

Testimony on behalf of the
Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women
Khara Jabola-Carolus, Executive Director

Prepared for the Senate Committees on GVO/PSM

In Opposition to HB1184
Tuesday, February 2, 2018 at 2:45 p.m. in Room 225

Dear Chairs Thielen and Nishihara, Vice Chairs Inouye and Wakai, and Honorable Members,

The Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women wishes to mahalo you for holding this hearing today and for the opportunity to testify in **opposition** to HB1184, which would assess penalties to health care providers if they do not provide life -saving medical care during an abortion.

Hawai'i was the first state in the nation to decriminalize abortion. Family planning is essential to women's sexual and economic freedom. HB1184 is an anti-choice measure that is unnecessary and reflects a misbegotten national strategy to rollback access to safe, legal abortion in our state. Accordingly, the Commission ask the Committee to defer this measure.

Sincerely,

Khara Jabola-Carolus

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 12:56:11 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Golojuch Jr	LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 1:19:24 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Younghi Overly	AAUW of Hawaii	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Mizuno, Vice Chair Kobayashi, and members of HLT Committee,

We **STRONGLY OPPOSE** HB1184 for it is an anti-choice bill which would interfere with women's health decisions which should be left with a woman and her doctor. HB1184 could affect the rare cases where there is a severe fetal anomaly or a periviable/non-viable pregnancy where the family decides to end the pregnancy by labor induction and provide comfort measures to the neonate rather than futile resuscitation.

HB1184 mirrors the anti-choice legislation that has been used in other states by the religious right and has no place in Hawaii.

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) of Hawaii is a state-wide organization made up of six branches (Hilo, Honolulu, Kauai, Kona, Maui, and Windward Oahu) and includes just over 450 active members with over 1700 supporters statewide. As advocates for gender equity, AAUW of Hawaii promotes the economic, social, and physical well-being of all persons.

Mahalo for your consideration.

To: Hawaii State House of Representatives Committee on Health
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, February 7, 2019, 8:30 a.m.
Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 329
Re: Testimony of Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii in strong opposition to H.B. 1184

Dear Chair Mizuno and Members of the Committee,

Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii (“PPVNH”) writes in strong opposition to H.B. 1184, which seeks to add harsh criminal penalties against medical providers in an attempt to discourage them from treating patients and prevent women from accessing safe, medically appropriate care. This measure is nothing more than another political attempt to criminalize abortion and curtail access to safe, legal reproductive health care.

This bill is unnecessary and intentionally designed to politicize the provision of health care. Planned Parenthood physicians provide high-quality medical care and adhere to the most rigorous professional standards, including providing emergency care.

- Medical guidelines and ethics already compel physicians whose patients face life-threatening circumstances to respond.
- Doctors and clinicians oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists strongly opposes this type of legislation, calling it “gross interference in the practice of medicine.”

This is just another attempt to push an agenda that undermines people’s access to safe, legal abortion. Yet again, anti-abortion politicians are seeking to advance their extreme anti-women’s health agenda.

- This legislation is part of a broader agenda against women’s access to health care, accurate information, and bodily autonomy.
- This bill is intended to be inflammatory and is crafted by politicians who are trying to criminalize doctors’ medical care.
- Politicians at the state level have passed nearly 400 restrictions on abortion since 2011. This is all a part of the same effort.
- Politicians, not doctors, are pushing for this restriction, which undermines the ability of health care professionals to provide individualized care that’s right for each patient.

Undermining access to safe, legal abortion is wildly out of touch with the majority of Americans. Politicians are putting women’s lives at risk to score political points through these dangerous measures strongly opposed by the majority of Americans.

- Support for Roe v. Wade is the highest ever, with seven out of 10 Americans saying they believe a woman should have the right to safe, legal abortion — that’s more popular than Congress, the Republican party, or the Democratic party.
- Anti-women’s health politicians are demonstrating they are out of touch with the majority of voters.

The decision about if and when to become a parent should be up to a woman and her doctor. These decisions are deeply personal – we can’t pretend to know a woman’s circumstances or make those decisions for her. What we do know is that we must trust women to make these decisions. Please support Hawaii women’s access to safe, medically appropriate health care and vote no on this horribly misguided bill.

Sincerely,
Laurie Field
Hawaii State Director



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healthybabies
COALITION OF HAWAII

To: Committee on Health
Hearing Date/Time: 2/7/19 at 8:30am
Place: Conference room 329, State Capitol

Re: TESTIMONY STRONGLY OPPOSING HB 1184 - RELATING TO INFANTS

Dear Chair Mizuno and Vice Chair Kobayashi and members of the Committee,

This anti-choice legislation has been used in other states in situations that come up very infrequently, and would criminalize doctors providing safe and effective medical care. This dangerous bill is part of a coordinated national strategy to eliminate access to abortion, and could actually affect those rare cases where there is a severe fetal anomaly (or a periviable/non-viable pregnancy) where the family decides to end the pregnancy by labor induction and provide comfort measures to the neonate rather than futile resuscitation.

HB 1184 adds harsh criminal penalties against medical providers in an attempt to discourage them from treating patients and thus, prevent women from accessing safe, medically appropriate care. This measure is nothing more than a political attempt to criminalize abortion and curtail access to safe, legal reproductive health care.

This bill is unnecessary and intentionally designed to politicize the provision of health care; disrupting high-quality medical care decisions made between a patient and her doctor.

- Medical guidelines and ethics already compel physicians whose patients face life-threatening circumstances to respond.
- Doctors and clinicians oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) strongly opposes this type of legislation, calling it “gross interference in the practice of medicine.”

This is just another attempt to push an agenda that undermines people’s access to safe, legal abortion.

- This legislation is part of a broader agenda against women’s access to health care, accurate information, and bodily autonomy.
- This bill is intended to be inflammatory and is crafted by people who are trying to criminalize doctor's medical care.
- Politically-motivated individuals, not doctors, are pushing for this restriction, which undermines the ability of health care professionals to provide individualized care that’s right for each patient.

Undermining access to safe, legal abortion is wildly out of touch with the majority of Americans and puts women’s lives at risk through dangerous measures.

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- Support for *Roe v. Wade* is the highest ever, with seven out of 10 Americans saying they believe a woman should have the right to safe, legal abortion — that's more popular than Congress, the Republican party, or the Democratic party.
- Attempts to restrict a woman's personal health care decisions demonstrates a lack of touch with the majority of voters.

We stand in strong opposition of HB 1184 and respectfully urge your Committee not to pass this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

Lisa Kimura
Executive Director

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 10:51:03 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Midwives Alliance of Hawaii	Midwives Alliance of Hawaii	Oppose	No

Comments:

We **STRONGLY OPPOSE** HB1184. We do not support anti-abortion bills, which this is. We support informed choice, and that choice is made by the woman. We do not support any violation of the woman's privacy in her decision making regarding her reproductive choice. We request you defer this bill immediately.

If the state wants to ensure that women have access to reproductive choices without barriers, the state could save the funds they would spend on these futile life-saving measures and provide universal access to all birth control as well as enforce the state requirement for medically accurate reproductive education. We are aware that some schools still teach abstinence only without consequences. Abortion exists because it is a part of women's reproductive choices, and when 50% of pregnancies in Hawaii are unintended, abortion is not the problem. We encourage the state to instead focus their efforts on ensuring easily accessible information about reproductive choices and access to all birth control methods, without any barriers or lapse in access.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
THURSDAY, February 7, 2019, 8:30 a.m., Room 329

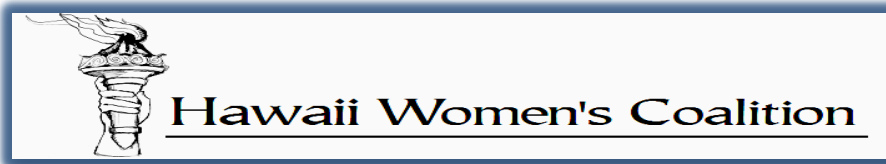
HB 1184 RELATING TO BORN ALIVE BIRTHS
TESTIMONY
Janet Mason, Legislative Committee, League of Women Voters of Hawaii

Chair Mizuno, Vice-Chair Kobayashi and Committee Members:

The League of Women Voters opposes HB1184 which purports “to ensure the protection and promotion of the health and wellbeing of all infants born alive the State.” In fact, this is an attempt to use overblown rhetoric to interfere with abortion decisions that should be made by the pregnant woman, in private consultation with medical providers.

We acknowledge that some individuals may object to this established law, but public policy in a pluralistic society must affirm the constitutional right of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices. The League opposes proposals like HB1184 that would ban late-term abortions as interfering with a woman’s right of privacy to make reproductive choices.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Rep. John M. Mizuno, Chair

Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

DATE: Thursday, February 7, 2019

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 329

We are strongly opposed to HB1184. This bill is a thinly veiled attempt to subvert the human rights of the women of Hawaii.

Aloha Chair Mizuno, Vice Chair Kobayashi and members,

This bill that is a creature of the religious right is unnecessary and full of inflammatory language designed to politicize a standard medical procedure. We have seen at the national and local level horrific stories about infants being aborted and tortured or sold. These stories upon critical examination have turned out to be fabricated, like much of the info-trash that is clogging the Internet.

It is once again an attempt by certain religious sects to impose their systems of belief on women as a matter of law. Last I checked we don't live in theocracy. But while the "Handmaids Tale" once looked like a dystopian fantasy, efforts like this make the possibilities chillingly real.

The so-called "right to life" people focus on horror stories about babies as a slight of hand, deflecting attention away from women who used to die terrible and painful deaths as a result of illegal abortions. It deflects attention away from the fact that women are being treated as human incubators who, in their view, should have no say over what happens to their own bodies.

It obfuscates the real motives of these patriarchal institutions which is the exercise power and control over women. So just like physical rape is not about sex, it's about degradation, power and control, so too this rape of the spirit is also about degradation, power and control.

So here's some truth for you. Religious hospitals of a certain persuasion continue to prioritize a fetus over the life the woman and would let her die in order to "preserve life".

Elizabeth Sepper, a health law scholar at Washington University in St. Louis had this to say "In many states, if a Catholic hospital were to kill a woman because they did not provide her with proper miscarriage management, they would not face liability," Sepper noted. "It's one thing to say, in order to protect one's religious beliefs and convictions about when life begins, we're going to allow you to step away from a situation, to not perform an abortion in most situations. **But to say that you could actually kill someone or seriously injure them and face no consequences for that seems a step too far.**"

And Huffington Post reports "There isn't much of an incentive for staff at Catholic hospitals to challenge the scope of the church's directives, since doing so could result in being punished. **A nun who was an administrator at a Catholic hospital in Arizona was excommunicated in**

2010 after she approved an abortion for a patient who probably would have died if her pregnancy had continued.”¹

So it is clear that this bill is just another attempt to marginalize women, deprive us of healthcare and even aid and abet some of our deaths.

Bottom line: HB 1184 attempts to criminalize and intimidate abortion providers.

Medical guidelines and ethics already compel physicians whose patients face life-threatening circumstances to respond. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

This is just another attempt to push an agenda that undermines women’s access to safe, legal abortion. Undermining access to safe, legal abortion is wildly out of touch with the majority of Americans. Hawaii state legislators are putting people’s lives at risk to score political points through these dangerous measures strongly opposed by the majority of Americans.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

Ann S. Freed
Co-Chair, Hawaii Women’s Coalition

¹ https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/catholic-hospitals-miscarriage-management_us_5759bf67e4b0e39a28aceea6



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The American College of
Obstetricians and Gynecologists

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District VIII, Hawai'i (Guam & American
Samoa) Section*

TO: Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair – House Committee on Health
Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair – House Committee on Health

DATE: Thursday, February 7, 2019 (8:30AM)
PLACE: House Conference Room 329

FROM: Hawaii Section, ACOG
Dr. Chrystie Fujimoto, MD, FACOG, Chair
Dr. Reni Soon, MD, MPH, FACOG, Vice Chair
Lauren Zirbel, Community and Government Relations

RE: HB1184 – Relating to Born Alive Infants
Position: STRONGLY OPPOSE

As a section of the Nation's leading group of physicians dedicated to improving health care for women, the Hawai'i Section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (HI ACOG) represents more than 200 obstetrician-gynecologist physicians in our state. **HI ACOG strongly OPPOSES HB1184** as it would actually **threaten the health of women in Hawai'i**.

If the intent of this legislation is to protect the health of infants, this legislation does not do anything close to that. What this bill will do is reduce access to a safe and legal procedure - and that is its actual intent. This bill has been used in other states as part of a larger effort to reduce access to abortion.

We are the physicians who care for patients in some of their happiest moments, and in some of their most heartbreaking moments. Anyone familiar with abortion procedures knows that this law is not based on any scientific or medical facts. This bill addresses a “problem” that does not exist.

We are physicians who provide compassionate, evidence-based care. By criminalizing health care providers, this law may actually reduce the number of health care providers (not just the surgeons, but anesthesiologists, nurses, midwives, office staff) willing to provide this care. But again, that is the actual intent of this bill. Reducing access to safe abortion care would threaten the health of women in Hawaii.

We are the physicians who care for patients when they find out that their very wanted, very loved baby has severe fetal anomalies. Families sometimes choose to end the pregnancy and provide their baby with palliative care rather than subject their baby to any suffering or futile efforts at resuscitation. These families face very difficult decisions about what their values are and what is best for their family; decisions that none of us has a right to make for them or judge them for. What they need in these moments is compassion and medically accurate information from health care providers free of judgement or politics.

HI ACOG therefore stands in strong opposition to HB1184 and respectfully urges you to not pass this harmful and deceptive piece of legislation.

As the physicians who provide this medical care, we stand by ready to answer any questions or provide any factual and evidence-based information regarding abortion care. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 10:43:28 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carol Thomas	OAHU LEAGUE OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN	Oppose	No

Comments:

This Bill is inhumane and does not represent who we are as a nation. When a baby is delivered alive, it is a birth. When a baby is conceived and a heartbeat is heard, it is life.

Last week I watched as my premature grandson, in his incubator, was sleeping so peacefully and smiling happy dreams. He was born alive at nearly 34 weeks! It hurts my heart to think another baby might not be given the right to life after it was aborted and delivered alive. There are many parents eager to adopt. Please stop this barbaric Bill from moving forward.

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:49:38 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Onolata	Hawaii Family Forum	Oppose	No

Comments:

God created us in His image and likeness! Life is very precious we should cherish this precious life. Please save this precious life, we can have adoption agency to help, there's parent's out there that can't have children, they deserve to be parents and I know they will cherish this baby if they have a chance to adopt a baby.

This are God's gift and his blessings to all of us, we are blessed to have children, please save their life by not passing this HB1184.

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 7:53:47 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Corrie Miller	American College of OB/GYN Hawaii District	Oppose	No

Comments:

HEARING DATE: Thursday, February 7, 2019 (8:30AM) PLACE: House Conference Room 329

RE: HB1184 – Relating to Born Alive Infants Position: STRONGLY OPPOSE

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

I am an physician who provides High-Risk Pregnancy care in Hawai'i. I am passionate about providing compassionate care to women in our state and I am writing with STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB1184.

I care for many patients who are diagnosed with lethal fetal anomalies during their pregnancy. Fortunately in the state of hawaii, if these anomalies are deemed lethal by two physicians, they have the ability to provide compassionate end of life care for the fetus. Continuing the pregnancy to go to full term can often cause problems for the mother for an infant that will not survive. Trying to prolong the life of these infants is harmful and not in line with physician principals of doing no harm. Instead, palliation through termination of pregnancy is an important part of compassionate care. Even for patients that may not have the diagnosis of a lethal anomaly, comfort care instead of intensive, expensive medical care is a compassionate option for parents, and this bill will not allow for patient choice in this matter. Some women may choose to continue the pregnancy or they may choose to end the pregnancy and give their baby comfort care instead. It should be their choice. These women and their families face decisions no one should have to make; decisions about what their values are and what is best for their family; decisions that none of us has a right to make for them or judge them for. What they need in these moments is compassion and medically accurate information from health care providers free of judgement or politics.

Hawai'i has a strong and proud history of protecting the right to choose and protecting the privacy of this sometimes painful decision. This law flies in the face of this and would be a step backward for Hawai'i. This is not who we are. We are better than this.

I strongly oppose HB1184 and respectfully urge you to not pass this harmful and deceptive piece of legislation.

Mahalo,

Corrie Miller, DO

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 12:06:45 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sonja Bigalke-Bannan	NASW	Oppose	No

Comments:

To: House Committee on Health

Chair John Mizuno, Vice Chair Bertrand Kobayashi

Re: HB 1184 Relating to Born Alive Infants

February 5, 2019, 8:30 am, Room 329

Chair Mizuno and Vice Chair Kobayashi and members of the House Committee on Health-

The National Association of Social Workers, Hawai'i is in strong opposition to HB 1184. This bill is a thinly veiled attempt at banning late term abortions. NASW believes that:

- every individual, within the context of her or his value system, must have access to family planning, abortion, and other reproductive health services.

- The nature of reproductive health services that a client receives should be a matter of client self-determination in consultation with the qualified health care provider furnishing them.
- For periviable infants born before 24 weeks, the ability to exercise the full range of legally available options as the end of life approaches, such as palliative care.

Sonja Bigalke-Bannan, MSW, LSW

Executive Director

National Association of Social Workers- Hawai'i

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 9:25:57 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jordana Ferreira	Early Childhood Action Strategy	Oppose	No

Comments:

BEVERLY LOOK

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February 4, 2019

TO: The Hon. John Mizuno, Chair,
The Hon. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Health

RE: TESTIMONY OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 1539

My name is Beverly Look. I am a retired business agent for the HGEA. My husband, Wallace, was a resident of Leahi Hospital until he passed in January of last year. The treatment my husband received as a resident was exceptional. Words cannot convey the gratitude my family and I have for the way he was treated by the staff of Leahi Hospital. This is a positive reflection on the hard work that has been and continues to be performed by the Oahu Region Board in administering the region's facilities.

I strongly oppose House Bill 1539 which seeks to place the Oahu Region of HHSC under the control of the corporate board.

In 1999, the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation ("HHSC") was established under Section 323F, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS"). The operations and functions of the state Department of Health Division of Community Hospitals were transferred to the HHSC.

In response to the unique healthcare challenges being faced by each of the regions, the legislature in 2007 passed Act 290 (Session Laws of Hawaii), which amended Section 323F, enabling the five HHSC regions to establish five regional health systems with boards of directors, while still maintaining the system and corporate board.

In 2009, the legislature passed Act 182, SLH, again amending Section 323F, HRS, in an effort to strengthen the viability of the public-hospital system through organizational and operational changes, in addition to providing the regions with authority to transition into various legal entities.

The purpose of these amendments was to ensure that members of each regional board would be sensitive to, and make decisions based on, the needs and concerns of the community in which they live. This bill effectively seeks to deprive Oahu residents of the opportunity to make independent, community-based decisions on what is best for Oahu by abolishing the Oahu Region Board and transferring its authority to an 18-member corporate board dominated by people from the neighbor islands.

Furthermore, the fact that the Oahu Region Board is singled out while Kauai, West Hawaii and East Hawaii boards remain intact smacks of political chicanery. I have strong reservations about the HHSC corporate board and management overseeing the operations of the Oahu region when it has trouble overseeing its own senior management. In May of 2016, the Hawaii State Ethics Commission issued a charge (COMPL-C-15-00650) against the Chief Financial Officer of HHSC for violating the State Ethics Code. This person occupies a position of trust and oversees how millions of taxpayer dollars are spent every year. The Commission entered into a resolution of charge with this individual, resulting in the payment of a \$1,000 administrative penalty. (Resolution of Charge 2016-7) To my knowledge, this person didn't even get a slap on the wrist by the HHSC corporate board and management, and according to the HHSC corporate website still occupies the same position. This proposed legislation will give this person even greater authority over the finances and how money is spent within the Oahu region.

In closing, I wish to again express my strong opposition to House Bill 1539. Leave the Oahu Region Board in place to address the needs and concerns of the people on Oahu.

Mrs. Beverly Look

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 11:11:25 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maisa Thayer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha Legislatures,

I am a third generation Hawaii resident of Kaneohe, Oahu. I am strongly in opposition to this bill. As woman I believe that it is important that I have the ability to make choices regarding my body and my future. Everyone deserves that basic right to self actualize and reach their potential. Abortion allows women to plan their lives and seek better oppurtunities.

Thank you,

Maisa Thayer

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 12:31:37 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Erica Scott	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this horrific bill and believe it should not be heard.

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 4:03:21 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ellen Godbey Carson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please vote against this bill. This is just another attempt by those who oppose abortion, to undermine people's access to safe, legal abortion. The bill is designed to intimidate medical providers who perform abortion services, as well as women who are their patients. Undermining access to safe, legal abortion is contrary to the best interests of the citizens of Hawaii. Medical guidelines and ethics already compel physicians whose patients face life-threatening circumstances to respond in accordance with medically accepted standards of care. Trying to legislate medical standards of care based on requests by those who oppose abortion is not prudent for medical care or for public policy. Hawaii has a proud tradition of protecting women's rights of reproductive choice while fostering high quality care. Let's not inject hostile abortion opponents into that process. Thank you for safeguarding rights of reproductive care.

Date: February 5, 2019

To: Senators

From: JoAnn Farnsworth, M.S.

Re: HB 1184 – Relating to Born Alive Infants

Position: Strong opposition

Dear: Senators

I am a maternal and child health public health professional. I have worked with the Hawaii Maternal and Infant Health Collaborative since its inception in 2012. My views are my own and do not represent the Collaborative. I am writing in strong opposition of HB 1184.

The proposed bill is based on the myth that infants are “born-alive” at the time of abortion. This is not medically accurate. Those of us who are knowledgeable in women’s health understand that this is not how abortions occur. Multiple national organizations including the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists recognize that the proposed bill is another attempt to criminalize abortion and curtail access to safe, legal reproductive health care.

What the proposed bill would do is adversely affect pregnancies affected by severe fetal anomalies. Many abortions that occur later in pregnancy involve fetal anomalies incompatible with life, such as anencephaly, the absence of the brain and cranium above the base of the skull, or limb-body wall complex, when the organs develop outside of the body cavity. In these cases, where death is likely before or shortly after birth, patients may decide whether to continue the pregnancy or end the pregnancy – in some instance families may elect to induce labor and provide compassionate care, rather than resuscitation. This bill would mandate resuscitation rather than compassionate care and would not allow a family to grieve in a way they see fit. Our focus must be to provide medically-appropriate, compassionate care for the patient, honoring what she feels is best for her health and her family.

Sound health policy must be based on scientific facts and evidence-based medicine. The best health care is provided free from political interference in the patient-physician relationship. This is clearly an anti-choice piece of legislation that would grossly interfere in medical practice criminalizing health care providers who seek to honor the wishes of their patient.

Therefore, I strongly oppose HB 1184 and urge the Legislature to stop this bill from advancing further.

Thank you,

JoAnn Farnsworth, M.S.

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 12:35:33 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bernice Strand	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Regarding HB 1184 RELATING TO BORN ALIVE INFANTS, I oppose this bill. When a woman chooses to pursue a medical procedure to terminate her pregnancy that is a very personal and complicated decision. Hawaii State Legislators are not empowered by the U.S. Constitution, nor are they, in my opinion, sufficiently qualified, to override personal choice for women who make the decision to pursue the medical procedure of abortion. Pregnancy is not an incapacitating condition and a woman who makes the choice to get an abortion, which is legally her right, should not then be subjected to second-guessing by society or ignoring of her difficult and considered decision. Society is not prepared, sufficiently funded, nor wise enough to discern for an individual whether the option to select abortion is “right” for an individual, and has no sufficient plan for dealing with the complex sustainability or quality of life considerations that may occur in the rare instance when an aborted fetus displays residual cellular or nervous system reactivity extra-uterine.

A second concern related to the proposed bill is that it functions to force a woman into “adoption” of her fetus. The emotional nuances and mental health concerns this then places on the woman who had selected to terminate her pregnancy are ethically fraught, at best. These are areas over which legislators are not qualified to make judgments on behalf of myself or other women who may opt to terminate a pregnancy.

A third consideration is to criminalize a well-established medical procedure and place health care professionals in legal jeopardy for discharging their medical duties. Hawaii has a physician shortage, as it is, and this would further reduce incentives for qualified medical staff to choose our state for their practices.

Finally, the U.S. Constitution, Article XIV clearly states that, “No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.” Specifically, the relevant case law would be the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision on “Rowe vs. Wade”, confirming that abortion is legal and a woman’s right to select the medical procedure to which she would like to submit is a personal liberty. To pursue HB 1184 is a “feel-good” moral stance without credible likelihood of being a well-reasoned or well-defended position in front of the U.S. Supreme Court, the inevitable conclusion to such a folly as passing a bill such as this.

I would much prefer to see the tax dollars from the citizens of the State of Hawaii applied to practical problem solving in our own back yard rather than supporting such a misinformed, ill-conceived and unsupportable legislative initiative that is doomed to be mired in court challenges for decades to come.

I urge legislators to NOT support HB 1184.

Date: February 5, 2019

To: Senators

From: Stacy Tsai MD, MPH

Re: HB 1184 – Relating to Born Alive Infants

Position: Strong opposition

Dear: Senators

I am a Maternal-Fetal Medicine physician working at the University of Hawaii, John A. Burns School of Medicine, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Women's Health. I provide high risk obstetric and diagnostic fetal imaging services at various hospitals on Oahu. I also teach medical students, residents and fellows how to provide compassionate, scientifically-based, women's health care. My views are my own and do not represent the University of Hawaii where I am an Assistant Professor. I am writing in strong opposition of HB 1184.

The proposed bill is based on the myth that infants are "born-alive" at the time of abortion. This is not medically accurate. Those of us who are knowledgeable in women's health understand that this is not how abortions occur. Multiple national organizations including the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists recognize that the proposed bill is another attempt to criminalize abortion and curtail access to safe, legal reproductive health care.

What the proposed bill would do is adversely affect pregnancies affected by severe fetal anomalies. Many abortions that occur later in pregnancy involve fetal anomalies incompatible with life, such as anencephaly, the absence of the brain and cranium above the base of the skull, or limb-body wall complex, when the organs develop outside of the body cavity. In these cases, where death is likely before or shortly after birth, patients may decide whether to continue the pregnancy or end the pregnancy – in some instance families may elect to induce labor and provide compassionate care, rather than resuscitation. This bill would mandate resuscitation rather than compassionate care and would not allow a family to grieve in a way they see fit. Our focus must be to provide medically-appropriate, compassionate care for the patient, honoring what she feels is best for her health and her family. I personally have diagnosed many severe fetal anomalies and have had difficult conversations with families regarding their options. This bill would take away options for families to decide what is best for their situation.

Sound health policy must be based on scientific facts and evidence-based medicine. The best health care is provided free from political interference in the patient-physician relationship. This is clearly an anti-choice piece of legislation that would grossly interfere in medical practice criminalizing health care providers who seek to honor the wishes of their patient.

Therefore, I strongly oppose HB 1184 and urge the Legislature to stop this bill from advancing further.

Thank you,

Stacy Tsai MD, MPH

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 5:10:50 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard B Emery	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 9:03:23 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Adrian Tam	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: terrierwin@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Terri Erwin
<terrierwin@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 2:37 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Categories: Red Category

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

Respectfully, I ask you not advance this bill -- forcing Hawaii into the unproductive fray of nuisance-legislation-land whose only and ultimate purpose is to outlaw abortion.

This bill undermines women's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors' medical care.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Terri Erwin
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kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: ehaskins@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Eric Haskins
<ehaskins@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 2:32 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Categories: Red Category

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mr. Eric Haskins
Hilo, HI 96720
ehaskins@soest.hawaii.edu

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: saljobst@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sal Bodnar
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Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 2:30 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Categories: Red Category

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

No one but the woman and her physician should be making decisions about women's health, especially reproductive health.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Sal Bodnar
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kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: wexlersandra@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sandra R Wexler
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Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 2:25 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Categories: Red Category

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
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kobayashi1 - Melvia

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To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Categories: Red Category

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Jewell Tinkel
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kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: topazcollins@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Topaz Collins
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Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 2:23 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Categories: Red Category

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

Women deserve the right to choose, the right to feel safe, the right to the best medical care.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Topaz Collins
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kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: ppchawaii@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Judith Mick
<ppchawaii@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 2:23 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Categories: Red Category

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Ms. Judith Mick
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kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: tora.smart@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of tora smart
<tora.smart@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 2:22 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Categories: Red Category

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
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kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: kamekok@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kameko Karasaki
<kamekok@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 2:20 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Categories: Red Category

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care.

I am a medical student and intend to become an OB/GYN. Laws based in factually incorrect rhetoric rather than scientific evidence make it impossible for current providers and future providers such as myself to give patients the best quality care, the care they deserve.

You may be educated in law, but please allow the people who dedicate years of their life to medicine be allowed to help patients make the medical descions that are best for them.

As someone born and raised in Hawaii and someone who aims to practice medicine here in the future, I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Kameko Karasaki
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kamekok@hawaii.edu

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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 3:33:38 PM
Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Martha Nakajima	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I firmly believe that all decisions related to reproduction must be private ones by the patient or between patient and physician. Thank you for the opportunity to express my views.

Sincerely, Martha Nakajima, Honolulu

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: tawnyjs@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tawny Stockinger
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Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 11:08 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii. Abortions happen under many different circumstances, and taking away this option or belittling it, can create an unwanted community. If women or doctors stray away from the abortion option, we are having children grow up with a mother who cannot care for their child or a child who may have to go through a foster system if they are not adopted by a loving home. When children have to go through such tough environments especially at a young age, they start to develop mental health challenges such as anxiety or depression. When young adolescents go through that, rebellious acts tend to happen due to their frontal lobe not being fully developed which can lead to more crime and more money that tax payers would have to pay in order to take care of this problem.

