help with the post abortion health problems that often arise but abortion providers do not address.

For the foregoing reasons I oppose the bill and ask that you vote no in committee.

Candice Christensen
Sign name

Candice Christensen
Print name

388 Saratoga Ave Kapolei
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96707

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB501 SD1

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

- Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair
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- Rep. Sharon E. Har
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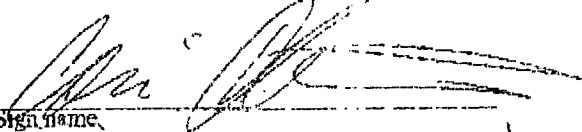
HEARING Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 10:30 am Conference Room 329

Dear Chairmen, Vice Chairmen and Committee Members,

My name is Cori Christensen and I testify in opposition to this bill on the grounds that it would, if passed, violate First Amendment rights and the rights of conscience of those who oppose uttering the words and ideas required by this law.

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For the foregoing reasons I oppose the bill and ask that you vote no in committee.


Sign name

Cori Christensen
Print name

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Richard P. Hayes
PRINT NAME

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SIGN NAME

For the foregoing reasons I oppose the bill and ask that you vote in a committee.

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My name is Richard P. Hayes, and I testify in opposition to this bill on the grounds that it would, if passed, violate First Amendment rights and the rights of conscience of those who oppose uttering the words and ideas required by this law.

Dear Chairman, Vice Chairmen and Committee Members,

HEARING Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 10:30 am Conference Room 329

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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB501 SD1

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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB501 SD1

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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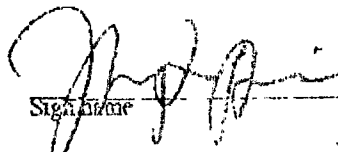
HEARING Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 10:30 am Conference Room 325

Dear Chairmen, Vice Chairmen and Committee Members,

My name is Karen De Borja, and I testify in opposition to this bill on the grounds that it would, if passed, violate First Amendment rights and the rights of conscience of those who oppose uttering the words and ideas required by this law.

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For the foregoing reasons I oppose the bill and ask that you vote no in committee



 Signature

Karen De Borja

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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB501 SD1

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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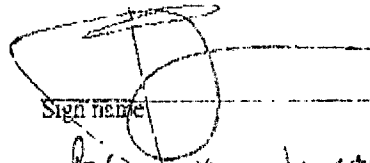
HEARING Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 10:30 am Conference Room 379

Dear Chairmen, Vice Chairmen and Committee Members,

My name is Brian De Porta, and I testify in opposition to this bill on the grounds that it would, if passed, violate First Amendment rights and the rights of conscience of those who oppose uttering the words and ideas required by this law.

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For the foregoing reasons I oppose the bill and ask that you vote no in committee.



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Brian De Porta

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LATE

March 15, 2017

To Whom it May Concern:

I have been living in Hawaii for the past six years and attending church at Calvary Chapel Pearl Harbor.

I have been active in the ministry there as it relates to helping those who are grieving the loss of loved ones through death, and also as a counselor for one year at the crisis pregnancy center. I can tell you from first-hand experience that the young women who come in for help concerning an unwanted or unplanned pregnancy are scared, confused, and in many cases, afraid to even tell their parents! How sad to think that sending them to "Planned Parenthood" for a quick fix abortion would solve all their problems! Our staff of volunteers lovingly explains the dangers connected with abortion . . . not the least of which is the guilt and mental agony experienced by so many post-abortive mothers. The mental trauma is something that is hard to hide and impossible to escape. We also explain the options of keeping the baby, along with a long list of resources to make that possible, or putting it up for adoption. Either of the two options would save the baby's life, and also save the mother from years of regret.

I've had the joy of seeing many young women holding the precious babies they almost aborted . . . but didn't! NOT ONE MOTHER WHO DECIDED TO KEEP HER BABY HAS BEEN SORRY FOR DOING SO. The same cannot be said for post-abortive moms. We have ongoing classes to counsel women who are struggling with the guilt of aborting their babies. We have seen and experienced the radical difference between these two groups. By any standard, the work that is being done at Calvary Chapel's "A Place for Women" is changing lives for the better! To be told we must offer referrals for abortion is against everything we believe in. The constitution gives us the freedom of religion and the freedom to practice what we believe as long as we do not hurt other people. Please vote NO on the SB501 SD1 bill which is being discussed on Thursday by the HLT committee!

A concerned citizen,
Dianne Luce

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Dear Chairmen, Vice Chairmen and Committee Members,

My name is Gerard Tehotu, and I testify in opposition to this bill on the grounds that it would, if passed, violate First Amendment rights and the rights of conscience of those who oppose uttering the words and ideas required by this law.

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Dear Chairmen, Vice Chairmen and Committee Members,

My name is Sophie Fung, and I testify in opposition to this bill on the grounds that it would, if passed, violate First Amendment rights and the rights of conscience of those who oppose uttering the words and ideas required by this law.

I humbly request that before you consider to pass SB501 SD1 that all of you would visit and see with your own eyes what A Place for Women in Waipio offers to women.

In this day and age with modern technology and instant messaging a majority of women have heard of Planned Parenthood and of abortion. It's been presented in the Bill itself as well as at previous hearings and testimonies that women need to be informed about abortions. That's hardly the case! It's actual quite the opposite. Women need to know there are other alternatives to abortions! If you are truly pro-choice, then allow women to have choices besides abortions.

Why must this Bill be passed that not only infringes on the rights of the small groups of faith-based pregnancy centers? Why does this Bill have to have such punitive measure levied against these organizations that are trying to help women make informed choices? Why does this Bill have to be passed that allow civil actions against the small group of organizations that only want to help women?

It you want to make this fair and balanced that it is equal for all parties, then shouldn't Planned Parenthood and other doctors and abortion facilities to also be required to offer information on the pregnancy centers that offer alternatives to abortions. Shouldn't Planned Parenthood and other abortion facilities also be held to the same punitive measures of fines for not posting a notice that there are alternatives choices and also to be open to civil suits?

Planned Parenthood lied to me when I was a teenager that at 13 weeks my pregnancy was only a blob of cells and wasn't yet formed into a human being. I had the abortion with a severe infection that they refused to provide antibiotics. It was not their problem. The untreated infection caused complications resulted in my nearly dying at the age of 18 years old which led to sterility. Shouldn't I have the right to file a civil suit also? What happened to the rights of women who suffered from botched abortions that caused not only physical and medical damage as well as emotional and mental anguish?

SB501 SD1 is not good for the women in Hawaii.

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For the foregoing reasons I oppose the bill and ask that you vote no in committee. Thank you for your time and consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sophie Fung", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sophie Fung

From: [Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii](#) on behalf of [Ghazaleh Moayed](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: Strong support of SB501
Date: Thursday, March 16, 2017 5:40:08 AM

Mar 16, 2017

House Health Committee Members

Dear House Members,

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 501 to make sure health care in our state is fair, accessible, and private and to ask you to do everything you can to move the bill forward.

Anyone seeking health care should receive comprehensive, accurate, unbiased information in a confidential setting. Reproductive health care is no different. When women are fully informed, they are better able to make the best decision for themselves about their personal health. However, in Hawaii communities, Limited Service Pregnancy Centers (LSPCs) are offering women biased, misleading, and even false pregnancy and health care information and denying women needed referrals for reproductive health services, all while pretending to be legitimate health care providers.

Hearing Date: March 16, 2017 (1030 AM)
To: Members of the Committee on Health
From: Ghazaleh Moayed, DO
Re: SB 501, SD1 Limited Service Pregnancy Centers
Position: Strong support

Dear Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Kobayashi, and fellow Committee Members:

I am physician working at the University of Hawaii, John A. Burns School of Medicine. I provide comprehensive obstetrics and gynecology services. I counsel women faced with unintended pregnancy on all their options without coercion: parenthood, abortion, and adoption. I trust women and families to make the choices that are right for them. Providing patients with private, factual, non-biased care is part of my oath as a physician. I am writing in strong support of the revised version of SB 501.

This bill is not about abortion or restricting the religious rights of others. This bill does not stop limited service pregnancy centers from providing any of the services they currently provide. This bill does, however, ensure the private medical information of our community members is protected and it ensures that patients know where they can obtain medically accurate information. All people have the right to privacy and factual information when they seek healthcare. Limited service pregnancy centers should not be allowed to collect medical information from patients and perform medical exams without complying to the same privacy standards that all health care providers comply with.

In the recent Senate hearing on this very bill, in front of the Honorable Members of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, & Health and Members of the Committee on Judiciary & Labor, an employee of one of these local pregnancy centers attempted to publicly read the medical records of a former patient. Thankfully, the Honorable Rosalyn Baker prevented this egregious breach of trust. However, this attempt to shame a former patient in a public hearing only serves to prove the necessity of requiring these deceptive centers to protect the privacy of the clients they serve.

As a physician, I have many patients who fall victim to these centers. I applaud the revisions to this bill adopted by the Senate and I know SB 501 will positively impact the women and families that I serve.

Therefore, I strongly support SB 501. Protect Hawaiian families from deceptive health centers.

Aloha,

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Please support Senate Bill 501 to guarantee that all women receive the same basic standard of care.

Sincerely,

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REVIEW

Misinformation on abortion

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ABSTRACT **Objective** To find the latest and most accurate information on aspects of induced abortion. **Methods** A literature survey was carried out in which five aspects of abortion were scrutinised: risk to life, risk of breast cancer, risk to mental health, risk to future fertility, and fetal pain. **Findings** Abortion is clearly safer than childbirth. There is no evidence of an association between abortion and breast cancer. Women who have abortions are not at increased risk of mental health problems over and above women who deliver an unwanted pregnancy. There is no negative effect of abortion on a woman's subsequent fertility. It is not possible for a fetus to perceive pain before 24 weeks' gestation. Misinformation on abortion is widespread. Literature and websites are cited to demonstrate how data have been manipulated and misquoted or just ignored. Citation of non-peer reviewed articles is also common. Mandates insisting on provision of inaccurate information in some US State laws are presented. Attention is drawn to how women can be misled by Crisis Pregnancy Centres. **Conclusion** There is extensive promulgation of misinformation on abortion by those who oppose abortion. Much of this misinformation is based on distorted interpretation of the scientific literature.

KEY WORDS Misinformation; Myths; Abortion; Mortality; Breast cancer; Mental health; Fertility; Fetal pain; Abortion review

INTRODUCTION

Induced abortion is an emotive subject. There are many views taken on it, to which people are entitled. In most countries it is regarded as a criminal act, *unless* certain circumstances exist. In an increasing number of countries (56 out of 196 at present¹), it now suffices that the woman requests that an abortion be carried out, provided it is a first trimester pregnancy. When both legal and clandestine abortions are included, it is estimated that 42 million induced abortions are carried out worldwide each year². It is now regarded as a human right to³:

- receive and impart information,
- have access to the benefits of scientific progress,
- receive the highest attainable standard of health,
- decide the number and spacing of one's children.

International law now also enshrines the right to reproductive health^{4,5}.

Abortion has become politicised, with the church, other religious bodies and political parties campaigning to restrict women's access to abortion. One of the ways that those who are against it try to restrict

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abortion is by producing misinformation. This can be by spreading false or inaccurate information in the form of leaflets or through websites, by speaking in public, by working through the media and by trying to intercept women who are seeking an abortion and providing them with biased counselling. In the USA especially, anti-abortion campaigners go further, taking cases to court and getting laws changed.

This article shows how data can be distorted and corrupted leading to members of the public being misled. It also looks at counselling services that use this kind of information. The article will analyse five aspects of abortion in turn: risk to life, risk of breast cancer, risk to mental health, risk to future fertility, and fetal pain.

METHODS

A literature review was carried out by electronic searching of two databases. For risk to mental health, PsycINFO was used. For the other four topics, Medline was used. Searches were made for the key words *maternal mortality, breast cancer, infertility, fetal pain and mental health with therapeutic abortion/induced abortion/termination of pregnancy*. The searches were on published primary research and review articles from 1990 onwards, and were limited to humans and English language publications. The reference lists of key articles were scrutinised; some more papers were identified by this means. The websites of relevant national and international professional organisations were also searched for evidence-based guidance using the above terms. Systematic reviews were preferred to individual studies, when found. Among individual studies, record-linkage design was preferred. Cohort studies were preferred to case-control studies. Studies with the information on abortion obtained from medical records were preferred to self-report. Secondary analysis of already collected data was only accepted if there were no other data available. Descriptive studies with no comparator group were disregarded.

RISK TO LIFE

Considering that the right to life and survival is enshrined in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights³, it is imperative that information relating to this should be freely available and

accurate. One of the headlines one finds being put out on websites (for example <http://afterabortion.org> and www.unitedforlife.com) as a fact about abortion is "Death rate of abortion three times higher than childbirth". This misinformation has crept into the medico-legal literature too⁶. Studies from Finland are cited⁷.

