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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

**Before the
Senate Committee on Judiciary
and
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Tuesday, February 26, 2019
10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211**

**On the following measure:
S.B. 1033, S.D. 1, RELATING TO THE LICENSURE OF MIDWIVES**

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Chair Rhoads, Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committees:

My name is Esther Brown, and I am the Acting Complaints and Enforcement Officer of the Department's Regulated Industries Complaints Office (RICO). RICO appreciates the intent of S.D. 1 and offers enforcement-related comments.

The purposes of this bill are to: (1) establish licensure of midwives; (2) exempt Native Hawaiian healers from licensure requirements; (3) require registration for current practicing midwives by January 1, 2024, and the obtainment of full licensure thereafter; (4) provide provisional licensure until full licensure can be obtained; and (5) appropriate funds from the Compliance Resolution Fund (CRF).

RICO appreciates S.D. 1's establishment of a single licensure scheme for midwives and the removal of language that would have established a dual licensure pathway. However, RICO offers the following enforcement-related comments.

Page 4, line 11 requires licensure of a person "engage[d] in the practice of midwifery" without defining the scope or duties that the "practice of midwifery" is meant to encompass. This could create confusion among practitioners as to whether they are subject to licensure requirements and may cause individuals to engage in unlicensed conduct based upon a misunderstanding of the type of conduct the licensure program seeks to regulate.

Page 5, line 20 exempts from licensure a person acting as a "traditional midwife," which is defined on page 2, lines 15-21. As this definition is not narrowly drawn, this exemption may exclude a large number of individuals from licensure requirements and even encourage unlicensed activity that RICO would need to enforce in circuit court proceedings.

Since S.D. 1 enacts a new licensure program and RICO anticipates enforcement challenges, especially with regulating potential unlicensed midwifery activity, RICO requests a CRF fee assessment schedule for licensed midwives that is similar to the CRF fee assessment schedule for nurses, as set forth in Hawaii Administrative Rule section 16-53-27.

RICO defers to the Department's Professional and Vocational Licensing Division (PVL) on issues relating to the administration and implementation of the midwifery licensure program. In addition, RICO is amenable to working with the Committees on any amendments to S.D. 1, should this measure move forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



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My name is Charlene Tamanaha, and I am the Acting Licensing Administrator of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' (DCCA or Department) Professional and Vocational Licensing Division (PVL or Division). The PVL appreciates the intent of S.D. 1 and offers comments.

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The PVL recognizes that S.D.1 is more aligned with the Oregon licensure model than the original version of S.B. 1033; however, the Division still has the following concerns with S.D. 1:

- Page 4, lines 16-18 provides that the DCCA Director “may begin to accept applications for licensure beginning on July 1, 2019.” The PVL is concerned this is not sufficient time for the Division to begin receiving and processing applications by July 1, 2019. The PVL requires adequate time to create applications, update its database, and create implementation policies before it can accept applications.
- Page 6, lines 8-14 mandates that the DCCA Director issue a provisional license to a person who satisfies the licensing requirements but who has not yet acquired a license pursuant to section -5. For the Committees’ information, section -5 of S.D. 1 addresses exemptions from licensure, and not the actual license requirements, which are outlined in section -8.
- Page 12, lines 1-10 requires registration of all currently practicing midwives offering services. This section is problematic, as the DCCA Director has no means to determine who is currently practicing and whom the Department should notify regarding the new registration requirements.
- The PVL has been advised that the licensee population consists of approximately 13 individuals. DCCA’s self-funded licensing model is based on dividing the cost of the program by the anticipated licensee population. The costs associated with licensing approximately 13 midwives would be \$203,000.

The PVL is amenable to working with the Committees on any amendments to S.D. 1, should this measure move forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



Tuesday, February 26, 2019; 10:00 am
Conference Room 211

Senate Committee on Judiciary

To: Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

To: Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

From: Charles Neal, Jr., MD, PhD
Chief, Neonatology Department

**Re: SB 1033, SD1 -- Relating To The Licensure Of Midwives
Providing Comments**

My name is Dr. Charles Neal, Jr., MD, PhD and I am the Neonatology Clinical Section Chief and Medical Director of the Newborn Intensive Care Unit at Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women and Children (Kapi'olani). Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women and Children (Kapi'olani) is an affiliate of Hawaii Pacific Health. Kapi'olani Medical Center is the state's only maternity, newborn and pediatric specialty hospital. It is also a tertiary care, medical teaching and research facility. Specialty services for patients throughout Hawai'i and the Pacific Region include intensive care for infants and children, 24-hour emergency pediatric care, air transport, maternal-fetal medicine and high-risk perinatal care.

I am writing to offer comments on SB 1033, SD1 which establishes licensing for midwives in Hawaii. The bill creates a licensing scheme and oversight of the practice of midwifery which will improve consumer safety and afford greater quality of care for women who elect to deliver with a midwife and for their babies. However, we are concerned with certain aspects as outlined below.

- More specificity is needed to delineate educational requirements of certified professional midwives in order to obtain licensure and address scope of practice.
- More specificity is needed to acknowledge that licensed midwives should be authorized to obtain and administer certain legend drugs we feel are critical to have in deliveries such as oxygen, anti-hemorrhagic agents and epinephrine for neonatal resuscitation to name a few.

Language address the above concerns was contained in the original version of SB 1033 and should be reinserted. While it is important to respect mother's choices with regards to delivery options, the safety and well being of the unborn baby appear to be overlooked and must be considered.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 8:33:49 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Courtney Caranguian | Testifying for Wearing and Caring, LLC | Oppose | No |

Comments:

The evidence says that collaboration between OOH (out of hospital) professionals and in-hospital professionals is most beneficial to the community. This bill isn't welcoming any collaboration. I am wondering why the founder of this bill has refused to meet with out of hospital professionals? Have they set any meetings up to begin collaborating with OOH professionals? Why not?