That is only one reason why we should oppose this bill. The main reason why is that the decision is solely up to the expecting mother and should not be anyone else's say. Basically, I'm saying that OTHERS SHOULD MIND THEIR OWN BUSINESS and focus on other things that are happening in their communities.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
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tawnyjs@hawaii.edu

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: djrx.cares@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alex Oshiro
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Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 10:33 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mr. Alex Oshiro
Honolulu, HI 96822
djrx.cares@hawaii.rr.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: taurie.bricks@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Taurie Kinoshita
<taurie.bricks@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 10:29 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Taurie Kinoshita
Honolulu, HI 96822
taurie.bricks@gmail.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: drwktaylor@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Wendy Taylor
<drwktaylor@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 10:21 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Dr. Wendy Taylor RN
Honolulu, HI 96813
drwktaylor@earthlink.net

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: billchrisq@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Christine Queen
<billchrisq@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 10:18 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

Women should have complete control over their reproductive decisions, with the help of their doctors. It's a woman's right to decide whether to have a safe abortion or carry a child to full term. I'm old enough to remember when the pill wasn't available to women under 21 and abortion was illegal. I know one woman who ended up with a massive pelvic infection due to an illegal abortion. Is that what you want for women in Hawai'i? There's no aloha in that.

Don't interfere with women or their doctors in decisions that are NOT your business! Women's deaths would be on you!

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Christine Queen
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billchrisq@hawaii.rr.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: charlie_in_paradise@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Charles Luce
<charlie_in_paradise@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 9:58 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Charles Luce
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charlie_in_paradise@msn.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: yogamango@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Gina Chang
<yogamango@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 9:54 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors for providing medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii. I urge you to protect access to safe and legal abortion, and to protect the providers who support and care for us.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Gina Chang
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kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: alanib@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alani Bagcal
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Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 9:51 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Alani Bagcal
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kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: cloecadiz@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Cloe Cadiz
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Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 9:47 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Cloe Cadiz
Paia, HI 96779
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kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: ANDI@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Andrea Longpre
<ANDI@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 9:38 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
MS Andrea Longpre
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ANDI@HAWAII.RR.COM

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: doriencell@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Dorien McClellan
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Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 9:37 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

Do not take us backwards - trust women to listen to and evaluate medical information regarding their own personal health.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Dorien McClellan
Waianae, HI 96792
doriencell@hawaii.rr.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: jennifer.leilani.elia@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jennifer Elia
<jennifer.leilani.elia@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 9:33 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This anti-choice bill will harm patients, providers, and Hawai'i as a whole. As a women's health researcher, I work with the obstetrician-gynecologists who provide high-quality, compassionate abortion care to Hawai'i's women. They are some of the most caring and dedicated providers I have ever met, and they will attest that the so-called problem described in this bill does not exist. Fetuses are not "born" with signs of life after surgical abortion procedures. Health care providers also oppose this bill because it prevents them from giving the best care for their patients, including those in challenging situations like periviable or anomalous pregnancies. This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors' medical care.

HB 1184 is a dangerous anti-choice measure that should not be given a hearing or further consideration by the legislature.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Elia
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kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: amymonk99@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Amy Monk <amymonk99@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 9:32 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Ms. Amy Monk
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kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: der1way@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Donald Erway
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Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 9:25 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Ms. Donald Erway
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kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: kathysch393@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kathleen Schwartz <kathysch393@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 9:18 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

Protect women's right to choose, protect women's access to reproductive health care!

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Kathleen Schwartz
Kekaha, HI 96752
kathysch393@gmail.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: ehaskins@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Eric Haskins
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Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 9:15 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mr. Eric Haskins
Hilo, HI 96720
ehaskins@soest.hawaii.edu

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: mjpg2@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Miranda Gallegos <mjpg2@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 9:15 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii. If you would like to restrict a woman's option to make the best decisions for her own health and wellbeing then it is also necessary to provide her the basic fundamental preventative care and educational options therefore she need not ever come to face this decision, and if so, can be empowered and supported once she is able to make her decision. If you would like to restrict a woman's right to choose, where are the bills ensuring she has all the available information and preventative care to first even decide how, when, and under what conditions she would like to have a child? Where are the bills to ensure she is receiving medically and scientifically accurate information? Where are the protections for women of sexual abuse? Where is the education for comprehensive sexual education so not only are there contraceptive choice available, our populous is educated around healthy sexual relations and gender norms. The CDC reported in 2015, that 91.9% of abortions are performed within the first 13 weeks of pregnancy. 7.6% in the second trimester (14-20 weeks) and 1.3% in the third trimester (21 weeks). For 9 out of 10 women who have an abortion, they are able to do so within the first trimester of their pregnancy. For a moment, let us consider why a woman might have a late term abortion at 21 weeks or later. First, a commonly cited reason for those who are pro choice say late term abortions do not always occur under the life threatening health or medical conditions or if the fetus will be lethally flawed. Consider the position of this woman if she did have a condition, or the fetus would have no quality of life. How would aborting a child at this stage make you feel? That decision does not come any easier for her. How would you feel if you were forced to carry a child to term that you knew would never have a chance at life, or that would take yours? Everyday you literally cannot escape the reminders. You are force to literally carry it with you-inside of you. Consider the psychological and physical toll it must take on her and her body. The one out of ten women who may have a late term abortion do NOT wake up one day and think to themselves, "Well, I'm in the 3rd trimester now I think I'll abort the fetus." What other sociopolitical or economic factors might prevent her from being able to access the care and services she needs sooner? Racial/ ethnic, socioeconomic class, cost, insurance, location, providers, feeling safe, laws by state, etc. Restricting abortion laws only make it significantly more difficult for those women who would like to seek safe, legal, and trust worthy advice about her options sooner and easier. If you would like to restrict abortion I strongly advice you to consider the reasons a woman would ever be put in the position to consider having one. If you are pro-life, I assume you are also pro contraceptives, comprehensive sexual education, healthcare access that would cover the fundamental basic reproductive services with very little to no out of pocket costs so abortion does not, or ever, have to be an option.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Miranda Gallegos
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kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: kelsey@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of K Marsh
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Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 9:05 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
K Marsh
Ewa Beach, HI 96406
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kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: tess.patalano@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tess Patalano
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Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 9:05 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Tess Patalano
Makawao, HI 96768
tess.patalano@gmail.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: jaws@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Adele Wilson
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Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 9:02 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii. WHY focus on this antiquated issue in this era of so many other pressing and important issues. I think I am just preaching to the choir to you and it makes me angry that this bill has even surfaced when there are so many other really significant issues to consider.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Adele Wilson
Kailua, HI 96734
jaws@hawaii.rr.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: ernestolsen@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ernest Olsen
<ernestolsen@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 8:59 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Ernest Olsen
Keaau, HI 96749
ernestolsen@yahoo.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: taylorn005@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nancy Taylor <taylorn005@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 8:34 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

Thank you.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Nancy Taylor
Kaneohe, HI 96744
taylorn005@hawaii.rr.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: aomullen18@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ally Mullen <aomullen18@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 8:33 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

The pain and hardship that comes along with terminating an unwanted pregnancy is traumatic enough as it is and should not be magnified by a bill such as this.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Ms Ally Mullen
Kailua, HI 96734
aomullen18@gmail.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: tutuconnie@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Constance Stevenson
<tutuconnie@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 8:28 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Constance Stevenson
Lahaina, HI 96761
tutuconnie@gmail.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: carolina@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Carolyn Hadfield
<carolina@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 8:25 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

As someone who actively fought for Hawai`i to be the first state to legalize abortion, I oppose any measure that would effectively intimidates abortion providers. Vote NO on HB 1184.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Hadfield
Honolulu, HI 96816
carolina@lava.net

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: lksaloha@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of laurie saarinen
<lksaloha@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 8:24 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Ms laurie saarinen
Hilo, HI 96720
lksaloha@hotmail.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: biondoinkaaawa@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of gregory rowland
<biondoinkaaawa@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 8:20 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
gregory rowland
Waimanalo, HI 96795
biondoinkaaawa@gmail.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: schapin@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Samuel Chapin
<schapin@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 8:07 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Samuel Chapin
Princeville, HI 96722
schapin@hawaii.rr.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: chastityg.williams@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Chastity Gilmore
<chastityg.williams@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 8:06 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I came to Hawaii for school, not to start a family. With the help of legal abortions, I will be able to continue my education and start a family when I am financially and mentally ready. There are many students who share this same ideology, please think of us.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Chastity Gilmore
Honolulu, HI 96813
chastityg.williams@gmail.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: ayujih@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Aric Harris
<ayujih@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 7:52 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mr. Aric Harris
Honolulu, HI 96817
ayujih@gmail.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: cweger@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Christine Weger
<cweger@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 7:52 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

Please treat abortion as other medical procedures—we don't need or want these restrictions. Your constituents are wholeheartedly against this!

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Christine Weger
Honolulu, HI 96825
cweger@hawaii.rr.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: heddenjulie@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jennifer Hedden
<heddenjulie@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 7:51 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Hedden
Honolulu, HI 96816
heddenjulie@gmail.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: donnachalmers32@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Donna Chalmers
<donnachalmers32@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 7:50 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

This is an attempt to limit my health care options to appease other individuals radical religious beliefs. Their religious beliefs conflict with mine.

We all have religious rights not just the anti abortionists.

Donna

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Donna Chalmers
Keaau, HI 96749
donnachalmers32@gmail.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: Wcugal1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Wainani Cugal <Wcugal1@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 7:48 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Wainani Cugal
Wailuku, HI 96793
Wcugal1@gmail.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: myralwilliams@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Myra Williams
<myralwilliams@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 7:40 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Ms Myra Williams
Kailua, HI 96734
myralwilliams@gmail.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: tamara.moan@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tamara Moan
<tamara.moan@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 7:31 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. This access is critical to women's health, as I know from personal experience. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Tamara Moan
Kailua, HI 96734
tamara.moan@yahoo.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: steve41550@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Steven Katz <steve41550@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 7:27 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

Thank you for voting "NO."

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Steven Katz LMFT
Kailua, HI 96734
steve41550@yahoo.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: sandy.rhines@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sandra Rhines
<sandy.rhines@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 7:21 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii. We should be the beacon for the rest of the country. What is happening now is frightening and it seems that daily there is a new attack on laws protecting women's health and decisions that should be between them and their doctor.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Ms Sandra Rhines
Kailua, HI 96734
sandy.rhines@gmail.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: natrosefield@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Natalie Rosefield
<natrosefield@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 6:59 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Natalie Rosefield
Fair Oaks, CA 95628
natrosefield@gmail.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: gail.p.gnazzo@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Gail Gnazzo
<gail.p.gnazzo@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 6:49 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I have been a Social Worker in Hawaii for 40 years primarily with families and children. This law is regressive and punitive.

HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

Gail P. Gnazzo MSSW, LSW
Makawao, HI 96768

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Gail Gnazzo MSSW
Makawao, HI 96768
gail.p.gnazzo@gmail.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: mblbbutcher@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lauren Butcher
<mblbbutcher@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 6:41 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Lauren Butcher
Honokaa, HI 96727
mblbbutcher@msn.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: joanne.amberg@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Joanne Amberg
<joanne.amberg@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 6:34 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I am a Certified Nurse Midwife practicing almost 30 years in Hawaii. Please keep abortion safe and legal and a decision between provider and patient.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Joanne Amberg CNM.
Kailua, HI 96734
joanne.amberg@gmail.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: design@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of T Hruska
<design@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 6:31 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
T Hruska
Haiku, HI 96708
design@blazingpages.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: dane.story@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Dane Story
<dane.story@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 12:07 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

How are we even discussing this in Hawaii in 2019?! This is disgusting and ONLY a ploy to restrict women's access to safe and easy access to reproductive health care. Anyone entertaining voting for this should be ashamed to their core. We don't create any policies controlling the male reproductive system and their private choices regarding their bodies. This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Dane Story
Kailua, HI 96734
dane.story@gmail.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: Renee@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Renee Ramsey
<Renee@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 12:03 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

My vote counts!

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Renee Ramsey
Kailua, HI 96734
Renee@MyFirstArtClass.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: terrytravis@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Terry Travis
<terrytravis@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 11:54 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mr. Terry Travis
Ewa Beach, HI 96706
terrytravis@hawaiiantel.net

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: chongaboolie@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jennifer Schneider
<chongaboolie@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 11:50 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

Aloha Representative Mizuno:

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

Mahalo.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Schneider
Pahoa, HI 96778
chongaboolie@hotmail.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: andy.keith1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Andrew Keith <andy.keith1@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 11:38 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mr. Andrew Keith
Kaneohe, HI 96744
andy.keith1@gmail.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: charlie_in_paradise@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of CHARLES LUCE
<charlie_in_paradise@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 11:31 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
CHARLES LUCE
Pahoa, HI 96778
charlie_in_paradise@msn.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: daniel.dano.gardner@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Dan Gardner
<daniel.dano.gardner@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 11:26 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii and should be immediately blocked.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Dan Gardner
Honolulu, HI 96821
daniel.dano.gardner@gmail.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: balihai7@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lilinoe Smith <balihai7@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 11:16 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Lilinoe Smith
Kalaheo, HI 96741
balihai7@hawaii.rr.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: cwsrephan@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of C.W.Stephan
<cwsrephan@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 11:13 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

HB undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors who provide medical care.

Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law.

HB 1184 is out of touch with the times and with Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Dr. C. W. Stephan
Honolulu, HI 96821
cwsrephan@gmail.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: cbm@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Carla Allison
<cbm@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 11:04 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Carla Allison
Honolulu, HI 96825
cbm@hawaii.rr.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: maya.meisenzahl@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Maya Meisenzahl
<maya.meisenzahl@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 10:58 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Maya Meisenzahl
Honolulu, HI 96828
maya.meisenzahl@gmail.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: anniemalay2004@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Patricia Bourke
<anniemalay2004@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 10:56 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Patricia Bourke
Volcano, HI 96718
anniemalay2004@yahoo.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: Wooley, Jessica <jwooley@aarp.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 8:52 AM
To: HLTtestimony; HSHtestimony
Subject: Testimony for 2/6 9:15 agenda
Attachments: Testimony to support HB466 ADRC.pdf; Testimony to support HB465 kupuna care.pdf;
Testimony to support HB467 caregivers.pdf

E kala mai, I apologize for these being late.

Aloha,

J

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: Irie Hawaii <iriehawaiistaff@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 7:49 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: I write you in STRONG OPPOSITION to HB387

Dear Chair Mizuno and The House Committee on Health,

I am writing in STRONG OPPOSITION to HB387.

Vapor Products Are Not the Same as Tobacco: They Contain No Tobacco and Often NO Nicotine. Vapor products and e-liquids contain NO tobacco, and often contain NO nicotine at all. They emit NO smoke, only water vapor and yet this bill tries to deceptively refers to vapor products as “Electronic Smoking Devices”. It is misleading to the public and wrong by definition. Vapor products are not the same as tobacco products and should be viewed, controlled, and talked about differently than traditional tobacco products. They are fundamentally different from tobacco products in every way, and many of its users use them because they are less harmful and different.

Studies Show That They Are Being Used to Curb Traditional Smoking Rates:
Vapor Products are not the same as tobacco products, and thus, should not be regulated in the same fashion. Vapor products have not been demonstrated to have the same detrimental effects of combustible tobacco products and have otherwise been shown in recent studies to be as much as 95% less toxic than traditional cigarettes.

A recent CDC report has shown e-cigarettes have supplanted all other traditional nicotine replacement therapies and are now the most commonly used product by consumers to quit using traditional tobacco cigarettes. This is an important fact, and something to consider if health is truly what you are concerned about: http://www.journalnow.com/business/business_news/local/cdc-report-shows-moresmokers-try-to-quit-with-e/article_a33383f3-5300-5178-9f14-28b52884c45c.html

Studies show that the substantial increase in e-cigarette use among US adult smokers was associated with a statistically significant increase in the smoking cessation rate at the population level: <http://www.bmj.com/content/358/bmj.j3262>

Restricting Delivery Is Only Going to Hurt Local Business

HB 387 would place restrictions on shipments of vapor products to only licensees and would thus act as a ban on Internet sales & purchases by the public and would be unenforceable. This would not successfully remove vapor products from the Internet. It would simply restrict local businesses from competing with businesses from the 49 other states and countries around the world who would not be subjected to this law. Internet sales provide access to vapor products for many local customers who live in remote locations. By restricting local Internet retailers, those purchases would simply be sent to mainland based suppliers or even worse, would force those people who do not have easy access to vapor products to return to smoking.

Please vote against this bill.

Thank you for considering this testimony.

Aloha,
Punahale Ridgeway

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: Irie Hawaii <iriehawaiiistaff@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 7:49 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: I write you in STRONG OPPOSITION to HB276

Dear Chair Mizuno & House Committee on Health,

I am writing in STRONG OPPOSITION to HB276.

Any regulation of flavors should occur at the federal level - Congress empowered FDA to establish tobacco product standards such as restricting flavors only if FDA determines that such action would be appropriate for the protection of the public health based on science and evidence.

Potential Harm Reduction Should Be Considered - E-vapor category is relatively new, some public health and tobacco control researchers have reached the preliminary conclusion that e-vapor products may present a compelling risk reduction opportunity compared to combustible cigarettes. Mitch Zeller, Director of the Center for Tobacco Products at FDA, along with many scientific experts, has recognized the promise tobacco harm reduction and potentially reduced risk products may hold for public health. In a recent letter to the World Health Organization, 53 global experts on nicotine policy stated that policies that are excessively restrictive or burdensome on lower risk products can have the unintended consequence of protecting cigarettes from competition from less hazardous alternatives and cause harm as a result. In a recent survey of 4,618 e-vapor consumers, almost half of participants said that a lack of variety of flavors would make reducing or completely switching from smoking cigarettes less likely.

Approximately 90% of adult e-vapor consumers report using flavored products.⁹ Hawaii should respect the preferences of adult consumers to use flavored products, especially when they could play a role in reducing tobacco-related harm. We believe regulators and legislators should tailor public policies to reflect the uniqueness of this category, including the fact that these products emit vapor, not smoke.

A ban on characterizing flavors could contribute to the growth of the “Do-It-Yourself” DIY involves purchasing separately, and then mixing, liquid nicotine, propylene glycol, glycerin, and flavors to make an e-liquid for an open device. Details on how to mix flavors and liquid nicotine are readily available online. Materials for DIY – some of which are of unknown quality and origin – are inexpensive and widely available. FDA has not yet explored issues raised by the separate sale, and home-mixing, of nicotine and flavorings.

21 Age Restriction Already in Place. Hawaii already has put a 21 and older ban on sales of vapor products in place. Kids should not use any nicotine product and access to such products, including those with characterizing flavors. No manufacturer should use children’s cartoons or youth-oriented candy trademarks to market their products. When its rulemaking is final, FDA will have comprehensive authority over the sale and marketing of all tobacco and tobacco-derived nicotine products. This authority includes the ability to take further action as required to prevent illegal underage purchase.

This ban would essential destroy the vapor industry as all flavors - even the “natural tobacco flavor” mentioned in the bill are the results of flavoring. This means all vapor products would be illegal if this bill passes. I am sure this is not what you meant to do with this bill, and its result would mean the lose of my business and creation of a black market and increased online sales of unregulated products.

Thank you for considering this testimony.

Aloha,
Punahale Ridgeway

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: Victor Salcedo <VSalcedo@ngpvan.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 5:26 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Advocacy Test

Have a good day!

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kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: Becky Gibson <bclgibson@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 10:45 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Testimony Against HB 1539, Relating to Removal of Oahu Region Board & Transfer to HHSC Board

Chair John Mizuno
Vice Chair Bertrand Kobayashi
House Committee on Health

February 5, 2019

Testimony Against HB 1539, Relating to Removal of Oahu Region Board & Transfer to HHSC Board

My name is Becky Gibson. I would like to express my concerns and testimony against House Bill 1539, relating to removal of Oahu Region Board & transfer to HHSC Board. This bill will affect greatly to our continuing growing frail and vulnerable elderly population who need twenty-four hour professional care on Oahu. With the HHSC Board, their interest is based on their own agenda (financial aspects and benefits of the HHSC body) instead of the well-being of the frail and vulnerable elderly population.

Leahi and Maluhia hospitals have been serving the frail and vulnerable elderly population who require care in their activities of daily living for over 50 years. Leahi and Maluhia provide skilled nursing and long term care and are well known among the community. Their adult day health program enables families with frail and vulnerable elderly (who require assistance with part of activities of daily living, such and toileting, meal preparation, showering, ambulation, and feeding) to continue to work and know that their loved ones are being taken care of.

I have been working at Leahi & Maluhia since 1999. The majority of the residents who live in Leahi and Maluhia are Medicaid participants and usually are first or second generation immigrants. As the gap widens between the rich and the poor, Maluhia and Leahi have been a place for those in need. If a corporate board would oversee the Oahu region in the future and did not have any vested interest, how could we serve this population who need care?

Is the removal of the Oahu Region Board and transfer to the HHSC Board the only solution? Why do other regions (Kauai, Maui, East Hawaii & West Hawaii) have their own boards and yet Oahu falls under HHSC jurisdiction?

I am very troubled regarding the passage of this bill and the constant changes in the health care system in our country. I am hoping that the care of the elderly at Leahi and Maluhia continue to be supported. No one knows how our health care industry is going to be in the future and one day we will be part of this frail and vulnerable elderly population. Do we want a place like Leahi and Maluhia to care for our activities of daily living when we are no longer able to?

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Becky Gibson
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Honolulu, HI 96826

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: Cheryl <cherylhawaii@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 8:43 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB1184 testimony

Aloha,
I am for HB 1184 and I strongly urge the committee to vote in favor of saving precious lives.

Mahalo,
Cheryl Witbeck
808 839-2507

Sent from my iPhone

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: Carole Mehau <cjmehau@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 6:30 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Born Alive HB1184

I am writing in support of HB1184 for infants born alive to be provided medically appropriate and reasonable life-giving treatment. In fact, I support zero abortions—always have, always will. Sincerely, Carole Mehau, Mountain View, HI

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 6:56:58 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Teresa Bill	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

HB 1184 is a bill that politicizes a standard, safe and legal medical procedure - abortion. This bill is unnecessary and highly inflammatory in both language and intent. It negatively impacts women's health care. The State of Hawaii has a long history of safe, legal abortions and women in Hawaii desire that remain so without additional restrictions on the care doctors can provide.

I strongly oppose HB 1184.

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 7:29:57 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shandhini Raidoo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

February 5, 2019

To: Representatives Mizuno, Kobayashi, and Members of the Committee on Health

Re: HB 1184 – Relating to Born Alive Infants

Position: Strong Opposition

Dear Representatives,

I am a physician working at the University of Hawaii, John A. Burns School of Medicine, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Women’s Health. I provide comprehensive obstetrics and gynecology services and teach medical students, residents and fellows how to provide compassionate, scientifically-based, women’s health care. My views are my own and do not represent those of the University of Hawaii. I am writing in strong opposition of HB 1184.

This proposed bill is based on the false claim that infants are “born alive” at the time of an abortion. Those of us with scientific knowledge and medical training know that this is not how abortions occur. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and other national professional organizations recognize that bills that criminalize abortion limit access to safe, evidence-based, reproductive health care.

What this bill would do is harm people who are experiencing pregnancies with fetal anomalies. The few abortions that do occur later in pregnancy involve fetal anomalies that incompatible with life, anomalies that would result in death during or shortly after birth. In these cases, families are faced with the difficult decision to continue a

pregnancy or end a pregnancy, and may choose to induce labor and provide palliative, compassionate care rather than resuscitate their newborn that has no chance of survival. This bill would mandate that medical providers provide resuscitation and would not allow for families to choose to grieve their loss in a way that befits their values. As healthcare providers, our goal is to provide evidence-based medical care for patients in line with the decisions they think are best for their health and their family.

Health policies must be based on the best medical evidence that allows patients to make the decisions that are best for themselves and their families and allows healthcare providers to support patients in those decisions to the best of their medical ability, free from the fear of political interference based on false claims. This piece of anti-choice legislation will negatively impact pregnant women, their families, and the healthcare providers who care for them.

Based on my knowledge and expertise as a physician, I strongly oppose this bill and urge the legislature to stop this bill from advancing any further.

Sincerely,

Shandhini Raidoo, MD, MPH

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 1:20:20 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Taylor	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I respectfully urge that this proposal be withdrawn. It is yet another thinly disguised attempt to interfere between the sacred bond between a physician and his patient. Hawaii has consistently and proudly refused to legislate measures that are barriers to a woman's right to choose and her ability to seek medical care from a physician. I might expect a measure such as this to be heard in Kentucky, not in my home state of Hawaii. The proponents of this measure are simply creating incremental legislation to intimidate health care providers and make it more difficult for a woman to find health care options. The proponents know full well that if they openly attack a woman's right to seek health care options, including abortion, in private consultation with her physician, they will be voted down. To continue to try to sneak measures such as this into Hawaii law is appalling and fools none of us. Know that women are watching and we will be voting to protect our rights and that of our health care providers.

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 12:10:41 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Judy Taggerty-Onaga	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Allowing Born Alive Infant Human Children to Die is Truly Horrific and Inhumane and should never happen in our Humane Safe Nation and State where Children use to come first.

This HB1184 is unbelievable that any U.S. citizen could introduce such a horrific law, sounds like something from Hilters camp. This is out right Murder no matter how "they" twist it. Can only guess "they" can't slaughter enough little babie in the womb have to kill the born alive infants as well. This is insane. What has happened to the human race? Shame on us as a people.

Mahalo for your time. And praying you make wise choices as this is a slippery slope we are on.

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 12:10:36 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This bill is unnecessary- physicians are already required to provide care for their patients. It's an egregious governmental over-reach to intrude into the physician-patient relationship and an attempt to deny women's rights to privacy and decisions over their personal healthcare. STRONGLY oppose! Mind your own business.

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 10:34:44 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This bill has no place in Hawaii. It's a blatant attempt to criminalize and intimidate abortion providers. Medical guidelines are already in place for healthcare providers. This undermines access to safe legal abortion which is supported by the majority of Americans. This is putting lives at risk. Please do not support this bill!

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 11:59:33 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Georgina Failautusi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I Georgina Puaokalani Failautusi strong oppose HB 1184 born alive bill.

Babies are made in the image of God!

Please vote NO to this bill and save precious lives!

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 10:11:12 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lucy Miller	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill is misleading, has no scientific basis and denies choice.

Date: February 5, 2019

To: Senators

From: Marguerite Lisa Bartholomew, MD

Re: HB 1184 – Relating to Born Alive Infants

Position: Absolute opposition

Dear: Senators

I am a physician working at the University of Hawaii, John A. Burns School of Medicine, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Women's Health. I am board certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology and Maternal Fetal Medicine. I teach medical students, residents and fellows how to provide compassionate, scientifically-based, women's health care. My views are my own and do not represent the University of Hawaii where I am an Associate Professor. I am writing in absolute opposition of HB 1184.

My first thought when I read this bill, is "You know not of what you speak". In the practice of Maternal Fetal Medicine, I am on the front lines counseling with families who are expected to make the most difficult decisions any person can face regarding severe fetal abnormalities and or delivery that occurs and the threshold of viability through no fault of anyone. Many severe fetal anomalies are not compatible with life after birth. A large part of my job is to assist families make the best decisions that they can for themselves and their fetuses/newborns based on sound medical evidence and the ethical principles of beneficence and autonomy.

We are obligated as medical care providers to honor the ethical principle of beneficence. Beneficence means do what is in the best interests of our patients and to do no harm. Autonomy allows the patient to make her own decisions for herself and her newborn, even if she has decided to end the pregnancy or the decision is made for her by natural processes. These principles support the choice to allow comfort care for an extremely premature or severely anomalous newborn if life saving measures are considered futile by the opinions of the health care provider and family. There are limits to what medical science can do to resuscitate and prolong the life a newborn that is extremely premature or severely malformed, much the same way that there are limits to what can be done at the end of life.

Often, the best choice a family can make in a futile situation is comfort care. Comfort care allows the newborn to pass in the comfort and peace of her parent's arms. Resuscitation is physically painful and separates the newborn from the parents. A breathing tube is put down the throat of a newborn that may be too small to accommodate the smallest tube. Needles are poked into tiny abdomens, arms, and legs. Chest compression (CPR) easily and often break tiny ribs and bruise skin. A government body cannot and should not regulate decisions about resuscitation. This belongs in the realm of the provider patient relationship. The proposed bill is a privacy (HIPPA) violation and insinuates that families and providers make such decisions casually and without guidelines. This assumption cannot be farther from the truth. Our

professional organizations and our hospitals have well thought out and evidence-based guidelines surrounding termination of pregnancy that serve the needs of women within the law as it already exists. It is short sighted and dangerous to label medical decisions made between a provider and patient as criminal.

Secondly, the proposed bill is based on the myth that infants are “born-alive” at the time of abortion. This is not medically accurate. Highlighting this as a problem, is sensationalism designed to frighten the public. Those of us who are knowledgeable in women’s health understand that this is not how abortions occur. Multiple national organizations including the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists recognize that the proposed bill is another attempt to criminalize abortion and curtail access to safe, legal reproductive health care.

HB 1184 should not be passed and is harmful to the families of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Marguerite Lisa Bartholomew, MD

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:11:35 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lois Langham	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I support the Democratic party position on this matter:

"We cannot support the provisions that continue the practice of denying women coverage for abortion services. Access to these services should not continue to be denied to women who most need these services."