In order to fully explain why this is a false statement, it is necessary to go over some maternal mortality definitions. A 'maternal death' is the death of a woman while pregnant or within 42 days of termination of pregnancy, irrespective of the duration and the site of the pregnancy, from any cause related to or aggravated by the pregnancy or its management, but not from accidental or incidental causes⁸. A more recently conceived terminology is 'pregnancy-associated death'; this is the death of a woman while pregnant or within one year of termination of pregnancy, irrespective of the cause of death or the site of pregnancy⁹. When data for the latter term are scrutinised it appears that most pregnancy-associated deaths are not related to complications of the pregnant state, labour or puerperium⁷. Another phenomenon that needs to be taken into account is the 'healthy pregnant woman' effect, which has been demonstrated in several studies^{7,10,11}. The risk of a medical-condition-related death within one year of childbirth is lower than the risk among non-pregnant women in the same age group^{10,11}. Women with serious medical conditions may be more likely to have a spontaneous or induced abortion and are also at greater risk of dying. Therefore, all mortality due to a natural cause among women having an abortion may be greater than that of non-pregnant women belonging to the same age group. Whether it be after childbirth or after abortion, accidental death is not a result of the pregnancy. It is likely that accidental deaths following abortion share common risk factors with the abortion¹². These risk factors probably include mental health problems, poverty, sexual or physical abuse, substance misuse and intimate partner violence.

The rate of direct deaths (deaths due to obstetric complications of pregnancy) within 42 days after childbirth in the UK is 6 per 100,000 (132 deaths in 2,113,831 maternities)¹³. The equivalent figure for abortion is 0.2 per 100,000 (one death in 553,711 abortions). Abortion of all gestations performed by all methods was thus 30 times less likely to cause death than childbirth during the years 2003–2005.

Table 1 Comparative mortality rates for different pregnancy outcomes (USA)

Pregnancy outcome	Rate per 100,000 outcomes
Surgical abortion to 9 weeks ⁴³	0.1
Medical abortion to 9 weeks ⁴⁴	1
Miscarriage ⁴⁵	1
Live birth ⁴⁶	7
Ectopic ⁴⁶	32

Data from the USA are similar. Table 1 shows the death rates from abortion compared to those associated with miscarriage, childbirth, and ectopic pregnancy. It must be acknowledged that these are rough comparisons as they are taken from different studies which may not be exactly comparable. These data show surgical abortion to be 70 times less likely to cause death than childbirth. Medical abortion carries the same order of risk to life as miscarriage, which is what one would expect.

Returning to the Finnish study⁷, the key data are summarised in Table 2. Misleading information presents data for all causes, without the background explanation about the healthy pregnant woman effect. The Table shows how pregnant women having an abortion are less likely to die than non-pregnant controls. Abortion was three times less likely to be

Table 2 Finnish record-linkage study: Mortality per 100,000 pregnancies*/person years 1987–2000⁷

Cause of death	Childbirth	Induced abortion	Non-pregnant
Direct pregnancy-related (thrombosis, eclampsia, haemorrhage, anaesthetic, etc.)	3.9	1.3	N/A
Violent causes (injuries, homicide, suicide)	10	60	24
All causes	26	82	94

*During pregnancy or within one year. N/A: not applicable.

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RISK OF BREAST CANCER

There is widespread dissemination of a purported link between abortion and breast cancer, the so-called ‘ABC link’. Put this term into a search engine and see how many hits you get. A leaflet produced by the Coalition on Abortion/Breast cancer is entitled ‘Abortion raises Breast Cancer risk (ABC)’. This can be seen at www.abortionbreastcancer.com. Claims are made on websites, for example www.lifeissues.org, that abortion causes an additional 28,000 new cases of breast cancer each year in the USA. As with risk to life, this misinformation has crept into the medico-legal literature¹⁴. There is extensive citation of non-peer reviewed literature.

Systematic reviews of observational studies are a higher level of evidence than individual studies¹⁵. Such a review was published in 1997¹⁶. This review of 28 observational studies concluded that a definitive conclusion about a possible association between abortion and breast cancer could not be reached because of inconsistent findings across studies. Another review was more definite; the overall increased risk when 21 studies were combined was 1.3 (95% confidence interval [CI] 1.2–1.4)¹⁷. However, this review failed to include 19 eligible studies, which were subsequently taken into account in a 2004 analysis. The 2004 systematic review is a pooled analysis of 53 studies from around the world¹⁸. This review showed no association between abortion and breast cancer. In particular, for the 13 studies with information on abortion recorded before the diagnosis of breast cancer, the relative risk of breast cancer comparing women who had had one or more pregnancies that ended in induced abortion to women with no such record was 0.93 (95% CI 0.89–0.96).

There are more than 20 case-control studies on abortion and breast cancer in the literature. Some of these show a positive association between abortion and breast cancer. However, this study design is prone to recall bias¹⁹; there is more under-reporting of the potentially sensitive information about previous induced abortions in the healthy controls than in the breast cancer cases^{20,21}. This bias produces a spurious raised risk of breast cancer after abortion in studies of this type.

Cohort studies are not subject to this bias and come higher in the hierarchy of evidence than case-control studies¹⁵. There are at least ten prospective cohort studies in the literature; these show no association or a negative association. There are now seven record-linkage studies on this topic, all of which show no association²²; subject data are present in databases and recall is not needed. Three recent cohort studies of high quality also show no association (Table 3).

The US National Institute of Cancer²³ and the UK Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists²⁴ concluded that induced abortion is *not* associated with an increase in breast cancer risk. The Science and Technology Committee of the British Parliament found *no* evidence that contradicts this statement²⁵.

RISK TO MENTAL HEALTH

There are whole websites dedicated to the so-called 'Post-abortion syndrome' (PAS), for example www.postabortionsyndrome.org. This purported syndrome, which was proposed in 1992²⁶ was conceptualised as a form of post-traumatic stress disorder and was based on a small number of extreme reactions. The term is not recognised as a diagnosis in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders²⁷, nor by any professional group of psychiatrists or psychologists. A booklet has been produced that depicts the PAS as a common and serious disease. There are statements that male partners and fetal grandparents are also at high risk of developing this disease²⁸!

Study of this subject is fraught with difficulty. The ideal study design would consist of assigning women with unwanted pregnancies either to receive an abortion or to have their request denied without

the possibility of having the procedure elsewhere²⁵. Its unethical character obviously precludes such a study from ever being performed. Second best to the ideal study design would be women with unwanted pregnancies who have abortions compared with women who have unwanted pregnancies but whose request for an abortion is denied. Very few such studies have ever been published²⁹⁻³¹. Other comparator groups that have been used, in decreasing order of appropriateness, are:

- all women giving birth, some of whose births would be unwanted,
- nulligravidae, and
- women who conceived because they wanted to become mothers and went on to have a child.

Secondary analysis of survey data lacks vital information such as prior mental health, life circumstances, and prior exposure to violence; such studies are particularly suspect when others fail to replicate the results using the same data³². Another type of study involves following a cohort of women before and after an abortion. Such a record-linkage study of women with no prior history of mental illness showed no increase in contact with psychiatric services when a 9-month period before the abortion was compared with a 12-month period after the abortion³³.

There have been recent major reviews of this topic^{34,35}. The most extensive review was published in 2009; it is based on 58 papers published between January 1989 and May 2008³⁶. The authors concluded that the relative risk of mental health problems among adult women who have a single, legal, first-trimester abortion of an unwanted pregnancy is no greater than

Table 3 Recent cohort studies exploring the possible association between abortion and breast cancer

<i>Publication</i>	<i>Cohort</i>	<i>Relative risk (95% CI) for one previous abortion</i>	<i>RR for two or more previous abortions</i>
Reeves <i>et al.</i> ⁴⁷	EPIC study	0.93 (0.85 – 1.02)	0.99 (0.86 – 1.14)
Michels <i>et al.</i> ⁴⁸	Nurses' Health Study II	1.02 (0.88 – 1.19)	0.95 (0.68 – 1.31)
Henderson <i>et al.</i> ⁴⁹	California Teachers Study	0.98 (0.77 – 1.25) for nulliparous women	0.86 (0.57 – 1.30) for nulliparous women
		1.08 (0.93 – 1.24) for parous women	0.97 (0.76 – 1.24) for parous women

CI: confidence interval; RR: relative risk.

Table 4 Prospective studies of fertility after induced abortion

Study	Setting	Controls	Follow-up (months)	% conceived
WHO ⁵⁰	Obstetrics/Gynaecology Hungary & South Korea	Postpartum family planning	30	>90% in both groups
MacKenzie and Fry ⁵¹	Obstetrics/Gynaecology UK	Self	24	97%
Frank <i>et al.</i> ⁵²	General practice UK	Deliveries of unplanned pregnancies	24	97% in both groups

the risk among women who deliver an unwanted pregnancy.

RISK TO FUTURE FERTILITY

There are numerous references on the internet (for example www.pregnantpause.org and www.abortion-facts.com) to a quote attributed to Dr Bohumil Stipal, Deputy Minister of Health of the former Czechoslovakia, who allegedly stated that 'roughly 25% of the women who interrupt their first pregnancy have remained permanently childless'. Other figures rehearsed are an added 2–5% incidence of sterility after abortion.

Early reports in the literature raised the possibility that abortion could adversely affect subsequent fertility. These reports from Eastern Europe and Japan

were either unsupported by data or were lacking a control group for comparison. Some subsequent studies included women who had had illegal abortions, which negates their findings.

There are three prospective studies in the literature examining fertility after induced abortion that demonstrate no negative effect of abortion on subsequent fertility (Table 4). There are also some case-control studies on this topic (Table 5). Case-control studies should be interpreted cautiously as they are subject to bias and come lower in the hierarchy of evidence than cohort studies¹⁵. Three of the four studies in Table 5 show no effect of abortion on subsequent fertility. One study in Table 5 shows a relative risk greater than 1, but the confidence intervals include 1 or are very close to 1⁵⁴. These studies are therefore of no or borderline significance.

Table 5 Case-control studies of secondary infertility following abortion

Study	Setting	Controls	Relative risk (95% CI) for one abortion	RR for two or more abortions
Daling <i>et al.</i> ⁵³	Obstetrics/Gynaecology USA	Deliveries identified by birth records	1.15 (0.7 – 1.89)	1.29 (0.39 – 4.2)
Tzonou <i>et al.</i> ⁵⁴	Obstetrics/Gynaecology Greece	Hospital antenatal	2.1 (1.1 – 4.0)	2.3 (1.0 – 5.3)
Minh <i>et al.</i> ⁵⁵	Obstetrics/Gynaecology Vietnam	Hospital caesarean section cases	1.27 (0.64 – 2.49)	–
Torres-Sánchez <i>et al.</i> ⁵⁶	Obstetrics/Gynaecology Mexico	Hospital cases other than infertility; near neighbours	1.57 (0.29 – 8.65) with hospital controls; 0.82 (0.07 – 8.99) with neighbourhood controls	–

CI: confidence interval; RR: relative risk.

FETAL PAIN

This is a highly emotive aspect of abortion. Much of the literature cites Professor Anand's group³⁷. There needs to be an awareness of the dangers of extrapolation of evidence from neonates that are in a different environment, breathing oxygen. When the neurobiology of fetal development is scrutinised, it is clear that connections between fetal thalamus and cortex are not established until 24 weeks' gestation³⁸. This means that perception of nociceptive stimuli is not possible until after 24 weeks. Also, the fetus is not conscious before birth; the fetus is sedated by the physical environment of the uterus³⁸. Therefore it is unlikely that the fetus can experience pain before birth, even when the synaptic connections are in place. It is clear that anaesthetic techniques currently used during fetal surgery are not directly applicable to abortion procedures³⁹.

LEGAL MANDATES FOR INFORMATION PROVISION

Some countries have explicit legal provisions for the content of information to be supplied to women seeking abortion. A prime example is the USA. Such an imposition interferes with the consultation between the health care professional and the woman, and jeopardises clinical judgement.

Twenty two of the 50 US States have abortion-specific informed consent requirements⁴⁰.

Five of the seven States that include information on breast cancer inaccurately assert a link between abortion and future risk of breast cancer. Seven of the 20 States that include information on possible psychological responses to abortion describe only negative emotional responses. Two out of the 17 States that include information on future fertility after abortion inaccurately portray this risk. Ten States include information on the ability of a fetus to feel pain. It has been powerfully argued that US fetal pain legislation is unconstitutional as it imposes an undue burden on a woman's right to choose⁴¹.

CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTRES

These are widespread in many countries. Deceptive advertising via websites or 'Yellow Pages' telephone

directories attracts women into attending for counselling⁴². In North America they locate themselves near to abortion clinics. The consultations are biased and seek to induce guilt and to pressurise the woman with an unintended pregnancy into continuing with the pregnancy. A common ploy is to do a pregnancy test and delay giving the result, meanwhile exposing the woman to propaganda. Sometimes there are financial inducements in the form of baby clothing and suchlike. Misinformation as described above is extensively used. Women are told that abortions are painful, life-threatening procedures that will leave them with long-term emotional, physical and psychological damage.