If the answer is time....then that is an excuse. We have time to sit down and collaborate.



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TO: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

FROM: Patricia L. Bilyk, APRN, MSN, MPH, IBCLC
Maternal Infant Clinical Nurse Specialist (retired)
Board Member-Breastfeeding Hawaii

RE: SB1033 SD1 Relating to the Licensure of Midwives

DATE: Tuesday, February 26, 2019
10AM Conference Room 211

Good Morning Senators Rhoades, Dela Cruz, Wakai, Keith-Agaran and members of the Senate Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means.

I am speaking on behalf of Breastfeeding Hawaii in **strong support of SB 1033 SD1 relating to the Licensure of Midwives.**

Breastfeeding Hawaii is a non profit 501c3 organization who supports, protects and promotes breastfeeding in the State of Hawaii. We further work to education health professionals around the State on the management of general breastfeeding and identification and treatment of breastfeeding problems.

As such we feel education, credentialing and licensure of health professionals help to protect breastfeeding women and their infants. Licensing midwives in our State that are educated at recognized national programs and have been credentialed with national and international competencies continues to support our mission of protecting, promoting and support breastfeeding women and their infants. Also we feel licensed midwives improve breastfeeding outcomes.

We believe that women and their infants deserve the opportunity to have access to the care of licensed midwives especially on the neighbor islands where maternal/infant care surrounding homebirth is limited. Having licensed midwives in the rural communities will also promote collaborative practices with other health professionals on the island.



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We urge you to **PASS SB 1033 SD1** so the state of Hawaii can establish a regulatory program of licensure for the credentialed midwife in our State.

Mahalo for the opportunity to share our views on this important issue for breastfeeding women and their infants.



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The American College of
Obstetricians and Gynecologists

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

TO: Senate Committee on Judiciary
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

DATE: Tuesday, Feb 26, 2019
PLACE: Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 211

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

Re: SB 1033_SD1 – Relating to the Licensure of Midwives
Position: COMMENTS

The Hawai'i Section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (HI ACOG) represents more than 200 obstetrician/gynecologist physicians in our state, and we would like to provide comments for SB 1033_SD 1. HI ACOG **strongly supports the intention behind SB 1033_SD1 which is to license the profession of midwifery** as that would **increase access to safe, high-quality maternity care** for Hawai'i's women and infants. However, as it is written, we cannot support the bill until amendments are made.

HI ACOG agrees with the State Auditor's Report No-17-01 which determined that the Hawaii Regulatory Licensing Reform Act "supports licensure of the entire midwifery program."¹ We agree with the State Auditor's statement that "given our determination that the nature of the services provided by midwives may endanger the public's health and safety, we conclude that the Hawaii Regulatory Licensing Reform Act mandates that the profession of midwifery be regulated."¹

We highly recommend that amendments be made that would more specifically delineate educational requirements of certified professional midwives in order to obtain licensure, address scope of practice, and acknowledge that licensed midwives should be authorized to obtain and administer certain legend drugs we feel are critical to have in deliveries such as oxygen, anti-hemorrhagic agents, and epinephrine for neonatal resuscitation to name a few. Language to this effect was in SB 1033.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

¹ Sunrise Analysis: Regulation of Certified Professional Midwives. A Report to the Governor and the Legislature of the State of Hawai'i. January 2017

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Regular Session of 2019

SB1033 Hearing date 2/26/2019, Room 211, 10:00am

Testimony in OPPOSITION

Senate Committee on Ways and Means, Honorable Chair Delacruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and honorable committee members,

Childbirth is a normal biological function, it is *not* a medical event or the practice of medicine. The skills of a midwife are compiled from ancient knowledge that predates the modern medical era. Childbirth does not need regulation of any sort. Requiring mandatory certification for the licensure of midwives, as defined by SB1033sd1 interferes with body autonomy.

This bill is discriminatory and culturally insensitive, especially in the state of Hawai'i.

The certifying NARM test:

1. takes approximately 8 hours to take
2. is only available to be taken at one testing site in the state
3. is only available in English

The NARM certifying exam makes no attempt at equal opportunity and is unabashedly discriminatory to non-English speaking midwives.

There is already limited access to specialty healthcare providers on the more rural, less populated outer islands. This bill would serve to further widen a gap of prenatal and postpartum care for those with the greatest need.

An all-inclusive statewide registry for the midwives who work in the community birth setting might be an alternative to a license. This would honor the long-standing traditions and cultural practices of the VAST number of cultures represented in Hawai'i.

Please deeply consider this important decision, it is not a simple or straight forward thing to require certification and licensure of ancient knowledge. There are many recognized pathways of learning midwifery. We believe that if **ALL** parties involved were to come together in a working group a resolution could be found that doesn't leave any midwives behind in the process. Please invite a homebirth consumer, a non-certified traditional midwife, and a representative each of Hawai'i Homebirth Collective and Hawai'i Midwifery Council to take part in the working group. We support these communities to sit together in a working group to help facilitate a positive working relationship between the medical and holistic sides of childbirth.

