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February 23, 2017

TO: The Honorable Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **SB 501 SD 1 – Relating to Health**

Hearing: February 23, 2017, 9:35 a.m.
Conference Room 211, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) appreciates the intent and offers comments.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the bill is to ensure that Hawaii's women are able to make personal reproductive health decisions with full and accurate information regarding their rights to access the full range of health care services that are available.

DHS appreciates the intent of the bill to ensure that regardless of where a woman seeks information about reproductive health, there should be information about the full range of options, including how to obtain health insurance coverage should they be uninsured. There were two amendments we had requested for clarity and to improve information about applying for health insurance coverage through Medicaid. We appreciate that the SD 1 amendment incorporates both changes: 1) the clarification regarding the definition of limited pregnancy centers including that the entity is not contracted with a Medicaid health plans; and 2) directing women how to apply for benefits online at mybenefits.hawaii.gov, as this is the most efficient way for people to apply for health insurance coverage via Medicaid.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 9:35 AM
Conference Room 211

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To: The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

From: Lisa Kimura, Executive Director, Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies of Hawaii

Re: Testimony in Strong Support of S.B. 501 S.D.1

Good morning members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

As we are met with troubling times of the potential of female reproductive rights repealed and funding revoked, **Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Hawaii (HMHB) strongly supports S.B. 501 S.D.1**, which would ensure all women seeking information regarding pregnancy/family planning services receives the information she needs to **make the decisions regarding her pregnancy**, including:

- require all Limited Pregnancy Centers to notify clients of all available publicly-funded family planning services, including contraception and abortion
- require the centers to protect privacy of health care information collected from patients seeking services
- require the centers to provide pregnancy test results without delay to the client
- require the centers to disclose that they are not licensed as health care providers by the state of Hawaii

Currently, Limited Service Pregnancy Centers, also known as Crisis Pregnancy Centers, often offer misleading pregnancy information to clients seeking information, such as:

- administering misleading and even false pregnancy health care information
- withholding test results and medical records from patients for an unreasonable amount of time
- providing inaccurate ultrasound imaging
- leading pregnant women to believe that they are farther along in their pregnancy, than they actually are
- denying patients from needed referrals for vital reproductive health care
- not protecting patients' private medical information

Often, vulnerable women visit these centers in times of crisis, in need of supportive care and family planning information. The unsafe actions committed by these centers can potentially endanger a women's pregnancy and her right to safe and effective family planning methods. Our mission, at HMHB, is to improve Hawaii's maternal, child and family health through public education, advocacy and partner development. We strongly support S.B. 501 S.D.1 so that all women can have fair, accessible and private care.

Part of the ongoing goals of the Hawaii Maternal & Infant Health Collaborative (HMIHC), of which HMHB is a work group leader, include expanding the availability of long-acting reversible contraceptives (LARC) services statewide and the adoption of One Key Question[®] (a program to support women's preventive reproductive health needs) in all perinatal providers' screening. It is imperative that we mandate that all Limited Pregnancy Centers adhere by the rules to provide all women seeking pregnancy services or family planning, receive all the information they need to make informed decisions regarding their reproductive health.

Women deserve honest healthcare information during this very vulnerable time of their lives and that is why we strongly support the passage of **S.B. 501 S.D.1**.

Thank you for supporting **S.B. 501 S.D.1** and for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Re: OPPOSITION TO Senate Bill No. 501 & House Bill No. 663

Relating to Health

Thank you for the opportunity to testify IN OPPOSITION to **SB501/ HB663**.

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/HB663**.

We feel that **SB501/HB663** 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.

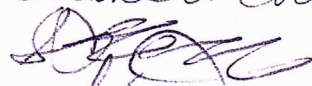






For these reasons, we urge you to OPPOSE **SB501/HB663**.

See signatures on the following pages:

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February 22, 2017

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

**Re: S.B. 501, SD 1 Relating to Health
February 23, 2017, 9:35 am, Room 211 (Decision Making)**

Dear Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

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.