DATE: February 5, 2019

TO: Representatives Mizuno and Kobayashi, & Members of the Committee on Health

RE: HB 1184 - Relating to Born Alive Infants

POSITION: Strongly Oppose

Dear Representatives,

I am a researcher in family planning and work alongside some of Hawaii's second trimester abortion providers. I am writing in **strong opposition** to HB 1184.

Fetuses are NOT "born" with signs of life after surgical abortion procedures.

This bill would not only solve a problem that doesn't exist, but would also:

1. **Criminalize health care providers and threaten them with manslaughter and 2nd degree murder.** You are risking having health care providers no longer serving our community out of fear and misunderstanding.
2. **Burden parents choosing palliative or comfort care for periviable infants or infants with severe anomalies.** No parent wants to face this situation, but when they do, they should be able to choose what they feel is best for themselves and their family. These decisions should be made by families in consultation with their health care providers.

This is essentially an anti-choice piece of legislation that has been used in other states to push other anti-choice laws.

We in Hawaii are better than this. I urge the Health Committee to stop HB 1184 from advancing any further.

Sincerely,

Tiana Fontanilla, M.P.H.

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 9:25:38 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lynn Onderko	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 9:28:47 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard Onderko	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

Date: February 5, 2019

To: Senators

From: Bliss Kaneshiro MD, MPH

Re: HB 1184 – Relating to Born Alive Infants

Position: Strong opposition

Dear: Senators

I am a physician working at the University of Hawaii, John A. Burns School of Medicine, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Women's Health. I provide comprehensive obstetrics and gynecology services and teach medical students, residents and fellows how to provide compassionate, scientifically-based, women's health care. My views are my own and do not represent the University of Hawaii where I am a Professor with Tenure. I am writing in strong opposition of HB 1184.

The proposed bill is based on the myth that infants are "born-alive" at the time of abortion. This is not medically accurate. Those of us who are knowledgeable in women's health understand that this is not how abortions occur. Multiple national organizations including the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists recognize that the proposed bill is another attempt to criminalize abortion and curtail access to safe, legal reproductive health care.

What the proposed bill would do is adversely affect pregnancies affected by severe fetal anomalies. Many abortions that occur later in pregnancy involve fetal anomalies incompatible with life, such as anencephaly, the absence of the brain and cranium above the base of the skull, or limb-body wall complex, when the organs develop outside of the body cavity. In these cases, where death is likely before or shortly after birth, patients may decide whether to continue the pregnancy or end the pregnancy – in some instance families may elect to induce labor and provide compassionate care, rather than resuscitation. This bill would mandate resuscitation rather than compassionate care and would not allow a family to grieve in a way they see fit. Our focus must be to provide medically-appropriate, compassionate care for the patient, honoring what she feels is best for her health and her family.

Sound health policy must be based on scientific facts and evidence-based medicine. The best health care is provided free from political interference in the patient-physician relationship. This is clearly an anti-choice piece of legislation that would grossly interfere in medical practice criminalizing health care providers who seek to honor the wishes of their patient.

Therefore, I strongly oppose HB 1184 and urge the Legislature to stop this bill from advancing further.

Thank you,

Bliss Kaneshiro MD, MPH

Date: February 5, 2019

To: Senators

From: Jennifer Chin, MD

Re: HB 1184 – Relating to Born Alive Infants

Position: **STRONG OPPOSITION**

Dear: Senators

I am an Obstetrics and Gynecology resident at the University of Hawaii, John A. Burns School of Medicine. I provide comprehensive women's health care to my patients at multiple hospitals. This care includes but is not limited to abortion care. I am writing in strong opposition of HB 1184.

The proposed bill is based on the myth that infants are "born-alive" at the time of abortion. This is not medically accurate. Those of us who are knowledgeable in women's health understand that this is not how abortions occur. Multiple national organizations including the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists recognize that the proposed bill is another attempt to criminalize abortion and curtail access to safe, legal reproductive health care.

I recently took care of a patient who broke her water bag when she was only 4 months pregnant. As this was a strongly desired pregnancy she and her partner were heartbroken. They asked if anything could be done to save her pregnancy and wept when we told her that at this early gestational age, there was nothing we could do. She elected for a medication abortion and received pills to help her uterus contract. When her tiny 18 week old son was delivered, she and her husband held him and held each other. All of the staff left the room so they could have their alone time. They were able to grieve and spend their first and last moments with their son in peace and quiet. Although a difficult process, they were thankful for the care they received and hope to try again soon.

If this proposed bill went into effect, imagine how this scenario would unfold. Instead of being allowed to grieve and hold their son, this couple would have had to have him quickly taken away, had to watch futile resuscitative efforts, watch their room become swarmed with a huge medical team, and, in the end, most likely their son would have still passed or his suffering would have been unnecessarily prolonged. Our focus as healthcare providers must be to provide medically-appropriate, compassionate care for the patient, honoring what she feels is best for her health and her family.

I went to medical school in Louisiana and know what happens when abortion access is restricted. Women turn to desperate measures to end their pregnancies and this puts their own lives and those around them at risk. As the first state to legalize abortion, we must uphold our legacy of protecting women's bodily autonomy and oppose any legislature that restricts abortion and puts our most vulnerable populations at risk.

Sound health policy must be based on scientific facts and evidence-based medicine. The best health care is provided free from political interference in the patient-physician relationship. This is clearly an anti-choice piece of legislation that would grossly interfere in medical practice criminalizing health care providers who seek to honor the wishes of their patient.

Therefore, **I strongly oppose HB 1184 and urge the Legislature to stop this bill from advancing further.**

Thank you,

Jennifer Chin, MD

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 7:02:08 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Celina Hayashi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

RE: HB1184 – Relating to Born Alive Infants Position: STRONGLY OPPOSE

Dear Chair Mizuno, Vice Chair Kobayashi, and members of the House Committee on Health:

I am a medical student at the University of Hawai'i and I was born and raised here in Hawai'i. I care deeply about the health and well-being of our community. Although this testimony reflects my own views and is not necessarily representative of the University of Hawai'i, my stance on this bill is based on scientific knowledge, years of health education, and a deep understanding of how this could detrimentally affect the families and healthcare providers of Hawai'i.

I write to you in **strong opposition to HB1184**. This bill will not positively affect the health of "infants" and discusses a healthcare situation that is irrelevant. Furthermore, the language is vague and not reflective of the current recommendations from any of the reputable American medical societies.

Furthermore, this legislation threatens to punish health care providers with serious charges of manslaughter or murder in the second degree in situations that are complex and when these healthcare providers are providing the best individualized care for specific families. This legislation does not take into consideration that individualized care and instead will create a system in which healthcare decisions are based on fear of undeserved punitive measures due to the myths that this legislation will perpetuate. As a future doctor, it has always been my dream to practice here in Hawai'i to serve my community and make this a healthier place. This legislation will make it even more difficult for both current and future physicians to do what is best for their patients, this legislation can contribute to our already tragic issue of the physician shortage.

In the best interest of the health of Hawai'i, I **strongly oppose HB1184** and respectfully urge you to **not** pass this harmful and poorly-crafted piece of legislation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mahalo,

Celina Hayashi

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Senator John M. Mizuno, Chair
Senator Bertrand Kobayashi, Chair
Committee on Health

Emma M. Ishihara

Thursday, February 7th, 2019

Opposing H.B. No. 1184, Relating to Born Alive Infants

Dear Senator Mizuno and Senator Kobayashi,

I am submitting this testimony in opposition to House Bill 1184, A Bill for an Act Relating to Born Alive Infants, which would provide civil and criminal penalties to any physician, nurse, or other healthcare providers who, after performing an abortion procedure, fail to administer life-saving treatments to a “live birth” fetus, and the parent(s) or guardian(s) if they attempt to conceal the “birth” of the fetus.

The definition used in the act regarding a “born alive” infant includes “a heartbeat,” which, can occur as early as the seventh week after conception (Hutchinson, 2019, 57). It also includes “definite movement of voluntary muscles,” which can occur as early as the twelfth week after conception (Hutchinson, 2019, 57). In studies done by Marilee C. Allen et al. (1993) and by Gary D. V. Hankins MD et al. (2013), they identified the lower limits of fetal viability between twenty-two and twenty-five weeks gestation. Both of these limitations fall well before the scientifically identified range of gestation weeks during which a fetus could survive outside of the womb and even at twenty-two weeks, many fetuses did not survive to become toddlers.

The Center for Disease Control’s (CDC) Abortion Surveillance 2015 reported that only 1.3% of abortions were performed at twenty-one weeks or more gestation and that most occurred before fourteen weeks gestation. Similar numbers were reported in the documentary “Reversing Roe” (2018). In the documentary, they described how many women went to the former president, Bill Clinton, and talked to him about how their abortions saved their lives and helped with their mental health.

With so few people having abortions after the limit of fetal viability and the definition in this Bill being as ill-defined and non-factually-based as it is, I protest the passage of this Bill and the criminalization of abortions. I urge the committee to oppose H.B. No. 1184. Thank you for your time and this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,
Emma Ishihara

Student at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa

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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 10:29:04 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michelle Mak	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

To the Committee on Health,

This testimony is written in opposition to HB 1184. First of all, are there any documented instances where healthcare providers attempting to perform an abortion deprived the "born alive infant" of required medical care? It seems as if the legislators who wrote and sponsored this bill are seeking political attention for a non-existent issue in line with a national agenda to polarize Americans. Let's not let the vocal minority get the rest of us in a tizzy over issues that don't actually occur.

Second of all, Hawaii law requires that abortions are performed BEFORE the point of fetus viability. Given this requirement, the issue of born alive infants (a completely redundant reference and a poor use of english) seems like a moot point as abortions cannot be legally performed on a viable fetus aka born alive infant. Were any medical professionals consulted while this HB was drafted? It does not appear so.

I sincerely urge the Committee on Health to focus on issues that actually matter to the people of Hawaii instead of made-for-twitter legislative fodder such as this. If legislators were truly concerned with the sanctity of life, why not focus on providing contraceptive access to any person (man or woman) who wants it. FYI - Contraception defined as methods PREVENTING fertilization, not terminating the result of fertilization aka fetus. I sincerely ask all Hawaii representatives to keep politics out of uteruses.

The only things that should be in a uterus are consensually conceived fetuses, not unsolicited political opinions with no medical expertise. Thank you for reading my testimony.

Date: February 5, 2019

To: Senators

From: Kelly Yamasato MD

Re: HB 1184 – Relating to Born Alive Infants

Position: Strong opposition

Dear: Senators

I am a physician and Assistant Professor with the University of Hawaii, John A. Burns School of Medicine, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Women's Health. My views are my own and do not represent the University of Hawaii.

I am writing in strong opposition of HB 1184. As a maternal-fetal medicine specialist, I have devoted my career to taking care of women with high-risk pregnancies. This means that every day at work I strive to provide high-risk mothers and their babies with the best outcome possible within current medical limitations.

It is therefore with this experience and understanding that I know that the proposed bill will have perhaps unintended, but nevertheless devastating effects on some families. There are too often tragic situations in which it is known that the child, once born, has very little or no chance to survive for very long. In these situations we allow families to choose the care they would like for their newborn after birth. In many of these situations, families, understandably, choose comfort care. Comfort care is treatment that aims to keep the child comfortable while allowing the family to hold and spend time with their child rather than pursuing invasive and often painful interventions that attempt to prolong life in the setting of a dismal prognosis and separates the family from their child.

Resuscitation, though often live-saving, is not completely benign. It involves aggressive measures – multiple needles and catheters, CPR that may break ribs in a tiny chest wall, a breathing tube. Again, in cases where the prognosis for the child is very poor, it is not acceptable to force families, or create the perception among providers that families need to be forced to accept these interventions if they are not going to make a difference in the ultimate outcome for their child.

Therefore, **I strongly oppose HB 1184 and urge the Legislature to stop this bill from advancing further.**

Thank you,

Kelly Yamasato, MD

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 10:54:08 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joshua Kay	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose HB1184. It is completely unnecessary.

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 10:00:16 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Raelyn Reyno Yeomans	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Oppose

Date: February 5, 2019

To: Representatives
From: Sara Harris, MD

Re: HB 1184 – Relating to Born Alive Infants

Position: Strong opposition

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

I am an obstetrician-gynecologist born and raised in Hawaii who provides comprehensive women's health services. I am a clinical faculty member with the University of Hawaii and I teach medical students and residents how to provide compassionate, scientifically-based care. My views are my own and do not represent the University of Hawaii. I am writing in strong opposition of HB 1184.

The proposed bill is based on the myth that infants are "born-alive" at the time of abortion. This is not medically accurate. Those of us who are knowledgeable in women's health understand that this is not how abortions occur. Multiple national organizations including the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists recognize that the proposed bill is another attempt to criminalize abortion and curtail access to safe, legal reproductive health care.

What the proposed bill would do is adversely affect pregnancies affected by severe fetal anomalies. Many abortions that occur later in pregnancy involve fetal anomalies incompatible with life, such as anencephaly (the absence of the brain and cranium above the base of the skull) or limb-body wall complex (when the organs develop outside of the body cavity). In these cases, where death is likely before or shortly after birth, patients may decide whether to continue the pregnancy or end the pregnancy – in some instances, families may elect to induce labor and provide compassionate care, rather than resuscitation. This bill would mandate resuscitation rather than compassionate care and would not allow a family to grieve in a way they see fit. Our focus must be to provide medically-appropriate, compassionate care for the patient, honoring what she feels is best for her health and her family.

Sound health policy must be based on scientific facts and evidence-based medicine. The best health care is provided free from political interference in the patient-physician relationship. This is clearly an anti-choice piece of legislation that would grossly interfere in medical practice criminalizing health care providers who seek to honor the wishes of their patient.

Therefore, I **strongly oppose HB 1184 and urge the Legislature to stop this bill from advancing further.**

Thank you,
Sara Harris, MD

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 10:29:50 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maya Maxym	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a physician who provides compassionate and life-sustaining care for children suffering from severe handicaps on a daily basis, I strongly oppose the misleading wording in the title of this bill and the bill itself. 20 weeks is not viable by any medical standard, so the implication that there is any appropriate medical care that could be provided to a fetus born at that gestation is factually incorrect. This bill strikes me as posturing rather than an attempt to protect the lives of children in our state, especially as live birth of a viable infant after an attempted abortion is an exceedingly rare event. Please vote against this bill and dedicate the legislature's time to more pressing concerns that actually affect the life of children, such as adequate resources for the foster care system, education, and funding the HHA. Thank you.

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 10:31:24 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lea Minton	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

I **STRONGLY OPPOSE** HB1184; it is an abhorrent bill. It's appalling the Health committee chose to hear this bill. It is shameful that this legislative body would consider threatening health care workers with murder in the second degree, manslaughter, \$10K in fines and/or 5 years imprisonment when they are performing safe, legal procedures in accordance with their clients decision. It is disrespectful to disregard a woman's choice about her body and force futile procedures on a fetal body. This anti-abortion bill has no business in Hawaii and needs to be deferred immediately.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 12:32:27 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kathy Fry	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

DATE: February 6, 2019

TO: Representatives Mizuno and Kobayashi, & Members of the Committee on Health

RE: HB 1184 - Relating to Born Alive Infants

POSITION: Strongly Oppose

Dear Representatives,

I am a scientist and advocate for reproductive rights. I understand the value of evidence-based policies for science and healthcare. I am writing in **strong opposition** to HB 1184.

Fetuses are NOT “born” with signs of life after surgical abortion procedures.

This bill would not only solve a problem that doesn’t exist, but would also:

1. **Criminalize health care providers and threaten them with manslaughter and 2nd degree murder.** You are risking having health care providers no longer serving our community out of fear and misunderstanding.
2. **Burden parents choosing palliative or comfort care for periviable infants or infants with severe anomalies.** No parent wants to face this situation, but when they do, they should be able to choose what they feel is best for themselves and their family. These decisions should be made by families in consultation with their health care providers.

This is essentially an anti-choice piece of legislation that has been used in other states to push other anti-choice laws.

I urge the Health Committee to stop HB 1184 from advancing any further.

Sincerely,

Daniel P. Strange II

HEARING DATE: Thursday, February 7, 2019 (8:30AM)
PLACE: House Conference Room 329

RE: HB1184 – Relating to Born Alive Infants
Position: STRONGLY OPPOSE

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

I am an obstetrician-gynecologist from Hawai'i who provides comprehensive reproductive health care, and I am proud to serve my community. I am also an associate professor at the University of Hawai'i, John A. Burns School of Medicine, and my views are my own and do not represent the University of Hawai'i. I write to you with over twenty years of experience in not only providing reproductive health care, but teaching this care to medical students, residents and fellows. And I write to you in **STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB1184**.

This is a bad bill. If the intent of this bill is to protect the health of infants, this legislation does not do anything close to that. It is based on a myth that infants are "born alive" at the time of abortion. Anyone who knows anything about abortion knows that this is not a thing. This is not based on any medical or scientific fact. In addition, the language on how health care providers would comply with this law are vague. And that is purposeful. Because let's be clear – scaring health care providers who provide abortion is the actual intent of this bill. Therefore, what this bill will actually do is reduce access to a safe and legal procedure. This bill has been used in other states as part of a larger effort to curtail access to abortion.

I repeat, this bill will not protect the health of infants. The patients who will end up suffering because of this bill are patients for whom medical complications occur in either the baby or the mother. Have you ever had to tell a woman who finally got pregnant after years of trying that her baby has a severe medical condition and will die either prior to delivery or soon after? Or that her baby has severe anomalies that will require multiple surgeries before the age of 1? Have you ever had to tell this woman that she will need to leave her other children and her job so that she can take this baby with severe anomalies to another state for a year for all these surgeries? Have you ever had to tell this woman that even after all these surgeries, we don't know if her baby will ever walk or talk or sleep comfortably without pain or even know who she is? I've had several of these patients – Malia, Ashley, Emily, Kehau... Some have chosen to continue their pregnancies, and some have chosen to end the pregnancy and give their baby comfort care instead. It should be their choice. These women and their families face decisions no one should have to make; decisions about what their values are and what is best for their family; decisions that none of us has a right to make for them or judge them for. What they need in these moments is compassion and medically accurate information from health care providers free of judgement or politics.

Hawai'i has a strong and proud history of protecting the right to choose and protecting the privacy of this sometimes painful decision. This law flies in the face of this and would be a step backward for Hawai'i. This is not who we are. We are better than this.

I strongly oppose HB1184 and respectfully urge you to not pass this harmful and deceptive piece of legislation.

As a physician who specializes in reproductive health care, I am happy to answer any questions or provide any factual and evidence-based information regarding abortion care. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Mahalo,



Reni Soon, MD, MPH
Associate Professor
University of Hawaii, John A. Burns School of Medicine
Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Women's Health

To: Hawaii State House of Representatives Committee on Health
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, February 7, 2019, 8:30 a.m.
Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 329
Re: Testimony in strong opposition to H.B. 1184

Dear Chair Mizuno and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong opposition to H.B. 1184. This bill would establish harsh criminal penalties for health care providers as an attempt to undermine our legal right to abortion in this state. Bills of this nature have been introduced nationwide by the religious right to undermine the decisions of women to have an abortion, which is legal at the state and national level. While everyone is entitled to their own opinion on abortion, opposing views should not restrict and limit the ability for women to access abortion services or threaten health care providers with criminal penalties for performing abortions.

The decision about if and when to become a parent should be up to a woman and her doctor, not the public, and not politicians. This has been our standard for decades, and it is not time to move backward now. Please stand with the women of Hawaii and oppose this bill.

Sincerely,
Lauren Finley-Jacob

Date: February 6, 2019

To: Senators

From: Danielle Ogez MD, MPP

Re: HB 1184 – Relating to Born Alive Infants

Position: Strong opposition

Dear: Senators

I am a physician working at in Women's Health at multiple institutions in Hawaii. I provide comprehensive obstetrics and gynecology services, and on a daily basis aim to provide compassionate, scientifically-based, women's health care. My views are my own and do not represent the views of any particular hospital or institution. I am writing in strong opposition of HB 1184.

The proposed bill is based on the myth that infants are "born-alive" at the time of abortion. This is not medically accurate. Those of us who are knowledgeable in women's health understand that this is not how abortions occur. Multiple national organizations including the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists recognize that the proposed bill is another attempt to criminalize abortion and curtail access to safe, legal reproductive health care.

What the proposed bill would do is adversely affect pregnancies affected by severe fetal anomalies. Many abortions that occur later in pregnancy involve fetal anomalies incompatible with life, such as anencephaly, the absence of the brain and cranium above the base of the skull, or limb-body wall complex, when the organs develop outside of the body cavity. In these cases, where death is likely before or shortly after birth, patients may decide whether to continue the pregnancy or end the pregnancy – in some instance families may elect to induce labor and provide compassionate care, rather than resuscitation. This bill would mandate resuscitation rather than compassionate care and would not allow a family to grieve in a way they see fit. Our focus must be to provide medically-appropriate, compassionate care for the patient, honoring what she feels is best for her health and her family.

Sound health policy must be based on scientific facts and evidence-based medicine. The best health care is provided free from political interference in the patient-physician relationship. This is clearly an anti-choice piece of legislation that would grossly interfere in medical practice criminalizing health care providers who seek to honor the wishes of their patient.

Therefore, I strongly oppose HB 1184 and urge the Legislature to stop this bill from advancing further.

Thank you,

Danielle Ogez MD, MPP

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 8:35:33 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Men-Jean Lee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

HEARING DATE: Thursday, February 7, 2019 (8:30AM) PLACE: House Conference Room 329

RE: HB1184 – Relating to Born Alive Infants Position: STRONGLY OPPOSE

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

I am a Maternal-Fetal Medicine specialist from Hawai'i who provides High Risk Obstetric prenatal care to pregnant women with multiple illnesses and or unexpected complications of pregnancy and I am proud to serve my community. I am also a full professor at the University of Hawai'i, John A. Burns School of Medicine, and my views are my own and do not represent the University of Hawai'i. I write to you with almost 30 years of experience in not only providing prenatal care and diagnosis, but teaching this care to medical students, residents and fellows. And I write to you in STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB1184.

This is a bad bill. If the intent of this bill is to protect the health of infants, this legislation does not do anything close to that. It is based on a myth that infants are "born alive" at the time of abortion. Anyone who knows anything about abortion knows that this is not a thing. This is not based on any medical or scientific fact. In addition, the language on how health care providers would comply with this law are vague. And that is purposeful. Because let's be clear – scaring health care providers who provide abortion is the actual intent of this bill. Therefore, what this bill will actually do is reduce access to a safe and legal procedure. This bill has been used in other states as part of a larger effort to curtail access to abortion.

I repeat, this bill will not protect the health of infants. The patients who will end up suffering because of this bill are patients for whom medical complications occur in either the baby or the mother. Have you ever had to tell a woman who finally got pregnant after trying for years that her baby has severe anomalies that will require multiple surgeries before the age of 1? Have you ever had to tell this woman that she will need to leave her other children and her job so that she can take this baby with severe anomalies to another state for a year for all these surgeries? Have you ever had to tell this woman that even after all these surgeries, we don't know if her baby will ever walk or talk or be able to live independently? Have you ever had to hold the hand of a patient who is being put on a ventilator whose lungs are failing, not knowing if she will ever wake up again and if her baby will survive? These are real people and real stories

of women from Hawaii. Part of my job is crying with these patients and families day after day to guide them in making some of the most tragic choices of their lives. They may choose to continue the pregnancy or they may choose to end the pregnancy and give their baby comfort care instead. It should be their choice because this affects their lives for the long run. These women and their families face decisions no one should have to make; decisions about what their values are and what is best for their family; decisions that none of us has a right to make for them or judge them for. What they need in these moments is compassion and medically accurate information from health care providers free of judgement or politics.

Hawai'i has a strong and proud history of protecting the right to choose and protecting the privacy of this sometimes painful decision. This law flies in the face of this and would be a step backward for Hawai'i. This is not who we are. We are better than this. I strongly oppose HB1184 and respectfully urge you to not pass this harmful and deceptive piece of legislation.

As a physician who is on the front lines of taking care of women and families who are in these tragic situations, I am happy to answer any questions or provide any factual and evidence-based information regarding abortion and resuscitating babies with lethal complications, and the types of medical conditions women can face during pregnancy. Thank you for the opportunity to

Sincerely,

Men-Jean Lee, MD, FACOG

Date: February 6, 2019

To: Senators and Representatives

From: Nicole Kurata, MD

Re: HB 1184 – Relating to Born Alive Infants

Position: Strong opposition

Dear: Senators and Representatives

I am a physician working at the University of Hawaii, John A. Burns School of Medicine, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Women's Health. I provide comprehensive obstetrics and gynecology services and teach medical students and residents how to provide compassionate, scientifically-based, women's health care. My views are my own and do not represent the University of Hawaii. I am writing in strong opposition of HB 1184.

The proposed bill is based on the myth that infants are "born-alive" at the time of abortion. This is not medically accurate. Those of us who are knowledgeable in women's health understand that this is not how abortions occur. Multiple national organizations including the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists recognize that the proposed bill is another attempt to criminalize abortion and curtail access to safe, legal reproductive health care.

What the proposed bill would do is adversely affect pregnancies affected by severe fetal anomalies. Many abortions that occur later in pregnancy involve fetal anomalies incompatible with life, such as anencephaly, the absence of the brain and cranium above the base of the skull, or limb-body wall complex, when the organs develop outside of the body cavity. In these cases, where death is likely before or shortly after birth, patients may decide whether to continue the pregnancy or end the pregnancy – in some instance families may elect to induce labor and provide compassionate care, rather than resuscitation. This bill would mandate resuscitation rather than compassionate care and would not allow a family to grieve in a way they see fit. Our focus must be to provide medically-appropriate, compassionate care for the patient, honoring what she feels is best for her health and her family.

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Therefore, I strongly oppose HB 1184 and urge the Legislature to stop this bill from advancing further.

Thank you,

Nicole Kurata, MD

To: Chair Rep. John M. Mizuno, Vice Chair Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, and members of the House Committee on Health
Subject: Testimony in **OPPOSITION** TO H.B. 1184
Date: February 7, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. in Rm 329

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in OPPOSITION to HB 1184.

The right of women to make their own reproductive choices is enshrined in Hawaii law and the Hawaii constitution. This is reflected in the strong state-wide support of abortion rights.

This year, conservative political elements are again recasting the abortion issue, again misinterpreting the problem, again chipping away the rights of women, again trying to divide the community and again trying to re-energize a conservative base, this time for the 2020 election.

It has been my practice not to mention political positions or platforms, but this bill is a blatant, radical, religious-right political ploy. In the last week the Governor of Virginia was targeted; President Trump misrepresented the issue in his State of the Union speech; and across the nation anti-abortion bills like this, which are full of falsehoods and misrepresentation, are keeping us from the vital business of governing and distracting us with divisive and inflammatory argument.

Sincerely,

Amy Monk
Co-chair, Women's Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 3:29:29 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laura Ruby	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Testimony in opposition to HB1184:

Whereas Hawai'i ws the first state to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment;

Whereas Hawai'i endeavors to make health access available to all and promote good helath for women;

Whereas women have a right to choose in their own health decisions;

Be it resolved that there be no legislative interference in a woman's right to choose her own medical treatment.

Sincerely,

Laura Ruby

366-0847

Hearing Date: Thursday, February 7, 2019, 9:30 am, Room 329

To: House Committee on Health
Chair, Representative John Minzuno
Vice Chair, Representative Bert Kobayashi

From: Jean Evans, MPH (Individual, jevans9999@yahoo.com,
808-728-1152, 99-1669 Hoapono Pl., Aiea, HI 96701)

**Re: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION OF HB 1184 – Relating to BORN
ALIVE BIRTHS**

My name is Jean Evans and **I am in strong opposition of HB 1536 Relating to Equal Pay.**

This measure is an anti-choice attack on Hawaii's long history of protecting a woman's choice regarding reproductive decisions. The language feeds a political agenda to chip away or completely prohibit access to safe, legal abortions. This intrusive and unnecessary regulation attempts to criminalize abortion care and interfere with a woman's right of privacy in consultation with her medical provider to make abortion choices.

I ask your Committee to vote **NO** on this bill.

Mahalo for allowing me to submit my testimony in strong opposition of HB 1536 today.

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 8:52:45 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patricia Bilyk	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

TO: Chairman John Mizuno

Vice Chair Bertrand Kobayashi

Members of Committee on Health

FROM: Patricia L. Bilyk, APRN, MPH

Maternal Infant Clinical Nurse Specialist

RE: HB 1184 Relating to Born Alive Births

DATE: Thursday, February 7, 2019 8:30AM Room 329

As a Maternal Infant Clinical Nurse Specialist, I am writing to express my **STRONG OPPOSITION** to HB 1184.

I feel this bill interferes with the private decision a woman has made, in consultation with her family and health care provider, to end her pregnancy. Women now have the constitutional right to make reproductive decisions on abortion and be provided safe medical care. That right **MUST** be protected not undermined!

In my career of over 48 years in the State of Hawaii, I have worked with many women who've made the decision to terminate their pregnancy due to fetal anomalies or fetal conditions incompatible with life. Often this very difficult decision comes after many tests, taking perhaps months and with emotional turmoil. After making this decision to make the woman witness the infant be resuscitated, causes further emotional upset. Also who pays for the resuscitation, medical care, hospital care and follow up care of this infant born too soon? The STATE? The INSURANCE PROVIDER? The individual woman who chose to terminate the pregnancy? Also who will take care of this infant for its life? These are questions not answered in this abhorrent bill!

The option of late term abortion must continue to be available to women. It must not be undermined in ANY WAY by the threat of further financial charges, possibly caring for

an impaired infant and criminal prosecution against the physician providing this safe care.