In the UK, such Centres are not subject to the Department of Health's Register of Pregnancy Advisory Bureaux. There have been calls for registration of these establishments and for regulation of advertising, but the Committee of Advertising Practice has not seen fit to impose any restrictions.

CONCLUSIONS

There is extensive promulgation of misinformation on abortion by those who oppose abortion. Much of this misinformation is based on distorted interpretation of the scientific literature, citation of non-peer reviewed literature and manipulation of statistics. This pseudo-science is difficult for the public to see through. Providers need to be aware of the way so-called 'Crisis Pregnancy Centres' work, and the content of the information they use. Access to abortion services needs to be clearly signposted and advertised so that women are less likely to be exposed to biased counselling from such centres.

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Information about Sexual Health on Crisis Pregnancy Center Web Sites: Accurate for Adolescents?



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ABSTRACT

Study Objective: The objective of this study was to evaluate the quality and accuracy of sexual health information on crisis pregnancy center Web sites listed in state resource directories for pregnant women, and whether these Web sites specifically target adolescents.

Design: A survey of sexual health information presented on the Web sites of crisis pregnancy centers.

Setting: Internet.

Participants: Crisis pregnancy center Web sites.

Interventions: Evaluation of the sexual health information presented on crisis pregnancy center Web sites.

Main Outcome Measures: Themes included statements that condoms are not effective, promotion of abstinence-only education, availability of comprehensive sexual education, appeal to a young audience, provision of comprehensive sexual health information, and information about sexually transmitted infections (STIs).

Results and Conclusion: Crisis pregnancy center Web sites provide inaccurate and misleading information about condoms, STIs, and methods to prevent STI transmission. This information might be particularly harmful to adolescents, who might be unable to discern the quality of sexual health information on crisis pregnancy center Web sites. Listing crisis pregnancy centers in state resource directories might lend legitimacy to the information on these Web sites. States should be discouraged from listing Web sites as an accurate source of information in their resource directories.

Key Words: Adolescent, Contraception, Reproductive health, Crisis pregnancy center

Introduction

Adolescents frequently turn to the Internet for health information. According to a 2011 study, 89% of adolescents between 13 and 24 years of age used the internet as their primary source of sexual health information.¹ Another study found that a similar proportion of adolescents use the internet, but girls were significantly more likely to search for health information online.² The internet provides a confidential source of information for adolescents, who value confidentiality in health care. Unfortunately, there is little oversight of the quality of health information for adolescents online.^{3,4} The information might in some cases be inaccurate or misleading.^{3,4} Most adolescents in the United States have either abstinence-only education, or comprehensive sexual education (CSE) in school. Abstinence-only education does not include information about contraception. CSE includes information about contraceptives and safer-sex practices, in addition to information on abstinence.⁵ Research has shown that abstinence-only education does not lead to fewer pregnancies, and could in fact contribute to higher pregnancy rates.⁵ CSE that discusses safer-sex practices is not only an

important element for pregnancy prevention, but also in reducing rates of sexually transmitted infections (STIs). Most abstinence or CSE programs are offered in schools, but some programs are offered through clinics or other agencies for adolescents.

Crisis pregnancy centers (CPCs) are nonprofit organizations that offer alternatives to abortion for women and girls. They can be religiously affiliated and/or promote themselves as health clinics. Most provide free pregnancy tests, limited STI screenings, ultrasound examinations, and options counseling to women who are facing an unwanted pregnancy. In addition to in-person counseling, CPC Web sites frequently provide misinformation on the risks of abortion, promote abstinence-only education programs, and offer information on sexual health. Several reproductive health organizations have evaluated the information provided by CPCs, and found concerning medical inaccuracies, such as a link between abortion and breast cancer.^{6,7} In a recent survey of the Web sites of CPCs listed in state resource directories for pregnant women, we found that most of these Web sites provided inaccurate and misleading information regarding abortion.⁸ We also noted that these Web sites tended to target adolescents through the use of photographs, language, and offers of free STI and pregnancy tests.⁸ This is of concern because these Web sites are linked to state-affiliated resource directories, and are promoted as accurate and reliable information sources.

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Table 1
Sexual Health Information (n = 85) on Crisis Pregnancy Center Web Sites

Information	n (%)	95% CI
Male condoms not effective		
Reports appropriate range of effectiveness for pregnancy prevention (85%–98%)	2 (2.4)	–0.9 to 5.6
States negative facts about condoms (break often, not very effective, risky)	54 (63.5)	53.1–74.0
Reports appropriate range of effectiveness for preventing STIs	8 (9.4)	3.1–15.7
Encourages consistent and correct condom usage for maximum effectiveness for pregnancy and STI prevention	8 (9.4)	3.1–15.7
Promotes abstinence-only education		
States abstinence should be practiced until marriage	42 (49.4)	33.6–60.3
States marriage as a protective factor against STIs	38 (44.7)	33.9–55.5
Offers comprehensive sex education		
Has comprehensive sex education information on the Web site	0 (0)	=
Offers comprehensive sex education classes at the crisis pregnancy center	0 (0)	=
Appeals to adolescent audience		
Includes pictures or videos of youth on the home page	73 (86.3)	85.3–97.7
Has a tab for “How to tell your parents”	8 (9.4)	3.1–15.7
Has social media buttons (Facebook/Twitter) prominently displayed on home page	31 (36.5)	26.0–46.9
Provides comprehensive sexual health information		
Has information on the Web site about how to obtain hormonal birth control methods	2 (2.4)	–0.9 to 5.6
Has accurate information about the effectiveness of hormonal birth control	0 (0)	=
Has information about the differences between hormonal birth control methods	1 (1.2)	–1.2 to 3.5
Includes information about IUDs	1 (1.2)	–1.2 to 3.5
Includes information about implants	1 (1.2)	–1.2 to 3.5
Has accurate information about the effectiveness of LARCs	0 (0)	=
Provides information on STIs		
Lists the most common STIs (HIV, syphilis, herpes, gonorrhea, chlamydia)	49 (57.6)	46.9–68.4
Gives accurate information on how STIs can be transmitted	50 (58.8)	53.8–69.5
Has the CDC as a citation for STI information	43 (50.6)	39.7–61.4
Gives accurate information on symptoms of STIs	30 (35.3)	24.9–45.7

CDC, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; CI, confidence interval; IUD, intrauterine device; LARC, long-acting reversible contraception; STI, sexually transmitted infection

The objective of the current study was to evaluate the quality and accuracy of information pertaining to sexual health on CPC Web sites listed in state resource directories for pregnant women, and to determine whether these Web sites are particularly targeted to adolescents.

Materials and Methods

In this article we present results of a substudy of a survey of reproductive health information presented on the Web sites of CPCs presented in Bryant et al.⁸ CPC Web sites were identified using a comprehensive search of state resource directories for pregnant women in states with a “Woman’s Right to Know” law. “Woman’s Right to Know” laws require counseling before the abortion procedure, the ability to see an ultrasound image or listen to fetal heart tones, and prescribe a mandatory waiting period before obtaining an abortion.⁹ States were included if they had a “Woman’s Right to Know” law, and we were able to obtain the resource directory either through an internet search, or by contacting the state health department. Twelve state directories were included, which consisted of Alabama, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas, West Virginia, and Alaska. For the primary study, all agencies that appeared to be CPCs in the state resource directories were reviewed. A total of 254 unique Web sites that identified individual CPCs were included. A full explanation of methods are described elsewhere (Bryant et al, 2014).⁸

For this substudy, we analyzed only Web sites that included information about condoms and STIs. When these Web sites were identified, additional information was collected to capture the presence of information related to

condoms, STIs, sexual education, and appeal to a young audience.

All 4 authors were involved in the development of the themes, which were identified using an iterative process of reading and rereading the Web sites until saturation was reached. Themes were determined a priori. Themes included statements that condoms are not effective, promotion of abstinence-only education, availability of CSE, appeal to a young audience, provision of comprehensive reproductive health information, and information about STIs. For a full explanation of theme definitions see Table 1.

Two authors (K.B.C. and A.G.B.) reviewed the Web sites specifically for sexual health information. Before data collection, these authors reviewed 3 Web sites together to ensure accurate data collection for each theme. Discrepancies were resolved by consensus, and the decision reached applied to subsequent data collection. Descriptive statistics are reported with proportions and 95% confidence intervals where appropriate.¹⁰ All data were analyzed using SPSS version 22 (IBM Corp, Armonk, NY).

Results

A total of 85 of the 254 CPC Web sites reviewed (33.5%) offered information about male condoms or STIs on their Web site (Table 1). No Web sites discussed female condoms—for the remainder of this article, references to condoms will indicate male condoms.

Condoms Not Effective

Of the Web sites reviewed, most (63.5%, 54/85) discouraged condom use by providing negative facts about condoms including that they break often, and are not very

Box 1. Examples of Language Used by CPC Web Sites Regarding Condoms and Abstinence-Only Education

Quote	Name of CPC	Location	Web Site
"Another lie perpetuated by our media is that condoms protect. The HIV virus can penetrate a condom!"	North Georgia Pregnancy Center	Jasper, Georgia	http://www.apitkansaspregnancycenter.org
"Once you are in a long-term, mutually monogamous and committed relationship with an uninfected partner (in marriage), you will have no reason to worry about getting an STD."	First Choice Women's Center	LaGrange, Georgia	http://www.lagrangepregnancy.com
"Condoms provide no protection against bacterial vaginosis, HPV, and herpes."	Heart Choices: Pregnancy & Parenting Resource Center	Concordia, Kansas	http://www.heartchoices360.com
"The consistent and correct use (of condoms) is often difficult to achieve and the honesty of the sexual partners is often unreliable."	Woman's New Life Center	Metairie and Baton Rouge, Louisiana	http://www.womansnewlife.com
"WORTH (Program) Designed to strengthen youths' understanding of the unique differences between men and women and the design of marriage; equips youth to walk out sexual purity/integrity as an attitude and lifestyle... Topics include: definitions of sexual purity/integrity, benefits of abstinence, healthy relationships, boundaries, responsibilities, marriage, restored virginity, etc."	Your Choices Randolph	Asheboro, North Carolina	http://www.randolphpc.org
"No Apologies, No Regrets: Goal: To promote healthy decision making, self-esteem, community service, and a lifestyle of abstinence among teens and pre-teens."	Daybreak Pregnancy Center	Columbia and Lexington, South Carolina	http://www.daybreakpregnancy.com
"WAIT (Why Am I Tempted) Training, is a directive based, abstinence only, risk avoidance curriculum that teaches your children life, love and leadership skills."	Brazos Pregnancy Clinic	Granbury, Texas	http://brazospregnancyclinic.com

CPC, crisis pregnancy center; HPV, human papilloma virus; STD, sexually transmitted disease

effective. Specific examples of this language can be found in Box 1. Only 9.4% (8/85) of Web sites encouraged consistent and correct condom usage for STI and pregnancy prevention.

Promotes Abstinence-Only Education

Almost half of all Web sites (49.4%, 42/85) stated that abstinence should be practiced until marriage, and 44.7% (38/85) stated that marriage is a protective factor against STIs.

Offers Comprehensive Sex Education

No Web sites mentioned CSE on the Web site or offered CSE classes at the center.

Appeals to Adolescent Audience

Of the Web sites that had information about condoms or STIs, 91.8% (78/85) had pictures or videos of youth on their home page—clearly targeting a younger population. More than one-third of the Web sites had social media buttons prominently displayed on the home page.

Provides Comprehensive Sexual Health Information

Two Web sites had information about how to obtain hormonal birth control methods, however, none of the Web sites had information on the effectiveness of hormonal contraception. Only 1 Web site had information about the differences between the hormonal birth control methods.

Provides Information on STIs

Most Web sites (57.6%, 49/85) listed the most common STIs, but only 35.3% (30/85) provided accurate information on symptoms, and less than 10% (8/85) encouraged condom usage for STI prevention.