Hawai'i is such a unique place where we honor so many cultures and their traditions. We owe it to every birthing parent to honor their choice. Birth rights are HUMAN rights! Please OPPOSE SB1033sd1. Mahalo

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2019 10:18:21 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Bonnie Marsh | Testifying for UpCountry Doctor | Oppose | No |

Comments:

As a Naturopathic Doctor and a member of the Hawaii Home birth Elders Council. I would like to see a working group formed to futher discuss this controversial bill. Midwifery is a service to women that has been performed since the beginning of time. State regulation will not necessarily improve care and outcome within the home birth community. Traditional midwives should be allowed to have autonomy and answer to their peers instead of the state of Hawaii. Please support the right of the consumer to chose how, where and with whom they birth with.

mahalo nui'

Dr. Bonnie Marsh



Midwives Alliance of Hawaii

2/22/19

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Conference Room 211
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

From: Midwives Alliance of Hawai'i

Time: Thirtieth Legislature Regular Session of 2019
Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 10:00am

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB1033_SD1, RELATING TO THE LICENSURE OF MIDWIVES

Dear Senator Rhoads, Senator Wakai, Senator Dela Cruz, Senator Keith-Agaran and committee members:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **strong support of SB1033_SD1**. Licensing midwives aligns with one of the Senate's 2019 Sustainable Development Goals: Good Health and Well-Being through improving access to quality health care. We agree with both State Auditor's Reports No. 99-14 and No.17-01 determination that the midwifery profession should be regulated. According to Chapter 26H, the Hawai'i Regulatory Licensing Reform Act, the profession of midwifery meets the criteria for regulation of a profession:

- 1) Regulation shall be undertaken only when reasonably necessary to protect health, safety or welfare of consumers of the service- the state auditor found this was the case, midwifery is a part of healthcare, caring for at times two or more clients in one body.
- 2) Regulation in the form of full licensure shall be adopted when the health, safety, or welfare of the consumer may be jeopardized by the nature of the service offered by the provider – the state auditor found this to be the case as the nature of midwifery can jeopardize consumers; we have seen this occur in our state without regulation.

- 3) Evidence of abuses by providers of the service shall be accorded great weight in determining whether regulation is desirable – we have seen there are many people attending birth who inform consumers they are midwives and advertise midwifery services for fees yet have not met international and national standards of education, training and certification of midwifery, and persons who have had disciplinary actions in other states move here to practice without oversight.
- 4) Regulations which artificially increase the costs of goods and services to the consumer shall be avoided except in those cases where the legislature determines that this cost is exceeded by the potential danger to the consumer – the state auditor found that the potential danger to the consumer outweighs the potential increased cost to the consumer. There is no way to determine how regulating midwifery would increase cost to consumer; it is possible it will decrease cost to consumer as insurance companies could elect to cover midwifery services once the providers are licensed.
- 5) Regulation shall be eliminated when the legislature determines that they have no further benefits to consumers – a multitude of research demonstrates that midwifery care provides benefits to consumers. The state auditor has given reasons in the past and recently to regulate the profession of midwifery.
- 6) Regulation shall not unreasonably restrict entry into profession by all qualified persons – regulation of midwifery would not unreasonably restrict entry into the profession as there are multiple education opportunities in Hawai‘i and all qualified midwife categories would be recognized.
- 7) Fees for regulation shall be imposed provided that the fees are not less than the cost to administer the program – we believe that the DCCA can achieve a model that is financially sound.

Hawai‘i had regulation of midwifery from the early 1930’s through 1998; we believe it is time to restore regulation of midwifery in Hawai‘i to integrate midwifery within our healthcare system and ensure that all persons who receive maternity and women’s health services are provided the opportunity to choose safe and competent care.

We recognize that SB1033_SD1 has many changes from SB1033 and that there are additional amendments that we will recommend in the future. At this time we seek to continue dialogue with the DCCA in order to learn more about a workable model that will achieve the intended outcome of midwifery regulation in the State of Hawai‘i.

We believe that women and families in Hawai‘i deserve the opportunity to access a midwife who has been certified as having demonstrated international and nationally recognized competencies. We believe that licensing midwives will increase access to midwifery care across Hawai‘i, especially in rural communities and neighbor islands. The majority of midwives in Hawai‘i who are nationally certified and not nurse-midwives currently live on neighbor islands. Through licensure, midwives will be able to work to their fullest scope and within a collaborative health

care system. According to the Access and Integration Maternity Care Mapping Study (S. Vedam, et al, 2018) the more midwives integrated into the healthcare system, the better outcomes we see for moms and babies. These include increased breastfeeding, vaginal deliveries and vaginal birth after cesareans, and decreased interventions and neonatal death. Currently Hawai'i ranked 40th out of 51 (includes D.C.) in the nation for midwifery integration, meaning we share similar scores with states such as Kentucky, Mississippi, Kansas, and Louisiana. We believe Hawai'i can be a leader in midwifery care once midwives are practicing to their fullest scope.

We urge you to support SB1033_SD1 to establish a regulatory program for the practice of midwifery.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Mahalo,

Le'a Minton, MSN, APRN, CNM, IBCLC

Board President, Midwives Alliance of Hawai'i

Committee of Midwife Advocates
for the Certified Midwife (CM)



TO: Senator Karl Rhoads- Chair -Committee on Judiciary
Senator Glenn Wakai- Vice Chair- Committee on Judiciary
Senator Donovan Dela Cruz- Chair- Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran- Vice Chair - Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: February 25, 2019

PLACE: Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 211, 415 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

FROM: Committee of Midwife Advocates for Certified Midwives

RE: SB 1033 S.D.1

Dear Senators Rhoads, Wakai, Dela Cruz, and Keith-Agaran,

We thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on behalf of SB 1033 SD1 – A Bill for an Act Relating to the Licensure of Midwives.

The Committee of Midwife Advocates for Certified Midwives (C-MAC) of the American College Nurse-Midwives previously submitted written testimony for SB 1033 in support of licensure of certified professional midwives (CPMs) and certified midwives (CMs). C-MAC continues to be in support of establishing a regulatory process for CPMs and CMs to attain licensure, however we have **strong reservations** regarding SB 1033 SD1.

We request the following amendments to SB1033 S.D. 1:

Problem: inappropriate title protection

As the amended bill SB 1033 S.D. 1 is written, only Certified Professional Midwives will have title protection. Certified Nurse-Midwives and Certified Midwives will be prohibited from referring to themselves as midwives or practicing midwifery. Certified Nurse-Midwives and Certified Midwives should be exempt from title protection in this amended bill.