We do not want to go backward in assisting women with their reproductive decision on a late term abortion. We must protect the woman and her provider, not penalized them! Therefore I **Strongly urge this Committe to vote NO on this bill!**

Thank you for considering my thoughts on this important issue for women and our community!

HEARING DATE: Thursday, February 7, 2019 (8:30AM)

PLACE: House Conference Room 329

RE: HB1184 – Relating to Born Alive Infants

Position: STRONGLY OPPOSE

My name is Jennifer Shishido and I am a mother of two strong, intelligent women and a grandmother to two wonderful, kind and somewhat rascally grandsons. I offer this testimony based on my experience and knowledge as a concerned citizen.

HB 1184, Relating to Born Alive Infants, is a sham and misleads the public into believing that the practice of allowing infants who survive a late term abortion to die by starvation or by the withholding of medical care is even occurring and requires additional government intervention. It is an attempt to enlarge and promote additional unnecessary and harmful amendments which chip away at Roe v. Wade.

We already have the federal Born Alive Infants Protection Act of 2002, PL 107-207, which renders this state bill unnecessary, except in the minds of those desiring to take away a woman's right to choose a safe and often necessary pregnancy termination.

First, late term abortions are exceedingly rare and are sought usually under very difficult circumstances for the parents – perhaps severe fetal genetic anomalies or extreme living conditions such as poverty or abuse.

Second, a survey of state attorney generals has shown that abortions are highly regulated and very safe. Where health care providers have engaged in criminal behavior, existing criminal statutes are sufficient as a deterrent (Kermit Gosnell in Pennsylvania case). Hawaii's experience is no different from other states.

Third, on the federal level, measures have been introduced to enlarge the protections of "survivors" of abortions which in actuality erode a woman's right to choose and remove many of the protections for doctors and nurses who provide compassionate care and already follow acceptable medical procedures. These measures are an attempt to fabricate horror stories about abortions, establish further unnecessary obstacles to obtaining safe abortions and to chip away at Roe v Wade.

I strongly urge you to hold this measure.

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 9:28:24 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Louise Storm	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

I believe the decision should be up to the mother and no one else. She should not be forced to take on the physical, emotional and financial responsibility of raising a child without her consent. If the state or someone else is willing to support the child and she agrees, then custody should go to one of them. For all the hue and cry from people who insist on "saving" the babies, you hear very little about people or organizations who are clamoring to assist the child if the mother is not willing to accept it. What kind of future is the child likely to have if the mother does not even want it to live and no one volunteers to step in to nurture it for her?

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 1:51:07 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Mizuno and Committee Members,

Please don't allow Hawaii to become like New York, where laws making it easier to kill babies are cheered. Regarding the recent New York abortion law changes: "Our Governor and legislative leaders hail this new abortion law as progress. This is not progress. Progress will be achieved when our laws and our culture once again value and respect each unrepeatable gift of human life, from the first moment of creation to natural death. Would that not make us truly the most enlightened and progressive state in the nation?" asked New York's Catholic Bishops, including Cardinal Timothy Dolan.

TESTIMONY ON H.B. 1184, RELATING TO BORN ALIVE INFANTS
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2019
8:30 A.M., CONFERENCE ROOM 329

Chairman Mizuno, Vice Chair B. Kobayashi, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Donna Van Osdol, and I am testifying on behalf of the Hawaii Federation of Republican Women as its President. It is an honor to be testifying on this good bill because it will help save babies from abortions that have been badly or carelessly carried out, bungled, or botched. The end result is that a newborn baby is born alive and in all likelihood with unimaginable pain and horrific injuries...missing arm(s); missing leg(s).

While the abortion industry may claim that babies are rarely born alive, the term rarely means not often or seldom. Hence, the industry cannot claim that NO babies are born alive. Babies, are indeed, born alive. According to an article, written in November 2018, by Carole Novielli with Live Action News, it said that “research shows that the so-called abortion/live-birth dilemma has been haunting abortionists since the days of legalization, and is commonly referred to as the **Dreaded Complication.**”

I wonder, how many babies have been born alive since 1973, the year abortions became legal. How many of these “dreaded complications” have occurred?

I strongly and wholeheartedly SUPPORT this bill because it will criminalize those responsible for any abortion that is execrable and results with babies born alive. It will force those at the abortion clinic to do everything in their power to save ALL babies who survive. Once these babies come into this world, they deserve immediate medical attention so they can be spared the excruciating and agonizing pain from their injuries and be given the opportunity to L.I.V.E. because under the laws of the Constitution of this State they are human beings.

Protecting a baby born alive does NOT infringe on the mother’s right, because her actions have already dictated that her baby is unwanted, and the mother has consented to an abortion. She has discarded her baby. With that in mind, I agree and am content the baby will become a ward under the care of the department of human services.

It is pleasing to know that concealment of a baby’s corpse will also be punishable. All human beings deserve proper funerals when their lives have ended, including babies aborted.

I would like to commend the authors and introducers of this bill, and my greatest hope is that it will become law.

IT WILL BE A GOOD LAW!

The law will remind everyone in Hawaii that we love our keiki, especially, those that have survived abortions!

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 8:07:00 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maryanne Johnson	Respect Life Ministry of Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Support	No

Comments:

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/4/2019 7:07:16 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Victor K. Ramos	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Strongly support. Mahalo

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 5:09:28 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
GLEN T YASUE	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

- I am submitting testimony in support of HB 1184 for these reasons:
- It's no longer an abortion when the baby is delivered alive: it is a birth. Doctors and nurses must be equipped to do everything they can to save that live baby.
- It is inhumane to leave a premature baby cold and alone on a table while it takes its last breaths. Abortion clinics must have the proper equipment and follow an appropriate standard of care to try to save the baby's life.
- Once a baby is born alive, it has every legal right to life-saving measures, just the same as every baby born in this state.

Glen & Judy Yasue

1050 Lunalilo St Apt 906

Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 1:23:42 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brett Kulbis	Honolulu County Republican Party	Support	No

Comments:

The Honolulu County Republican Party **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** this legislation.

As the Party that defends our most vulnerable. We see the sanctity and value of every life as equal, no matter the physical or mental diagnosis given before or after birth.

As much as the pro-abortion supporters insist that such protections provided by HB-1184 are entirely unnecessary, and claiming that instances of infants being born alive after abortion are so rare there negligible. The facts are that certain types of late-term abortion procedures can very easily result in an infant being born alive; these include an induction abortion, or if a feticide injection is not administered or the injection fails to kill the child prior to delivery. What then happens to these infants is unclear.

Consider the nauseating stories out of Kermit Gosnell's house of horrors in Philadelphia, where the abortionist's cheap, altered methods led to babies being born alive after botched abortions. In these cases, Gosnell would cut the back of each baby's neck with scissors to sever its spine, a practice that the grand jury concluded had probably taken place hundreds of times over his decades of work.

There is no greater injustice today than abortion, because it deprives our smallest and weakest their human right to life.

Ask yourself - could you sleep at night knowing even one born alive infant may suffer and die all alone, when you have an opportunity to prevent it **NOW**?

Brett Kulbis, Chairman Honolulu County Republican Party

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/4/2019 9:34:30 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
T O	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This bill defies all logic in that there has to be a bill to protect and preseve the lives of babies born into this world, where babies need protection from providers who willfully withhold medical treatment from a child in need. If a healthcare provider's actions result in the unnecessary death of a child, the healthcare provider should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:20:51 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bobbie Pang	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/6/2019 7:30:38 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Janet Grace	Hawaii Life Alliance	Support	Yes

Comments:

Aloha Chair Mizuno & Members of the Committe on Health:

Thank for taking the time to hear and discuss HB1184 relating to BORN ALIVE INFANTS. Hawaii Life Alliance is in STRONG SUPPORT of this legislation.

Hawaii Life Alliance is a culture of families, a culture of aloha that supports life. We, Hawaii Life Alliance, believe in a society that demonstrates aloha for all life, from conception to natural death.

We believe that born alive infants, including one in an abortion procedure must be treated as a legal person under the laws of the State, with the same rights to medically appropriate and reasonable care and treatment. This would include issuing birth and death certificates accordingly.

Providing immediate medical attention and care to a baby who survives and abortion is the most humane act and duty we have as a civilized people. When a baby is born alive, it is no longer an abortion, it is a new-born child and medical professionals must do everyting possible to save the life of the baby.

Regardless of the setting where the born alive baby survives an abortion, all medical personnel involved should take every measure possible to ensure the baby has adequate access to life sustaining treatment.

The members of Hawaii Life Alliance are encouraged that our lawmakers in the unrivald land of aloha are interested in taking a stand for the most vulnerable of our ohana.

We thank you for sending a clear message that all life matters and has inestimable value and is worthy of our love and protection under the law, regardless of their circumstances.

We thank you that this is a message of hope to our precious keiki, that every person is created equal, especially the most vulnerable who can not speak for themselves.

Mahalo nui loa for this chance to cultivate a culture of life in Hawaii and set an example for the rest of the country to proudly follow.

Please PASS and SUPPORT HB1184.

Janet Grace

Hawaii Life Alliance

Communications Director

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:38:38 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
E. Ileina Funakoshi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Every child needs a chance at life. So many wantin children to adopt. let us honor human life, especially an innocent, helpless baby.

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 7:45:53 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kenneth Meinken	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Dear Representatives,

- I support HB 1184.
- I support HB 1184 because once born, a baby cannot be mistaken for a "thing."
- I support HB 1184 because a mother's intent to harm her own baby is inhumane.
- I support HB 1184 because to kill a baby is murder.

Sincerely,

Kenneth C Meinken, III

43 Pueohala Place, Kailua, Hawaii 808 927 4606

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 6:06:03 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joseph C Hardy	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Noble members of congress,

I thank you for the opportunity to address you about this bill to help protect the lives of new born infants. I say infants because that is what a living, breathing human is. That is what these babies that a born alive are—even if they happen to be killed as a part of an abortion operation. These babies have every right to life as I have, or you have or anyone else has. They deserve the best medical attention to make their lives successful and possible. It's no longer an abortion when the baby is delivered alive, it is a birth. Doctors and nurses must be equipped to do everything they can to save that live baby. It is inhumane to leave a premature baby cold and alone on a table while it takes its last breaths. I do not want to be in that position when I die and I doubt you do either. Why should these babies be in this position? They deserve the same dignity and care that you or I would receive. All facilities that perform abortions must be equipped and prepared to administer the same level of care to save the baby's life that we would receive if we were in the same situation. Once a baby is born alive, it has every legal right to life-saving measures, just the same as every baby born in this state. Please open your hearts and realize that these babies are no longer fetuses. They are living breathing humans and deserve the same humane treatment that all of us should receive if we are under the hands of medical professionals. Please vote for the protection of human life and for the care of our ohana.

Mahalo

Joe Hardy

TESTIMONY to the HOUSE COMMITTEE on Health

HB 1184 Relating to Born Alive Infants

Thursday, February 7, 2019 8:30 AM

State Capitol Conference Room 329

Submitted in **STRONG SUPPORT** by: Mary Smart, Mililani, HI

Chairman Mizuno, Vice Chair Kobayashi, and Members:

1. I give this bill my strongest, whole-hearted support. It would be inhumane to dismiss the importance of this bill. We are a loving, welcoming community that understands the value of family, including natural, adopted and hanai. There is nothing more beautiful than a newborn baby. However, there is nothing more dependent on the good-will of others than that same newborn child. We must protect the most vulnerable of our Hawaii family. No one with a conscience could be against this bill.
2. Some women choose abortion after the child's viability, which in some cases has resulted in an unexpected live birth. With the introduction of DNA (determination of species – homo sapien), and [improved neo-natal care](#), we can [save babies that are born as early in a pregnancy as 21 weeks and four days](#). Once born, the baby is a separate individual and deserves the full care of any other living human being, without any discrimination against age, race, marital status of his/her parents, illness or handicap, or whether their biological parents are willing to care for him/her.
3. Definitely pass HB 1184. I recommend it be expedited to the Governor's desk for signature.

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 6:18:17 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carm Akim	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Mahalo Honorable Representatives for creating such bill that will protect innocent infants born alive.

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 7:33:49 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patti Yasuhara	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please Vote Yes in support of HB1184

It is no longer called abortion when the baby is delivered alive.

It is inhumane to the Dr's & nurses /assistances to allow a human life to die without trying to help.

The baby has every legal right to life-saving measures, just the same as every baby born in this state of Hawaii.

Thank you for supporting HB 1184

Patti Yasuhara

Concerned citizen of Hawaii & Registered voter District 18

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 12:43:15 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Wendy E. Balidoy	Republican Party of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

"Every" Baby has a right to live. Medical facilities should take "every" opportunity to make sure

they have done "everything" they can to help the baby. We are a nation of morals and good.

We have the education and technology and experienced professionals to care for these babies.

Choose life always, as these babies did not ask to be brought into this world. As they do not have

a voice, we must be their voice. I am in support of HB 1184

Testimony in support of HB 1184 – Relating to born alive infants

February 6, 2019

Dear Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. My name is Barbara Ferraro, State Director for Concerned Women for America of Hawaii. Concerned Women for America is the largest public policy women's organization in the nation with thousands of members across the country.

We are supporting this legislation because HB 1184 would ensure the protection and promotion of the health and well-being of all infants born alive as a result of an abortion performed in the state of Hawaii.

It is no longer an abortion when the baby is delivered alive: it is a birth! Doctors and nurses must be equipped to do everything they can to save that live baby.

It is inhumane to leave a premature baby cold and alone on a table while it takes its last breath because of blatant neglect. What does it say about our society if we are okay with such practices? Once a baby is born alive, it has every legal right to life-saving measures, just the same as all the other babies born in the state of Hawaii.

As State Director for Concerned Women for America of Hawaii, I respectfully encourage you to support the passing of HB 1184 – relating to born alive infants and their medical care.

Barbara J Ferraro
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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 5:32:53 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shirlene Ostrov	Hawaii Republican Party	Support	Yes

Comments:

I urge you, all of Hawaii's elected legislators, to pass the Hawaii 'Born Alive Infant Protection Act' (HB 1184). While state legislatures across the mainland are passing ever more extreme abortion bills, Hawaii has the opportunity to take a leadership role by defining the Aloha Spirit, Hawaiian Values and the precious gift of human life by passing this legislation.

HB 1184 would give full legal protection to "born alive" infants. If an attempted abortion results in the live birth of an infant, the infant would be considered a legal person for all purposes under the laws of the state of Hawaii. Physicians would be required to take all medically and appropriate and reasonable steps to preserve the life and health of the infant.

Growing up during life in Hawaii, I viewed family as relatives as well as people who they loved or people who joined me in cooperative actions. We were raised to have a great deal of respect for elders. There was no such thing as an unwanted child within this our island life. I can't even imagine it. There is no stigma to hanai. In fact, who would not want to be the hanai child of a warm Hawaiian family? My life has been directly touched by this loving tradition of life, warmth, embracement and acceptance. I am the proud mother of adopted twin Polynesian girls whose birth mother was raised in our culture of life and acceptance. I am forever grateful for that.

As an island state we have established and cherished our unique way of life. We love our keiki, honor our kupuna, and value all people of all races, creeds and colors. Our legislature must not discredit the values of our people, nor the honor of our state by condoning the killing of defenseless innocents. We must not compel our doctors and nurses to allow the murder of helpless children. The Hawaii Born Alive Protection Act will confirm in law Hawaii's commitment to life, compassion, diversity and love. It is a law of Aloha. As you cast your vote on this critical piece of legislation, remember: **Ua Mau ke Ea o ka 'ÄĀina i ka Pono**. We are in your good hands.

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:04:03 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bryn Villers	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Dear Chair Mizuno,

Vice Chair Kobayashi,

And Committee Members,

The bill in question before the committee, is a simple one: is infanticide legal in the State of Hawai'i?

Any child, having completely left his/her mother's body, is unquestionably possessing all the rights and priviledges of any other born alive baby. The only differentiation being claimed is whether the child is "wanted".

If anyone took a newborn home and suddenly decided they didn't want their baby and killed him/her or left the child to die without food/water they would go to jail, where is the distinction?

We fight endlessly about the rights of "undocumented immigrants" leaving their home, trying to cross the border to find freedom and new life. These babies are "undocumented infants", they left their home (a place they were at through no fault of their own), have crossed the border into freedom (and had no choice in the matter), and all this bill is asking is that they are given the chance to live, for they cannot go home again.

Please pass the HB1184.

Feel free to contact me at brynvillers.hi@gmail.com.

Thank you for you time and consideration.

Aloha 'oe,

Mr. Bryn Villers

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 7:37:49 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kerrie Villers	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I believe that any human being born alive, irrespective of how young, deserves medical treatment and to be cared for and this bill protects such persons. I strongly support this bill and would like to see it pass.

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:31:01 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cindy R Ajimine	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please vote "YES" to support this bill

I am a 3rd generation Hawaii resident and mother of 3. THANK YOU for having a reading of this bill that supports life and the values of our many cultures. Thank you!

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 9:56:03 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tisha Woytenko	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Committee Members,

I am writing in support of HB1184 because I believe that every life is sacred and that every child should have a chance to live in our world. As a Christian, I believe that our Lord entrusted us with this responsibility, as those gifted with life, to protect the defenseless just as we would any of our own keiki, mā• kua and kā«puna. There are so many healing ways to help those women in this distress that will encourage instead of hurt them and their child forever. It is a woman's right to be educated about choosing to give life to their child, and all of the assistance our government and community wants to afford them.

The arguments that have deceptively conned our country no longer have power and dominion, and they are being replaced by the truth, not contradiction. People are discovering that the lie abortionists, and those that believe in eugenics, have promulgated have led only to evil and self-destruction. This lie that it is "women's rights" to have abortions is exposed for what it is: murder.

- We (society) imprison murderers because they destroyed a life, while we allow the defenseless to be killed before even exiting the womb and let their body parts be sold to the highest bidder.
- Clinics call the unborn "tissue" and "fetuses" and deny that they are human yet sell they sell intentionally them as human body parts for research.
- Clinics prey on the low-income in their communities to harvest their unborn, yet those politicians in power that support abortion also claim to support low-income assistance, food, and entitlement programs.
- Hospitals save the babies that make it there in time, incubate them in the NICU, at the very same age that babies are aborted or killed alive yet the latter are not recognized as human!
- These women are encouraged to abort and told they are doing a good thing by donating their "fetuses" but not told how many fall into deep dark depression after the life is forcefully taken from their womb.

Let us not live in contradiction anymore and respect all life, at all stages, as sacred. As soon as children are conceived, they are alive and their lives continue outside of the womb (and for Christians, into eternity outside of the womb of time.)

I urge you to support this bill.

Thank you,

Tisha Woytenko

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Submitted on: 2/5/2019 10:14:34 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Kim	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Recent bills passed by New York make passage of this bill necessary. We cannot allow this form of "murder" in our state--clearly NOT PONO! A birthed child has rights and protection under the law--this is not an anti-abortion bill. This bill protects the rights of a born child--a citizen of this state and of the United States. We need to clearly define those rights and prevent this form of infanticide in this state. I urge legislatures and other government members to take a vocal and voting stand in favor of this bill. It should be a no-brainer! Do the right thing for these citizens; do the right thing for the people of Hawaii. Protect these citizens who cannot protect themselves--it's part of what you swore an oath to do when you became part of our government. PASS THIS LAW!! Mahalo kakou!!

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 10:50:27 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
natasha sky	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 10:57:05 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Erickson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

When a baby is born alive, even when abortion was attempted, it has every right to be medically

treated to save it's life just the same as any infant born alive in the State of Hawaii.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 7, 2019
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 329
 State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

HB 1184
Status

RELATING TO BORN ALIVE INFANTS.

HHLT, JUD, FIN

Ensures the protection and promotion of the health and well being of all infants born alive the State. Mandates medically appropriate and reasonable life-saving and life-sustaining medical care and treatment to all born alive infants. Provides civil and criminal penalties.

Dear Committee Members:

Please vote yes to HB 1184

And abortion, like any medical procedure, has the potential to go wrong. The only difference with abortion is that a “failed” one typically leads to the premature birth of a child. At this point the baby should be given proper legal protection and appropriate life-sustaining medical care and treatment and not be left to die.

This does not infringe on the women’s rights to choose or obtain an abortion.

Thank you for a yes vote on HB1184

Aloha,

Fern Mossman

Chair Mizuno of the House Committee on Health

Subject: House Bill 1184 Relating to Born Alive Infants

Hearing Date: February 7, 2019

February 5, 2019

My name is Cynthia A. Dorflinger, and I am a concerned citizen testifying in **support** of H.B. 1184.

I SUPPORT THIS BILL FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

- It's no longer an abortion when the baby is delivered alive: it is a birth. Doctors and nurses must be equipped to do everything they can to save that live baby.
- It is inhumane to leave a premature baby cold and alone on a table while it takes its last breaths. Abortion clinics must have the proper equipment and follow an appropriate standard of care to try to save the baby's life.
- Once a baby is born alive, it has every legal right to life-saving measures, just the same as every baby born in this state.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **strong support** on this matter of honoring life.

Cynthia A Dorflinger
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Honolulu, HI 96822
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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 12:11:55 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lynn N	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We must provide medically appropriate care for all infants born alive.

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 9:36:40 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
ROJELIO HERRERA JR.	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Chairman Mizuno,

I am stand is STRONG SUPPORT for this bill. To not support it would be inhumane.

HB1184 does not affect existing federal or state law regarding abortion; it only required medical personnel to provide nourishment and care to a live infant who has survived their abortion.

It seems intuitive, but in a 9-year period, Canada (my mother's home country) reported 491 babies were left to die after they survived abortion. This is shameful--no, it is evil.

These are the most vulnerable among us and must be protected.

Thank you for your support,

Pastor Rojelio "Rojo" Herrera

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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 12:12:22 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Daphine Kama-McShane	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a mother, a daughter, sister, a grandmother, but most important , As a human being, I strongly support this bill. This infant is now a life and that should be protected to the full extent of the law.

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 12:26:59 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard Gilsdorf	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Representatives

Please support HB1184 for infants who are born alive after attempted abortion. All children deserve the right to receive the best medical care available in our state. Hawaii deserves to set an example after the horrific bills in NY & Virginia!! Thank you.

Sincerely

Richard and Carol Gilsdorf

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 12:45:02 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ronald Gouveia	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I think that if a baby is born alive it should be saved as it has every legal right to life-saving measures.

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 12:45:17 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bob McCulloch	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Why is it even necessary to pass a law that protects the life of babies who survive an attempted abortion? All babies who survive an abortion alive must have medical care to ensure their viability. Please support this bill.

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 1:15:26 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
AI	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please vote yes on this critically important legislation. A baby born alive and outside the womb is clearly a person! No one has a right to end a baby's life. This issue is clear and unequivocal. One of government's jobs is to protect its citizens. We must protect the lives of those who depend on us for their welfare!

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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 12:12:20 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Emil Svrčina	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha legislators

My testimony is of a father of five children and is adamantly in support of this bill HB1184. I'm saddened by the fact that we all blessed living in America even have to fight in this day and age for to me for such an obvious unalienable right as LIFE. I'm working in medical field to help eradicate cancer from our lives while other people try to do the opposite - to murder people. Here are my suggestions to help you make the right decision which will keep your conscience clear:

- It's no longer an abortion when the baby is delivered alive: it is a birth. Doctors and nurses must be equipped to do everything they can to save that live baby.
- It is inhumane to leave a premature baby cold and alone on a table while it takes its last breaths. Abortion clinics must have the proper equipment and follow an appropriate standard of care to try to save the baby's life.
- Once a baby is born alive, it has every legal right to life-saving measures, just the same as every baby born in this state.

Please do the right thing so God may bless America again.

Emil Svrčina

94-570 Poloahilani Street, Mililani, HI 96789

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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 1:43:58 PM
Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
bridget colgan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

- It's no longer an abortion when the baby is delivered alive: it is a birth. Doctors and nurses must be equipped to do everything they can to save that live baby.
- It is inhumane to leave a premature baby cold and alone on a table while it takes its last breaths. Abortion clinics must have the proper equipment and follow an appropriate standard of care to try to save the baby's life.
- Once a baby is born alive, whether or not initial intentions were for an abortion, it has every legal right to life-saving measures.

Thank you for your attention to this matter of life and death to human beings.

Very Respectfully,

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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 1:44:17 PM
Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
R. L. Souza	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 1:57:36 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mark White	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Committee Chair and Members,

In the greatest spirit of Aloha, I ask you in the strongest possible terms to approve this legislation making it illegal to allow for the death, either through action or inaction, of born-alive babies.

Regardless of the maternal or fetal diagnosis, prognosis, or procedure before a born-alive event, once a child is born in whatever fashion, it is unconscionable to deny that living person the care, compassion and medical assistance given to any human being in need.

This is your opportunity to put Hawaii in a leadership position as a state that will not abandon the sanctity of life so precious to us as a decent and moral people. The people of Hawaii love life and believe in the divinity of nature's creations. Babies born alive in any manner deserve the same compassion and respect as every living individual.

Vote to pass HB 1184

Mark White

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Waipahu HI 96797

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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 2:00:36 PM
Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Phil Yasuhara	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This should be a no-brainer. The disagreement between pro-life and pro-choice has never been about infanticide which exactly what killing a baby after it is born is. I oppose all abortion in general, except in the rare cases when the life of the mother is at risk, because it cheapens human life. That notwithstanding, this bill is an affirmation of human life and simply affirms health care providers' responsibility to preserve and protect that life. Please pass this bill.

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 2:08:07 PM
Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
gary burbage	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 2:11:23 PM
Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cat Chang	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am thankful that this bill has been submitted after hearing what happened in New York. Taking the life of a living human being, an innocent newborn baby, is barbaric. It's heartbreaking. It's infanticide! Passing this bill will help to assure that this doesn't happen, ever, in our state. As the purveyors of Aloha, we should set the example to other states by doing the right thing and passing HB1184. Thank you.

Cathy Chang

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 2:14:50 PM
Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tracey Clay-Whitehurst	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I strongly support HB 1184, Born Alive Infant Protection Act. Any baby born should receive all medical assistance to help it sustain life. It is a human being and it deserves all the help it can get to save his/her life, just like any other person. I ask that you vote yes on this Bill. Thank you.

Tracey Clay-Whitehurst

LATE

House of Representatives
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Rep. Calvin Say
Rep. Gene Ward

February 5, 2019

Regarding: HB 1184 “Born Alive Infant Protection Act”

I strongly support the passage of this bill.

Firstly want to clarify that this has nothing to do with abortion. That was already performed.

We are not talking about the rights of a woman and what she does with her body; the abortion she requested has already been carried out.

In both these cases the end result was the miraculous birth of a live independent living human child.

Page 1, lines 3-5

...attempted abortion results in the live birth of an infant, the infant is a legal person for all purposes under the Constitution and laws of this State...

Lines 15 – 17 through page 2 lines 1 & 2:

The legislature further finds that protecting an infant whose live birth occurred as the result of an attempted abortion does not infringe on a woman’s right to choose or obtain an abortion of a nonviable fetus, or an abortion that is necessary to protect the life or health of the mother

Page 2, lines 3-11

The purpose of this Act is to ensure the protection and promotion of the health and well-being of all infants born alive as a result of an abortion performed in the state, to mandate that healthcare providers give medically appropriate and reasonable life-saving and life-sustaining medical care and treatment to all such born alive infants and to provide penalties for failure to provide medically appropriate and reasonable life-saving and life-sustaining medical care and treatment to all such born alive infants.

Page 3, lines 2-12 (definition of live birth)

“Born alive” or “live birth” means the complete expulsion or extraction of an infant from his or her mother as a result of an abortion, regardless of the state of gestational development, that after expulsion or extraction, whether or not the umbilical cord has been cut or the placenta is attached, shows and evidence of life, including, but not limited to, one or more of the following:

- (1) Breathing;
- (2) A heartbeat;
- (3) Umbilical cord pulsation; or
- (4) Definite movement of voluntary muscles.

I personally do not see anything offensive or controversial issue with this.

Some may ask what makes me think it is happening in Hawaii, since there appears to have been no reported cases.

I think that is a valid question. What comes to mind is the Kermit Gosnell case. Firstly the raid on his office had nothing to do with his performing abortions; it had to do with drugs. It was during this raid that the conditions of his clinic and what he was doing would come to light!

Note that this case was not based on abortion; he was prosecuted on what he did with those babies that survived the abortions he was performing.

I do not believe this is a right or left issue, a prochoice or prolife issue ... I believe it is whether or not we as a state, we as a people support or oppose Infanticide: *the crime of killing a child within a year of birth.*

By passing this bill we are making a statement to all, of Hawaii's sincere love and protection for our Keiki!

In closing I ask for your support in passing this bill.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rita Kama-Kimura
Mililani, HI

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 2:30:35 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Quentin Whitehurst	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB 1184, Born Alive Infant Protection Act. Any baby born should receive all medical assistance to help it sustain life. The baby is a human being and it deserves all the help it can get to save his/her life, just like any other person. I ask that you vote yes on this Bill. Thank you.

Quentin Whitehurst

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 2:58:29 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
arielle	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Thank you for hearing this bill! Once a baby is born, it is considered a live birth. As such, this tiny human is entitled to every legal right to life-saving measures as anyone else in this room, and as every other baby born in the state. Clinics must have proper equipment and follow an appropriate standard of care to try to save the life of the baby.

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 2:40:14 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Esther Gefroh	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I write you in support of this important bill. We are talking about a live human baby. Remember the Hippocratic Oath doctors take. It applies here. "First, do no harm."