Discussion

In our study we found that most CPC Web sites with information on condoms indicated that condoms do not prevent STIs. With a high percentage of adolescents who access the Internet for health information, this misleading information has potentially devastating public health consequences. Each year, an estimated 20 million new STI diagnoses are made and nearly half of these occur in youth 15 to 24 year of age.¹¹ The only known effective method to reduce risk of STI transmission is condom use.¹² If adolescents do not believe that condoms can prevent STIs, as the majority of CPC Web sites suggest, they might be less inclined to use them.⁵ When used correctly and consistently, condoms are highly effective in preventing transmission of STIs including HIV.¹² Most condom failure is attributed to user error, which can be prevented with accurate information and education on proper condom usage.¹³ Adolescents should also be informed of other STI preventive behaviors that they can use for all of their sexual encounters. When people are given CSE and provided with tools to strengthen self-efficacy related to sexual health behavior, they are more likely to delay sexual activity, more likely to use contraception, and more likely to discuss contraceptive options with their partners.^{14–16}

We also found that a large proportion of CPC Web sites promoted abstinence until marriage. Abstinence-only education does not provide information about condoms or other contraceptive methods. This is problematic because when adolescents do begin to engage in sexual activity, they do not have accurate information on methods to prevent unintended pregnancies or STIs. Abstinence-only education has been associated with greater rates of unprotected intercourse and higher rates of unplanned pregnancies.⁵ Additionally, it offers no greater protection from STI acquisition, and does not delay debut of sexual activity.^{5,17,18} None of the Web sites surveyed in this study provided or promoted CSE, and almost none mentioned effective birth control options.

Our study had strengths and weaknesses. We completed a thorough search of the sexual health information available on CPC Web sites. The collection of multiple pieces of sexual health information gave us a comprehensive overview of the services CPCs offer and the information highlighted on their Web sites. The author consensus and review of several Web sites together ensured accuracy of all information gathered. Despite their apparent marketing to adolescents, it is unclear how many adolescents access CPC Web sites for health information. However, because adolescents frequently use the Internet to access sexual health information, it is likely that these Web sites are sometimes used as a source of information.

Conclusion

Our findings indicate that most CPC Web sites provide inaccurate and misleading information about condoms, STIs, and methods to prevent STI transmission. Listing CPCs in state resource directories might lend legitimacy to the information on these Web sites and validate them in the eyes of those who seek information. Health care providers should be aware that many young people seek sexual health information on the Internet, and that some states include CPCs on their state-provided resources. Reproductive health advocates should call on states to remove inaccurate Web sites from their information directories, and work with certified physicians and state health departments to ensure only factually accurate Web sites exist in the directories. Adolescents should exercise caution

when they seek sexual health information from CPC Web sites. States should remove these Web sites from their resource directories and work to provide accurate sexual health information online.

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Original research article

Abortion misinformation from crisis pregnancy centers in North Carolina[☆]

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Abstract

Background: This study assessed the accuracy of medical information provided by crisis pregnancy centers in North Carolina.

Study Design: We performed a secondary data analysis of a “secret shopper survey” performed by a nonprofit organization. Reports from phone calls and visits to crisis pregnancy centers were analyzed for quality and content of medical information provided. Web sites of crisis pregnancy centers in the state were also reviewed.

Results: Thirty-two crisis pregnancy centers were contacted. Nineteen of these were visited. Fourteen centers (44%) offered that they “provide counseling on abortion and its risks.” Inaccurate information provided included a link between abortion and breast cancer (16%), infertility (26%) and mental health problems (26%). Of the 36 Web sites identified, 31 (86%) provided false or misleading information, including 26 sites (72%) linking abortion to “post-abortion stress.”

Conclusions: Many crisis pregnancy centers give inaccurate medical information regarding the risks of abortion. Overstating risks stigmatizes abortion, seeks to intimidate women and is unethical.

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1. Introduction

Crisis pregnancy centers (CPCs), sometimes called “pregnancy resource centers” or “pregnancy support centers,” are facilities that offer free services to women facing unintended pregnancies. The most common services include free pregnancy testing, onsite ultrasound or ultrasound referrals, counseling and short-term assistance. Some promote themselves as women’s health clinics, and a few even give the impression that they offer abortion services by appearing in Internet searches for abortion clinics [1]. Comprehensive women’s health clinics are subject to inspection by the state Department of Health and Human Services and must meet health and safety standards for hygiene, employee qualifications and supervision, quality of care and patient confidentiality. In contrast, CPCs have no

such requirements. The majority of CPCs are volunteer-run, though some have medically licensed staff who volunteer on a part-time basis. In North Carolina, CPCs outnumber comprehensive reproductive health care providers that perform abortions (medical or surgical) four to one, with approximately 122 CPCs and fewer than 30 abortion providers. In July 2011, North Carolina passed legislation requiring women seeking abortion to be given access to a directory on the state Web site of reproductive health and social service agencies in the state, including CPCs.

This study evaluates the findings of a “secret shopper” survey of CPCs in North Carolina. It also reviews the information available on the Internet for CPCs in North Carolina. The objective was to evaluate the accuracy of the information available from the CPCs.

2. Materials and methods

Deidentified data from a “secret shopper” evaluation conducted by a nonprofit reproductive rights organization in North Carolina were used for this secondary analysis. The

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Institutional Review Board at the University of North Carolina determined that a secondary analysis of anonymous data did not require Institutional Review Board approval.

The original data were collected over a 4-month period by research staff who presented anonymously as women in need of a pregnancy test, either over the phone or in-person. Seven individual researchers presented to the CPCs, either over the phone or in-person. Six were women, and one was a man who posed as the boyfriend of a pregnant woman. Six were in their late teens to mid-20s, and one woman was in her early 40s. Five of the volunteers were white, and two were African-American.

A list of all the CPCs in North Carolina was generated through a comprehensive Internet search by staff and volunteers of a nonprofit reproductive rights organization. The databases of national organizations such as Care Net, Ramah International, and the National Institute of Family and Life Advocates were also reviewed. Through this search, 122 CPCs were identified in North Carolina.

Researchers attempted to conduct a telephone call and an in-person visit at each center. On contact with each center, they posed either as potentially pregnant women or as the male partner of a potentially pregnant woman seeking help and information about pregnancy options. Researchers wrote detailed narratives of their encounters during phone calls or immediately after in-person visits. Attempts were made to contact all of the centers, but many of the phone numbers either were disconnected, lacked a voicemail option or were connected to an individual's voicemail without a reference to the center. Other calls were unanswered or unreturned. A total of 32 centers were reached by telephone.

Of the 32 centers reached by phone, 19 were visited in-person by research staff. The centers visited were chosen based on the travel ability of the researchers. Whenever possible, researchers went in pairs, with one person posing as a potentially pregnant woman and the second one posing as a supportive friend. When it was not possible for researchers to go in pairs, a researcher who went alone posed as a potentially pregnant woman who did not have a support system. At each center, the researcher told the CPC volunteers that her menstrual period was very late and she suspected she was pregnant. She stated that the pregnancy was not intended and therefore she wanted to learn about all of her options, including abortion. Immediately after each visit, researchers completed a detailed report regarding the visit. Researchers documented the information provided by staff at the centers regarding abortion, contraception, adoption, breast cancer, sexually transmitted infections and HIV. They also recorded the services and referrals provided by the center. Researchers also accepted all of the written materials provided by the center personnel during in-person visits.

The authors reviewed the narrative reports from these encounters for the content and medical accuracy of the information provided by the CPCs. Inaccurate medical information regarding abortion, pregnancy and contrac-

tion was entered into a data collection form using an Access database. Additionally, the authors reviewed the Web sites of the CPCs for content and medical accuracy. We report proportions and, where appropriate, 95% confidence interval (CI) [2]. Analyses were done using Stata version 11.0 (College Station, TX, USA).

3. Results

From March 1 to June 30, 2011, 32 CPCs were contacted by telephone, and of these, researchers visited 19 centers. At the CPCs visited in-person, a range of inaccurate medical information was provided (Table 1). Nineteen CPCs (59%) stated that they do not provide or refer for abortions, but 14 (44%) offered that they "provide counseling on abortion and its risks." Seventeen of the 32 centers (53%) contacted provided at least one misleading or inaccurate piece of information.

Medical inaccuracies cited by counseling staff at the 19 CPCs visited included a link between abortion and breast cancer (three centers, 16%, 95% CI 5%–37%), a link between abortion and mental health hazards (five centers, 26%, 95% CI 12%–49%), a link between abortion and "Post-Abortion Stress" (five centers, 26%, 95% CI 12%–49%) and a link between abortion and infertility (four centers, 21%, 95% CI 9%–43%). At five of the centers visited (26%, 95% CI 12%–49%), researchers were counseled that "condoms are ineffective." Researchers were told at three of the centers visited (16%, 95% CI 6%–38%) that other forms of birth control often fail. Abstinence was promoted at 13 of the 32 centers contacted (41%, 95% CI 26%–58%). Three (9%, 95% CI 3%–24%) stated that they do not refer for contraception.

Over the phone, researchers were told by staff at three different centers that pregnancy carries a substantial risk of miscarriage and that "there is plenty of time," despite not having specific information on the researcher's gestational age (23%, 95% CI 8%–50%). Additionally, they were told of a link between abortion and mental health risks (four centers, 31%, 95% CI 13%–58%) and abortion and "post-abortion stress" (three centers, 38%, 95% CI 8%–50%). Counseling on options was not given over the phone; researchers were encouraged to make an appointment to visit each center that was contacted by phone.

Of the 36 Web sites identified, 31 (86%) provided false or misleading information (Table 1). Seven Web sites simply stated that information about abortion was available, and 29 Web sites (81%) contained specific information about abortion on the Web site. Inaccurate medical information included mention of a link between breast cancer and abortion (4 sites, 11%, 95% CI 4%–25%), link between preterm birth and abortion (15 sites, 42%, 95% CI 27%–58%) and a link between infertility and abortion (7 sites 19%, 95% CI 10%–35%). Twelve sites (31%) contained information about condoms, and 11 of these stated that

Table 1
Medical inaccuracies about abortion and reproductive health portrayed by CPCs in North Carolina in 2011

	Information obtained via in-person visit (n=19)	95% CI	Information obtained via phone call (n=13)	95% CI	Web sites (n=36)	95% CI
At least one piece of misleading or inaccurate information provided	10 (53)	32–73	7 (54)	29–77	31 (86)	71–94
Alleged link between abortion and:						
Mental health risks	5 (26)	12–49	4 (31)	13–58	19 (53)	37–68
“Post-abortion stress”	5 (26)	12–49	3 (23)	8–50	26 (72)	56–84
Infertility	4 (21)	9–43	–	–	7 (19)	10–35
Breast cancer	3 (16)	6–38	–	–	4 (11)	4–25
Preterm birth	–	–	–	–	15 (42)	27–58
Other misinformation provided:						
“Condoms are ineffective”	5 (26)	12–49	–	–	11 (31)	18–47
“Other birth control methods often fail”	3 (16)	6–38	–	–	–	–

A dash (–) indicates that no centers or Web sites provided information on the subject.

Data are n (%).

condoms were ineffective (92%, 95% CI 64%–98%). Additionally, 19 sites (53%, 95% CI 37%–68%) linked abortion to poor mental health, and 26 sites asserted a link between abortion and “post-abortion stress” (72%, 95% CI

56%–84%). Eleven Web sites (31%, 95% CI 18%–47%) contained a list of mental health issues and other problems allegedly associated with abortion (Box 1).

Box 1

Emotional impact from abortion

Women experience strong negative emotions after abortion. Some of these feelings are masked or compounded by changing hormone levels. Sometimes, this occurs within days, and sometimes, it happens after many years. This psychological response is known as postabortion stress (PAS). Several factors that impact the likelihood of PAS include the woman's age, the abortion circumstances, the stage of pregnancy at which the abortion occurs and the woman's religious beliefs. PAS symptoms include:

Anger, anxiety, depression, suicidal thoughts (30%–50%), actual suicide attempts (7%–30%), anniversary grief, flashbacks of abortion, sexual dysfunction, relationship problems, eating disorders, alcohol and drug abuse, psychological reactions

Source: www.cpccenter.org

Women who have experienced abortion may develop the following symptoms:

- Guilt
- Grief
- Anger
- Anxiety
- Depression
- Suicidal thoughts
- Difficulty bonding with partner or children
- Eating disorder

Source: www.reachoutcpc.com

4. Discussion

Many CPCs gave inaccurate medical information regarding abortion and its risks. Whether in-person, over the phone or through their Web sites, the centers presented here often overstated or gave false information about the physical and psychological risks of abortion. These results are worrisome: many states recommend or require that women receive information about abortion from these centers, and several states fund CPCs through license plates and other programs [3].

The information on the risks associated with abortion presented by the CPCs evaluated here grossly overstated the risk of abortion. Despite evidence clearly disproving a link between abortion and breast cancer [4] and infertility [5–7], these risks are often presented by CPCs as fact. Research is inconclusive regarding a possible link between abortion and preterm birth. It appears that if there is any increased risk of preterm birth after abortion, it is minimal [5,8] and likely confounded by other risk factors [9]. Additionally, women were told that “they have plenty of time” or have a 25%–30% chance of miscarriage at three of the centers contacted. The overall rate of early pregnancy loss and spontaneous abortion is about 32% [10], but viable pregnancies after 8 weeks' gestation have a risk of spontaneous abortion as low as 2% [11–13]. Without an accurate estimation of the gestational age, delay in seeking care may lead to abortion at a later gestational age [14] or cause women to present too late to care to receive an abortion.