Committee of Midwife Advocates for the Certified Midwife (CM)



Proposed solution:

- 1) Any licensed person doing work within the scope of practice or duties of the person's profession that overlaps with the practice of midwifery; provided the person does not purport to be a midwife *unless the person holds an advanced practice registered nurse license (APRN) as a Certified Nurse-Midwife (CNM) pursuant to chapter 457, and/ or holds national certification by the American Midwifery Certification Board.*
- 2) Under exemptions. (a) Licensure shall not be required of:
 - (1) *Certified Nurse- Midwives (CNMs) who are under the Board of Nursing pursuant to chapter 457 and are licensed as advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) through the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA).*

Problem: legal enforcement of unsafe practice

In the current version of the amended bill, there is no provision for Certified Professional Midwives to obtain, carry and administer life-saving medications and preventative medication for the neonate. The amended bill includes no provision to order laboratory tests or diagnostic tests. Without these provisions, this amended bill will result in public harm.

Proposed solution:

Certified Professional Midwives licensed in the state of Hawai'i should have access to every tool of their profession consistent with education, national certification and current evidence-based practice.

Respectfully,

Committee of Midwife Advocates for Certified Midwives

Karen Jefferson, Chair

Dana Perlman, Vice-chair

Gentle Beginnings Midwifery

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Regular Session of 2019

SB1033 Hearing date 2/26/2019, Room 211, 10:00am

Testimony in **OPPOSITION**

Senate Committee on Ways and Means, Honorable Chair Delacruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and honorable committee members,

Gentle Beginnings Midwifery stands in STRONG OPPOSITION of SB1033sd1. While we feel that the senate draft 1 is much closer to an inclusive bill, there are many extremely important issues within it that still need to be addressed.

I am a mother to five children ages 3 to 20, four of whom were born at home with non-certified midwives. I had my first baby in a hospital in the 90's. I was so traumatized by that experience, it inspired me to become a midwife. I attended my first birth as a student in 1995. I studied midwifery through the apprenticeship model. It took me 9 years to obtain the skills necessary to be a primary midwife. I was trained by a non-certified midwife, as she was trained by a non-certified midwife, and so on. This bill will not allow me to obtain a license or to continue to practice safely as a non-licensed midwife. How do those of us who will be forced out of practice continue to support our families?

There are estimated to be fewer than 30 homebirth midwives in the state of Hawai'i. Approximately one-third of whom won't qualify for licensure. Licensure for fewer than 20 midwives in Hawai'i is a very costly endeavor, which in turn would create an undue financial burden on the few midwives who would qualify for licensure. It in turn would also create a financial hardship on the consumer who pays out of pocket for their midwife.

Traditional midwives have existed since the beginning of humankind. There are two types of traditional midwives, the certified practical midwife (CPM) and the non-certified traditional midwife (DEM). To be VERY clear, both CPM and DEM midwives are traditional midwives. CPM credentialing began in the mid 1990's. This bill would unfairly disallow many of the state's traditional midwives from obtaining a license or even using their title "midwife." The majority of uncredentialed midwives are the longest practicing, elder midwives within the community.

This bill is discriminatory and culturally insensitive, especially in the state of Hawai'i.

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Instead of this bill, the majority of Hawai'i's midwives support the creation of an all-inclusive statewide registry for ALL midwives who work in the community birth setting, regardless of their pathway or type of midwifery education. This would also honor the long-standing traditions and cultural practices of the VAST number of cultures represented in Hawai'i. The Hawai'i Midwifery Council, Hawai'i Homebirth Collective, and Mama Hawai'i have already taken the necessary steps to begin this process. The registry would have the elders of the midwifery community sit together on a council to hear complaints and with their collective wisdom, help facilitate a positive working relationship between the medical and holistic sides of childbirth.

Please deeply consider this important decision, it is not a simple or straight forward thing to require certification and licensure of ancient knowledge. There are many recognized pathways of learning midwifery. I believe that if **ALL** parties involved were to come together in a working group, we could find a resolution that doesn't leave any midwife behind in the process. Please invite a homebirth consumer, a non-certified traditional midwife, and a representative each of Hawai'i Homebirth Collective and Hawai'i Midwifery Council to take part in the working group.

Hawai'i is such a unique place where we honor so many cultures and their traditions. We do not try to do things as they are done on the mainland. We owe it to every birthing parent to honor their choice. We owe it to future generations to fight for their birth rights!
Birth rights are HUMAN rights!

Please OPPOSE SB1033sd1

Mahalo,

Rachel Curnel Struempf, DEM

Testimony of Laulani Teale, MPH in OPPOSITION to SB 1033, SD1 Relating to the Licensure of Midwives

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY/WAYS AND MEANS

Tuesday, February 26, 2019 10:00 a.m. Conference Room 211

Aloha and mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

Although I appreciate the good intent of this measure and its amendments, it still is highly problematic and I must oppose it strongly. **The issues surrounding birth and midwifery are very complex, and need comprehensive solutions and real communication.** I urge you to stop this measure, and instead to support the development of a framework for this communication and solution-building to take place.

Here are some of the major problems with SB 1033 SD1, as it stands:

- **The definition of “traditional midwife” is extremely problematic.**
 - First, this definition is not traditional at all, in any sense of the term or by any cultural standard.
 - **Cultural practices are almost always spiritual in nature.** For this reason, they must be defined according to the mandates of culture, and not by external requirements that do not fit that culture (See Kahuna Statement). This applies to all cultures.
 - *“low risk pregnancy”* is an arguable term, hotly debatable at best. It is not defined in this bill. This is likely to cause severe conflict in implementation.
 - *“provides the required disclosures to clients that the individual is practicing midwifery in this State without a license to practice midwifery”* is just a mess. First, real traditional midwives would not even have access to the language of said disclosure, much less a computer or printer to print them out. Second, the whole sentence is grammatically confusing. This requirement, in essence, is that a traditional midwife with hundreds of years of culture behind her, gives out a paper saying she is not a real midwife.
 - *“does not use legend drugs and devices”* is redundant, as these are already prohibited, and not available except by prescription.
 - *“does not advertise as a midwife”* is problematic, as the term “advertise” is not defined here, and its boundaries are very unclear.
 - The entire term is externally defined, which **goes against culture and traditions, which must be internally defined in order to be considered bona fide.** (See quote from Papa Ola Lokahi-convened Kahuna Statement to the Legislature, 1998).