LATE

TO: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Rep. John Mizuno, Chair
Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
Committee Members

DATE: Thursday, February 7, 2019

TIME: 8:30am

PLACE: Room 329, State Capitol

FROM: Marti Tom

RE: HB 1184, Relating to Born Alive Infants

I strongly support this bill for the following reasons:

- 1) Once a human being takes its first breath, he or she is legally entitled to protection of life regardless of the intention of the mother or the attending healthcare professional. This bill safeguards this right.
- 2) Life is to be valued, protection of an innocent human being should be paramount for healthcare professionals and this bill equips them to save an infant's life and makes provisions for those who want to disobey.
- 3) Society should respect the life of these born-alive babies. This bill demonstrates to our children that every life is precious in our culture of abortion.

Thank you for hearing this bill. We already have legislation that protects our beaches, plants, insects, birds and even our pets. It is time to include these babies.

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 3:16:05 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Derek Napoleon	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the protection of babies who are born alive in the abortion process. This is a live person and this person deserves all the rights and protection of any other living person.

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 3:28:19 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Philip	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Honorable Legislators:

This is my written testimony, I am in support of HB1184. I believe all human life is sacred and should be protected and honored.

If HB1184 is not supported and put into law, those that want to murder new borns outside the womb for economic, predetermined yet unsubstantiated medical assumptions, financial, selfish personal, globalist population control agenda reasons will surely rubber stamp their own legislation and pass a law that will murder the innocent. To pass a law that would murder babies is wrong, beyond disgusting, in humane, unconstitutional and against the will of God..

Please support and pass HB1184 to protect new borns out side the womb.

Respectfully

Felipe San Nicolas

808 2651102

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 3:36:52 PM
Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brittany Terui	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

In light of what happened in New York, I think this bill is very important for our state to take a stand on this issue. I support this bill completely! An infant born alive deserves every right any other person deserves in Hawaii. An infant's personhood is not dependent on whether they are wanted. If this bill is not passed to protect a live baby, it would be a slippery slope to someday considering any person of any age not worthy of live, simply because they are not wanted. This would be atrocious!

Thank you for hearing this bill. Please support it!

Brittany Terui

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 3:12:55 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ashley	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Thank you for accepting my testimony and taking the time to read it. I would like to share the talking points shared by HFF that I agree with and add that every life matters. Thank you for choosing life.

- When the baby is delivered alive: it is a birth. Doctors and nurses must be equipped to do everything they can to save that live baby.
- It is inhumane to leave a premature baby cold and alone on a table while it takes its last breaths. Abortion clinics must have the proper equipment and follow an appropriate standard of care to try to save the baby's life.
- Once a baby is born alive, it has every legal right to life-saving measures, just the same as every baby born in this state.

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 6:33:16 PM
Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chris Jimenez	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Thank you for accepting my testimony in SUPPORT of HB1184.

First, I want to commend this committee for taking up this bill for consideration. Laws that impact abortion are always politically charged, so thank you for courageously allowing the people of Hawaii to have a voice on this topic.

It's sad that our society has devalued life to the point that we need to have laws to protect infants who survive a botched abortion. We would hope that healthcare professionals would simply care for the infant as they would any patient in their care, but instead we hear of cases where the infant is simply left alone to die. It's no longer an abortion when the baby is delivered alive: it is a birth. Doctors and nurses must be equipped to do everything they can to save that live baby. It is inhumane to leave a premature baby cold and alone on a table while it takes its last breaths. Abortion clinics must have the proper equipment and follow an appropriate standard of care to try to save the baby's life.

Once a baby is born alive, it has every legal right to life-saving measures, just the same as every baby born in this state. For these reasons, I plead for your SUPPORT of HB1184

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 4:04:02 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Judi Mellon	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I ask you to support HB 1184. I am concerned that in Hawaii we support the life of any baby delivered alive, even if it happened as the result of an abortion. Doctors and nurses must be equipped to do everything they can to save a each live baby.

It is inhumane to leave a premature baby cold and/or alone on a table to take its last breaths. Abortion clinics must have the proper equipment and follow an appropriate standard of care to try to save the baby's life.

Once a baby is born alive, it has every legal right to life-saving measures, the same as every baby born in Hawaii.

Vote and take measures to save all born alive infants.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Judi Mellon

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Submitted on: 2/5/2019 3:43:32 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dustin Hokama	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB 1184 - Support

To Representative Mizuno, Chairperson and Vice Chair, Representative Kobayashi.

I encourage you to support this bill because all human life outside of the womb needs our protection. Regardless of intent within the womb, once an infant is born they have a right to life, are deserving of protection, and it would be immoral to deprive them of any aid that would ensure their safety. Thank you for using your leadership to protect our rights to health, especially for those without a voice. Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,

Dustin Hokama

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 4:17:22 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kari Benes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha House Committee on Health,

Mahalo for giving this bill a hearing. This measure seeks to save the lives of our youngest and most precious.

Please support this measure,

Mahalo.

Kari Benes

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Submitted on: 2/5/2019 4:32:15 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Faith Shinagawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

February 5, 2019

My name is Faith Shinagawa, and I am a concerned citizen. I am testifying in Support of H.B. 1184

This bill will save many babies who should have the chance to live life. I am Pro-Life and believe that all babies are a gift from God. God can do miracle, and all miracles touch our lives in ways we may not even know. I feel our state should protect the lives of infants that survive abortions. We cannot get confused with the women's right to her body, or nor are we talking about abortion. We are focusing on a baby that is born alive. Once the baby is born, it no longer has anything to do with a women' body choice nor can abortion occur. We are talking about a baby being born alive.

This Born Alive or Live birth bill is just as it states, the baby is born live and should not be murdered. This bill is all about saving babies. Murder is Murder. We must Cherish Life.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong Support on this matter of great importance to our future generations.

Faith Shinagawa

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Submitted on: 2/5/2019 5:20:46 PM
Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Hirose	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha and thank you for hearing this bill. I write in support of HB 1184. Once a baby is born alive, it has every legal right to life-saving measures, just the same as every baby born in this state. It is inhumane to leave a premature baby cold and alone on a table while it takes its last breaths. Abortion clinics must have the proper equipment and follow an appropriate standard of care to try to save the baby's life while waiting for an ambulance to transfer the baby to Kapiolani Hospital. There are many adults alive today who survived their abortions. I would recommend that you reach out to them to ask if they think their lives have value. Gianna Jessen is the most vocal of abortion survivors. Please, I beg of you, to pass this bill. It's no longer an abortion when the baby is delivered alive: it is a birth. Doctors and nurses must be equipped to do everything they can to save that live baby.

Mahalo for your time,

Mary Hirose

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 5:30:29 PM
Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jesika H.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 6:12:28 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
sandra ishikawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in SUPPORT OF THIS BILL as I believe in preserving life and our future of our islands and people that we continue to thrive. I strongly urge you to SUPPORT this bill with hearts with the right intention which you swore an oath to uphold life and to serve and protect our people and our future. So I ask you to check your hearts and to think of your children, your grandchildren, and/or children that you know of in your family and friends as you proceed forward. VOTE TO SUPPORT THIS BILL.

Sincerely,

Sandra Ishikawa



Submitted Online: February 4, 2019

Hearing: Thursday, February 7, 2019

TO: House Committee on Health
Rep. John Mizuno, Chair
Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

LATE

FROM: Eva Andrade, President

RE: Strong Support for HB 1184 Infants Born Alive

Hawaii Family Forum is a non-profit, pro-family education organization committed to preserving and strengthening families in Hawaii, representing a network of various Christian Churches and denominations. Babies born under difficult and even dangerous circumstances deserve the dignity and respect due to all people. We are pleased to offer our strong support for HB 1184!

Across the nation, more and more states are passing legislation like this. We agree with the sponsors of the bill in their goal to protect and promote “the health and well-being of all infants born alive as a result of an abortion performed in the state, to mandate that healthcare providers give medically appropriate and reasonable life-saving and life-sustaining medical care and treatment to all such born alive infants and to provide penalties for failure to provide medically appropriate and reasonable life-saving and life-sustaining medical care and treatment to all such born alive infants.”ⁱ

Between the years 2003 and 2014, the CDC reported that there were somewhere between 376 and 588 infant deaths (under the medical code P96.4 which keeps track of babies born alive) after a “termination of pregnancy.” It concluded that of those 588 babies, 143 were “definitively” born alive after an attempted abortion and they lived from a few minutes to one or more days. In about 48% of the reported cases, the babies lived between one to four hours without being medically cared for. Most people would find that unacceptable.

It seems completely reasonable to do everything possible to save the life of a baby that survives an attempted abortion. Adding criminal penalties for anyone who recklessly and intentionally refuses to provide medical treatment in that circumstance is appropriate - especially when it falls well within the scope and responsibility of that medical professional.

The proposed Born Alive Infant Protection Act simply recognizes that babies born alive after an attempted abortion should be given the best medical care available and the full and equal protection of our laws.

ⁱ HB1184 Purpose Statement, page 2, lines 3-11 (2019)

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Submitted on: 2/5/2019 6:16:17 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joseph P. Picon	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am a Hawaii resident of Waipahu and registered voter in the 37th district.

I support House Bill 1184, the Born Alive Infant Protection Act.

Please pass this bill. It is your duty to protect the citizens of Hawaii. All people born in the United States are protected by the Constitution of the United States of America from being killed without the due process of law, so please pass this bill to ensure all citizen's rights to life are protected by law.

Please keep all citizens born in the State of Hawaii safe and pass House Bill 1184.

Thank you.

Joseph P. Picon

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 6:13:00 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David John Gonzales	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am an american citizen born and raised in Hawaii and I overwhelmingly and wholeheartedly support HB 1184. Please say yes on HB 1184 and save the lives of our keiki, mahalo!

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 6:55:10 PM
Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marian Grey	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

TESTIMONY HB 1184

This testimony is **IN FAVOR of HB 1184.**

I am so grateful that this Bill was written to protect the lives of babies that are born, by any method that occurs.

With what has been happening in other parts of our Country, we need to do the right thing for our innocents. It sickens me to think that some people demonstrate more concern for an endangered snail than human life.

Marian Grey

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Submitted on: 2/5/2019 7:02:51 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Rudd	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Sir or Ma'am,

My position is simple, a child born alive is a person with a life that we must protect.

My son was born prematurely, at 29 weeks gestation. He was 11 weeks short of his due date. When he emerged from my wife's womb, he was ALIVE! He was too early but he had fight in him. When the hospital staff prepared to to insert the line into his umbilical stump that he would need to provide him nurishment for his first few weeks, he fought .I watched a three pound, premature baby throw surgical towels off of his sensitive skin. He breathed on his own, his heart beat on it's own, he screamed when he was uncomfortable, and he decided to respond when he was covered with blankets that he disliked. Without care, my son might have died, but he was cared for. Today he is a first grader at Kailua elementary school and is a joy to every person who meets him. He is a person, who's life is worth defending .

This bill would require that every baby who is born alive like him; under complicated circumstances, would be offered the help they need to live. We cannot become a society that allows our living babies to die.

Thank your time, we are trusting you to protect our children,

John Rudd

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 7:08:38 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stefani jeremiah	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Once a baby is born alive it has every legal right to life saving measures just the same as every baby born in this state. What if we saw somebody injured by the side of the road in Hawaii we are by law to help them are you telling me that if a doctor sees a baby still alive after an abortion he does not have to help that baby stay alive? That is so wrong on so many levels. A doctor's job is to save lives. There are so many commercials and even groups in Hawaii that go out of their way to save sea life and animals and we're going to let a baby that survived an abortion just died that is completely unacceptable please reconsider.

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 7:15:36 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bryan Jeremiah	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Life is extremely precious, no matter what the circumstance. How can we say we are a civilized society and yet care more about animal rescue than we do about the life of a child.

Just imagine your life being in someone else's hands and they decide you are not worth living, or you own child's life and the decision of if they live or die being placed in the hands of someone other than you. This is no different.

This decision to support this bill should be made by a person not a politician please vote in support of HB 1184

God Bless

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 7:32:42 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Wilma Kahoiwai	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this bill. I am a retired Labor and Delivery Nurse who has seen many babies birthed in 35 years. All measures are taken to ensure that a newborn is born healthy and alive. Even premature infants are given a fighting chance to be born with the aid of professional expertise and medication that increases their chance of survival. If the premature newborn doesn't survive in spite of these interventions, comfort care and compassion is at the forefront of caring medical professionals who were trained to ensure life, not death. It is extremely inhumane to destroy an infant at any gestation. To intentionally destroy a full term baby is criminal. It is of the utmost cruelty and totally unnecessary. I implore you to pass this bill.

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 7:35:27 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Seth	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Once a baby is born alive,it is a life.If it can survive a abortion I call that a miracle from God, since when did we start playing GOD?'

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 7:37:08 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jean Leong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB1184

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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:04:11 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chris Caoagdan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Subject: House Bill 1184 Relating to Born Alive Infants

February 5, 2019

My name is Chris Caoagdan, **and I am a concerned citizen. I am testifying in support of H.B. 1184.** I believe that an abortion is not an abortion when a baby is delivered alive; it is now a live birth. Doctors and nurses, as well as other medically qualified staff, should do everything in their power to save that live baby. It is inhumane in nature to leave any premature baby cold and alone on a table while it takes its last breaths before dying. Abortion clinics and any medically-equipped facilities (i.e. hospitals) must have the proper equipment and follow an appropriate standard of care to try to save that baby's life. Once a baby is born, it is a human being, like all of us. That baby deserves a chance to live on this earth. That is why I support this bill so that we can save as many lives as possible, to give babies who are able to live, a chance of living.

Thank you for the opportunity for testifying in strong support on this matter of great importance.

Chris Caoagdan

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Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:08:38 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Walter Fung	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill.

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:12:01 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
david georges	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha and thank you for allowing my testimony.

I strongly support HB1184 and would recommend passing this into law because it's no longer an abortion when the baby is delivered alive; it is now a birth just like any other birth and that baby should have all the legal rights of any other baby born in this state. Also it is very important that the Doctors and nurses be equipped to do everything they can to save that live baby.

And then it is incredibly inhumane to leave a premature baby cold and alone on a table while it takes its last breaths when proper care could save it's life. Abortion clinics must have the proper equipment and follow an appropriate standard of care to try to save the baby's life.

Mahalo, David Georges

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Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:12:17 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mark	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Choose life. I am thankful daily someone choose to have me. Please support a bill that chooses life.

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/5/2019 9:29:59 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lisa Martin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill and urge you to vote yes.

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:17:24 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lois J Young	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Aloha Members of the Health Committee,

I am in strong support of HB 1184 Protecting Born Alive Infants and urge you to vote yes to protect the innocent from harm or even death.

When one is born alive, whether it's from a botched abortion or thru distress or natural birth,

that child has the legal and moral right to be helped. This bill is designed to protect the innocent and deter any evil intent to commit murder.

I trust that you will support this bill as do your constituents and assure that our land is perpetuated in righteousness..

Please vote yes.

Mahalo,

Lois Young

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Submitted on: 2/6/2019 4:49:30 PM
Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
EMC	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I work as a Labor/Delivery/Postpartum RN. In my practice, I have had the honor of helping patients deliver new life into the world. Sometimes, I also have the honor of assisting patients to deal with an labor induction of an unviable a/o deceased fetus. Babies that could not be resuscitated, or were unable to sustain life, for a variety of reasons. These patients have the hardest job - especially those that had to make the decision to allow their very-much-wanted infant to pass peacefully, knowing the alternative would be so much more difficult for their baby. It's heartbreaking, and I have the greatest respect for their bravery. To take away their choices during this difficult time is to rob them of what little control they have left in their tragic situation. It is not for strangers to decide what they can do in those situations ~ we need to allow them to make their choices, knowing they will do the best they can for their baby, themselves and their families.

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:22:33 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Phebe	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this bill. I strongly urge our legislators to support this bill. I am a resident of Waianae and we need funds to go to Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center.

Also, I believe once a baby is born alive, that baby should have a right to medical care as any other person. It is inhumane to let any baby born alive be left to die.

Please support this bill.

Thank you

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 6:19:54 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stacey Jimenez	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of **HB 1184**.

All human life has value and it is a responsibility of the government to protect all its citizens to the best of their abilities. HB 1184 provides protection to the most vulnerable of our citizens. It would provide protection for infants that survive an abortion in the state of Hawaii. Any infant born in Hawaii is a citizen. Once expelled from the woman's body, an infant should have the right to live, as well as, all the protections given to the keiki of our state. HB 1184 is necessary to clarify the rights of these infants.

HB 1184 is not an abortion issue. It does not infringe on a woman's right to obtain an abortion or obligate her to parent the child. It simply gives the infant protection as a citizen under the laws of our state.

I hear a lot from our politicians in Hawaii about caring for our keiki. I find it difficult to believe that anyone can be against a law that would ensure the "protection and promotion of the health and well being of all infants." To vote against HB 1184 is to vote in favor of infanticide.

I applaud this committee for hearing this bill and ask all its members to **support HB 1184** and prevent infanticide in Hawaii. As representatives of the people of Hawaii, you have the power to protect the most innocent of our population, the infants.

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:45:25 PM
Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Conrad Caoagdan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Subject: House Bill 1184 Relating to Born Alive Infants

February 5, 2019

My name is Conrad Caoagdan, **and I am a concerned citizen. I am testifying in support of H.B. 1184.** I believe that an abortion is not an abortion when a baby is delivered alive; it is now a live birth. Doctors and nurses, as well as other medically qualified staff, should do everything in their power to save that live baby. It is inhumane in nature to leave any premature baby cold and alone on a table while it takes its last breaths before dying. Abortion clinics and any medically-equipped facilities (i.e. hospitals) must have the proper equipment and follow an appropriate standard of care to try to save that baby's life. Once a baby is born, it is a human being, like all of us. That baby deserves a chance to live on this earth. That is why I support this bill so that we can save as many lives as possible, to give babies who are able to live, a chance of living.

Thank you for the opportunity for testifying in strong support on this matter of great importance.

Conrad Caoagdan

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LATE

Testifier's Name: Alfred Hagen

Committee: Committee on Health

Hearing Date & Time: February 7, 2019 at 8:30am

Measure #: HB1184

- **It sends chills of horror up and down my spine that we have come to a time when we are even deliberating a bill such as this or why there would be a single person against such a bill. But, sadly enough, there are, as anyone will admit who sees and reads what is being said and what is going on in NY, VA, RI and NM.**
- **An abortion is the killing of a fetus in a mother's womb; thus, it is no longer an abortion when the baby is delivered alive: it is a birth. Doctors and nurses must not only be equipped to do everything they can to save that live baby but they are morally and legally obligated to do so. To do otherwise, i.e., to do nothing and let the baby die or to take a premeditated action that ends the baby's life, is nothing less than the crime of infanticide.**
- **To put it mildly, it is inhumane to leave a premature baby cold and alone on a table while he/she takes his/her last breaths. Abortion clinics must have the state-of-the-art life-saving equipment and follow the appropriate standard of life-saving measures to save the baby's life.**
- **Once a baby is born alive, he/she has every legal and constitutional right to life-saving measures, the same rights as every baby born alive in our state and country. Wherever that baby is born - whether in an abortion clinic, in a hospital, in a home, or wherever, does it matter where? - that new born human baby deserves just as much dignity and respect as you, or I, or anyone else deserves.**

Thank you very much for your courtesy in allowing me to speak. As before, I urge you to vote "Yes!" on HB1184.

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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:48:29 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gail Leong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill and I strongly urge you to support it too.

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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:49:41 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leonora Caoagdan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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February 5, 2019

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Thank you for the opportunity for testifying in strong support on this matter of great importance.

Leonora Caoagdan

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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:53:09 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Dear Representatives,

I request your support of HB1184 which protects the life of babies born alive in the state of Hawaii.

Sadly, this bill is a necessary protection for the smallest of our kind; the most vulnerable and new humans. It is unthinkable that their very existence is threatened, but as shown by two, so far, of our United States, it is.

Once born, a child has human rights of his or her own, separate from their mother and should be treated with equal dignity as all the older humans in Hawaii receive.

May the "just" born and "wrongly" born, (in some eyes), receive equal treatment and care.

Please pass HB1184.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Mahalo,

Mrs. Kathleen Hashimoto

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:59:01 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cheryl Rosenau	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this bill. And I urge all who are voting to support this bill. A live baby has a right to live and measures should be taken by the medical team to insure the baby's survival as with any other human being. It is the only humane choice.

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 9:02:22 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
hoku	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB1184 that will protect our precious babies. God created them and loves them dearly. Words cannot express how much it means to my family and I that they are treated with the utmost respect as a human being could possibly deserve. Thank you and God bless!

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 9:03:05 PM
Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kevin J. Cole	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I support HB1184. The most vulnerable of our world deserve its highest protection. Please pass this law.

Kevin J. Cole

Mililani

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 9:07:32 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Peter J Long Jr	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly endorse HB1184 and urge you to take action to quickly pass it.

There can be no greater indication of the humanity of a society than it's care of its weakest and most vulnerable. I cannot imagine a more damning action than to allow a child - a human being - successfully delivered by it's mother and then allowed to die - or even far worse, to be deliberately killed. I pray that each legislator involved in this bill examine himself or herself critically and deeply and move this bill to passage. Thank you. Peter J Long Jr

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 9:16:53 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Beverly Valentino	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I respectfully submit a baby that survives an abortion attempt, or other procedure, is a birth. Anything less than full medical attention is infanticide.

Please support the most vulnerable among us.

Respectfully,

Beverly L. Valentino

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:41:13 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Miriam Hellreich	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

TO: The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chr. of Finance Committee

I wish to offer my testimony in support of HB1184 "Born alive infant protection act".

After the recent comments of the Governor from Virginia on the practice of "infanticide", asking the parent and doctor to make a decision on whether a live birth is to be aborted, has shocked our nation - both pro-life and pro-choice alike.

As an allied health provider, I have worked with many young children who were thought to be Non-viable because they were not perfect when born, but they went on to be healthy, productive adults.

As leaders, we must have the moral courage to not allow infants who have been delivered to then become victims of infanticide because they were presumed to be non-viable. Our state must not follow New York and Virginia's example of letting the parent or the doctor make a decision to kill a newborn child. That makes us no better than the Nazi's who exterminated Jews whom they deemed "inferior." Such a practice would violate the core of Hawaii's moral fiber.

Our legislature must pass HB 1184 to make certain that laws allowing abortion are not so loosely applied as to allow medical personnel to kill a newborn baby.

Miriam Hellreich

808-284-3235

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 9:21:41 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Duffy	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill.

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 9:24:13 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
james	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I fully support HB1184. Every baby deserves life. That will be what we call barbaric to leave baby to die on it's own without medical assistance. We are human beings must have compassion to the most vulnerable. Not even in the animal kingdom where a mother would leave there young to die. I pray our government does not stoop this low. This is another common sense bill. Most people against this bill has no morals. Most organizations against this bill, is about money. Lets not normalize murder on demand like Gosnell. Thanks.

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 9:36:52 PM
Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Charlie E Rosenau	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this Bill ! I ask that all - strongly support this bill !

For those who have - no voice of there own - we must stand in the gap and - stand for what is right in the very face of God ! For we are made - in the likeness of God !!

Human life is a precious thing ! Not just an object or possession !!

Truly - a human being - who is so much more than a mere slave !

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 9:43:26 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
dave beers	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB1184 to treat all of our new-born infants with dignity and respect, and to recognize their common right to life. These helpless infants cannot defend themselves; it is our job as responsible adults to grant infants the same legal protection that the rest of us enjoy.

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 10:05:45 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Heide San Nicolas	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Lawmakers!

Please SUPPORT HB 1184 to protect the lives of keiki from birth. There is no aloha in infanticide. As a society, we are responsible to care for our keiki. Our children are gifts to be valued, treasured and protected, not harmed or thrown away. Please vote to support this bill which will ensure the protection of newborn keiki and give them opportunity to have life.

Mahalo Nui Loa!

Heide San Nicolas

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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 10:31:04 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jessica Tamaribuchi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Sir and Ma'am, I am writing in full support of HB1184 known as the Born Alive Infant Protection Act. It is my understanding that once a fetus reaches 20+ weeks gestational stage, it could be viable outside the womb. In the event that a baby is found to survive an intended abortion, it is imperative that it is given life-saving or life-sustaining medical care at all costs. At this point, it is considered a live birth and, therefore, should be afforded complete protection as should every human being. As a civilized society, we have an obligation to preserve and promote human life including the life of babies surviving a failed abortion. Furthermore, it is important that every medical facility and clinic performing such procedures must be equipped with life-saving machines and treatment available to any surviving infant in order to provide life-saving care. Thank you for considering my testimony with Aloha, Mrs. Jessica Malia Tamaribuchi

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 10:34:51 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Victoria Sensano	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Life is sacred and precious...it's a human being made and formed by God himself. I am pro life and any bill that supports the life of the unborn or born such as HB1184 I am in support of. There has been too many abortions... too many innocent children being killed at the approval of a distressed woman wanting a way out and carried out by the hands of a willing physican who doesn't see a life being robbed of its extistance. Since Roe vs. Wade was passed in the U.S. over 60 million children have been aborted (killed). As of today it is estimated that already 90,000 abortions have already taken place in the United States. If I had it my way abortion would not exist and this bill would never have been created to be read.

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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 10:45:25 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
mark williams	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 10:46:31 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sharon Williams	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

February 5, 2019

TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

RE: HOUSE BILL 1184

Members: Chairman J. Mizuno, Vice Chairman B. Kobayashi, D. Au Belatti, N. Nakamura, J. San Buenaventura, C. Say, J. Tokioka, G. Ward



My name is Dr. Vivien Wong. I am writing to you, the members of the House Committee on Health, to ask for your support of HB 1184.

As a physician who has taken the Hippocratic oath, and a Christian, I am Pro-life. I consider life as a precious gift from God. All human lives should be treated equally including a newborn infant whether the infant is wanted or unwanted by his or her mother or father. A moral society is one that protects the most vulnerable and defends the weakest member of that society. By supporting this bill, we have the opportunity to state that those of us in Hawaii will support right to life for all people of this state no matter how young or how old he or she is.

Thank you for making the right decision to support life.

Sincerely,

Vivien Wong MD, MPH

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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 9:19:30 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jamie Detwiler	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Sir and Ma'am. I am writing in SUPPORT of HB1184. Once a baby is born alive, he or she has every right to life-saving measures as does every baby born in our state of Hawaii. It is no longer an abortion when the baby is delivered alive, it is a birth. That is why the birth certificate states "live birth". Doctors, nurses and licensed health professionals take an oath to "do no harm" and must do everything possible to save the baby's life. It is in humane to leave a baby (term or premature), cold and alone. Abortion and all health clinics must have the proper equipment to save the baby's life and to meet the medical standard of care set by governing agencies such as the Department of Health and the Joint Commission. Respectfully submitted with Aloha, Mrs. Jamie Detwiler, U.S. Citizen and proud Hawaii resident.

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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 11:43:10 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sophie Fung	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

February 5, 2019

TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE HEALTH COMMITTEE

For Hearing on

Thursday, February 7, 2019

8:30 a.m., Conference Room 329

By: Sophie Fung

House Bill No. 1184

Relating to Health:

Dear CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Thank you for the opportunity to testify IN SUPPORT of HB 1184.

It is with a humble heart that I appeal to you to support HB 1184 to save born alive infants as a result of an abortion; to have protections in place so that healthcare providers will provide all the necessary life-saving and life-sustaining medical care and treatment to all such born alive infants and provide penalties for failure to avoid medical aid.

Thank you so much for your thoughtful consideration and support.

Sophie Fung

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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 11:55:46 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Paul K. Featheran Jr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I AM IN SUPPORT OF HB 1184!

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII I'M ASKING YOU WHO ARE IN OFFICE TO AGREE WITH THIS BILL AND PUT A STOP TO THIS NONSENSE! EVERY FETUS, INFANT AND CHILD IS IMPORTANT! THEY ARE OUR CHILDREN, YOUR'S AND MY FUTURE! WE CAN'T STAND BY AND ALLOW THIS DESTRUCTION OF LIFE TO HAPPEN TO OUR OHANA! IT'S NOT ABOUT BLOOD, IT'S NOT ABOUT NATIONALITY, IT'S ABOUT A LIFE THAT WAS CONCEIVED TO ADD VALUE TO OTHER PEOPLE WHO WERE MEANT TO MEET THIS INDIVIDUAL OR INDIVIDUALS! THESE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS HAVE A MOTTO THAT IS ON THE STATE CAPITOL WHICH SAYS;

"UA MAU KE EA O KA AINA I KA PONO"

"THE LIFE OF THE LAND IS PERPETUATED IN RIGHTEOUSNESS"

THE MOMENT THAT WE AS A PEOPLE WOULD ALLOW THIS TERMINATION OF LIFE, IT WILL COME BACK AND BITE US IN SUCH A WAY THAT THOSE WHO AGREED TO THIS TRAVESTY WILL HAVE THEIR FAMILY AND LOVED ONES LEAVING THIS EARTH PREMATURELY! I DON'T WANT THAT AND I'M SURE YOU DON'T WANT OR NEED THAT IN YOUR LIVES! I KNOW WHAT YOU MAYBE THINKING "THEIR IS NO PROOF OF ANYTHING LIKE THIS THAT EVER HAPPENED!"

LET'S THINK ABOUT THE KENNEDY'S AND HOW MUCH OF THEM HAVE LEFT THIS EARTH PREMATURELY PRIMARELY BECAUSE OF THE TERRIBLE CHOICES THEY'VE MADE! THEIR IS ANOTHER FAMILY WHO DID WHAT WAS RIGHT AND IT TRICKLED DOWN THROUGH THEIR FAMILY GENERATIONS AFTER THEM ! I DON'T RECALL THE FAMILIES NAME HOWEVER THEY HAD SENATORS, LAWYERS, JUDGES, PROSECUTING ATTORNY'S, A COUPLE OF THEM RAN FOR PRESIDENCY AND THEIR IS SO MUCH MORE I COULD SHARE HOWEVER I KNOW THAT THIS MESSAGE WENT FORTH INTO YOUR HEARTS! I SUGGEST THAT WE CHOOSE WISELY AND VOTE FOR HB 1184 AND STOP THIS ISSUE BEFORE WE START TO HAVE ANY REGRETS!