Despite efforts to link abortion to mental health problems [15–17], the notion that an abortion in itself is a traumatizing event is not borne out [18–20]. Neither the American Psychological Association nor the American Psychiatric Association recognizes “Post-abortion Syndrome.”

However, the stigma surrounding abortion may disturb women seeking abortion [21,22].

Strengths of this study include its “secret shopper” design, which simulated the experience of women and men seeking advice. Mystery shopper studies provide a powerful tool to understand the experiences of patients seeking care [23]. They have been used to study difficult-to-ascertain information such as the treatment of the mentally ill by health care professionals [24] and pharmacists’ knowledge of emergency contraception [25]. This study provides insight into the information offered to women seeking care at CPCs that might otherwise be difficult to obtain. More than a quarter of the CPCs in North Carolina were contacted.

This study had several limitations. Fewer than half of the centers had public Web sites that could be analyzed, researchers were unable to reach every center by phone, and investigators were not able to conduct an in-person visit for every CPC. The inability to contact centers may be similar to what pregnant women seeking services from these centers also experience. Unfortunately, while an attempt to contact all centers in the state was made, documentation of what happened after each attempt (voicemail not answered, line disconnected, etc.) was not kept. Centers were visited based on convenience, which may contribute to selection bias and limit the external validity of the results. Visiting a random sampling of centers might have reduced this bias.

Researchers documented their experiences in narrative reports. While they were instructed to comment on the medical information provided, some of the information may have been missed. Lack of uniformity in the data collection may contribute to information bias in this study. We attempted to account for possible information bias by calculating 95% CIs for each proportion. Also, since none of the researchers were actually pregnant, their experiences may have been different if they had truly been facing an unintended pregnancy.

Misleading women regarding abortion violates the ethical principles that govern medicine: beneficence, autonomy and justice [26]. Crisis pregnancy centers are generally not medical facilities, but they purport to explain medical risks to patients. As such, they should be held responsible for providing accurate information. Beneficence requires that women be treated in a way that is likely to benefit them. Using deceptive tactics to scare women is inconsistent with this principle. Autonomy allows women to have full and appropriate counseling regarding all of the options available to them [27]. Advocating an antiabortion viewpoint interferes with this principle. Justice implies rendering to others what is due to them; the freedom to choose safe and legal abortion should not be hindered by organizations with an ideological agenda [28]. Women choosing abortion should be allowed to make a truly informed decision based on the most medically accurate evidence available. Unregulated, ideologically driven CPCs should not be allowed to mislead women with inaccurate medical information.

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Crisis pregnancy center websites: Information, misinformation and disinformation^{☆,☆☆}

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Abstract

Objective: Most states with 24-h waiting periods prior to abortion provide state resource directories to women seeking abortion. Our objective was to evaluate the information on abortion provided on the websites of crisis pregnancy centers listed in these resource directories. **Study design:** We performed a survey of the websites of crisis pregnancy centers referenced in state resource directories for pregnant women. We searched for these state-provided resource directories online. We contacted state Departments of Health and Human Services for a print copy when a directory could not be found online. The crisis pregnancy center websites were evaluated for the information provided on abortion. Standardized data collection tools were used. Descriptive statistics were generated.

Results: Resource directories of 12 states were procured. A total of 254 websites referring to 348 crisis pregnancy centers were identified. Overall, a total of 203/254 [80%, 95% confidence interval (CI) 75%–84%] of websites provided at least one false or misleading piece of information. The most common misleading or false information included on the websites were a declared link between abortion and mental health risks (122/254 sites; 48%, 95% CI 42%–54%), preterm birth (54/254; 21%, 95% CI 17%–27%), breast cancer (51/254; 20%, 95% CI 16%–25%) and future infertility (32/254; 13%, 95% CI 9%–17%).

Conclusion: Most crisis pregnancy centers listed in state resource directories for pregnant women provide misleading or false information regarding the risks of abortion. States should not list agencies that provide inaccurate information as resources in their directories.

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1. Introduction

Twenty-six states currently have laws requiring waiting periods between contacting an abortion provider and obtaining an abortion. These laws are similar across states and are often known as “Woman’s Right to Know” laws. “Woman’s Right to Know” laws prescribe that counseling be performed prior to an abortion, that women either receive a mandatory ultrasound or are offered to see an ultrasound or

hear fetal heart tones, and that women wait a specified amount of time before undergoing an abortion [1]. In most states, the mandatory preabortion counseling includes telling women that agencies offer “alternatives to abortion.” In some states, such as North Carolina, women are told that they can receive a free ultrasound or hear fetal heart tones at an agency that provides this service. These agencies are privately owned, not affiliated with hospitals and commonly known as crisis pregnancy centers.

In states with a “Woman’s Right to Know” law, women are offered written materials, including information about abortion and often a “Resource Directory” that lists services and agencies available to pregnant women seeking abortion in the state. These directories include crisis pregnancy centers in their listings. Crisis pregnancy centers are nonprofit organizations that offer free services to women facing unintended pregnancies, such as pregnancy testing, ultrasound, counseling, and baby and maternity items. Some

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^{☆☆} Implications: Eighty percent of crisis pregnancy centers listed in state resource directories for pregnant women provide misleading or false information regarding abortion.

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promote themselves as women's health clinics, and a few imply that they offer abortion services. The tactics used by crisis pregnancy centers to dissuade women from having abortions often include providing misleading or false information about abortion [2,3]. Because crisis pregnancy centers do not provide medical care, they are not governed by the same rules and regulations that govern health clinics.

The information provided on the websites of the crisis pregnancy centers may be difficult for women to evaluate, given the extremely varied quality of information available on the Internet [4,5]. Most states provide a disclaimer that they do not specifically endorse the views of any particular agency. However, because crisis pregnancy centers are listed by a state resource directory as simply centers for "alternatives to abortion," they may be viewed by patients as sources of accurate information or as health centers.

The objective of this survey was to evaluate the medical information on abortion provided by websites of crisis pregnancy centers listed in states' resource directories for pregnant women.

2. Materials and methods

We developed a protocol to systematically evaluate the websites of crisis pregnancy centers listed in state-provided resource directories for women with unintended pregnancies. No institutional review board permission was required. Twenty-six states with abortion counseling and waiting period laws were identified through the Guttmacher Institute's Brief on "Abortion Counseling and Waiting Periods" (initially accessed March 12, 2012) [6]. We performed a Google search using the terms "women's resource directory," "women's right to know resource directory" and "women's right to know department of health and human services." If a directory was not available online but a phone number was available, we called and ordered the resource directory. Additionally, individual searches of state health department sites were performed using the terms "woman's right to know," "resource directory," "abortion" and "pregnancy counseling." These terms were generated by reviewing the literature to find commonly used terms for our search criteria. The a priori list was modified with new keywords found on the websites we searched.

We identified all agencies listed in each state directory that were listed as, or appeared to be a crisis pregnancy center, a nonprofit organization with the stated purpose of counseling women not to have an abortion. For agencies with no website listed, the web address was searched on Google using the name, city and state. We included websites of crisis pregnancy centers as well as pregnancy resource centers, pregnancy care centers or centers offering alternatives to abortion, which are other names for this type of organization. We excluded websites if they referred to a maternity home (a live-in facility for pregnant women waiting to give birth), Catholic or other religious relief

services, adoption agencies or other organization not identified as a crisis pregnancy center. Each website was reviewed independently by two authors, and data were doubly entered into a database. If a discrepancy between the two authors' entries was found, the other two authors also reviewed the website, and a consensus among the four authors was achieved.

A standardized data collection tool was used to record information from each website. Information recorded included services and information offered and the information regarding abortion on each website. We recorded whether the website had specific information on abortion or abortion methods. We also recorded whether the website described an association between abortion and specific outcomes, particularly mental health disorders, breast cancer and poor pregnancy outcomes such as infertility and preterm birth. The outcomes were chosen based on prior findings that these outcomes are often used by organizations or groups attempting to dissuade women from abortion, but are not risks supported by scientific evidence or professional organizations [1–3]. Descriptive statistics are reported, with proportions and 95% confidence intervals (CIs) where appropriate [7]. All data were analyzed using Stata 11.0 (StataCorp LP, College Station, TX, USA).

3. Results

Resource directories for 12 states were obtained. Online resource directories were found for Alaska, Georgia, Idaho, Louisiana, Minnesota, North Carolina, South Carolina, Oklahoma, Texas, West Virginia and Kansas. The state directory for Alabama was obtained by calling the state health department. Directories for the 14 remaining states with mandatory counseling or waiting period laws were not located after searching the Internet and calling the state departments of health and human services. Three states, Pennsylvania, South Dakota and Ohio, had websites that stated the page could not be found. The health department in Indiana was contacted and found to have only a directory of licensed abortion providers. The health department in Kentucky was contacted by phone but had a nonworking number. Missouri, Utah and North Dakota did not have resource directories. State health departments were contacted in Arkansas, Massachusetts, Montana, Michigan, Nebraska and Mississippi. We made three phone calls to each of these state health departments but did not receive any return calls. The majority of resource directories did not include any agencies that provide abortion. The resource directories for a few states (North Carolina, South Carolina and Kansas) also included comprehensive women's health centers in their resource directory listings.

From the 12 state resource directories we found, we identified a total of 601 agencies that at first appeared to be crisis pregnancy centers. We found 456 websites for these agencies. Screening of the websites revealed that 348

websites referred to crisis pregnancy centers and 108 websites referred to agencies that were not crisis pregnancy centers. Ninety-four websites referred to more than one crisis pregnancy center. We collected data for each crisis pregnancy center website only once, even if the website referred to more than one crisis pregnancy center. This left a total of 254 websites that were reviewed and included in this analysis (Fig. 1).

The websites contained varying amounts of information. Some were a simple one-page website containing no information on women's health (40/254 websites; 16%). Almost all websites stated that free pregnancy testing was available at the

clinic (245/254; 97%). Just over half offered free ultrasounds (136/254; 54%). Many were religious (146/254; 58%), stating directly that they were a Christian organization or offering Bible study. Many websites (144/254; 57%) contained information on abortion. Most websites did not provide a disclaimer that the crisis pregnancy center was not a medical facility (221/254; 87%). A small proportion (43/254; 17%) mentioned that someone on the staff or advisory board of the center was a doctor or nurse (Table 1). Overall, a total of 203/254 (80%, 95% CI 75%–84%) of websites provided at least one false or misleading statement (Table 2).

The most common medical inaccuracies included on the websites were a declared link between abortion and mental health risks, preterm birth, breast cancer, future infertility, miscarriage and ectopic pregnancy. Additionally, a significant proportion of websites linked abortion and suicidal thoughts and/or suicide. Almost three quarters of sites mentioned that abortion leads to a condition described as "postabortion stress" (Table 2). Of the 120 websites providing information on abortion, 110 had at least one false or misleading assertion (92%; 95% CI 85%–95%).

4. Discussion

The websites for 80% of crisis pregnancy centers contain misleading or inaccurate information regarding the risks associated with abortion. This is alarming because many states currently list these organizations as places to seek information on alternatives to abortion. Some states even provide funding to crisis pregnancy centers through license plates and other programs [8].

Abortion is a safe medical procedure and is less risky than carrying a pregnancy to term [9]. Overstating the risks of abortion may lead to unwarranted fears among women seeking abortion [10,11]. Detering women from seeking abortion by providing them with inaccurate information about risks of abortion such as preterm birth, infertility, breast cancer and suicide is unethical. The evidence for the poor outcomes often asserted on these websites is lacking.

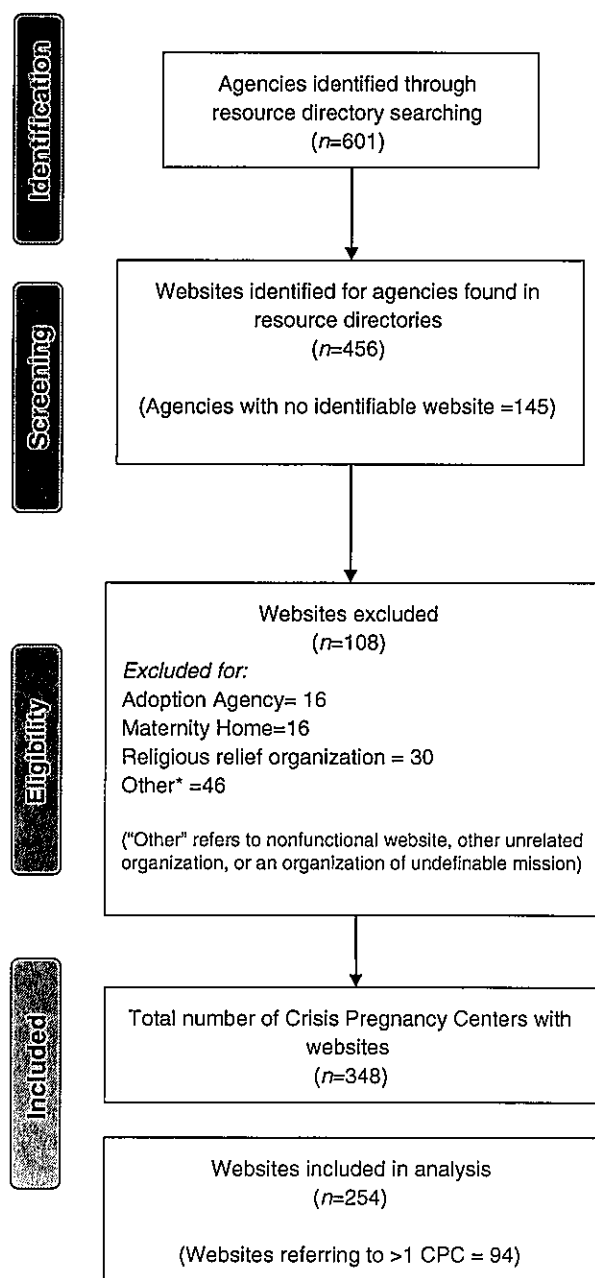


Fig. 1. Flow of websites included in the study.