ONLINE TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

Senate WAM

Hearing on Thursday, February 23, 2017 @ 9:35 a.m.

Conference Room #211

DATE: February 22, 2017

TO: Senate Committee on Ways & Means
Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, 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.



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: February 22, 2017

TO: Senate Committee on Ways & Means
HEARING DATE: Thursday, February 23, 2017 @ 9:35 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.

February 21, 2017

TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

DATE: Thursday, February 23, 2017
TIME: 9:35 AM
PLACE: Conference Room 211
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Re: Senate Bill No. 501 - Relating to Health

Dear Senators:

Jill N. Tokuda, Chair and
Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair

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

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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**.

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February 22, 2017

TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

For Hearing on Thursday, February 23, 2017
9:35 am, Conference Room 211

Re: Senate Bill No. 501 SD1

Relating to Health

Dear CHAIRPERSON, JILL N. TOKUDA, VICE CHAIR, DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS:

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. (513 signatures attached)

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



TO: Sen. Jill Tokuda, Chair
Sen. Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair

DATE: Thursday, February 23, 2017 (0935)

FROM: Hawaii Section, ACOG
Dr. Greigh Hirata, MD, FACOG, Chair
Dr. Jennifer Salcedo, MD, MPH, MPP, FACOG, Vice-Chair
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.



February 21, 2017

TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair

For Hearing on Thursday, February 23, 2017

9:35 a.m., Conference Room 211

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 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. 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.



To: Hawaii State Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, Feb. 23, 2017, 9:35 a.m.
Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 211
Re: Testimony of Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii in strong support of S.B. 501, SD1 relating to Health

Dear Chair Tokuda 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.

Sincerely,
Laurie Field
Hawaii Legislative Director and Public Affairs Manager



February 21, 2017

Senate's Committee on Ways and Means
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 211
Honolulu, HI 96813

Hearing: Thursday, February 23, 2017 – 9:35 p.m.

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

Aloha Chairperson Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz 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

Statement of Michael Reiley, President, Emmanuel Lutheran Church and Schools
before the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Friday, February 24, 2017
State Capitol, Conference Room 211
In consideration of
SB501/HB663
RELATING TO HEALTH

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify IN OPPOSITION to SB501/ HB663.

It is clear from all the testimony in the committee that this not a bill addressing the health of women, but one pushing a political, pro-abortion agenda. All the testimony in support of the bill was submitted by staunch abortion advocates and all opposing testimony was submitted by fervent pro-life organizations and citizens. The State should not be choosing sides or wasting taxpayer dollars on such a divisive topic, where the electorate is evenly divided, and citizens are exercising their freedoms within constitutional boundaries.

Pregnancy Resource Centers provide 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/HB663.

SB501/HB663 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 need monitoring and enforcement. This will create a cost to the state. This cost will be incurred 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, one 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 taxpayer dollars to defend it in the courts solely to regulate a handful of religious organizations doing no harm to society.

For these reasons, I urge you to OPPOSE SB501/HB663.

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.

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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, I urge you to OPPOSE **SB501**.

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Re: Senate Bill No. 501

Relating to Health

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Sincerely,

Crystal Kondo
Wailuku, Maui
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February 22, 2017

To: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair of Senate Ways and Means Committee and to the Senate WAM Committee members

From: Cheryl Toyofuku

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

Hearing: Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 9:35 a.m., in room 211

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 senators 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.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
B.A. McClintock	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This bill is important for women's rights. Please support.

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Barbara J. Service	Individual	Support	No

Comments: correct names of chair and vice chair

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TESTIMONY TO THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

For Hearing on
Thursday, February 23, 2017
9:30 a.m., Conference Room 211
By: Sophie Fung

Senate Bill No. 501

Relating to Health:

Dear CHAIRPERSON JILL N. TOKUDA, VICE CHAIR, DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, AND MEMBERS OF THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in OPPOSITION to SB501.