MAHALO NUI LOA,
PAUL FEATHERAN

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 12:02:01 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
K	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I urge you to protect those infants who are unable to protect themselves by voting in favor of HB1184.

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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 12:45:45 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mimi Chan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

i supportit, and strongly urge you to support it. All infants born alive under any circumstances should be protected and healthcare providers should give medically appropriate and reasonable life-saving and life-sustaining medical care and treatment.

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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 12:51:39 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Florence Tanaka	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Chairman John Mizuno, Vice-Chairman Bertrand Kobayashi and other members:

Subject: HB 1184 Relating to Born Alive Infants

Chairman Mizuno,

Thank you for allowing HB 1184 to have a hearing.

I am in favor of this bill because protecting and providing for the health and well being of all infants born alive is the right thing to do. It really is a no-brainer. All one needs is common sense and a moral character to know that this is what should be done for an infant born alive.

Chairman Mizuno, in 2007 you were recognized by the Chicago Save Abandoned Babies Foundation for your efforts as a new legislator, to save unwanted newborns from abuse or death. Your efforts were not in vain as the law was finally passed in 2007 to provide a safe haven for newborns by allowing babies to be dropped off with police, fire or hospital workers and put up for adoption.

I hope that you will provide a safe haven for newborns again through HB1184. Please don't abandon babies to die in the hospital.

Thank you,

Florence Tanaka

A concerned citizen and registered voter

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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 1:20:20 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
rossalyn welch	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To whom it may concern, I would like to support hb1184. Thank you very much
Rossalyn Welch

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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 11:39:59 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
August Harrington	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Date: February 6th 2019

Dear Chairs and Members of the House Health Committee,

Please vote yes to bill HB1184. I support the life of the baby who is definitely born out of the womb. We all deserve a chance. It is my belief as a young man in my 20's that we all deserve a chance and a right to life. All the more if the baby is out of the womb and is like akin to a baby kitten waiting for its mother nutrition, all the more it needs warmth, care, and protection from natural dangers, not unnatural attacks. Please vote yes to house bill HB1184. Thank you.

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 1:56:20 AM
Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kehaulani Tarita Tehotu	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

To: The House Health Committee

From: Tarita Tehotu

Re: In support of HB1184

Date: February 6, 2019

Ua Mau Ke Ea O Ka 'Aina I Ka Pono.

The Life of the Land is Perpetuated in the Righteousness

[HB1184 RELATING TO BORN ALIVE INFANTS](#)

I Stand in SUPPORT of Bill HB1184

1. for Ensuring the protection and promotion of the health and wellbeing of all infants born alive in Hawai'i.

Mahalo for Mandating medically appropriate and reasonable life-saving and life-sustaining medical care and treatment to all born alive infants.

Mahalo for Providing civil and criminal penalties as well.

Mahalo, (Thank You)

Tarita Tehotu

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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 3:43:18 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
maile rogers	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I can't believe we actually have to have a conversation about whether or not killing LIVE BABIES should be legal. As a mother, as a woman, as a HUMAN BEING, I am appalled and saddened.

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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 4:03:40 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Danny Melton	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair of the House Health Committee

I support this legislation that provides for the life saving medical care of babies who have been born alive as the result of a failed abortion.

Our state must protect the lives of the most helpless and vulnerable of all humans. The culture of death in Hawaii must stop—and this is a beginning.

Respectfully

Danny Melton Colonel, USMC (retired)

Waipahiu, HI 96796

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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 5:08:00 AM
Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alina Mokan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Subject: House Bill 1184, Relating to Born Alive Infants

February 6, 2019

My name is Alina Mokan, and I am a concerned citizen of Hawaii. I am testifying in support of H.B. 1184. This bill will help ensure the protection of all babies in Hawaii. Babies that are born alive, even prematurely in abortion clinics, are fully human and valuable. These babies deserve the same treatment as any other baby that is born alive in this state. That entails proper equipment and an appropriate standard of care in life-saving measures for these babies, and civil and criminal penalties for neglecting to do so. Once any baby in Hawaii is born alive, it is their legal right.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support on this extremely significant matter.

Alina Mokan

alinasmokan@gmail.com

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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 5:16:23 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
margaret peary	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Dear House Committe on Health Members,

First, I'd like to thank Representatives Mizuno and Kobayashi for introducing this profoundly important legislation known as HB1184. Quite frankly, it is unthinkable that we need to protect the right of born babies; however, it appears to be so.

I support this legislation for the following reasons:

- It's no longer an abortion when the baby is delivered alive: it is a birth. Doctors and nurses must be equipped to do everything they can to save that live baby.
- It is inhumane to leave a premature baby cold and alone on a table while it takes its last breaths. Abortion clinics must have the proper equipment and follow an appropriate standard of care to try to save the baby's life.
- Once a baby is born alive, it has every legal right to life-saving measures, just the same as every baby born in this state.

Further, if the baby is unwanted by it's biological parents, then they have the option of lovingly signing the baby over for adoption, an option all too often forgotten.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this legislative, life-saving process.

Margaret Peary/Mililani, HI

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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 5:45:01 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lleander Jung	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Chair & Committee Members,

I am writing in support of HB1184 Born Alive Infant Act

The following are some of my reasons :

1. As I am a woman and a mother, I understand that during pregnancy, biological bodily changes automatically hapoen. The body changes during the 9 month period and we are programmed to support the pregnancy and act to protect, nurture and grow the fetus within. The later the stage of decision to abort, the more likely it is to harm the reproductive health of the mother. Scientific studies have indicated even in China or India that the woman's reproductive organs suffer the effects of a sudden drop in hormonal levels. This leads in future to an increased likelihood of cancers in the breast or cervix / womb.

2. Thus it is a two edge sword in trying to accommodate a late term decision to abort affecting the future health of both mother & child aborted while it is already viable and able to feel sensations and even fears of intrusive instruments.

3. To then legislate to end the viable child's life after it having slipped alive into the abortion pail is a double kill. After 46 years of legalizing abortion, more studies are available on the long term mental effects of mothers who abort or have to make this decision twice ... abort & kill after the baby slips out alive. Most women do not think of the consequences of their decisions made under a state of stress, fears duress & confusion.

4. Each of us pregnant know for a fact that the viable child is human and killing it after it is Born Alive is a deliberate act that is difficult to justify away or to forget even long term.

5. To then make this child that is alive a Ward of the State takes away the difficult decision- making buying the child time and objective decision makers to decide on it achieving new goals Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness elsewhere through adoption or with other relatives.

6. Note that the Act recognizes the legality of abortion as a choice. Like all choices, once it fails to achieve its desired objective, a better alternative should be sought. Some children will be too far gone and will die naturally albeit as a result of unnatural acts against it. But we now know many born alive and saved babies have survived and become very productive citizens.

7. Think about it. As humans we are dreamers of success and strive to better our world. If we take the path of ending life under any rationale, how can leaders and citizens make good progressive decisions in any field? We will have failed our communities & families by seeking to end mistakes rather than facing and accepting our mistakes and allowing other solutions like adoption to lead to a Win- Win- Win solution (the baby wins life, the biological mother wins freedom and the potential adoptive parents win the potential of a family

PLEASE VOTE YES ON HB1184

Thank you.

Lleander Jung

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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 5:54:02 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
REYNALDO DINULONG	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

When my wife was about 28 weeks pregnant, the baby stopped moving in her womb and the first thought by the medical team was to take her to the OR. We refused and elected for her to receive IV fluids and be monitored. The baby started moving but kept going into distress so at around 02:00 AM, the surgeon came and told us that my wife needed to have a c-section or I might have to make a choice between my wife or the baby. Not knowing what the baby would look like since it stopped growing at 26 weeks, we were scared but placed all of our trust and the baby's life in God's hands. The Our son was born less than two (2) lbs and about the size of a coke can. The Doctors had to perform CPR the moment he was born. It was a very scary moment but we knew that God was going to be with our child. The next 4 months truly tested our faith as we watched our son inside an incubator clinging to dear life. I will never forget the feeling of touching his very tiny hands which fits in my 3 fingers for the very first time. We knew that God will watch over him and our faith never wavered. Our son is now a healthy 15 year-old and excelling academically. Just like any babies, he is a gift from God that needs to loved, cared for, and cherish. We would never be able to forgive ourselves if we allowed our fears to control us and let a bad decision decide the fate of our child.

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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 6:09:22 AM
Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chauncey Wong Yuen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Strongly support this measure. A people that embraces aloha cannot condone killing and a return to its former ways.

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 6:12:11 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kevin Montgomery	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this bill!

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 6:21:08 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anna Fujishige	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Anna Fujishige and I'm writing in support of HB1184.

As a young woman, I believe a woman has rights to her own body. However, when pregnant her personal rights are no longer the only rights to consider. She is not alone in her decision, another human being is involved. It is inhumane to kill a child after birth - whether the child is a few years old or merely a few minutes. It is a valuable human life.

Please support HB1184. Let our state show aloha and mālama to all - no matter their age or physical condition.

Thank you!

Anna Fujishige

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 6:31:35 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Judith Carino	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I plead with you to vote yes on HB 1184. Once a baby is born alive; it is a birth. It's no longer an abortion! The child, who fought against all odds to survive, has every legal right to life-saving measures; just as any other person in this state does. We must stand up for the most vulnerable among us and insist that we will not leave a baby alone on a table to take his or her last breaths. To allow or hasten that baby's death is infanticide. We must ensure that doctors and nurses are equipped to do everything they can to save that live baby, and abortion clinics must have the proper equipment and follow an appropriate standard of care to try to save the baby's life. Not doing so is inhumane.

Sincerely,

Judith Carino

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 6:32:23 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Janelle Jung	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I would like to respectfully submit my personal support for infants born alive in the process of abortion to be allowed to live. If society can go out of its way to save infants abandoned at birth, why can we not also allow these infants in essentially the same situation the right to life and care. If the pro-choice motto of "my body, my choice" is applied, shouldn't an infant born alive and essentially now the owner of its own body, separate from its mother's body, then be allowed equal rights and opportunities? If, under the law, the death of an infant in utero by assault of his/her mother can be charged as a criminal offense, how can his/her death after birth, willful or not, not also be a crime.

I am not a failed victim of abortion but born prematurely at 28 weeks gestation, I could have very well died also, shortly after birth if not for my parents, medical team, and modern medicine. Some 36 years later, I am lucky still to be alive, a daughter and sister, a researcher, and a contributing member of humanity. I ask also that we make it possible for babies born alive during abortions to be accorded the same simple right to live.

TO:

Rep. John M. Mizuno, Chair
Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair



FROM: David Willweber.

RE: Testimony in **SUPPORT of HB1184**

Dear Representatives Mizuno & Kobayashi & those on the health committee,

This bill is a no-brainer, please vote yes in support of the voiceless. Please vote yes in support of the defenseless. Please vote yes in support of keiki. Please vote yes in support of those who want a chance at creating a destiny for themselves, a legacy, a future family.

Every living child deserves the right to care & medical treatment. Mahalo for voting yes!

Ua mau ke ea o ka aina I ka pono.

The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness.

Mahalo for your time and working together for the best welfare of our keiki, ohanas, generations, & life of the Islands and life on the Islands!

Aloha,

Dave Willweber

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 6:57:37 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Donna Bartolome	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Leaders of our beautiful state!

I am writing this testimony on behalf of myself and family. My heart breaks at the recent law that was passed in New York to abort babies at the 9month old state. And now with the recent proposed law in Virginia that a baby can be out of the womb and be terminated as soon as he/she has been delivered. ..This is absolutely despicable!! I plead with you PROTECT OUR BABIES AND PASS HB1184. As a mother and wife who has one child and 2 that has passed ...it's not easy for me to conceive...every child is precious and deserves to LIVE. HAWAII MUST STAND AND PROTECT LIFE!
Mahalo for your time and service to our great state!

Sincerely,

Donna Bartolome

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 7:15:31 AM
Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leslie Watanabe	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Legislators who do not acknowledge a child's right to be alive, and do not advocate and defend their well-being are incapable of making decisions that effectively benefit society at large.

Please do the right thing and pass HB 1184.

Thank you.

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 7:37:16 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
JeanE Monnier	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



Cheryl Toyofuku

Mother, Grandmother, Registered Nurse, Health Advocate
1025 Noelani Street, Pearl City, HI 96782
February 6, 2019

Representative John Mizuno, Chair of House Health Committee
Members of the House Health Committee
Hearing Date and Time: February 7, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.
Re: HB1184 relating to Born Alive Infants

Aloha Representative Mizuno and the Members of the House Health Committee

I am in strong support of HB1184 to protect all babies that are born alive. Since I believe that life begins at conception, life in a live birth of any infant should be protected at all cost. The infant is a legal person and medical personnel present at the birth must be equipped to do everything they can to save the life of that baby.

A health facility, whether it is a medical center or abortion clinic must have the proper newly born baby's life. Like every other baby born in the state of Hawaii, life saving measures are expected once a baby is out of a mother's womb.

When a new-born infant has unexpectedly survived an abortion procedure, proper legal protection must be required so that life-saving medical care can be provided. No baby born in this situation should be left to die unattended, cold and alone on a table. This situation would be criminal and inhumane. Professional disciplinary action should be required and enforced.

Please support SB1184 and pass this bill out of your committee.

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 7:46:11 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
kourtney	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support Bill HB1184. It is unfortunate that babies have to suffer from an abortion, esp if late term. Please save the BORN ALIVE babies. They are human too!

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 7:52:07 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ronette Byers	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED THAT human life DOES NOT BEGIN WHEN A HUMAN EGG AND SPERM UNITE TO BECOME

A DONKEY, MONKEY, ELEPHANT, SNAKE, OR ANY OTHER LIVING THING ON THIS PLANET.....

BUT ONLY A HUMAN CHILD.

DOES human life BEGIN OUTSIDE THE MOTHER? YOU DECIDE THE PLUMB LINE?

OUR CONSTITUTION STATES ALL HUMANS ARE BORN WITH INALIENABLE RIGHTS.

NOW OUT OF THE MOTHER THIS IS A HUMAN PERSON WITH INALIENABLE RIGHTS.

TO DENY IT'S RIGHT TO LIFE SUPPORT IS TO COMMIT LEGALIZED MASS MURDER.

Blessing you with aloha and wisdom as you face difficult decision put before you to protect all

in Hawai'i.



Ua Mau ke Ea o ka 'Āina i ka Pono

Mililani Kia'aina

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 7:53:37 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Youtz	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

It's no longer an abortion when the baby is delivered alive: it is a birth. Doctors and nurses must do everything they can to care for that live baby.

Those who would advocate allowing the killing of a newborn baby would have no logical basis for arguing against the killing of any dependent child (or parent for that matter) who was no longer wanted.

Sincerely,

David Youtz

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 7:38:39 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mele Beeman	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Hi,

My name is Mele Beeman and I am a registered voter in the 43rd district.

I am submitting my testimony as a concerned mother and member of society who is extremely supportive of HB1184.

Using the same reason why abortion is an accepted procedure protected by law, which assumes that life begins once a fetus is born, I implore that personhood/life must be protected by law.

When an infant is born after an unsuccessful abortion it may be deemed unwanted but certainly not UNalive. And if a persons life is not protected once it is born (at the very least/since I personally believe that life begins at conception) then we as a society have entered into the darkest hovels of evil as we willingly refuse protection of life as accepted by both pro-life ad pro-choice parties.

Mahalo

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 8:00:54 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Belinda Borengasser	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support providing life-saving and life-sustaining medical care for all infants born alive, as well as penalties for those who fail to provide care to those infants.

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 8:06:15 AM
Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Teresa Gochenouer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear House Members,

Im writing you today to ask you to support HB1184. A baby born alive deserves and needs protection from any threat to its life. It is our obligation to care for the child born alive. It is sad that we have to have a law to protect what should naturally be done in these circumstances. Each child born alive has a right to live and for the future of Hawaii as our state motto states: "Ua Mau Ke Ea O Ka Aina I Ka Pono- The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness". Let us please do what is right. Vote yes on HB1184. Thank you.

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 8:07:17 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Ishiki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I believe that the choice to kill a baby born alive in what ever condition the baby is MURDER. If someone was to kill a mother who was pregnant, they would be charged with BOTH murders, the mother and the baby. Why would any educated person think that a **baby** born alive would not be a human?

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 8:13:09 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeffrey Lyons	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am writing in SUPPORT of HB1184 - RELATING TO BORN ALIVE INFANTS.

Hawaii, as the ALOHA STATE, needs to be known for compassion and care of its most vulnerable members of our society. We need to be the state that will extend medical care to BORN ALIVE INFANTS in order to sustain life, and care for the newly born child.

I urge the committee members to vote in favor of this bill.

Thank you,

Jeffrey K. Lyons
Mililani

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 8:13:33 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anicque Domingo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please pass this bill. Thou shalt not kill, is one of ten commandments the Lord gave all of us. If a baby survives an abortion its because the Lord has great plans for that childs life. If we continue to take away laws that the Lord has given us knowing mans evil heart, we take away our moral, integrity, and love for another human being.

Please pass bill HB1184

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1. HAWAII LICENSED LOBBYIST, **RAYMOND RENE VIOLE™**
2. **THE HOLY TRINITY™**

+100,000 FATHERS SINCE 1986

+100,000 MOTHERS SINCE 1986

+85 DRUG INDUCED MISCARRIAGES / MURDER SINCE 2018 THROUGH TELE-ABORTION THAT CAUSE:

1. BABY PARTS GOING DOWN THE SEWER SYSTEMS AND OUT INTO THE OCEAN AND BACK ONTO THE BEACHES IN WAIKIKI.
2. UNCLEAR WATER SIGNS NEED TO BE POSTED ON ALL THE BEACHES REGARDING SWIMMING IN BABY PARTS.
3. BABY PARTS EATEN BY HAWAII SEALIFE WHICH COULD END UP IN LOCAL & INTERNATIONAL RESTAURANTS AS SUSHI AND OTHER DISHES.
4. THE STATE OF HAWAII FAILS TO REQUIRE INFORMED CONSENT FOR ABORTION, TO MANDATE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN A MINOR'S ABORTION DECISION WHICH CAN CAUSE CHILD EXPLOITATION BY DIRTY OLD MEN AND/OR THE STATE OF HAWAII DIRTY LEGISLATORS THAT HAVE ALLOWED THIS TO OCCUR WHICH PROTECTS CHILD EXPLOITATION PREDATORS WHICH COULD BE SOME OF THEIR DIRTY ASSOCIATES.
5. TRAVEL ADVISORY IS NEEDED THAT YOUR UNDERAGE CHILD COULD BE SUBJECT TO EXPLOITATION BY DIRTY OLD MEN WHO ARE SEXUAL PREDATORS IN THE HATE STATE OF HAWAII.

+100,000

**ABORTED AND/OR MURDERED
BABIES AND KEIKI'S SINCE 1986 THAT ARE
"CREATIVE ART REFLECTIONS OF**

GOD™

OUR CREATOR"™

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**\$1 BILLION DAMAGE CLAIM PER
ABORTION AND/OR MURDER
SINCE 1986
AND TELE-ABORTION AND/OR
MURDER SINCE 2018**

VS

THE ALOHA SPIRIT

&

THE LIVING FORCE OF HAWAII

<https://www.hawaii.edu/uhowo/clear/home/lawaloha.html>

3. STATE OF HAWAII

4. ALL LEGISLATORS SINCE 1986

5. ALL GOVERNORS SINCE 1986

6. ALL LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS SINCE 1986

7. ALL EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF EACH DEPARTMENT SINCE 1986

8. ALL CHIEF JUSTICES SINCE 1986

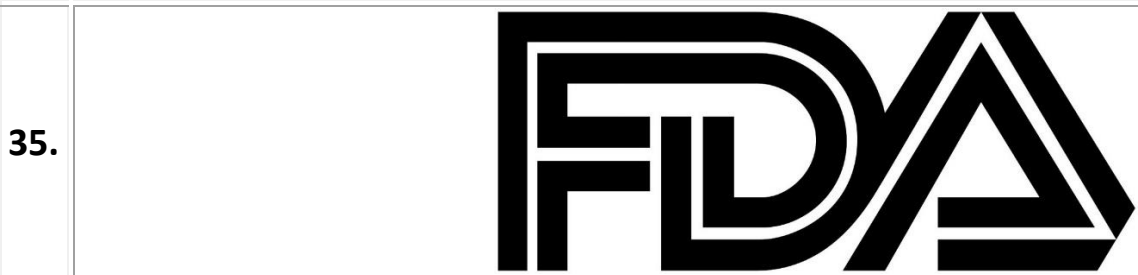
9. ALL ASSOCIATE JUSTICES SINCE 1986

10. ALL JUDGES OF THE APPELLATE, CIRCUIT, AND DISTRICT COURTS SINCE 1986

11. ALL ATTORNEY GENERALS SINCE 1986

12. ALL SUPREME COURT DISCIPLINARY REVIEW BOARDS SINCE 1986

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| 13. | ALL CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATIONS SINCE 1986 |
| 14. | ALL MAYORS, MEMBERS AND COUNCIL CHAIRS OF THE COUNTIES OF HAWAII, HONOLULU, KAUAI, AND MAUI SINCE 1986 |
| 15. | ALL HAWAII COUNTY MEDICAL BOARDS SINCE 1986 |
| 16. | ALL HONOLULU COUNTY MEDICAL BOARDS SINCE 1986 |
| 17. | ALL KAUAI COUNTY MEDICAL BOARDS SINCE 1986 |
| 18. | ALL MAUI COUNTY MEDICAL BOARDS SINCE 1986 |
| 19. | ALL HAWAII COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS SINCE 1986 |
| 20. | ALL HONOLULU COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS SINCE 1986 |
| 21. | ALL KAUAI COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS SINCE 1986 |
| 22. | ALL MAUI COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS SINCE 1986 |
| 23. | ALL STATE OF HAWAII ABORTION FACILITIES SINCE 1986 |
| 24. | ALL STATE OF HAWAII ABORTION DOCTORS SINCE 1986 |
| 25. | ALL STATE OF HAWAII ABORTION NURSES SINCE 1986 |
| 26. | ALL STATE OF HAWAII ABORTION STAFF SINCE 1986 |
| 27. | ALL HAWAII COUNTY MURDERED BABY DISPOSAL SERVICES SINCE 1986 |
| 28. | ALL HONOLULU COUNTY MURDERED BABY DISPOSAL SERVICES SINCE 1986 |
| 29. | ALL KAUAI COUNTY MURDERED BABY DISPOSAL SERVICES SINCE 1986 |
| 30. | ALL MAUI COUNTY MURDERED BABY DISPOSAL SERVICES SINCE 1986 |
| 34. | TELE-ABORTION SINCE 2018 |



38.



39.



WHY

- ABORTION & TELE-ABORTION
- MEDICAL TERRORISM THAT CAUSES THE DESTRUCTION OF OUR “COLLECTIVE EXISTENCE”
- MURDER OF “CREATIVE ART REFLECTIONS OF GOD OUR CREATOR™”
- HATE CRIMES TOWARDS THE PARENTS & BABIES / KEIKI’S OF HAWAII & INTERNATIONAL VISITORS
- GENOCIDE OF NATIVE HAWAIIANS
- DISCRIMINATION OF U.S. CITIZENS
- DERELICTION OF DUTY
- DEMONIC POPULATION CONTROL

SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE STATE OF HAWAII BASED ON:

. Aloha... The spirit has been written into the letter of the law.

- **PLEASE NOTE:** that each segment of the actual law below will be in "BLACK TEXT" and proof of the law in a document with the State seal of Hawaii is located near the bottom of this page.

My comments by

RAYMOND RENE VIOLE

will be “numbered from 1-17 and in

"BLUE TEXT".

- §5-7.5 "Aloha Spirit".

- (a) "Aloha Spirit" is the coordination of mind and heart within each person.

1.

- (How come “heart within each person” is not including an unborn Children-Keiki’s of God? and also when a heartbeat first begins?)
- It brings each person to the self.

2.

- (How come the “self” of a Child-Keiki's of God can't be born and instead abortion is promoted and murder occurs?)

- Each person must think and emote good feelings to others.

3.

- (How can the Governor of Hawaii not want to think and emote good feelings to others such as helping the unborn Children-Keiki's of God to be born alive and live and give them every opportunity to make their birth a reality and not a nightmare? Is an abortion doctor emoting good feelings to a baby he/she tears out of a mother's womb alive?)

- In the contemplation and presence of the life force, “Aloha”, the following unuhi laula loa may be used:

- "**A**kahai", meaning kindness, to be expressed with tenderness;

- "**L**okahi", meaning unity, to be expressed with harmony;

- "**O**luolu", meaning agreeable, to be expressed with pleasantness;

- "**H**aahaa", meaning humility, to be expressed with modesty;

- "**A**honui", meaning patience, to be expressed with perseverance.

4.

- (In the “contemplation and presence of the life force?” What is the presence of the life force? Why would you only contemplate it? What is the true definition of the life force? Where does the life force come from? Who or what created the life force since nothing states clearly where or what it is from or who came up with the term “life force”.)

- “Akahai”, meaning kindness, to be expressed with tenderness;

5.

- (How can this be applied to an unborn Children-Keiki’s of God when they are ripped out and torn apart alive from a mother’s womb? The abortion doctors, nurses, office staff have violated the "Spirit of Aloha" as written in the letter of the law of the State of Hawaii, and all of whom should lose their medical license and murderous careers and sued by every mother & father for every abortion since the law went into affect in 1986 if the mother and father was not informed about the "Spirit of Aloha" which is the living force of Hawaii. Medical malpractice insurance may not cover the abortion doctors and their teams after the fact if the insurance companies learn about the "Spirit of Aloha" which could subject all of the abortion medical teams and the State of Hawaii to unlimited damage claims from +100,000 abortions in the State of Hawaii since 1986.)

- “Lokahi”, meaning unity, to be expressed with harmony;

6.

- (How can this be applied to an unborn Children-Keiki’s of God when they are no longer part of the community as a Native Hawaii Resident whether they are still in the mother’s womb or would have actually been allowed to be born alive? How can

harmony be applied to them after being aborted and murdered alive?)

- “Oluolu”, meaning agreeable, to be expressed with pleasantness;

7.

- (How can this be applied to an unborn Children-Keiki’s of God when they are not agreeing to be aborted and murdered alive and it is not pleasantness to be ripped out alive from a mother’s womb and thorn away as if they have no meaning of life?)

- “HaaHaa”, meaning humility, to be expressed with modesty;

8.

- (How can this be applied to an unborn Children-Keiki’s of God when they never get the opportunity to be able to live their life with humility and modesty but instead are treated like they are worthless and disposable and should have their body parts sold for research tissue or burned into ashes or buried somewhere on the Hawaiian islands?)

- “Ahonui”, meaning patience, to be expressed with perseverance.

9.

- (How can this be applied to an unborn Children-Keiki’s of God when they are treated like sick medical patients that need to be ripped out and torn alive from the mother’s womb, instead of the State of Hawaii working more towards helping the pregnant mother to have more patience and perseverance and go through the nine-month pregnancy and helping the mother to fall in love with her child during the pregnancy?)

- These are traits of character that express the charm, warmth and sincerity of Hawaii's people.

10.

- (If this is the case, then why is the State of Hawaii wanting to terminate the Hawaii's people, unborn Children-Keiki's of God if their character traits express their charm, warmth and sincerity?)

- It was the working philosophy of native Hawaiians and was presented as a gift to the people of Hawaii.

11.

- (How is abortion considered a "gift to the people of Hawaii from the Native Hawaiians and their working philosophy or is it witchcraft?" What is their working philosophy and how is it clearly defined in a way that protects the living life of the Children-Keiki's of God?)

- "Aloha" is more than a word of greeting or farewell or a salutation. "Aloha" means mutual regard and affection and extends warmth in caring with no obligation in return.

12.

- (If "Aloha" is more than a word of greeting or farewell or a salutation, than why are the unborn Children-Keiki's of God given a horrific farewell by being aborted and murdered and not given every opportunity to be born alive and live? How come the unborn Children-Keiki's of God are not treated with a mutual regard and affection that extends warmth in caring with no obligation in return? The State of Hawaii should give an unborn Children-Keiki's of God the best chance for success to be born alive and live in the beautiful Aloha State of Hawaii.)

- “Aloha” is the essence of relationships in which each person is important to every other person for **collective existence**.

13.

- (Since “Aloha” is the essence of relationships in which each person is important to every other person for "collective existence", then why are the unborn Children-Keiki’s of God treated like they are not important to every other person for "collective existence"? Why are abortion doctors treated like medical hero’s when they are destroying the “collective existence” of the State of Hawaii and also destroying the relationships a mother or father could have had with their son or daughter had their child not have been aggressively aborted and murdered and in which the mother is pressured to have an abortion and not the other way around by encouraging the mother to not have an abortion so she can be a mother, or if she is still traumatized over the pregnancy, put the child into a temporary foster home and/or up for adoption?!)

- “Aloha” means
- to hear what is not said,
- to see what cannot be seen and
- to know the unknowable.

14.

- “Aloha” means to hear what is not said?: (The unborn Child-Keiki's of God wants to live and not die and God does not want his Children-Keiki's to be murdered alive!)

15.