- **Astronomical cost issues have not been addressed.**
 - This committee has an obligation to pass only measures that are feasible.
 - \$276,608.00 per year (DCCA’s estimate) for 12 to 15 licensed midwives is just not feasible, especially when these costs would be passed on to the families they serve.
 - There is no measurable benefit to consumers for this cost, as a “licensed midwife” is essentially the same as a “NARM-Certified Midwife” .

Additionally, existing concerns (in the first version of the bill) remain.

- Consumers are not helped by this measure, which would **limit choices, raise prices, and provide no measurable safety benefits** .
- The **exemptions do not actually exempt anyone** currently practicing traditional midwifery. For this reason, great damage and endangerment would result in our community.
- Some of the provisions are **unconstitutional**.
- **Kanaka Maoli traditional practices are not protected.** Again - Papa Ola Lokahi does not currently have any mechanism to extend protection to traditional midwives or other birth-related practitioners as such (its mandates are currently strictly for laau lapaau, lomilomi, hooponopono and laau kahea). While this could potentially be developed in the future, at this time such protection would be entirely speculative. Law cannot be based on speculation.
- There is **no reasonable licensure pathway** for Hawai‘i clinical midwives who are not CPMs. It is against the Hawai‘i Regulatory Licensing Reform Act to offer a licensure pathway to a part of a profession, but not all of it, especially as NARM Certification is practically **logistically impossible** for Hawai‘i midwives (thus shifting the recognized practice entirely to those trained outside of Hawai‘i). The **costs** involved in licensing such a tiny cohort also need to be assessed prior to structuring legislation, as this Act also requires licensees to bear the full cost of issuance and administration. For a small cohort with complex needs, this could potentially be astronomical.

The lack of protection of traditional practices afforded by the bill’s exemptions is serious.

The Kahuna Statement written for the legislature by the leading healers convened by Papa Ola Lokahi on October 31, 1998 (upon which the naming of POL in this bill is based) says clearly:

“...LICENSURE, AND CERTIFICATION ISSUES RAISED IN THE LEGISLATION ARE INAPPROPRIATE AND CULTURALLY

**UNACCEPTABLE FOR GOVERNMENT TO ASCERTAIN.
THESE ARE THE KULEANA OF THE HAWAIIAN COMMUNITY
ITSELF THROUGH KUPUNA WHO ARE PERPETUATING THESE
PRACTICES.”**

It must be remembered that ALL regulation of traditional midwifery limits, alters, and otherwise adversely impacts traditional Native Hawaiian healing, because **the central traditional practice in question is BIRTH**, not midwifery.

Traditional midwives who are not Hawaiian and do not qualify under SB 1033 are extremely important in the traditions that Hawaiian families are reviving from a nearly decimated cultural past. Many young Kanaka Maoli have the oral history of their grandparents to go on, but not much more. Non-Hawaiian traditional midwives play a crucial support role for ensuring safety, confidence and well-being as these traditions are brought back into being. Without them, the practices would still come back, but slower, with more loss and much less safety and support.

What is needed is COMMUNICATION, not regulation of something the State simply cannot understand.

My recommendation is to hold this bill, and instead consider the creation of a body that could effectively bring all concerned parties (DOH, cultural practitioners, traditional birth attendants, CPMs, student midwives, OBGYN/ER doctors, etc) together to build the needed comprehensive solutions to address real consumer protection and safety.

Mahalo nui loa for this opportunity to testify. I can be reached at any time if there are questions.

Me ke aloha ‘oia‘i‘o,



Laulani Teale, MPH

Please see eahanau.blogspot.com for more information.

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| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Augustine Colebrook | Testifying for Hale Ho'olana | Oppose | No |

Comments:

This bill's cultural exemption is exclusionary, vague, poorly defined and amounts to continued colonization of native peoples. Further more, this bill poorly defines the scope of practice for out of hospital midwives and fails to make a clear distinction between CPM's and CM:s. I urge lawmakers to speak to either one of these two designated professions (Certified Professional Midwives or Certified Midwives) before passing this law regulating them. Currently the only 'midwives' in support of this bill are CNM's who effectively are the competition of those other provider types. thank you.



of Hawaii

February 24, 2019

From: Younghee Overly, Public Policy Chair, AAUW Hawaii

To: Hawaii State Senate Committee on Judiciary; Hawaii State Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Hearing Date/Time: Tuesday, February 16, 2019, 10:00AM

Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 211

Re: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1033 SD1

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice-Chair Wakai, Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the committees,

I behalf of AAUW of Hawaii write to you to strongly support SB1033 SD1 which would regulate midwives.

SB1033 SD1 would ensure that midwives are trained in utilizing medications in their practice and would integrate midwifery care into the overall health care system, making it easier for families to access midwifery services. Without regulation, midwives who have had their license suspended, surrendered or revoked in other states have moved and freely practice in Hawaii. There is no disciplinary action against negligent midwives as we have no regulation.

Please pass this bill and join other 33 states which regulate certified professional midwives. Families in Hawaii deserve it. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

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.

Sincerely,



HMIHC

HAWAII MATERNAL & INFANT
HEALTH COLLABORATIVE

Tuesday, February 26, 2019, 10:00 AM
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 211
415 South Beretania Street

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert Keith-Aragan, Vice Chair

From: Hawaii Maternal and Infant Health Collaborative

Re: SB1033_SD1, Relating to the Licensure of Midwives

Position: Strongly support the regulation of midwifery and midwives engaged in the practice of midwifery by establishing licensure and regulatory requirements under the department of commerce and consumer affairs.