Table 1
Baseline characteristics of crisis pregnancy center websites.

Characteristic (n=254)	n (%)
Offers free pregnancy test	245 (97)
Offers free ultrasound	136 (54)
Offers free STI testing	48 (19)
States that it is religiously affiliated	143 (56)
Provides a disclaimer that it is not a medical facility	33 (13)
Mentions the medical qualifications of staff	43 (17)
States that it does not refer for abortion	229 (90)
Offers maternity or baby items	207 (82)
Offers Bible study	77 (30)
Offers counseling on "postabortion stress" at CPC	189 (74)
States that abortion information is available at CPC	213 (84)
Provides general abortion information on website	120 (47)
Provides information on abortion methods on website	92 (36)

Table 2
Information provided on crisis pregnancy center websites.

Characteristic	n(%)	95% CI (%)
Any misleading or false information on website	203 (80)	75–84
Asserts a link between abortion and:		
Preterm birth	54 (21)	17–27
Breast cancer	51 (20)	16–25
“Postabortion stress”	186 (73)	68–78
Placenta previa	4 (2)	1–4
Infertility	32 (13)	9–17
Suicidal thoughts	66 (26)	21–32
Suicide	56 (22)	17–28
Mental health risks	122 (48)	42–54
Other risks	124 (49)	43–55
Fetal pain	15 (6)	4–10
Miscarriage	16 (6)	4–10
Ectopic pregnancy	13 (5)	3–9

Poor mental health outcomes for women undergoing abortion are often asserted on the websites of crisis pregnancy centers. Extensive research into a link between induced abortion and poor mental health outcomes has shown no association between a single, legal, first-trimester abortion and an increased risk of mental health problems. Women experiencing mental health problems after abortion in most cases have other pre-existing and co-occurring risk factors for mental health problems [12,13]. The American Psychological Society and the American Psychiatric Association have both issued statements regarding mental health and abortion based on a comprehensive review of the literature [14,15]. Research on abortion and mental health problems such as suicide and “postabortion stress” does not show that abortion leads to these outcomes. A recent meta-analysis of mental health outcomes and abortion was found to have serious flaws in its methodology [16,17]. The concept of “postabortion stress” is not recognized by the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM), Fourth Edition* or the newer *DSM, Fifth Edition* as a mental health disorder [12,18]. Similarly, claims that abortion leads to suicide or suicidal thoughts have been based on research that was found to have methodological flaws such as failing to control for prepregnancy mental health and using inappropriate control groups [12,13,19].

An association between abortion and future poor pregnancy outcomes is not fully supported by the scientific evidence. Studies that have found a link between abortion and preterm birth have found a minimal increase in the risk of preterm birth following surgical abortion [20–22]. These studies do not meet criteria for establishing causality and are problematic due to lack of controlling for confounding factors [23,24]. The World Health Organization, the Centers for Disease Control, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the March of Dimes, or the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists does not list abortion as a risk factor for preterm birth or other poor obstetrical outcomes, such as infertility or placenta previa [25–29].

The assertion that abortion leads to breast cancer is also not substantiated. Early case–control studies that found a link between breast cancer and abortion were found to have extensive recall bias, and a large collaborative reanalysis of epidemiological studies found no association between breast cancer and abortion [30]. The American Cancer Society and the National Cancer Institute have issued statements refuting a link between breast cancer and abortion [31,32].

Our study has both strengths and weaknesses. We performed a comprehensive search to include all of the websites that could be located by such a search. Rigorous, standardized criteria were used to review each website. Each website was reviewed by two authors, and consensus was reached when discrepancies were found. This study provides a comprehensive view of the types of information and services offered by the crisis pregnancy centers represented by these websites. It is possible that some resource directories were missed in our survey, as we were not able to locate resource directories for every state that might have one. Assessing how many women use these web resources to obtain information about abortion is also difficult. The number of women who obtain resource directories in the first place is unclear, as is the number who would then view the websites of the agencies listed, as we did.

The area of reproductive rights is fraught with strong and deeply held convictions on both sides, but scientific evidence does not support the notion that abortion is harmful to women or has multiple long-term health consequences. Crisis pregnancy centers have the stated goal of preventing abortions and, based on many of their websites, appear to use tactics that scare women in order to dissuade them. Women choosing abortion should be allowed to make a truly informed decision based on medically accurate, evidence-based information. States should not include agencies that provide inaccurate information on abortion in their resource directories for pregnant women.

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The Truth about Crisis Pregnancy Centers

“The patient’s right to self-decision can be effectively exercised only if the patient possesses enough information to enable an informed choice”

–American Medical Association¹

Anyone seeking health-care services should receive comprehensive, unbiased, medically and factually accurate information. Women facing unintended pregnancy deserve no less. When women are fully informed, they are better able to make the best decision for themselves about their reproductive health. Mindful of this, the anti-choice movement has for years tried to restrict, control, and manipulate the information women facing unplanned pregnancies receive. To do so, they have built a national network of anti-choice organizations, some of them posing as comprehensive health-care clinics – called “crisis pregnancy centers” (CPCs).

What are Crisis Pregnancy Centers?

“When we look at the overall strategy of ending abortion, not just in Ohio but nationwide, we have to have a strong federal strategy, a very strong state strategy, and then a local strategy to support our pregnancy centers.”

–Ohio Right to Life promotional video²

CPCs are storefronts that use false and misleading advertising and the offer of free pregnancy tests or other services to lure women into their offices. Then their goal is to dissuade women from exercising their right to choose.

While some CPCs may provide appropriate support and information to women facing unintended pregnancies, many do not. Many CPCs intentionally misinform and mislead women seeking pregnancy-related information.³ In fact, some CPCs may force women to watch anti-abortion films, slide shows, photographs, and hear biased lectures.⁴ No CPC will refer women to an abortion provider – and in fact, some may refuse even to provide information about or referrals for birth control.⁵ These practices block women from making fully informed choices about their reproductive health and may endanger women’s health by delaying access to legitimate health-care services.

Today, there are CPCs in every state and dozens of countries overseas.⁶ Many are supported by one of three major umbrella organizations: the National Institute of Family and Life Advocates (NIFLA), Care Net, and Heartbeat International. These three groups provide technical assistance and other support to CPCs including training, legal advice, organizational

development, and financial assistance. Among them, these organizations boast more than 3,500 partner and affiliate CPCs.⁷ Although such centers are still largely unlicensed, many have developed in sophistication to such a degree that they now offer certain limited medical services. There are at least 800 CPCs that have converted to medical centers, and nearly two-thirds of the NIFLA-affiliated centers operate as medical clinics or are in the process of acquiring ultrasound equipment.⁸ In the CPC setting, however, ultrasound is generally not used as a diagnostic tool, but as another means of shame and coercion.

Crisis Pregnancy Centers Rely on Deception

A CPC's ideal client is a woman facing an unintended pregnancy who is seeking information about all her options but does not have access to a regular doctor or health center. CPCs recognize that if they are up front about the limited nature of their services and their ideological agenda, they will lose this constituency. Instead, to attract women who are undecided or considering abortion, CPCs often present themselves as comprehensive health-care providers. Their misleading practices may include questionable advertising tactics, providing dishonest or evasive answers when women call to inquire about their services or even selecting confusing locations or names that obscure their true agenda. Below are just a few examples of the deceptive practices used by CPCs.

Misleading Advertising Tactics

The deception often starts at a woman's first step in her search for information: Internet searches and advertisements.

- Some CPCs list themselves in phone books or online directories under the headings "abortion," "abortion alternatives," "abortion services," "family-planning information centers," or "women's organizations" to appear as though they offer abortion care or counseling, even though the only "abortion service" they provide is anti-abortion coercion.⁹
- One of the most potent tools that CPCs have at their disposal is the Option Line, a joint venture between Care Net and Heartbeat International that operates as a 24-hour call center and web tool that transfers or refers women to the nearest CPC. During its first month in operation, the Option Line received approximately 2,000 calls and since then has added instant messaging and email capabilities to its arsenal. Its operators boast that the service answers more than 600 contacts a day and Option Line claims more than two million contacts since 2003.¹⁰ Further, a web search revealed that many CPCs listed by Option Line advertised under headings that could lead women to believe that they provide the full range of reproductive-health services, including abortion care and contraception.¹¹

- Heartbeat International’s website promotes its Extend Web Services program by promising CPCs that “this effective web presence allows centers to *compete online with abortion providers*.”¹² One result of this strategy was that a Google search of “abortion clinic” resulted 79 percent of the time in ads funded by CPCs.¹³ (In response to this discovery, in 2014 NARAL Pro-Choice America worked with Google and Yahoo to remove the ads to ensure truth in advertising on these search engines.¹⁴)

Evasive Answers on the Phone

Misled by CPC ads, some women call crisis pregnancy centers to inquire about available reproductive-health services and prices. When presented with such inquiries, the staff at CPCs often evade the question or lie outright in order to convince woman to come to their center. CPC advocates have been very explicit that the goal of these phone conversations is not to answer questions but rather to lure women into their centers.

- The *Option Line Handbook* stresses to volunteers that “while [they] are on the phone, [their] objective is to schedule an appointment” so that women will come to the center. While the guidelines advise volunteers to give clients only factual information, the handbook also pressures them to keep the client interested and provide responses, whether or not the volunteer is qualified to do so, by reminding them that “callers are looking for fast answers and may turn elsewhere if they do not get them.”¹⁵
- At a CPC conference, the trainer advised attendees, mostly CPC operators, to tell callers asking about abortion care that, although the center does not offer abortion services, it does provide *free ultrasounds* that the woman will need to have before she can get abortion care.¹⁶
- Worse, CPCs have a new strategy to bolster this telephone sales pitch. More and more states are passing laws forcing women to submit to an ultrasound before getting abortion care,¹⁷ and national umbrella organizations openly state that an ancillary purpose of these proposals is to give CPCs a new tool of persuasion—they allow staff on the phone to tell a woman truthfully that by law she will *have* to have an ultrasound. While they may insinuate that their facility will help her comply, in reality there are no guidelines to ensure a CPC’s ultrasound meets these laws’ requirements. CPCs even are free to refuse to release a print-out of the image for a woman to take to her provider, should she indicate that she is seriously considering abortion.
- In a documentary about crisis pregnancy centers called *12th & Delaware*, a CPC director trains volunteers in the telephone script she uses to divert questions from potential clients and lure them into the center:

If you don’t hook her right away, she hangs up on you. When she calls and she says “Do you do abortions?” I say “Are you calling for yourself or are you

calling for your friend?" ...and we engage in conversation. Because if she calls and says "Do you do abortions?" and I say "No," click. [The CPC director pantomimes hanging up the phone]. I'm trying to get her in the door. Take control of the conversation...I don't mind the criticisms of taking control. "That doesn't sound fair." Well too bad!¹⁸

Confusing Names and Locations

CPCs also may choose names similar to those of legitimate reproductive-health clinics that provide abortion services and locate themselves near those clinics to confuse women and lure them into their center.

- In Minnesota, Robbinsdale Women's Center, a CPC that counsels women against abortion is located across the street from the Robbinsdale Clinic, P.A., which offers a range of medical care from licensed medical providers, including abortion services. According to the *St. Paul Pioneer Press*, several women who accidentally went to the center instead of the clinic reported that the center tried to deceive them. One woman even filed a complaint with the Minnesota attorney general: "In trying to find the Robbinsdale Clinic, I mistakenly went into the women's clinic across the street. When I told them my name and appointment, they had me take a seat and had a counselor talk to me about anti-abortion. At which time I learned I didn't have an appointment there at all. They then said they did not know of [the facility that provided abortions]."¹⁹
- In *12th & Delaware*, a CPC director conducts a volunteer training in which she highlights the benefits of locating near a reproductive-health clinic. She tells volunteers: "Clearly our competition is the abortion clinic. We are actually on opposite sides of the street...They're not always sure who they're calling anyway. They don't know if they're calling us or the abortion clinic."²⁰

Intimidation, Anti-Choice Propaganda, and Misinformation

Once women are enticed into crisis pregnancy centers, they may be subjected to a variety of coercive and offensive tactics intended to prevent them from exercising their right to choose.