- **To see what cannot be seen?: (The pain the unborn Child-Keiki's of God goes through when ripped out and torn apart alive from the mother's womb and hidden from the public!**
- **WHERE ARE THE DEAD BABIES SENT TO AFTER THEY ARE ABORTED IN THE STATE OF HAWAII? ARE THEY BURNED INTO ASHES WHICH IS A PRACTICE OF THE OCCULT OR DISSOLVED IN CHEMICALS AND IF SO, AS AN INDIVIDUAL OR AS A GROUPING? ARE THEY Poured INTO A LARGE CANISTER AND BURIED OR ARE THEIR ASHES SPRINKLED ON THE ISLANDS AND/OR DUMPED INTO THE OCEANS OF HAWAII OR BURIED AS A GROUP OF ASHES OR LIQUID WHICH COULD LEAK INTO THE FOOD AND WATER SUPPLY OF HAWAII? WHAT IF A CRIME OCCURRED AND YOU NEED TO DO A DNA TEST ON A PREVIOUS ABORTION TO IDENTIFY AN ABORTED BABY FOR INHERITANCE PURPOSES AND/OR A MURDEROUS CRIME?)**

16.

- **To know the unknowable?: (The unborn Child-Keiki's of God never gets to be born alive but instead is killed alive and never gets a birth date, birthday or name and becomes nameless and homeless in the State of Hawaii.)**

17.

- **(b) In exercising their power on behalf of the people and in fulfillment of their responsibilities, obligations and service to the people, the legislature, governor, lieutenant governor, executive officers of each department, the chief justice, associate justices, and judges of the appellate, circuit, and district courts may contemplate and reside with the life force and give consideration to the "Aloha Spirit". [L 1986, c 202, §1]**
- **How can all of these Hawaii State Government employees in exercising their power on behalf of the people and in**

fulfillment of their responsibilities, obligations and service to the people, contemplate and reside with the life force and give consideration to the "Aloha Spirit"? How do you reside with the life force? How do you contemplate with the life force and also give consideration to the "ALOHA SPIRIT" at the same time? What is the life force? Where does the life force come from? Shouldn't the "life force" be called the "death force" for all of the aborted and murdered unborn Children-Keiki's of God?

- How come the "life force" is not doing everything to preserve the life of the unborn citizens of the State of Hawaii which could also be considered a form of genocide from the "death force" of Hawaii disguised as the "life force" of Hawaii? How come the "life force" is okay with as of the year 2014, on average, 3760 abortions have occurred in the State of Hawaii year after year? How could the "life force" and the "Aloha Spirit" be happy with 3760 abortions year after year? How are these Hawaii State Government employees providing service to the people and the unborn Children-Keiki's of God? What is the "Aloha Spirit?" How do you reside and give consideration to the "Aloha Spirit at the same time?"
- OR IS EXERCISING THEIR POWER ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE AND IN FULFILLMENT OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES, OBLIGATIONS AND SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE IS TO PROMOTE ABORTING AND MURDERING THE CHILDREN-KEIKI'S OF GOD WITH THE "ALOHA DEATH FORCE OF HAWAII"?!!!)



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from Chapter 5 of Hawai'i Revised Statutes:

§ 5-7.5 "Aloha Spirit". (a) "Aloha Spirit" is the coordination of mind and heart within each person. It brings each person to the self. Each person must think and emote good feelings to others. In the contemplation and presence of the life force, "Aloha", the following **unuhi laulā loa** may be used:

- "Akahai", meaning kindness to be expressed with tenderness;
- "Lōkahi", meaning unity, to be expressed with harmony;
- "Olu'olu" meaning agreeable, to be expressed with pleasantness;
- "Ha'aha'a", meaning humility, to be expressed with modesty;
- "Ahonui", meaning patience, to be expressed with perseverance.

These are traits of character that express the charm, warmth and sincerity of Hawai'i's people. It was the working philosophy of native Hawaiians and was presented as a gift to the people of Hawai'i. "Aloha" is more than a word of greeting or farewell or a salutation. "Aloha" means mutual regard and affection and extends warmth in caring with no obligation in return. "Aloha" is the essence of relationships in which each person is important to every other person for collective existence. "Aloha" means to hear what is not said, to see what cannot be seen and to know the unknowable.

(b) In exercising their power on behalf of the people and in fulfillment of their responsibilities, obligations and service to the people, the legislature, governor, lieutenant governor, executive officers of each department, the chief justice, associate justices, and judges of the appellate, circuit, and district courts may contemplate and reside with the life force and give consideration to the "Aloha Spirit". [L 1986, c 202, § 1]

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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 8:14:36 AM
Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rhesel Rivera	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Committee,

I am writing to express that I strongly support HB1184, the Born Alive Infant Protection Act, for it will safeguard the protection and promotion of the health and well-being of all infants born alive as a result of an abortion performed in the state. By the Born Alive Infant Protection Act, it will be deemed necessary for healthcare providers provide medically appropriate, life-sustaining and life-saving care to treat born-alive infants.

Abortion no longer stands if a baby is delivered alive—it is considered birth—therefore doctors and nurses must be equipped with everything to ensure the safety and well-being of the child. Furthermore, it is inhumane for healthcare providers to dismiss the life of a child after the baby has been born and displays all characteristics of development and viability. The baby is a human being, and therefore deserves his or her rights to life; the child, once born alive, has every legal right to be provided with life-saving measures.

For Life,

Rhesel Rivera

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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 8:19:04 AM
Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dean Ishiki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I treasure life... especially the life of a newborn.

My greatest hope regarding the greatest nation on earth and the "rule of law" is that all citizens of the Blessed United States of America would agree that every breath taken on earth, our nation, state and island (Oahu) is a "GIFT FROM GOD"... especially when is is the "FIRST BREATH" of a newborn child

Thank you for receiving my comment

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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 8:23:13 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Terri Yoshinaga	One Love	Support	No

Comments:

Once a baby is born alive, it has every legal right to life-saving measures, just the same as every baby born in the State.

I want to thank, you for introducing this bill. It is great to see something positive! I pray that you continue to honor God in every bill you vote on this year. I am in opposition to most and am elated that I can send a testimony on behalf of something that honors and respects Godly values. We can truly make Hawaii great if we continue to honor God and let Godly values run our government. I urge you to consider that in everything you do for our keiki's sake. God bless you all!

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 8:25:43 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leslie J.	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Dear Representative Mizuno and Members of the House Committee on Health,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify. I would like to express my strong support for the intent of HB1184 and ask that it be amended for both non-substantive reasons (punctuation, etc) and the following potentially substantive concerns:

1. page 1, line 17: amend "and" to "an"
2. page 3, line 6: amend "shows and" to "shows any"
3. page 8, line 11: amend reference to section "A-5(h)" to properly reflect the paragraph to which it refers, which appears to be section A-3 (h) in the current draft of the measure.

Thank you again for this opportunity to testify.

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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 8:27:19 AM
Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Wilma Youtz	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Health Committee Members,

I urge you to support HB1184 to protect all infants born alive by insuring they will receive life-sustaining and life-saving medical treatment. To do otherwise is inhumane and constitutes infanticide. This is not an issue of abortion; it is an issue of humanity and civility. Once born, an infant has the right to survival. Please act on behalf of all infants born who cannot defend or care for themselves. It is not anyone's right to determine whether they live or die: once full-term or born, they are humans that deserve to live. Help defend the lives of Hawaii's keiki when they are most vulnerable.
SUPPORT HB 1184.

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 8:28:16 AM
Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maria Bernaldez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Committee,

I am in support for the Born Alive Infant Protection Act due to the many benefits it provides for human life in general. With this Act, it will allow human babies to be given proper care and protection, for this stage in life is one of the most vulnerable. These babies have rights and this includes the right to live and get necessary care and protection from doctors and nurses.

When a child is born, it is indeed considered alive and therefore also has the right to gain appropriate standard care to keep him or her alive. An abortion and not given proper care after birth are two different things, as an abortion is an act of killing a developing human fetus, while not given proper care after birth is inhumane and a violation of human rights. Therefore, with the Born Alive Infant Protection Act, our nation's babies will be given proper care when birthed, a very important aspect to consider which promotes human dignity and growth.

For life,

Maria Bernaldez

LATE

Dear Chairman Mizuno, and honorable members of the House of Representative.

My name is Ed Smith, and my wife Bernie and I are registered voters in House District 37 who are in favor of HB1184.

Bernie and I have grown up and lived in Hawaii all our life and have the opportunity to see our two girls grow up to be young adults; one daughter is a school teacher at Mililani Middle School, and our younger daughter is a Junior at the University of Hawaii majoring in Creative Media.

We value life and we are disappointed in how many babies are aborted each year in Hawaii who do not have the opportunity to live and have a bright future.

We are in favor of HB1184 because it provides the right for babies to live. Babies who are born are living humans who are breathing, smelling, seeing, and thinking.

There needs to be limits on the laws we create, otherwise, the laws become life taking and not life giving.

Aloha is the Hawaiian word for love, and love cannot be given by taking a baby's life.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the HB1184, please feel free to contact me at 255-7498.

Thank you for your time.

Ed Smith

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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 8:29:35 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Vivian Aiona	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

BORN ALIVE INFANT PROTECTION ACT

HB 1184

February 6, 2019

- SUPPORT life-saving care, treatment, to INFANTS BORN ALIVE
- DO NOT ADD to the Legislature's approval of "Death with Dignity" and the dictation of LIFE

Standing firmly in support of life IN and OUT of the womb, regardless of age.

Vivian Aiona

Wahiawa, Hawaii

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 8:29:49 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brian Tawata	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 8:29:49 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chris Tanaka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chairman Mizuno and committee members:

Thank you for allowing HB 1184 to have a hearing concerning such an important matter along with many other matters you prelide over.

I am in favor of this bill as a voice speaking up for the many infants who cannot speak up for themselves.

Sincerely,

Chris Tanaka

tanakach@gmail.com

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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 8:41:16 AM
Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Atama	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I believe in the intrinsic value of life beginning at conception and I am enraged by the way society has diminished the value of life down being less valuable than a person's choice .

This Bill is one of many steps we can take to take back that value on life and ensuring it's value is in place weather inside or outside the womb especially if born alive in a very stressful situation and even an abortion attempt.

So it is upon the medical personepe to do everything they can to preserve the life of the newborn .

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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 8:41:24 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Tada	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 8:47:25 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jodie Dresel	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I'm a registered nurse and I have experience in working in labor and delivery. Some babies have anomalies that are incompatible with life meaning they are not going to live long without extensive measures. Babies who are incompatible with life and not going to live should not have to suffer the stress of all the painful medical procedures. They should be able to be at peace. Mothers should have the right to choose resuscitation or not. We as adults can fill out a living will or advanced directive and decide when enough is enough. Another thing to consider is sometimes the mother might be risking her life to deliver a child that will never live off a ventilator or never leave the hospital. As a registered nurse I feel it's awful to charge a nurse with murder for carrying out the families wishes. We are supposed to protect and provide families with the best care, the care they are asking for.

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 4:20:05 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Emily Jones	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Representative Mizuno and members of the House Committee on Health,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony IN OPPOSITION to HB1184 "RELATING TO BORN ALIVE INFANTS," to be heard on Thursday, Feb 7, 2019.

As a fourth-year medical student at the University of Hawai'i John A. Burns School of Medicine about to enter the physician workforce, I believe that healthcare decisions should always be made based on what is best for a patient and their family. The decision to seek abortion is complex, but it is a personal decision that is protected by law.

Thousands of women and families have been spared physical, emotional, and financial pain thanks to the legal, safe abortion care provided in Hawai'i's hospitals. This bill not only aims to provoke fear in patients and providers by imagining a near-impossible medical scenario, but it has the potential to encourage anti-choice legislation in the future.

Please keep Hawai'i women safe.

Sincerely,

Emily Jones

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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 8:54:53 AM
Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jayson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB1184

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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 9:19:40 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lora Burbage	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Aloha Chairman Mizuno and Health Committee Members,

Thank you for scheduling this bill! I am in support of this bill.

Ua Mau ke Ea o ka 'ÄĀina i ka Pono - The Life of the Land is Perpetuated in Righteousness. Passage of this bill is the right thing to do. It protects the tiniest, most vulnerable person who is born in our state. It recognizes their need to be protected and cared for no matter how they entered the world. These innocent babies deserve all the rights and privileges our constitution affords an individual.

Rightly so, the penalty for not giving care and thus causing the death of an infant in this bill is 2nd degree murder and the penalty for reckless failure to give care is manslaughter. These are fair and just for the crime.

What kind of people would we be if we choose to deliberately turn away from innocent babies? The very Life and Health of our land and its people will be perpetuated in righteousness when we choose to do what is right.

Ua Mau ke Ea o ka 'ÄĀina i ka Pono!

Sincerely,

Lora Burbage

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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 9:23:50 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kamyla Andrlik	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

When my mother was pregnant with me, she had a high-risk pregnancy. The medical doctors recommended an abortion because they believed her giving birth to me would not only put my life at risk, but also hers. If my mother had not recognized the baby within her as a human being and therefore deserving of a chance at life, it is extremely likely that I would not be here today. I believe a very basic right that should be offered to each and every human being, regardless of the circumstances that surround their birth, is simply this - a chance at life. I couldn't be more thankful for mine and I would love to advocate for others who have no voice, just like my mother did for me.

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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 9:48:55 AM
Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chalei Kailikea	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in full support of this bill as I find it absolutely necessary to protect the life of every child that is born. They are precious and depend on us as parents, aunties, uncles, doctors, nurses, grandparents to protect them once they are born. This bill is protecting the life of an innocent baby and that is morally the right thing to do.

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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 9:49:41 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tatum Mayers	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a new mother, recently having gone through a complicated and unusual pregnancy and delivery, I support this bill and the protection of born alive infants. I believe that to neglect providing life saving medical treatment to a born infant is in complete violation of that child's rights as a living person. I fear living in a place where a born, living infant is left to die or is killed , and it is not considered a total tragedy, but justified by law. The state of Hawaii needs to protect these voiceless children who cannot protect themselves.

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 9:58:17 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
roxanne-mei k montalbo	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Aloha,

I would like to share a testimony about my experience of being a single mother. As I said I was a single mother doing it alone. With that came many different options, but an option was never the thought of terminating at conception or ever a child fully formed. I was 20 years old and no where near ready or did I have a career. But I kept my son because I knew the worth. The beating heart beat growing inside of me wasn't just that, but a human being that needed to be protected that needed a chance to breathe and live on like how he's living now. He's never had his father around, but God blessed us with a step dad that loves him so much and is more like him everyday. There may be many reasons that a person can think of not keeping a baby, but with those many reasons, there are as much reasons to also keep a fearfully and wonderfully made baby.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2019 7:56:29 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sharon Nagasako	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 1:02:03 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cynthia Frith	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/6/2019 1:21:47 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Matt	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please do not follow the evil example of some mainland states and allow for the murder of recently born children.

And please show enough courage to stop the murder of unborn children. If bacteria on Mars were found it would make headlines as evidence of life, so why would you legalize the murder of an unborn child that has a heartbeat and brainwaves and say it's not a life?

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 2:10:21 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Daven Hee	Innovative Concepts	Support	No

Comments:

I SUPPORT this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2019 2:27:21 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Paul K. Kaneshiro	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear House Members,

I am urging all of you to vote YES on HB1184. Any Child that is born alive is defined as a Human Being even if the intention of the mother was to kill her baby in an abortion attempt. Bur once the baby if born alive he/she must be PROTECTED. As a Human Being he/she has the Right to Life. To deny that Right to a baby by allowing him/her to die by failing to take all necessary steps to assist that baby to survive is Murder.

Please do not allow our State to sink into depravity by stealing life from innocent babies, which equals murder.

Thank you,

Paul Kaneshiro

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 3:18:37 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
JOEL BURBAGE	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

May God have mercy on us.

It's a discredit to our great democracy that we even need to put forward a bill like this. It seems to border on the absurd that we need to legislate the saving of the weakest of our kind: helpless infants. As our 38th Vice President Hubert Humphrey said, (in a quote that is often misattributed to Ghandi) "the moral test of government is how that government treats those who are in the dawn of life, the children; those who are in the twilight of life, the elderly; those who are in the shadows of life; the sick, the needy and the handicapped."

For the life of me, I cannot think of any reason why ANY reasonable, compassionate, caring, or moral person could possibly vote against the bill. Being that these are the only people that I could possibly hope to convince, I feel as though I am "preaching to the choir". If, however, you happen to fall in the above group (reasonable, compassionate, caring, moral) and for whatever reason, have been tricked into thinking that saving helpless infants is not an honorable cause, I exhort you, please open your heart and mind and cut through any of the oppositions' rhetoric about "choice" and "freedom" of the mother and ask yourself: What about the freedom and choice of this little one? Can we not reach into our hearts and find a shred of sympathy for this one that is helpless and hurting? Were we not all in the precise situation after we were born? What makes your or I any better that we were warmly greeted and consoled and wrapped in warmth and love when we arrived, rather than heartless disregard and abandonment, writhing in pain and suffering on a cold surgical table, in desperate need of the touch of a loving hand... and if our mothers be heartless and dismissive, then, any hand would do... Will you not reach down and bring comfort and care to this pathetic, little person, struggling to live? Crying out for help? Imagine if it were you. Confused, cold, in agonizing pain, searching for comfort, struggling... dying slowly. Almost wishing that death would come quickly, but instead you must slowly, agonizingly die without at least the comfort of loving touch. Heartlessly disregarded and callously shovelled into a trash bag. Sickening beyond belief. Will you not do something? In fact, you can do something. You can do your part to make sure that this never happens to any child, in the State of Hawaii again. Be couragous. Stand for something. Don't worry about re-election or what your friends will say. This is on YOU. Perhaps you have been elected for this one purpose. Your morally defining

moment is TODAY. Make the right choice and be able to proudly say "I stood for what was right."

I pray that you make the right decision and may God help us all.



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII
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Online Submittal: February 6, 2019

HEARING: February 7, 2019, @ 8:30 a.m.

TO: House Committee on Health
Rep. John Mizuno, Chair
Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice-Chair

FROM: Eva Andrade, Executive Director – Hawaii Catholic Conference

POSITION: **Strong Support for HB 1184 Infants Born Alive**

LATE

Honorable members of the House Committee on Health, I am Eva Andrade, representing the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii in my capacity as Executive Director for the Hawaii Catholic Conference, which under the leadership of Bishop Larry Silva, represents Roman Catholics in the State of Hawaii.

The Catholic Church has always been a strong proponent on the issue of life. We strongly believe that people who are elderly, sick and/or terminally ill are entitled to proper medical and palliative care and attention. By extension, the newly born unwanted and premature babies should have those same rights.

This week the U.S. Senate decided not to vote on this very same issue. In his statement to the media, Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann, chair of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Pro-Life Activities, stated:

“[T]he United States Senate had an opportunity to unanimously declare to the nation that infanticide is objectively wrong. That they failed to do so is unconscionable. No newborn should be left to suffer or die without medical care. It is barbaric and merciless to leave these vulnerable infants without any care or rights.” Hawai'i legislators can and should do what Congress was unable to do.

We strongly believe that infants who are born alive are persons and are entitled to the full protections of the law. When a child that is expelled from their mother's body and displays any of several specific signs of life, breathing, heartbeat, umbilical cord pulsation and/or definite movement of voluntary muscles, then all measures to provide the proper medical treatment and care should be extended.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support.

HAWAII CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

(The public policy voice for the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii)

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 4:26:20 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jonathan Steeper	Kalihi Union Church	Support	No

Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in favor of HB1184. We value human life at conception and fully support this bill that guarantees infants are fully protected under our Constitution. God bless you for this opportunity to speak for our youngest citizens who cannot speak for themselves.

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 12:41:31 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joy Huffman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please, please, protect these innocent ones. A baby born alive is a tiny human with a right to live, and with rights to receive proper care from attending personnel. These innocent ones should not be left cold and alone without proper medical lifesaving intervention, this is inhumane. If we do not provide these children, with life saving measures and let them die or even cause their deaths by not intervening, we as a society have spiraled into utter depravity. Please hear their Innocent cries as voices that need our protection. Vote yes on this bill. With kind and heartfelt thanks.

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 4:56:04 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Debra Cary	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

A life is precious! Babies are so miraculously precious. They should be given a chance at life! The babies whose parents can't care for or don't want them for convenience or any other reason, can be given for adoption to make many happy. Yes, the botched abortion babies should be given a chance to live!

I know women who have wanted children but who couldn't conceive. Adoption has been a wonderful blessing to them. Everyone should have the chance to have a child.

If they weren't aborted, it would be easier to find a baby to adopt! The huge costs could be brought down and the time waiting for a baby shortened. Why can't there be a happy ending for these babies instead?!

Babies who live through unsuccessful abortions want to live, what strength they had to endure!

God has a plan for good for each life. Surely you would have mercy on these tiny ones and give them and hopeful parents a chance to raise them and make them a blessing to our Islands!

kobayashi1 - Melvia

LATE

From: paxo@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ed Pasqualin
<paxo@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 5:12 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Ed Pasqualin
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kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: bill.hackett2@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of William Hackett <bill.hackett2@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 5:10 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii



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I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
William Hackett
Kalaheo, HI 96741
bill.hackett2@gmail.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: jtakemotogentile@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Janice Takemoto-Gentile
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Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 5:08 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

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I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Janice Takemoto-Gentile
Kaneohe, HI 96744
jtakemotogentile@gmail.com



kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: jawiehl@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Janine Wiehl
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Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 4:56 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii



Dear Hawaii House Health,

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This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

It never ceases to amaze me how people can make an issue out of forcing unwanted pregnancies on those who choose not to become a parent at that moment in their life.

This is similar to forcing women to become dependent on welfare to support that child once it is brought to term. Do you realize how damaged kids who come from unhealthy family environments will fare down the line? Do you know that those who are unwanted and unloved create major moral problems in society?

But you go right ahead and ban abortions and I hope one of those delinquents does evil to your family down the line. It'll come to others for sure, and you too should be so blessed with the horror of murder, rape, and torture.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Ms. Janine Wiehl
Mililani, HI 96789
jawiehl@msn.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: wendelleg@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Wendy Gillespie
<wendelleg@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 4:23 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Wendy Gillespie
Lihue, HI 96766
wendelleg@yahoo.com



kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: Nadiafairlamb@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nadia Fairlamb
<Nadiafairlamb@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 4:16 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Nadia Fairlamb
Kailua, HI 96734
Nadiafairlamb@gmail.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: lance.evelyn@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Evelyn Lance
<lance.evelyn@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 4:11 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii



Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

I believe this bill could have tragic consequences for women or couples who experience circumstances during late pregnancy such as illness of a serious nature of mother or child, or where the child has been diagnosed with a condition which is likely to result in a death before birth or birth with a life threatening or otherwise serious disability.

This is not just a women's issue. Parents should be free to make these consequential decisions.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Evelyn Lance
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lance.evelyn@gmail.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: Kathy M. Mitchell <kmittchell@hbws.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 4:09 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Cc: kobayashi3 - Joni
Subject: Testimony for SB381, HD1 to be heard 2-7-19 at 8:30
Attachments: HB381, HD1 Relating to Health.pdf



Hi Joni: Attached is testimony from the Board of Water Supply to be heard by the Committee on Health on Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. in Conference Room 329.

As stated in my phone conversation with you, I've been having problems submitting testimony via Legislative website.

Mahalo,

Kathy

LATE

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: susan.wurtzburg@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Susan Wurtzburg
<susan.wurtzburg@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 3:40 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

I teach at UH-Manoa, and my students need access to safe, legal abortions.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii. Bills should not be undermining women's rights to access the full options of reproductive care. STOP THE PROGRESS OF THIS BILL NOW!

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Dr Susan Wurtzburg
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susan.wurtzburg@gmail.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: Jaapfg@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Judith Armstrong
<Jaapfg@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 3:39 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii



Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Judith Armstrong
Honolulu, HI 96815
Jaapfg@twc.com

LATE

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: ilikea.arakaki@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of 'Ilikea Arakaki
<ilikea.arakaki@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 3:33 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii!

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
'Ilikea Arakaki
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ilikea.arakaki@gmail.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: dsegalmatsu@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Doris Segal Matsunaga
<dsegalmatsu@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 3:33 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.



On behalf of Save Medicaid Hawaii, do not let this bill pass out of the health committee. HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

Under its deceptive name, an excruciating choice faced by families under very rare circumstances is being cynically used to place a wedge in Hawaii's historic tolerance for privacy, a woman's right to choose, and the doctor patient confidentiality by those who would eliminate all access to abortion in order

This dangerous bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Ms. Doris Segal Matsunaga
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dsegalmatsu@gmail.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: amy.aacook@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Amy Cook
<amy.aacook@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 3:31 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

LATE

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

This bill is a blatant attempt to criminalize women who miscarry at home, doctors who provide lifesaving care to women with nonviable pregnancies, and doctors and women who choose to induce labor when continued pregnancy threatens a woman's life and health.

It is a fact that the intentional termination of a pregnancy at the end of the second trimester is exceedingly rare and only done in cases of nonviable fetuses or where continued pregnancy threatens a woman's life. This bill proposes to criminalize life saving care and terrible tragedies by claiming protections for infants born under conditions that simply don't exist.

The intent of this bill is clear. In other states with similar laws women who miscarry have been convicted of murder, doctors are prevented from providing necessary care, and maternal mortality rates increase. Hawaii's current maternal mortality rate is 9.3 deaths per 100,000 births, Indiana's, where laws like this have been adopted and enforced, it has risen from 4 deaths per 100,000 births in 2004 to 41.4 in 2016.

A tenfold increase. That's monstrous.

This bill will not save a single child's life. But it will murder dozens of women in Hawaii every year if passed into law.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Ms. Amy Cook
Hilo, HI 96721
amy.aacook@gmail.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: eczema78@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Stacie Burke <eczema78@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 3:23 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Ms. Stacie Burke
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eczema78@gmail.com

LATE

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: cbm@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Carla Allison
<cbm@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 3:23 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii



Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Carla Allison
Honolulu, HI 96825
cbm@hawaii.rr.com

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: justin-fletcher@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Justin Fletcher <justin-fletcher@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 3:08 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Justin Fletcher
Honolulu, HI 96822
justin-fletcher@outlook.com

LATE

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: ndavlantes@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nancy Davlantes
<ndavlantes@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 2:56 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

Another solution in search of a problem. The forces anxious to get between a woman and her doctor don't seem to get the message to just but out.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Nancy Davlantes
Kaneohe, HI 96744
ndavlantes@aol.com

LATE

kobayashi1 - Melvia

From: egcarson@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ellen Carson
<egcarson@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 2:47 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii



Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

Please vote against this bill. This is just another attempt by those who oppose abortion, to undermine people's access to safe, legal abortion. The bill is designed to intimidate medical providers who perform abortion services, as well as women who are their patients. Undermining access to safe, legal abortion is contrary to the best interests of the citizens of Hawaii. Medical guidelines and ethics already compel physicians whose patients face life-threatening circumstances to respond in accordance with medically accepted standards of care. Trying to legislate medical standards of care based on requests by those who oppose abortion is not prudent for medical care or for public policy. Hawaii has a proud tradition of protecting women's rights of reproductive choice while fostering high quality care. Let's not inject hostile abortion opponents into that process. Thank you for safeguarding rights of reproductive care.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Ellen Carson
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egcarson@icloud.com

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 5:32:36 PM
Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Thaddea H Pitts	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Thank you for this opportunity to say YES on HB1184. If anyone has ever held a newborn, you know that it is a precious human life. To think any other way is nothing less than murder. I believe in Pro-choice as well as Pro-life. Each child should be able to have a Pro-choice chance. Life must be respected at all cost. We, the people of the United States, enter into a very slippery slope if we choose to view it in any other way.

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 5:37:54 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jan ferguson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 5:46:26 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kina Poulos	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I strongly support HB 1184. In recent years, there has been a heavy focus on supporting the right of underprivileged and oppressed groups. The call for empowerment, dignity and respect for those who have been abused and disenfranchised has become more and more common. I am pleased that you are considering a bill to protect the most vulnerable in our society-- infants and newborns.

A common empowering message we tell friends is that the opinions of others don't determine worth. We tell this to children who are being bullied, and encourage them that they have innate value, and that no bully can change that by thinking or acting otherwise. How is this not true of viable, living infants who survive an abortion procedure? Is their worth solely determined by whether their mother, father, or family wants them?

If all the value of children is based on whether their parents care about them, then why is child abuse illegal? If the child in question is an infant who unexpectedly survives and has a good chance of living, then is it only okay in that case?

This bill is very clear that the woman with a child who survives an abortion is not forced to take care of the newborn. If she wants, she has no more obligations in the matter. This bill does not hurt women who want an abortion, nor restrict them from it. So why not, when given the choice between the life and the death of a child, choose life?

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 5:36:54 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rachel Justice	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Thank you for allowing me to share my heart on HB 1184 regarding born alive infants. I would like to share what I am in support of this measure to protect infants that have survived attempted abortions. The primary reason that I am in favor of this bill is that an infant living outside of the womb, whether that child was delivered on time, prematurely, or as the result of having survived an attempt at abortion, is a living, breathing human and entitled to the full range of medical care available to any other just-born infant. The fact that he or she was intended to be aborted, that they were not planned or wanted, ceases to matter once that child survives. And to deny aid to that infant, to leave them to die or to fail to provide medical care for any reason is inhumane and in violation of the medical code that says "first do not harm." If a situation occurred where a woman wanted her baby and delivered it and the medical staff failed to render aid to that baby and the baby died, those medical personnel would get into a lot of trouble. The same should occur whether or not the infant is wanted. Once that infant is outside of the womb, there is no denying that he or she is alive, and as such should be afforded all care that is possible.