Dear Senator Rhoads, Senator Wakai, Senator Dela Cruz, Senator Keith-Aragan and Committee members:

We are very concerned about the safety of our mothers and their babies who decide on having a planned community birth and deeply respect the autonomy of women in making decisions for their own health and their pregnancies. Some mothers with low-risk pregnancies can safely deliver their babies outside of a hospital setting with midwives who are nationally certified and meet both national and international standards of education and competencies. However, even low-risk pregnancies can quickly, within a few minutes or even seconds, become high-risk during the labor and delivery process and there are many complications that can occur, particularly with high-risk pregnancies. Hawaii is one of 17 states that does not license or regulate midwives, leaving women in Hawaii with no way of telling who is certified to do a community birth and who is not. Virtually anyone can claim they are qualified to do community births regardless of their training or experience in obstetrics. A licensure process would help patients to determine who is qualified to safely deliver their baby in the community. A licensure process would also provide women with the information needed to make their own informed decisions and therefore would respect the autonomy of women in making their own health decisions.

To ensure that all of Hawaii's mothers and babies have a safe and happy birth experience, we urge you to support the Licensure of Midwives bill, as it is in alignment with one of the Senate's 2019 Sustainable Development Goals: Good Health and Well-Being through improving access to quality health care. This bill will ensure that community birth providers have had formal obstetrics education to care for mothers and their infants, follow patient safety regulations such as no high-risk pregnancy deliveries at home, adequately inform

their patients regarding their educational background and the possible risks of community birth, and require timely completion of birth certificates and other data for all planned home births.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this very important Women's Health Issue.

Hawaii Maternal and Infant Health Collaborative, founded in 2013, is a public private partnership committed to Improving Birth Outcomes and Reducing Infant Mortality. The Collaborative was developed in partnership with the Executive Office of Early Learning's Action Strategy with help from the Department of Health and National Governors' Association. The [Action Strategy](#) provides Hawaii with a roadmap for an integrated and comprehensive early childhood system, spanning preconception to the transition to Kindergarten. The Collaborative helps advance goals within the Action Strategy by focusing on ensuring that children have the best start in life by being welcomed and healthy. The Collaborative has completed a strategic plan and accompanying Logic Model, *The First 1,000 Days*, aimed at achieving the outcomes of 8% reduction in preterm births and 4% reduction in infant mortality. To date over 150 people across Hawaii have been involved in the Collaborative. These members include physicians and clinicians, public health planners and providers, insurance providers and health care administrators. The work is divided into three primary areas, preconception, pregnancy and delivery, and the first year of life, and coordinated by a cross sector leadership team. Work is specific, outcome driven, informed by data and primarily accomplished in small work groups.

SB-1033-SD-1

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Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Aoki Birthing Care | Testifying for Aoki Birthing Care | Oppose | No |

Comments:

Aloha to the Legislators!

Aoki Birthing Care opposes SB1033 SD1. It is still a very badly written bill and it would be a disservice to our community to not have a comprehensive working group where ALL types of midwives and homebirth consumers are represented. It really would be a disservice to pass legislation without fully understanding how it will impact people on all islands.

Problems in the bill/amendment:

- p. 12 lines 9 and 10 which requires all midwives to get full licensure (and certification) by 2024, essentially nullifies the grandmother clause. Solution is to remove this line.

Some thoughts and possible resolutions on the bill are:

1. The costs alone to set up a CPM board are not feasible. As you are well aware, midwives do not charge nor get paid often since it is an act of service that we offer, payments received are very minimal. Each midwife to be licensed need a very reasonable licensing fee that makes sense and in balance with their work (\$100-\$300). DCCA's testimony stated the startup cost to be \$270,000 the first year and \$250,000 yearly thereafter to maintain a CPM Board. There are 5 CPMs that would be licensed. Where are the funds for this bill? In the bill there is " ____ " for the amount for what the midwife's payment would be.
2. Appropriates funds from the compliance resolution fund. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1) What funds are available now? How much?

3. All CPMs in Hawaii that use drugs should work under the ACNM board. NARM and ACNM are already working together on standards and protocols. CPMs who do not use drugs should have their own board.
 1. The alliance of boards of ACNM (American College of Nurse Midwives), CNM board, and NARM (North American Registry of Midwives), the CPM board, have midwives that are in both organizations because the exam, the protocols and standards are very similar. CNM and CPM both currently do homebirths, although CNM can also work in the hospital.
4. Both the “Traditional Midwifery” and “Native Hawaiian Healers description” need to be defined accurately in the bills. These Exemptions are important and would be part of the responsibility of the task force. (Pg 2 and 4 of SB1033 SD1)
5. Create the task force that many of us tried to organize in 2014. We suggest the following members must be included for success.

Task Force for Home Birth must include:

1 CPM

1 Traditional Home Birth Midwife

1 kanaka maoli indigenous practitioner of birthing

2 homebirth practitioners selected by legislatures

1 OB

1 ER

1 Papa Ola Lokahi representative

2 homebirth parents

1 non-voting member

Other Notes:

The Hawaii Home Birth Collective have never been consulted as the practitioner and organization that would be affected by this bill about how best to create a path to licensure and how this may affect our families. The misunderstanding that if a practitioner is licensed then that practitioner is good to practice needs a change in perspective as this bill sets the stage for false accusations.