I agree in part with SB501 that all women in Hawaii should have access to family planning services, education, prenatal care, and birth-related services. However, SB501 goes too far and is too extreme with heavy civil fines and civil actions that target the handful of pregnancy counseling services that promote life in Hawaii. What has been presented are broad assumptions of pregnancy centers across the Mainland also apply to the handful of centers in Hawaii. Yet those assumptions are not accurate for the pregnancy counseling centers in Hawaii. Does the SB501 truly benefit the women of Hawaii? Or have people disguised SB501 as a necessary bill to presumably protect women when in actuality it is to shut down faith-based pregnancy counseling services?

What does it presently cost the State of Hawaii to have these handful of pro-life pregnancy counseling services? What will it cost the State of Hawaii to implement SB501? Staff's salaries, time, effort, transportation, printing costs, etc. Before you make your decision please consider visiting a pregnancy counseling center such as A Place for Women in Waipio. Before you pass laws such as SB501 it would be beneficial to you that your decision is based upon actual observations that you have made. The fiscal impact as well as the impact on the lives of women in Hawaii may be greatly affected once you visit and witness first-hand the actual services provided by A Place for Women in Waipio. The benefits for women to have access to faith-based pregnancy centers so that they can make an informed decision has an enormous impact on women, their families, our communities and our State! Having these services is truly pro-choice! Please don't put undue and onerous restrictions on these centers!

The pregnancy counseling services provided by A Place for Women in Waipio is free of charge. It is a non-profit, faith-based ministry that does not receive federal or state funds. It is a ministry of Calvary Chapel Pearl Harbor and is wholly supported by sponsors, the church, and donations. There are licensed medical professionals who provide ultrasound medical services at the center.

Your careful consideration is greatly appreciated. Please oppose SB501.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shelly Nisly	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am writing this to encourage our Hawaii Legislature to step up and defend Malama Pregnancy Center's First Amendment Right. They should not be forced to refer women to agencies that perform state funded abortions. No matter what you may think, abortion is the killing of an innocent child. It seems Hawaii affords more rights and protection to animals, birds, bats and moths than to the life of an unborn child. I am the product of an unwanted and unplanned pregnancy. I am now 51 years old, and I thank God everyday that my birth mother chose to bring me into this world. It would have been so easy to just abort me and never think about me again. But, that's the lie that is perpetrated. The mother does think about the life she ended. I'm sad to say that I've had several friends that chose abortion as teenagers. They have since married and had more children, but they are forever scarred for the choice they made when they thought there were no other options. When my older daughter was 7 or 8, we were driving down the street, and happened upon protesters that were marching for the woman's right to choose. She was able to read their signs, and asked me what abortion meant. This was not a conversation I was prepared to have with my young daughter. So, I explained it in the most simple terms possible. I told her it's when a woman become pregnant, and has a baby in her tummy that she doesn't want. She goes to the doctor and the doctor kills the baby. Needless to say, she was startled. The words that came from her sweet innocent mouth, I will never forget. She said, "Mommie, I'm glad yo didn't kill me. I'm happy you wanted me." And, it isn't even really about whether the mom wants the baby. It's about the taking of a life. I know there are situations where the woman becomes pregnant through rape or incest. That's horrible and tragic. But, God has a plan for each of us. Children concieved under those circumstances should just be disposed of. They have a purpose. Malama Pregnancy Center, or any other faith based organization should not be forced to violate their basic principle. There are other options. Give women the opportunity to learn what their options are. Don't let the government decide that abortion is the only answer. Respectfully yours,

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SB501

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lisa Poulos	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Senators; Please oppose SB 501 SD1. If enacted this bill will create conflict of conscience, requiring those opposed to abortion to distribute information encouraging it. It is in violation of our First Amendment rights of freedom of exercise - living out - our religious convictions and beliefs. Mahalo, Lisa Poulos

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Monique Yamashita	Malama Pregnancy Center	Oppose	No

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February 21, 2017

VIVIEN C. WONG PERSONAL TESTIMONY

RE: SB501

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.