As someone in education, I am responsible for the well-being of every and all those who come under my care. Even more so, those in the medical field are responsible for every and all that come under their care. This includes the oldest and the youngest patient, both those with parents to care for them, and those on their own. If we don't stand up for those who have no voice yet, who will? Those babies should have the opportunity to live. That is part of our constitutional rights. And I stand with those who would help them live.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

LATE



Dear Chair Mizuno, Vice-Chair Kobayashi and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on the measure before you. The Young Progressive Demanding Action (YPDA) board has unanimously voted to **oppose** HB 1184. YPDA respectfully asks that the committee defer the bill indefinitely.

HB 1184, the Born Alive Infant Protection Act, claims to ensure the protection and promotion of the health and well being of all infants born alive the State. It mandates medically appropriate and reasonable life-saving and life-sustaining medical care and treatment to all born alive infants and provides civil and criminal penalties. However, it does the opposite.

The decision to go through an abortion is a difficult one and should be made between a doctor and his or her patient. It is a sad decision for a woman to make, and their peers often shun women for making this decision. This bill creates a third party intrusion by the government on that decision, which is an invasion of their privacy.

The bill is also poorly written, there is no gestational age limit on the lower end so if a doctor who is saving a woman's life by operating on her to remove an ectopic pregnancy in her tube can be charged with second-degree murder if he/she doesn't keep that pregnancy alive. The state currently faces a doctor shortage crisis, the added pressure on doctors brought on by this bill would deter doctors from working in the state.

Should the committee move forward with HB 1184, we recommend the bill be heavily amended to include the following:

- Allocate an appropriate amount of money to fund childcare for every child up until the age of eighteen.

- Remove the penalties on doctors and nurses, due to the doctor shortage facing the State of Hawaii.
- Allocate an appropriate amount of money for each hospital in the state to purchase the proper equipment to move forward with this new law.
- Requires that the State of Hawaii fund all abortions.

YPDA thanks the committee for the opportunity to testify, and respectfully asks the committee to defer HB 1184 indefinitely.

Thank you,
Destiny Brown
YPDA Social Justice Action Committee Chair

LATE

Date: Feb. 6, 2019

To: Chair John M. Mizuno
Members of the Committee on Health
Hawaii State Legislature
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

From: Sandra Young, Esq.
P.O. Box 2897
Aiea, HI 96701

Re: Strong Support for HB 1184 "Born Alive Infants Protection Act"

Dear Chair Mizuno and Members of the Committee on Health:

I strongly support HB 1184 *Born Alive Infants Protection Act*. Thank you for scheduling this bill for hearing, and a special mahalo to the drafters and co-sponsors of the bill. You are saying "no" to infanticide.

For those of you who are undecided or for those of you who support the mother's rights to abortion, including infanticide, I urge you to reconsider your views. It is critical in a moral and decent society to vigorously defend the rights of babies who are born alive. They have fundamental rights to live and to receive medical care and life-sustaining treatment. It would be cruel and inhumane to deny the child life-saving measures.

The mother made a decision to terminate her pregnancy. When she did so, she also made a decision to terminate her parental rights over the child. Abortion consent forms should reflect that, in my view so that there is no misunderstanding.

Please say "no" to infanticide and vote in support of HB 1184. Again, mahalo, for your concern for the most vulnerable persons in our community and taking important measures to save and protect them.

Very truly yours,

Sandra Young

SANDRA YOUNG

From: marymiho.finley@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Mary Finley](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 7:22:51 PM



Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mary Finley
Volcano, HI 96785
marymiho.finley@gmail.com

LATE

From: stephanie.h.phelan@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Stephanie Phelan](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 7:01:21 PM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii. I have no desire to see our state become a place where women's bodies and healthcare decisions are policed and legislated by anyone. Regressive bills like HB 1184 pose a serious health risk to women and anyone seeking reproductive healthcare.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Phelan
Haleiwa, HI 96712
stephanie.h.phelan@gmail.com

LATE

From: gail.p.gnazzo@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Gail Gnazzo](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 6:40:22 PM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients. The ability to choose a late term abortion when the mother's health is at risk or she is carrying a non-viable fetus should be a decision left to the mother and her physician. A women should not be forces to carry and deliver a fetus which is not viable in utero or will not survive at birth or when continuing the pregnancy which puts the mother at risk of death or serious complications such as entering a vegetative state or preclude further child bearing. HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Gail P. Gnazzo, MSSW, LSW

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Gail Gnazzo MSSW
Makawao, HI 96768
gail.p.gnazzo@gmail.com

LATE

From: shiga010@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Selina Higa](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 6:38:45 PM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Ms. Selina Higa
Waipahu, HI 96797
shiga010@hawaii.rr.com

From: ethylena@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Ethylena Pine](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 6:25:26 PM



Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Ethylena Pine
Honolulu, HI 96813
ethylena@hotmail.com

LATE

From: eztoget2@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Laurel Leslie](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 6:17:06 PM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii. This legislation is not a part of the Aloha in our state. I oppose this legislation that should not be legislation at all.

Women should be left to make their own decisions about pregnancy, abortion. This should not be a political decision.

Let women decide.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Ms. Laurel Leslie
Kailua, HI 96734
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From: johnsonw032@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Joan Johnson](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 6:01:14 PM



Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Joan Johnson
Kailua Kona, HI 96740
johnsonw032@hawaii.rr.com

From: louisesimrell@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Louise Simrell](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 5:35:28 PM



Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill is offensive to the millions of us who have needed care offered by Planned Parenthood. It undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients. The issue is a private one and should never have been politicized.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Louise Simrell
Honokaa, HI 96727
louisesimrell@gmail.com

LATE

From: kathysch393@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Kathleen Schwartz](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 5:32:31 PM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

Protect a women's right to choose the health care right for her own body, and protect medical professionals ability to provide reproductive care for women!

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Kathleen Schwartz
Kekaha, HI 96752
kathysch393@gmail.com

LATE

From: paxo@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Ed Pasqualin](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 5:11:59 PM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Ed Pasqualin
Kihei, HI 96753
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From: bill.hackett2@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [William Hackett](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 5:10:10 PM

LATE

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
William Hackett
Kalaheo, HI 96741
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LATE

From: jtakemotogentile@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Janice Takemoto-Gentile](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 5:07:42 PM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Janice Takemoto-Gentile
Kaneohe, HI 96744
jtakemotogentile@gmail.com



From: jawiehl@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Janine Wiehl](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 4:55:44 PM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

It never ceases to amaze me how people can make an issue out of forcing unwanted pregnancies on those who choose not to become a parent at that moment in their life.

This is similar to forcing women to become dependent on welfare to support that child once it is brought to term. Do you realize how damaged kids who come from unhealthy family environments will fare down the line? Do you know that those who are unwanted and unloved create major moral problems in society?

But you go right ahead and ban abortions and I hope one of those delinquents does evil to your family down the line. It'll come to others for sure, and you too should be so blessed with the horror of murder, rape, and torture.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Ms. Janine Wiehl
Mililani, HI 96789
jawiehl@msn.com

From: wendelleg@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Wendy Gillespie](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 4:22:47 PM

LATE

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Wendy Gillespie
Lihue, HI 96766
wendelleg@yahoo.com

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 7:55:09 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dylan P. Armstrong	Oʻahu County Democrats	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Mizuno, and Members of the Health Committee,

I am writing in opposition to House Bill 1184.

This measure politicizes women's health and makes it harder for women to access necessary reproductive services, sponsored by State Rep. Gene Ward (R-Hawaii Kai). Doctors oppose HB 1184 because it interferes in their right to help their patients, and puts the lives of women at risk. The Democratic Party of Hawaii has a clear statement about radical anti-abortion laws in its Platform:

"We cannot support the provisions that continue the practice of denying women coverage for abortion services. Access to these services should not continue to be denied to women who most need these services."

<https://hawaiidemocrats.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/2016-democratic-party-of-hawaii-platform.pdf>

That's totally the case with House Bill 1184. If you believe in protecting women's health, please vote in *opposition* to HB1184.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Dylan P. Armstrong, Vice Chair
Oʻahu County Democrats



From: Nadiafairlamb@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Nadia Fairlamb](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 4:15:43 PM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Nadia Fairlamb
Kailua, HI 96734
Nadiafairlamb@gmail.com

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From: lance.evelyn@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Evelyn Lance](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 4:10:43 PM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

I believe this bill could have tragic consequences for women or couples who experience circumstances during late pregnancy such as illness of a serious nature of mother or child, or where the child has been diagnosed with a condition which is likely to result in a death before birth or birth with a life threatening or otherwise serious disability.

This is not just a women's issue. Parents should be free to make these consequential decisions.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Evelyn Lance
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lance.evelyn@gmail.com



From: susan.wurtzburg@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Susan Wurtzburg](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 3:40:01 PM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

I teach at UH-Manoa, and my students need access to safe, legal abortions.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii. Bills should not be undermining women's rights to access the full options of reproductive care. STOP THE PROGRESS OF THIS BILL NOW!

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Dr Susan Wurtzburg
Kailua, HI 96734
susan.wurtzburg@gmail.com

LATE

From: Jaapfg@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Judith Armstrong](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 3:38:41 PM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Judith Armstrong
Honolulu, HI 96815
Jaapfg@twc.com

LATE

From: ilikea.arakaki@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of "[Ilikea Arakaki](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 3:33:13 PM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii!

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Ilikea Arakaki
Kaneohe, HI 96744
ilikea.arakaki@gmail.com

LATE

From: dsegalmatsu@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Doris Segal Matsunaga](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 3:32:46 PM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

On behalf of Save Medicaid Hawaii, do not let this bill pass out of the health committee. HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

Under its deceptive name, an excruciating choice faced by families under very rare circumstances is being cynically used to place a wedge in Hawaii's historic tolerance for privacy, a woman's right to choose, and the doctor patient confidentiality by those who would eliminate all access to abortion in order

This dangerous bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Ms. Doris Segal Matsunaga
Aiea, HI 96701
dsegalmatsu@gmail.com



From: amy.aacook@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Amy Cook](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 3:30:55 PM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

This bill is a blatant attempt to criminalize women who miscarry at home, doctors who provide lifesaving care to women with nonviable pregnancies, and doctors and women who choose to induce labor when continued pregnancy threatens a woman's life and health.

It is a fact that the intentional termination of a pregnancy at the end of the second trimester is exceedingly rare and only done in cases of nonviable fetuses or where continued pregnancy threatens a woman's life. This bill proposes to criminalize life saving care and terrible tragedies by claiming protections for infants born under conditions that simply don't exist.

The intent of this bill is clear. In other states with similar laws women who miscarry have been convicted of murder, doctors are prevented from providing necessary care, and maternal mortality rates increase. Hawaii's current maternal mortality rate is 9.3 deaths per 100,000 births, Indiana's, where laws like this have been adopted and enforced, it has risen from 4 deaths per 100,000 births in 2004 to 41.4 in 2016.

A tenfold increase. That's monstrous.

This bill will not save a single child's life. But it will murder dozens of women in Hawaii every year if passed into law.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Ms. Amy Cook
Hilo, HI 96721
amy.aacook@gmail.com



From: eczema78@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Stacie Burke](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 3:23:26 PM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Ms. Stacie Burke
Aiea, HI 96701
eczema78@gmail.com

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From: cbm@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Carla Allison](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 3:23:07 PM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Carla Allison
Honolulu, HI 96825
cbm@hawaii.rr.com

LATE

From: justin-fletcher@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Justin Fletcher](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 3:08:10 PM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Justin Fletcher
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LATE

From: ndavlantes@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Nancy Davlantes](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 2:55:58 PM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

Another solution in search of a problem. The forces anxious to get between a woman and her doctor don't seem to get the message to just but out.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Nancy Davlantes
Kaneohe, HI 96744
ndavlantes@aol.com



From: egcarson@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Ellen Carson](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 2:47:32 PM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

Please vote against this bill. This is just another attempt by those who oppose abortion, to undermine people's access to safe, legal abortion. The bill is designed to intimidate medical providers who perform abortion services, as well as women who are their patients. Undermining access to safe, legal abortion is contrary to the best interests of the citizens of Hawaii. Medical guidelines and ethics already compel physicians whose patients face life-threatening circumstances to respond in accordance with medically accepted standards of care. Trying to legislate medical standards of care based on requests by those who oppose abortion is not prudent for medical care or for public policy. Hawaii has a proud tradition of protecting women's rights of reproductive choice while fostering high quality care. Let's not inject hostile abortion opponents into that process. Thank you for safeguarding rights of reproductive care.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Ellen Carson
Honolulu, HI 96814
egcarson@icloud.com

LATE



ACOG
The American College of
Obstetricians and Gynecologists

*American College of
Obstetricians and Gynecologists
District VIII, Hawai'i (Guam & American
Samoa) Section*

TO: Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair – House Committee on Health
Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair – House Committee on Health

DATE: Thursday, February 7, 2019 (8:30AM)
PLACE: House Conference Room 329

FROM: Hawaii Section, ACOG
Dr. Chrystie Fujimoto, MD, FACOG, Chair
Dr. Reni Soon, MD, MPH, FACOG, Vice Chair
Lauren Zirbel, Community and Government Relations

RE: HB1184 – Relating to Born Alive Infants
Position: STRONGLY OPPOSE

As a section of the Nation's leading group of physicians dedicated to improving health care for women, the Hawai'i Section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (HI ACOG) represents more than 200 obstetrician-gynecologist physicians in our state. **HI ACOG strongly OPPOSES HB1184** as it would actually **threaten the health of women in Hawai'i**.

If the intent of this legislation is to protect the health of infants, this legislation does not do anything close to that. What this bill will do is reduce access to a safe and legal procedure - and that is its actual intent. This bill has been used in other states as part of a larger effort to reduce access to abortion.

We are the physicians who care for patients in some of their happiest moments, and in some of their most heartbreaking moments. Anyone familiar with abortion procedures knows that this law is not based on any scientific or medical facts. This bill addresses a “problem” that does not exist.

We are physicians who provide compassionate, evidence-based care. By criminalizing health care providers, this law may actually reduce the number of health care providers (not just the surgeons, but anesthesiologists, nurses, midwives, office staff) willing to provide this care. But again, that is the actual intent of this bill. Reducing access to safe abortion care would threaten the health of women in Hawaii.

We are the physicians who care for patients when they find out that their very wanted, very loved baby has severe fetal anomalies. Families sometimes choose to end the pregnancy and provide their baby with palliative care rather than subject their baby to any suffering or futile efforts at resuscitation. These families face very difficult decisions about what their values are and what is best for their family; decisions that none of us has a right to make for them or judge them for. What they need in these moments is compassion and medically accurate information from health care providers free of judgement or politics.

HI ACOG therefore stands in strong opposition to HB1184 and respectfully urges you to not pass this harmful and deceptive piece of legislation.

As the physicians who provide this medical care, we stand by ready to answer any questions or provide any factual and evidence-based information regarding abortion care. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

February 5, 2019

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**TO: Rep. John M. Mizuno, Chair
Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
Committee on Health: Thursday, February 7, 2019
8:30am, Conference Room 329**

**RE: Testimony in SUPPORT of HB 614 Relating to Waianae Coast
Comprehensive Health Center Emergency Room**

Aloha Chair Mizuno, Vice Chair Kobayashi and Committee members:

My name is Duane Hew Len, President of the Waianae Kai Hawaiian Homestead Community Association.

I am requesting your support of HB 614 to ensure emergency medical and disaster preparedness services are available to the Waianae coast community 24-hours a day, 365 days a year.

This bill will have a direct impact on the lives of approximately 48,000 people living on the isolated Waianae coast with a single highway serving as the only entrance into and exit out of the community that extends from Nanakuli, through Maili, Waianae, Makaha and out to Kaena Point.

Besides normal traffic congestion, other incidents including accidents, roadside fires, weather related debris, downed telephone poles, etc., frequently blocks or completely shut down highway access, that in critical emergency situations can mean the difference between life and death.

Without adequate funding support, the Health Center's Emergency Medical Services could face a decrease in operating hours or closure between midnight and 8:00 a.m., severely limiting the vital emergency and disaster-related services needed for our community.

As a resident of the Waianae Kai Hawaiian Homestead, I know how important these services are to me, and my community. I am urging your committee to please support HB 614 to fund the 24-hour operation of the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center's Emergency room, a necessary and vital resource for the Waianae Coast Community.

Mahalo.

Duane Hew Len, President, WKHHCA

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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
THURSDAY, February 7, 2019, 8:30 a.m., Room 329

HB 1184 RELATING TO BORN ALIVE BIRTHS
TESTIMONY
Janet Mason, Legislative Committee, League of Women Voters of Hawaii

Chair Mizuno, Vice-Chair Kobayashi and Committee Members:

The League of Women Voters opposes HB1184 which purports “to ensure the protection and promotion of the health and wellbeing of all infants born alive the State.” In fact, this is an attempt to use overblown rhetoric to interfere with abortion decisions that should be made by the pregnant woman, in private consultation with medical providers.

We acknowledge that some individuals may object to this established law, but public policy in a pluralistic society must affirm the constitutional right of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices. The League opposes proposals like HB1184 that would ban late-term abortions as interfering with a woman’s right of privacy to make reproductive choices.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 9:35:56 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

LATE

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

Comments:

February 6, 2019

Dear Representatives,

Thank you for hearing HB 1184. I am in strong support of this bill.

Hawai'i is a state that cares deeply for its keiki and works hard to protect and nurture them, as many of the bills introduced this session demonstrates. Children are some of our most vulnerable population, with infants being the most in need of our care and protection.

Any child born alive, no matter what the circumstances, must be viewed as one with the rights endowed to all American citizens, those of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Every life is precious, valuable and worthy not simply because someone "wants" them. A person's worth should never be left simply to the opinion of another. We have seen horrific results in the past as well as present ethnic cleansings based upon someone's life being judged as worthy upon another's desires or opinions.

We are jumping off the cliff of an evil trajectory, when states are passing laws that allows the killing of viable children up to the date of birth. When we allow babies, the most vulnerable of our society, to be killed because of arbitrary feelings or circumstances we have lost our way as humans. Funny how often animals will be touted as having human traits because they care so much for their young, will protect them at all costs, and yet we are now killing ours.

We must protect our babies. Please pass HB 1184.

Mahalo,

Lisa Poulos

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 10:40:25 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Arleen Wood	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill.

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 10:45:00 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
P Kuromoto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This linguistically camouflaged anti-abortion legislation is odious and dishonest.

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 11:14:04 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Taurie Kinoshita	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients. I STRONGLY oppose this legislation. Thank you.

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 11:21:13 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maria Honor Moses	Holy Family Catholic Church	Oppose	No

Comments:

A life is a life. It is a gift most especially if after an attempted abortion has been done and yet the baby survived and was born alive. Regardless whether the baby would be inflicted with disability, or because the parent/s chooses to, ending one's life most especially a helpless child was stripped of the right to live. There are many individuals who suffer disabilities and abandoned children who are lucky to be given the chance to live, survived and despite of it all get to live, flourish and made a difference. Passing this law is merely a quick and easy riddance of people, things when things get rough. It would not be an effective way to govern our society if we do not teach ourselves and most especially our children sense of responsibility and ownership when we give them option for quick riddance worse legalizing murder.

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 12:18:27 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Esther McDaniel	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 12:32:13 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sandra Anderson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I SUPPORT this Bill.

Thank you,

Sandra Anderson

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 1:55:51 AM
Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Adriene Yafuso	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I SUPPORT this bill to protect the innocent lives of born alive infants. Children that cannot defend themselves must be protected. Their lives should be cherished. I hope the legislators of our Aloha state also see the importance of protecting life!

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 5:52:12 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kat Brady	Community Alliance on Prisons	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

Aloha Chair Mizuno, Vice Chair Kobayashi and Members of the Committee,

Community Alliance on Prisons is in strong opposition to HB 1184.

Health care decisions must be private consultations by a patient and her doctor, including reproductive health decisions.

Please hold this measure.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Kat Brady, Coordinator

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 6:08:37 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mike Golojuch	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am in strong opposition to HB1184.

Mike Golojuch, Sr.

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 6:20:20 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maureen Abe	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support this bill!

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 6:39:47 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bernard Marcos, Jr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please do not allow the killing of new born infants.

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 10:32:29 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eloise M. Yano	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support bill. We must protect all infants.

LATE

From: barbarak@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Barbara Krasniewski](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Thursday, February 7, 2019 1:33:08 AM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Barbara Krasniewski
Kailua, HI 96734
barbarak@hawaii.rr.com

From: travellinglinda.price@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Linda Price](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Thursday, February 7, 2019 1:23:58 AM

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Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Linda Price
Waikoloa, HI 96738
travellinglinda.price@gmail.com

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From: mike.arhllc@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Mike Price](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Thursday, February 7, 2019 1:22:12 AM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mike Price
Waikoloa, HI 96738
mike.arhllc@gmail.com

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From: grammawl@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Lesley Patton](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Thursday, February 7, 2019 12:01:51 AM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Ms. Lesley Patton
Kapaa, HI 96755
grammawl@gmail.com

From: terrikatada.tk@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Terrilyn Katada](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 11:56:01 PM



Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Terrilyn Katada
Hilo, HI 96720
terrikatada.tk@gmail.com

LATE

From: allisonjacobs800@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Allison Jacobs](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 11:35:05 PM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Ms. Allison Jacobs
Honolulu, HI 96816
allisonjacobs800@yahoo.com

LATE

From: taurie.bricks@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Taurie Kinoshita](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 11:14:28 PM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Taurie Kinoshita
Honolulu, HI 96822
taurie.bricks@gmail.com

From: mwood17@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Melinda Wood](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 10:19:27 PM

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Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

It is a hysterical and callous bill designed to demonize women who have late term abortions and strike fear into the hearts of their doctors. In fact the number such abortions are is quite small, about 1% of all abortions and usually are done only when a fetus has catastrophic deformities that are considered incompatible with sustaining life.

The hysteria of Donald Trump who describing "babies ripped from their mothers' wombs" and commentators such as Cal Thomas who cites the term "after birth abortion" in a recent editorial, or Megan McCardle who suggests that women "who didn't bother to use contraception" wait until their eighth month to have an abortion, are simply out of touch with reality. Such notions are wildly outlandish and have no basis in fact.

HB 1184 is part of a national effort to overturn Roe v. Wade and has no place in Hawaii. I trust that our legislators are too smart to fall for this unjustifiable attempt to control women and the practice of medicine.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Dr. Melinda Wood
Honolulu, HI 96822
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LATE

From: orchidpeople.jennifer@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Jennifer Snyder](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 10:13:27 PM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Snyder
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From: shanel.chavez@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Shanel Chavez](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 10:02:46 PM

LATE

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

A woman's body is her own .
It's time for equal rights for all.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Shanel Chavez
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From: susana.sofierose@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Susan Boucher](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 9:18:17 PM

LATE

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Susan Boucher
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LATE

From: myralwilliams@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Myra Williams](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 9:15:09 PM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

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I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Myra Williams
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From: amy_agbayani@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Amy agbayani](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 9:14:06 PM



Dear Hawaii House Health,

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I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Amy agbayani
Honolulu, HI 96819
amy_agbayani@yahoo.com

From: janes@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Jane Sawyer](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 9:06:40 PM



Dear Hawaii House Health,

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I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Jane Sawyer
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LATE

From: chris67mina@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [carmina costello](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 8:47:41 PM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

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I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Ms carmina costello
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LATE

From: gabetio@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Gabriel Tiogangco](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 8:37:18 PM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

This decision should be between a doctor and that patient. Politicians have no bearing on this issue, and should say out of this decision making!

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mr. Gabriel Tiogangco
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LATE

From: healthyspecials@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Aurora Rosin](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 8:27:46 PM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Ms Aurora Rosin
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LATE

From: Teri@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Teri Sherrow](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 8:12:18 PM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii or anywhere in the USA.

Keep women safe with their choice. Do not allow one of the many religions that are practiced here in Hawaii, dictate policy. This has already been through the Supreme Court and we do not have to keep arguing this.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Ms. Teri Sherrow
Kihei, HI 96753
Teri@TeriSherrow.com

LATE



From: lorar33@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Lora Reeve](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 8:06:58 PM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
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LATE

From: koaniani2000@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Daneka Vasconcellos](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 8:00:14 PM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Daneka Vasconcellos
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LATE

From: sjschamber@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Sharon J SCHAMBER](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 7:56:51 PM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii. Perhaps a castration bill should be added as an amendment for the impregnators if this bill passes

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Sharon J SCHAMBER
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DATE: Thursday, February 7, 2019

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 329

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Please accept the comments on behalf of the East Hawaii Regional Board of HHSC:

The East Hawaii Regional Board of HHSC offers the following comments on HB 1539.

The East Hawaii Regional Board (EHRB) is acutely aware of the escalating cost of healthcare and the financial pressures being experienced by the State of Hawaii. We recognize that each region must do all it can to reduce or minimize the growth of the general fund subsidy to HHSC.

We also recognize that the Oahu Region is unique both in the limited nature of its services and its location in the urban center of Honolulu. It is reasonable to expect that the recentralization of the Oahu Region and the combining of leadership structures currently located in the same facility will provide some efficiencies. We are confident that the HHSC corporate board and administrative leadership will be able to guide Oahu facilities in deciding how best to contribute to the adequate and cost effective provision of long term care services on Oahu.

With that said the EHRB is a fervent supporter of regionalization. The ability to exercise local decision making regarding our communities' health care has resulted in remarkable improvements to the quality and effectiveness of services provided to Hilo, Puna, and Ka'u. When our leaders use our facilities, when they take ownership of the care received by their friends, families, and neighbors, great things can and have happened.

While we acknowledge the necessity of hard choices proscribed in HB1539, we reiterate the unique environment of the Neighbor Islands of our regional systems are often the sole healthcare provider. We would respectfully request the legislature continue to support the regional autonomy granted to the Neighbor Islands.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 7:02:37 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rebecca Soon	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

Aloha Chair Mizuno, Vice Chair Kobayashi, and Members of the House Committee on Health:

I write to you today in strong opposition to HB1184.

This need not be an issue of religion. Both people that consider themselves of faith and not can struggle with the personal decision to have an abortion. Also, many people of faith, including myself as a Catholic, strongly believe in preserving the right of a woman and her doctor to make the most appropriate decision about her reproductive health given all the information available to them.

This measure is rife with inaccuracies, filled with politically charged language, and a thinly veiled attempt to intimidate physicians and women making critical decisions about her body and health. This is simply unacceptable to most of the voters in Hawai'i and rejects decades of tolerance and prudence this state has shown in preserving women's rights. Understandably these are challenging issues, but we have to start from a place of facts, and this measure dangerously attempts to reframe and mischaracterize to set the discussion elsewhere.

I urge you to vote no on this measure and demonstrate that the State of Hawai'i will not infringe on women's rights and reproductive health decisions.

Mahalo,

Rebecca Soon

39 Makaweli Street, Honolulu, HI 96825

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 7:10:57 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Teri Heede	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

LATE

From: barbara@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Barbara Franklin](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Thursday, February 7, 2019 7:12:01 AM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Barbara Franklin
Honokaa, HI 96727
barbara@island-law.com

LATE

HB-1184

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 7:41:18 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/7/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maaza Christos Mekuria	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

How can a nation let life be so degraded that we have to vote to protect life? Hawaii being a place where life is treasured in whoever way it manifests itself, we should send a clear message to those who are disposing of the unborn uncermoniously that it is unthinkable to let the life that has come out of such a tragedy to be left to die with no one to help let. Let the mercy of God guide us today and always.

LATE

From: cbm@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Carla Allison](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Thursday, February 7, 2019 7:31:05 AM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients.

I believe HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Carla Allison
Honolulu, HI 96825
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From: birdo@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Omar Bird](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: HB 1184 has no place in Hawaii
Date: Thursday, February 7, 2019 7:34:10 AM



Dear Hawaii House Health,

House Bill 1184 is unnecessary and designed to politicize a standard medical procedure.

It is unfortunate that I could not be at the capital today. So I hope this submitted testimony is read carefully. It is no surprise to anyone living in the United States that this is a place where individuals are largely at the mercy of institutional control. America's mission statement is "We The People" and when issues of abortion rights, access to medical care, paid family leave, immigration controls etc surface, the space in which We The People is important gets smaller and smaller. The HB1184 bill has no place in Hawaii and hopefully no place in the country.

This bill undermines people's access to safe, legal abortion and criminalizes doctors medical care. Doctors and clinicians also oppose this law because it prevents them from giving the best care to their patients. This not only puts tension between people seeking abortions and the medical institution, but the illegality of abortions results in "underground" abortions where procedures are dangerous to the mother and the fetus. Denying mothers the ability to have abortions puts an extreme burden for poor women, especially non-white individuals.

Despite the lies that the current administration is telling the public, more than 90+ % of abortions happen early in the first trimester. If we are to take statistics, facts, and oral histories seriously, below are some of the characteristics that describe women who obtain abortions today (Guttmacher Institute--Reproductive Politics Solinger 2013):

Teenagers 18% of all abortions

Ages 21-29. 58%

Identify as Protestant 37%

Identify as Catholic 28%

Religiously Affiliated 73% (this is massively important considering the evangelical support behind the Presidency)

Non-Hispanic Black 30%

Non-Hispanic White 36%

Never married, not cohabiting 45%

Mothers of one or more children 61%

Very low income--between 100% and 199% of the poverty level. 69%

Hawaii needs to stand up and push back against this policy. The court systems and politics have too much of a say in the intimate lives of human beings and with the issue of abortion in particular, mothers are always in the crosshairs, doctors are constrained, and racialized and classed stigma hardens.

Hawaii needs to set an example and recognize that this bill has no place here. This will not be the last time you hear from me.

I strongly oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
Omar Bird
Honolulu, HI 96822
birdo@hawaii.edu