Our concern is that midwifery model of care is separate, different and not a medical model of care such as conducted by OBs and CNMs. By forcing CPMs into a medical

model will destroy the essence of home birth and homebirth midwives. CPMs are not medical midwives, CNMs are. CPMs do not want to be medical midwives, this bill is forcing those who are not medical into medical care. We want to tolerate and exist along side the medical model. We do not see women giving birth as a factory or robots, and women and babies shall never be treated in a way that places them in a factory style care = medical protocol model/OBs/CNMs. Please stop covering up that this bill will not violate human rights or women's right to bodily autonomy or choosing their provider=who will attend their intimate birth.

With Respect,

Aoki Birthing Care

Kapa`a, Kaua`i

REGULAR SESSION OF 2019

Public Decision Making Session February 26, 2019 at 10 am Room 211

RE: SB1033 SD1 Relating to the Licensure of Midwives

IN OPPOSITION

Aloha honorable JDC Chair Karl Rhoads, JDC Vice Chair Glenn Wakai, WAM Chair Donovan Dela Cruz, WAM Vice Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran and all committee members of JDC and WAM,

The Hawai'i Home Birth Collective (HiHBC) and the Hawai'i Home Birth Elders Council strongly oppose SB1033SD1 for many reasons. Primarily we are concerned with its vague problematic language. Our organization represents a wide variety of home birth midwives: Certified Professional Midwives, Certified Nurse Midwives, Naturopathic, Traditional, Cultural, and Biblical Midwives. This reflects the many different pathways through which midwives can be trained.

SB1033SD1 restricts all types of midwives except licensed CPMs to use the title midwife. Our question is if SD1 exempts traditional midwives, can they still call themselves midwives even though it appears in the definition they can't advertise as a midwife? Once again this language is confusing. Also the fact that SD1 does not even list what kinds of midwives will be on the advisory board indicates a lack of understanding of the kinds of midwives that need to be represented on an advisory board.

HiHBC also requests that if the intent of the bill as written is to protect cultural practices then to require licensure within five years in no way supports this intention. The entire section that states all midwives must register and then be licensed must be removed. Please direct the self regulating Hawai'i Home Birth Collective and Hawai'i Home Birth Elders Council to do this job. HiHBC was formed specifically to register all midwives, provide informed consent, collect statistical data on home births in Hawai'i and provide accountability to the community.

Clearly a working group or task force is needed! Please convert this SD1 into a working group or task force and bring all involved parties together at one table to learn how to listen and respect each other for the benefit of all birthing families in Hawai'i and the future of Hawai'i generations to come! A Midwife Elder from our group would be honored to be invited to be part of that task force or working group.

Please contact us with any questions or if we may assist you in any way.

Mahalo,
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February 24, 2019

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary, Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair, and Senate Committee on Ways and Means, Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair

From: American Academy of Pediatrics, Hawaii Chapter

Re: Support for SB 1033 Relating to the Licensure of Midwives

Dear Senators Rhoads and Dela Cruz:

The American Academy of Pediatrics, Hawaii Chapter, **supports** SB 1033 Relating to the Licensure of Midwives. SB 1033 creates regulation of midwives (certified midwives and certified professional midwives) through a midwifery program under the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

This legislation would improve safety for pregnant women and newborns. Currently there are no minimum education or competency standards required for advanced practice nurses to declare themselves as midwives. This legislation would mean that patients electing to use midwives would be guaranteed that their provider has been trained according to national and international standards for midwifery.

This legislation would also improve transparency of the midwife profession. Regulation under the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs would permit families recourse to a complaint process if they experience negligence, unprofessional conduct, or harm by a person practicing midwifery.

The American Academy of Pediatrics, Hawaii Chapter, is an organization of over 300 pediatric providers. Our mission is to attain optimal physical, mental and social health and well-being for infants, children, adolescents and young adults.

Safety of women and children is the key issue behind this legislation. Women may still elect for home births under this legislation, but they will be assured that their midwives are at the highest level of professional training. We urge you to pass this legislation from your committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

AFFILIATE OF



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of NURSE-MIDWIVES

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TO: Senator Karl Rhoads- Chair -Committee on Judiciary
Senator Glenn Wakai- Vice Chair- Committee on Judiciary
Senator Donovan Dela Cruz- Chair- Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran- Vice Chair - Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: February 23, 2019

PLACE: Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 211, 415 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

FROM: Executive Board of the Hawaii Affiliate of the American College of Nurse-Midwives (HAA)

RE: SB 1033 S.D.1

Dear Senators Rhoads, Wakai, Dela Cruz, and Keith-Agaran,

We thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on behalf of SB 1033 SD1 – A Bill for an Act Relating to the Licensure of Midwives.

The Hawai'i Affiliate of the American College Nurse-Midwives (HAA) previously submitted written and oral testimony for SB 1033 in support of licensure of certified professional midwives (CPMs) and certified midwives (CMs). The HAA continues to be in support of establishing a regulatory process for CPMs and CMs to attain licensure, however we have **strong reservations** regarding SB 1033 SD1.

The executive board of the Hawaii Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives requests amendments to SB1033 S.D. 1 as follows:

Problem: inappropriate title protection

As the amended bill SB 1033 S.D. 1 is written, only Certified Professional Midwives will have title protection. Certified Nurse-Midwives and Certified Midwives will be prohibited from referring to themselves as midwives or practicing midwifery. Certified Nurse-Midwives and Certified Midwives should be exempt from title protection in this amended bill.

Proposed solution:

- 1) Any licensed person doing work within the scope of practice or duties of the person's profession that overlaps with the practice of midwifery; provided the person does not purport to be a midwife *unless the person holds an advanced practice registered nurse license (APRN) as a Certified Nurse-Midwife (CNM) pursuant to chapter 457, and/ or holds national certification by the American Midwifery Certification Board.*
- 2) Under exemptions. (a) Licensure shall not be required of:
 - (1) *Certified Nurse- Midwives (CNMs) who are under the Board of Nursing pursuant to chapter 457 and are licensed as advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) through the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA).*

Respectfully,

Executive Board of HAA
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Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Lori Kimata ND | Testifying for Sacred Healing Arts LLC | Oppose | No |

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

Sacred Healing Arts represents an eclectic group of health providers, Naturopathic doctors, Acupuncturists, midwives, doulas and lactation consultants. We oppose this bill because it lacks an understanding of the different skills and standards required of different types of midwife practitioners. We ask that you amend this bill into a task force or working group to remedy this problem. We would be happy to be on that task force and look forward to furthering our relationships with all birth practitioners.