- Women may be forced to watch shocking films, slide shows, or pictures, designed to scare vulnerable women into carrying pregnancies to term.
 - One volunteer at a CPC states that to shake the complacency of women seeking abortion care, she pulls out a big, color photo of a fetus with closed eyes and a smile. She then flips to another full-page color picture: fetuses in a trash bin. Sometimes she takes [the pregnant women] into a tiny chapel to pray before a marble altar.²¹

- An Arizona man whose 16-year-old daughter had been raped took her to a CPC, not realizing that it was an anti-choice fake clinic. After being shown “brutal footage” including pictures of dismembered fetuses, the man claimed that, “they just emotionally raped her. . . . They are advocates for the unborn, and to hell with the troubled person. They had an ax to grind, and just terrorized her.”²²
- In Milwaukee, a woman went to a “pregnancy help center” to talk about her options. Instead, she was told that she “had the devil inside her” and was then “bombarded with graphic images of disfigured babies and aborted fetuses.”²³
- In an effort to scare women away from considering abortion care, some CPCs provide false propaganda about the “consequences” of abortion—including false claims that abortion causes breast cancer, sterility, and psychological damage.²⁴
 - In a *New York Times* op-ed, one woman described of her experience at a CPC in Cedar Rapids, Iowa: “the ‘counseling’ that I received included the following: I was cautioned that abortions caused breast cancer...I was warned that I would inevitably suffer from post-abortion stress syndrome... I was told that I would not hear this information from doctors, because doctors make money performing abortions and would lie about the procedure’s risks.”²⁵

Investigations Consistently Confirm CPCs’ Deceptive Practices Persist

While CPCs may claim they exist simply to empower women in carrying their pregnancies to term, in reality, an overwhelming body of research indicates these centers fail to provide accurate, comprehensive, or unbiased information about reproductive health.

- In 2006, Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA) released a study which found that crisis pregnancy centers often mislead and misinform teenagers about the medical risks of abortion. Investigators posing as pregnant 17-year olds seeking medical counseling called more than two dozen CPCs that were receiving federal funding. The report found that 87 percent of these CPCs provided either false or misleading information about the health effects of abortion. Specifically, several center employees told the women that abortion increases the risk of breast cancer. Callers were incorrectly told that abortion could cause “permanent damage” that would affect their future ability to bear children. And many centers continued to advance the myth of “post-abortion syndrome.” Each of these claims is false.²⁶
- Investigations in California, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Texas, and Virginia²⁷ all have documented CPCs’ intentionally misleading practices. Many of those investigated gave women inaccurate information, including that birth control and abortion increase the risk of infertility and breast cancer, that condoms are ineffective in reducing pregnancy and the transmission of certain

STDs, and that abortion causes mental illness.

CPCs' Deceptive Tactics Can Jeopardize Women's Health and Safety

From misleading advertising to disseminating inaccurate information, CPCs' systematic use of manipulation is a clear attempt to push an ideological agenda even at the cost of women's health. In an article about the ethical and health risks CPCs pose to society, Joanne Rosen, a scholar at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, concluded that, "collectively, [CPCs'] practices jeopardize the health of women and their children, and a public health response is warranted."²⁸

False Promises of Miscarriage

Many CPCs offer free ultrasounds as a way to lure women in their doors. The proliferation of forced-ultrasound laws is one point of leverage CPCs use to persuade women that they will benefit by coming in. In addition, many CPC websites promise women they need an ultrasound because they may naturally miscarry. One site advises women: "You should realize you may not need an abortion! About 1 in 4 pregnancies ends *naturally*, in what is called a miscarriage or spontaneous abortion."²⁹ (In fact, the actual number is nearly half that, with about 10 percent of pregnancies ending in miscarriage.³⁰) The website goes on to encourage visitors to "come in today to see if you are a candidate for natural pregnancy termination."³¹

This bizarre and shocking advice takes advantage of the likely anxiety that comes with facing an unintended pregnancy, casually downplays an otherwise urgent situation, and even suggests that a woman would do well to ignore the need for pregnancy-related care by leaving it up to nature. It can hardly go unnoticed that its result—and likely intent—is to divert women from legitimate providers who will be honest about all of their health-care options.

In contrast, no legitimate health-care provider would encourage a woman to disregard a pregnancy. The consequences could include not only a lost opportunity to make important decisions about the pregnancy as early as possible, but also to access prenatal care in the crucial early months of pregnancy.³²

Lies about Gestational Age

Many CPCs try to delay women from getting legitimate counseling or medical care until it is too late to consider abortion as an option. In addition to delaying women considering abortion by suggesting they wait to see if they miscarry, some CPCs simply tell women that they are less far along in the pregnancy. By lying about the gestational age, CPCs can cause women seeking abortion care to miss the window of opportunity when it is available.

- Upon visiting the legitimate reproductive-health provider across the street from the CPC in *12th & Delaware*, a woman learns that she is several weeks further along in her

pregnancy than the ultrasound operator at the CPC had told her. The director of the health clinic states that it is not a rare practice that the CPC misinforms women of the dates of their pregnancies in an effort to cause clients to delay seeking care until it is too late to obtain an abortion.³³

Propaganda to Scare Women Away From Considering Abortion

The principle of informed consent dictates that in order for a patient to make safe and healthy decisions about medical care, he or she first must receive information about all the procedure's risks, benefits, and alternatives. CPC counselors do just the opposite when they selectively edit or outright lie about health-care information to further an ideology. Many CPCs tell women that abortion is dangerous to their health; in reality, legal abortion is extremely safe.³⁴

- In *12th & Delaware*, a counselor details the alleged "risks" of abortion to a young woman named Widline. Frightened by the counselor's claims, Widline decides against abortion; however, over the course of her pregnancy, she "tries everything in [her] powers" to self-induce abortion, from drinking vinegar to lifting heavy objects. While thankfully these measures are not as extreme or as dangerous as some to which she might have resorted, it is clear that Widline has been driven away from safe medical care because of the lies and coercive tactics of the volunteers at the crisis pregnancy center. We last see her at seven months pregnant as she is regretfully preparing for motherhood.³⁵

Prioritizing an Anti-Choice Agenda Over Women's Safety

In a singular quest to convince women not to choose abortion, anti-choice advocates at crisis pregnancy centers go to extreme lengths and may even advise women to take measures that are dangerous to their health and safety.

- In *12th & Delaware* a young mother of two tells a CPC counselor that she is considering abortion because her boyfriend is abusive and she needs to do what is best for her children. The counselor protests, arguing "for all you know, the baby changes him."³⁶ Suggesting a woman remain in an abusive relationship reveals that, to this counselor, women's health and safety are hardly even afterthoughts. This further demonstrates the need for women to receive care at legitimate health centers.

Crisis Pregnancy Centers Target Low-Income Women and Women of Color

Care Net, which touts itself as "one of the largest network of pregnancy centers in North America," has begun expanding its reach even further.³⁷ The organization claims that abortion providers prey on low-income communities and communities of color, so its solution is to open CPCs in "urban communities." In 2003, Care Net launched a campaign it dubbed the Urban Initiative and established 15 new centers in 13 cities.³⁸ In 2009, the initiative was renamed the

Underserved Outreach Initiative. Regardless of the name of the campaign, the goal is clear: to target African-American and Hispanic women.³⁹

Heartbeat International, too, launched a campaign to target women of color. In 2007, having identified Miami as a city with the “neediest neighborhoods,” it rolled out a project to pursue women of color purposefully and aggressively. Heartbeat Miami’s website stated that “the pregnancy center movement must become a true urban movement. And to do that, it must be mainstreamed into Black and Latino churches in the cities.” Describing its CPC operators as “virtue capitalists,” the website, complete with a demographic map with neighborhoods with high concentrations of Latinas, outlined the campaign—to “to develop a life-support network of ultrasound-equipped pregnancy centers strategically located in high abortion-marketed neighborhoods, staffed and supported by the Greater Miami Christian community.” It boasted, “this highly aggressive, heavily funded approach to starting multiple centers has never been done before.”⁴⁰ In the past year, Heartbeat Miami apparently learned that its targeted language was inflammatory and removed it from its website.

Through a combination of targeted marketing campaigns, training, and community partnerships, both organizations are making significant inroads in the inner cities and to women of color.

- In a Heartbeat International video, a CPC activist described its “mobile center,” a vehicle that allows anti-choice volunteers to position themselves directly outside abortion providers in the city. She says, “We’re going straight to the ‘hood, straight into urban areas...to reach more abortion-minded and -vulnerable clients.”⁴¹
- The executive director of the pro-CPC and misleadingly named Women’s Choice Network in Pittsburgh discusses what she calls the “Third Wave,” an initiative to partner with churches and other institutions in communities of color: “By placing the centers right in those neighborhoods, we were strategically addressing the issue of abortion... what we wanted to see was those leaders emerge and basically take the reins of that ministry so that it wasn’t our team that was leading but it was a team *indigenous* to that area that was leading the way.”⁴² (emphasis added)
- In a promotional video from the Vitae Foundation, which provides advertising advice to CPCs, its president explains how to reach an audience reliant on public transportation. While she does not mention explicitly that the goal is to target women of color, the video features testimonials from an African-American woman and the intent is clear: “we picked the subway ads because we first and foremost listened to people in the inner city of New York, they were saying we have to figure out a way to connect with this woman, and she spends a lot of time on the subway.”⁴³

This focus is of particular concern when one considers that the rate of unplanned pregnancy among African-American women, particularly among teens, far outpaces that of other groups—

51 percent of African-American teen girls will become pregnant at least once before they turn 20. (In comparison, 19 percent of non-Latina white teen girls will become pregnant before that same age.⁴⁴) Further, African-American women are more than twice as likely to get late or no prenatal care as non-Latina white women, and are three times more likely to die from pregnancy-related complications.⁴⁵ These daunting statistics speak to the need for more reproductive-health information and resources in these communities, not a proliferation of fake clinics and anti-choice propaganda.

Anti-Choice Lawmakers' Support for Crisis Pregnancy Centers

Politically savvy anti-choice groups have pursued the patronage of anti-choice lawmakers at all levels of government. They have sought – and often received – government support for crisis pregnancy centers.⁴⁶ These laws enable the national network of CPCs to grow and block still more women from getting honest, medically accurate health information. Below are just a few examples of government support for CPCs.

Federal Support for CPCs

The crisis pregnancy center movement has strong support from anti-choice lawmakers in Congress. CPC proponents have sought federal support in the form of direct funding, the donation of special equipment, or even through federal “abstinence-only” programs. Ironically, some of the staunchest defenders of CPCs in Congress also have been some of the most outspoken proponents of gutting funding for programs that support prenatal services and a range of other health-care for low-income women and their families.

- In 2009, then-Rep. Michele Bachmann (R-MN) introduced the Positive Alternatives Act (H.R.636), which would amend the Social Security Act to permit federal funds to be used for “alternatives-to-abortion” services, a code phrase for CPCs.⁴⁷
- In 2009, then-Sen. John Ensign (R-NV) offered an amendment to the National Service bill (H.R.1388) that would have made CPCs explicitly eligible for federal funding under a new program, the Nonprofit Capacity Building Program. The amendment failed, 41-56.⁴⁸
- In 2009, Rep. Cliff Stearns (R-FL) introduced legislation called the Informed Choice Act (H.R.195) and in 2011, he introduced similar legislation (H.R.165), both of which would create a grant program for CPCs to purchase ultrasound equipment at taxpayers' expense.⁴⁹

State Support for CPCs

Crisis pregnancy centers also have strong support in the state legislatures. Anti-choice lawmakers are passing a wide range of legislation to direct both women and money to CPCs,

including funding CPCs directly with taxpayer dollars, referring women seeking abortion care to CPCs – or even forcing women to go to a CPC before they can obtain abortion services – and establishing “Choose Life” license-plate programs which funnel money to CPCs.

- **Directly funding CPCs.** Many anti-choice politicians have successfully introduced and passed bills that fund CPCs directly with taxpayer dollars, either by allocating state funds or by redirecting federal funds for the state to CPCs, and/or through favorable tax benefits for CPCs. By directly funding CPCs, not only is the state complicit in the deception of its own citizens, but it also bestows a level of legitimacy on these anti-choice clinics that creates the false impression that CPCs are part of the mainstream medical community. At least 14 states fund CPCs directly – Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Wisconsin.⁵⁰
- **Forcing women to go to CPCs.** In an especially alarming example of CPCs making inroads with anti-choice lawmakers, in March 2011, South Dakota’s anti-choice Gov. Dennis Daugaard (R) signed into law a first-of-its-kind mandate that a woman seeking abortion care first submit to an in-person lecture at a CPC.⁵¹ In addition to requiring “counseling,” the law also includes a 72-hour waiting period before care, forcing women to make a total of three separate trips, which in a rural state like South Dakota can be nearly impossible. Thankfully, the law has been challenged and is not in force,⁵² but this aggressive new tactic is another indicator that CPC activists are on offense.
- **Referring women to CPCs.** In addition to pushing forced-ultrasound laws to give CPCs a more convincing argument to get women into their doors, anti-choice politicians are requiring legitimate health-care providers to refer women to CPCs. Provisions in many forced-ultrasound and biased-counseling laws require that states create and maintain registries of CPCs and compel providers to present or offer such lists to women seeking abortion care. These laws clearly are designed as another way to direct women to a CPC without their knowledge of its ideologically driven agenda. Twenty-one states have passed laws that force providers to refer women to CPCs.⁵³
- **“Choose Life” license-plate programs.** State legislatures also lend support to CPCs by enacting legislation to fund them through the sale of anti-choice license plates. Some states funnel money from the sale of “Choose Life” license plates to CPCs through specific anti-choice organizations, such as Right to Life Arkansas or Choose Life Inc. Georgia. Other states ensure CPCs receive the money by allocating it to organizations that provide pregnancy services but prohibiting the funds from going to organizations that provide, refer, or even counsel about abortion care. There are 14 states with anti-choice license-plate programs whose proceeds fund CPCs.⁵⁴

Pro-Choice Lawmakers and the Courts Take Action

Thankfully, pro-choice lawmakers are taking proactive steps to ensure that women seeking medical care or counseling receive comprehensive and accurate information, rather than lies and manipulation. In some cases, CPCs' deceitful or misleading practices have been so outrageous that courts have also taken action to intervene on the public's behalf. These proactive measures have included preventing CPCs from receiving taxpayer funding, prohibiting CPCs from advertising falsely that they offer abortion services or medical care, and requiring CPCs to disclose the limited nature of their services. Below are a few examples of pro-choice actions.

- In 2006, Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) first introduced the Stop Deceptive Advertising for Women's Services Act to grant the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) the authority to sanction CPCs that use deceptive advertising practices to mislead women into believing they offer comprehensive reproductive-health care. This bill was most recently introduced in the 114th Congress by Rep. Maloney (H.R.3378).⁵⁵
- In 2009, the Baltimore City Council passed the first-of-its-kind ordinance requiring CPCs to disclose that they don't provide or refer for birth control or abortion services. This truth-in-advertising law was challenged not only by a Baltimore CPC but also by the archbishop of Baltimore. In October 2016, a federal court permanently enjoined the ordinance from being enforced against the CPC; the city has appealed and litigation is ongoing.⁵⁶
- In 2010, the Austin City Council passed an ordinance that would require CPCs to post signs disclosing that they do not provide or refer for birth control or abortion services. CPCs challenged the law, and in June 2014, it was struck down.⁵⁷
- In 2010, the Montgomery (Maryland) City Council approved a regulation to ensure that women in the county are told about the limited nature of the services offered by crisis pregnancy centers. Unsurprisingly, the law was quickly challenged by a CPC and unfortunately, the law was struck down by the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.⁵⁸
- In 2011, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed an ordinance to ensure women seeking reproductive-health services are not lured into CPCs by deceptive advertising. Mirroring the federal Maloney bill, the Pregnancy Information Disclosure and Protection Ordinance gives the city attorney increased authority to hold CPCs accountable for false or misleading advertising about the pregnancy-related services they offer.⁵⁹ The ordinance passed after the city attorney noted that a San Francisco CPC, First Resort, was "misrepresenting itself as an abortion provider for the purpose of luring women with unwanted pregnancies to its office." He called First Resort's advertising "an insidious practice that victimizes women who are, in some instances, already victims. It's especially problematic because the delays these centers can cause interfere with

women's time-sensitive, constitutionally protected right to reproductive choice."⁶⁰ First Resort immediately challenged the law claiming the ordinance violated its free-speech rights. Fortunately, in February 2015, a federal judge dismissed the claim and upheld the law, ruling that the ordinance "only restricts false and misleading commercial speech, which is not protected by the First Amendment."⁶¹ As a result, women seeking pregnancy-related counseling in San Francisco can find health-care clinics that provide factual, unbiased, and medically accurate information.

- In 2011, the city council in New York City also passed a law to rein in CPCs' deceptive practices.⁶² Although anti-choice organizations challenged it, the Second Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a key provision of the law that requires CPCs to disclose whether or not there is a licensed medical provider on staff. The Supreme Court rejected an appeal from the CPCs to block the provision.⁶³
- In 2013, the Dane County Board of Supervisors in Wisconsin took action to prevent CPCs from receiving taxpayer funding by passing a first-of-its-kind ordinance that bars the county from contracting with groups that do not offer or refer for comprehensive, unbiased, and medically accurate information about reproductive-health care.⁶⁴
- In 2015, California Gov. Jerry Brown (D) signed into law the Reproductive Freedom, Accountability, Comprehensive Care and Transparency (FACT) Act. This law requires licensed reproductive-health clinics to inform women about the state programs available to help them get affordable family planning, abortion services, and prenatal care. It also requires unlicensed facilities that provide pregnancy-related services to disclose that they are not licensed medical facilities. The law stops anti-choice CPCs from deceiving women by posing as legitimate, comprehensive reproductive-health clinics and ensures that women know all their options when seeking reproductive-health services.⁶⁵ CPCs have filed multiple law suits challenging the law,⁶⁶ which have failed in federal district courts.⁶⁷ In October 2016, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit upheld one of these decisions, ruling that "[t]he district court properly found that [CPCs] cannot demonstrate a likelihood of success on their First Amendment free speech or free exercise claims."⁶⁸
- In July 2016, Oakland was the second city in the country to pass a law prohibiting CPCs from using false and deceptive advertising. This was modeled on the ordinance passed by San Francisco in 2011.⁶⁹

Conclusion

Crisis pregnancy centers continue their campaign to misinform and mislead women about abortion and to dissuade women from exercising their right to choose. While there are centers that do not deceive women or attempt to coerce them into making choices against their will, many CPCs continue to use deceptive and intimidating practices in order to prevent women

from accessing the full range of reproductive-health options. Women are entitled to accurate, comprehensive and unbiased medical information with which they can make their own decisions.

The government should support legitimate, comprehensive reproductive-health clinics, rather than centers whose goals are to prevent women from exercising their constitutionally protected right to choose.

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TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

For Hearing on Thursday, March 16, 2017 10:30, Conference Room 329

By: Sue Skinner, Founder and Executive Director of A Place for Women in Waipio

Re: Senate Bill No. 501 SD1 Relating to Health

Dear CHAIR PERSON Au Belatti, VICE CHAIR Kobayashi AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Thank you for the opportunity to testify IN OPPOSITION TO S.B. 501 SD1.

Our pregnancy resource center, A Place for Women in Waipio is a Calvary Chapel Pearl Harbor Women's Ministry outreach and we are committed to assisting woman in our community with hope, resources and the love of Jesus Christ while facing unplanned pregnancy. Pregnant women and young girls need a place where they can find help and hope—for themselves and their babies. Pregnancy centers were established specifically for this purpose: to help women and young girls to know they are not alone in their unplanned pregnancy. We are here to share all options with truth and compassion while processing their future and help them choose life for their children.

Some things in LIFE are still FREE: (A Place for Women in Waipio provides free resources through the generosity of our friends who partner with us.)

Free services: onsite pregnancy tests, limited ultrasounds with licensed medical team, child-birth classes, baby items, maternity items, post abortion recovery classes for men and women, facilitate a four-week fertility DVD class for students and women's group.

Free information and materials: baby development, pregnancy, abortion, adoption, sexually transmitted infection, materials and mentoring for school projects, pro life materials, community life table presentations.

Free referrals: testing for STI/ HIV to a state clinic, with WIC program, Catholic Charities, a List of Comprehensive Health Center's for client seeking pre-natal care who lack insurance, and etc.



FREE Choice: Our mission is educating our clients about ALL their options so they can make an informed choice regarding their unplanned pregnancy while guarding their future fertility.

Some comments from our clients:

“They made me feel like my baby wasn’t a problem and abortion wasn’t the only option for me. I felt excited I am happy I came here.”

“Thank you for everything. Its awesome what you do for people.”

“I felt very comfortable and at ease telling my story & issues. My state of mind changed and heart changed too.”

SB501 SD1 is a “Bully Bill” masquerading as Women’s Reproductive Health bill. It is actually targeting five faith based pregnancy resource centers in Hawaii compelling them to advertise state funded abortions against their conscience including on Calvary Chapel Pearly Harbor church’s wall. This is a direct violation of our first Amendment rights of freedom of speech and freedom of religion. We believe in the sanctity of life from conception to natural death according to the scriptures of God’s Word, the Bible. We are PRO Woman and stand for freedom for all, but this bill takes away our 1st Amendment freedoms. What about our rights as women? My rights, the woman who serves in Pregnancy Centers, the female babies in the womb, and our woman friends who donate to the center and all the women in our church who are pro life, doesn’t the state care about us? Government officials duty is to protect the Constitutional rights of all its citizens and not violate them.

What about the Health Equity Law Section 1; which basically enforces equality for all in health. So are you mandating Plan Parenthood and other abortion clinics signage equivalent to what your requiring **five pro-life pregnancy centers island wide?** Are abortion providers going to post signage stating: The medical abortion pill can be reversed and posting the hotline number for it, possible future fertility risks, mental, physical, impacts after an abortion and give a list of risks and pregnancy centers who offer post-abortion healing support groups if needed? Do you believe that abortion providers should be forced by law to discuss with pregnant women the results of an ultrasound of their baby and provide notice that if the abortion causes post abortion trauma the woman can contact a pregnancy center for counseling? This is similar to what you are asking pregnancy centers to do. Where’s the equality of health law being enforced or the fairness?

Any law that would force a life-affirming center to promote abortion is unconstitutional and should be unthinkable. We live in the age of modern technology of the Internet, smart phones and yes, the old school, yellow pages to provide information for anyone seeking an abortion. Give women more credit, women are smart enough to use these resources to find an abortion provider for themselves with out the state infringing on and violating the rights of faith based pregnancy resource centers to advertise for state funded abortions.

Neither group wants the government to compel them to speak what they do not want to say. Just because abortion supporters and opponents fundamentally disagree on what abortion is, doesn't mean that it is misleading women for pregnancy centers to share their perspective on the issue.

Post Abortion Trauma

Whether the opposition believes in Post Abortion Trauma or not, it's real. For years no one talked about their personal abortions, too painful or shameful. I have seven years of experience in facilitating 10 week abortion recovery support classes for women who have been suffering in silence alone. They struggle with unresolved guilt, shame, grief and anger, self -image issues, infertility, secrecy, and knowing full well they took the lives of their innocent children. Many women struggle with painful thoughts that they will never hug, tuck in bed at night, watch grow up, kiss or say I love you to their children. You can't take a life of child and not be impacted. I see it first hand in our Abortion Recovery groups. You can choose abortion but you don't get to choose the effects it will have on individuals. Some cope with instant relief that turns into denial, numbing, medicate with drugs, alcohol, consider suicide, self worth identity issues, depression. No one can possibly gage or be prepared to know how abortion will affect the mother, father, the one who pressured the abortion etc. It's personal and life altering. Abortion alters families, the future community of citizens and kills the innocent children. Really you think abortion is reproductive health care? Someone dies, no one is reproduced, sadly many female babies die and some women even die from these abortion clinics, no one dies at Pro-Life Pregnancy Centers.

When having a surgery, (most abortions are surgery), consultation from the Doctor is usually the protocol prior to the surgery date to inform medical risks and share what is expected prior, during and recovery period so the patient can be prepared. We have found in our post abortion support groups, that most of the ladies were never counseled at the abortion clinics about the possible fertility risks, procedures nor introduced to the doctor who would be performing the abortion until the actual moment of surgery. I would never have a surgery nor a life changing decision without meeting the doctor and learning about the procedure and risks.

*There are 100's of active Abortion Recovery support groups across the nation.

*Medical data and counseling material of impacts of abortion published

*Many abortion true-life testimonies in books and through men and women speaking out in the communities.

* I have talked and ministered to many in the churches...Abortion hurts women and men. It's real just as PTSD is real.

In good conscience I would not be able to refer our clients for abortions, since I provide a healing support classes for those who are wounded spiritually, emotionally and physically by their past abortions. I do not want to hurt women, I want them healed and set free.

We desire to only add value to our communities and do no harm.

Please vote NO on SB501 SD1