Mahalo, Sacred Healing Arts LLC

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Testimony on SB1033SD1: IN OPPOSITION

February 24, 2019

Aloha, I am a Certified Professional Midwife, I have been serving the birthing families on the Big Island of Hawaii for 5 1/2 years.

I am a member of Hawaii Midwifery Council and the Hawaii Homebirth Collective. I am no longer a member of the Midwives Alliance of Hawaii because I do not believe they fairly take the opinions and desires of all the midwives in the state into consideration. I oppose SB1033SD1 as it is currently written.

While I do understand that some CPMs in the state desire recognition and licensure, I do not believe this bill reflects a fair majority of what the midwives in Hawaii want, nor does it reflect what the birthing families of Hawaii desire.

I urge you to please consider not only MAH's input on this matter, but also both the Hawaii Midwifery Council and the Hawaii Homebirth Collective's opinions, ideas and statements in regard to the licensure of midwives.

Both organizations have and will continue to submit their ideas and opinions.

Thank you very much for your time.

Darby Partner, CPM

SB-1033-SD-1

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Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Anne Dye | Testifying for Anne Dericks, ND | Oppose | Yes |

Comments:

Aloha Senate,

I am in STRONG OPPOSITION of SB1033. I am a Naturopathic Physician licensed here in Hawaii, a mother of two boys, both births attended by midwives and I am a business owner. The amendments made to this bill did not adequately address the problems with this bill. We want a clear bill and the best outcomes for birth in Hawaii.

This bill restricts the practice of and thus the access to traditional midwives. I want to make clear that I am not against licensure for midwives. However I am against SB1033 because of the restrictions it places on traditional and cultural midwives. I ask you to look to Utah for midwifery licensure, they offer licensure for midwives but they do not require it. Utah allows all types of midwives to practice, and there is transparency about training and education, and the state actively educates their citizens on the differences. Let's not restrict access, let's educate hawaii instead.

I want to highlight the need for integration of birth professionals. We all want to create healthy outcomes for Hawaii's birthing families. Please I ask legislation to create a task force of traditional midwives, OB and licensed midwives.... all who attend birthing families. Please make the licensed and traditional birth attendants all sit together and have dialogue. This is the only way there will be true integration. This is the only way birth will become safer. Let there be a task force so that there is never another case where people have "no idea" what happened. Where they can ask what happened and create open communication. A task force would allow integration and dialogue between all people who attend birthing families. We need inclusion for safer birth... not exclusion. It would be best for this task force (with representation of all birth providers) to sit together and draft a bill. This way it would be agreed upon before spending the senates time. The **Hawaii Home Birth Elders Council** formed by Elder midwives who represent the variety of midwives in Hawaii would be the best. They have organized to self regulate the home birth midwifery community, work with the medical community and provide accountability. Every homebirth midwife on Oahu is member and it has representation from every island.

If we limit traditional midwives....The professions will be driven farther apart. If the goal is integration it must include everyone. Please create a task force for all birth

professionals and birth attendants so we can create the best care for all birthing families of Hawaii.

Please remove the line “all currently practicing midwives must attain full licensure pursuant to this chapter by January 1, 2024” from this bill. I do not agree with this.

This bill will make many midwives illegal. I am of birthing age and when I choose to have another child the midwife I would choose would be illegal under your new bill. I should get to decide who attends my birth. It is dangerous to restrict women's choices. I am outraged that this bill seeks to limit the choices around my body and with whom and how I birth my baby. Its 2019 and women deserve birth autonomy.

It is not the homebirth community that is asking for this restriction to be placed on midwives. Families deserve to have cultural and traditional midwives attend their births, as it has who has been attending their births since the beginning of time.

Again I oppose SB1033.

Thank you,

Dr. Anne Dericks, ND

HAWAII MIDWIFERY COUNCIL

‘A‘OHE HANA NUI KE ALU ‘IA.

EST. 2015

Regular Session of 2019

SB1033 Hearing date 2/26/2019, Room 211, 10:00am

Testimony in **OPPOSITION**

Senate Committee on Ways and Means, Honorable Chair DelaCruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and honorable committee members,

The Hawai‘i Midwifery Council stands in **STRONG OPPOSITION** of SB1033sd1.

It is our position that:

1. Childbirth is a normal biological function.
2. Childbirth is not a medical event.
3. Midwifery is not the practice of medicine.

This bill unreasonably restricts entry into the profession by ALL qualified persons by not allowing already practicing midwives to obtain a license. In many parts of the state there is already inadequate access to specialty healthcare; this bill would also further compromise many of Hawai‘i’s poorer and rural citizens. Requiring mandatory certification for the licensure of midwives, as defined by SB1033sd1 also interferes with body autonomy.

Traditional midwives have existed since the beginning of humankind. Midwife literally means, “with woman.” There are two types of traditional midwives, the certified practical midwife (CPM) and the non-certified traditional midwife (DEM). To be VERY clear, both CPM and DEM midwives *are* traditional midwives. CPM credentialing began in the mid 1990’s. This distinction has created a divide amongst traditional midwives, which in turn has created much professional, political, and economic competition between the sides. This bill would unfairly disallow at least one-third of the state’s traditional midwives from obtaining a license or even using their title “midwife.”

There are estimated to be fewer than 30 CPM and DEM midwives in the state of Hawai‘i. In 2014 traditional midwives, both certified and non-certified attended almost 60,000 homebirths in the U.S. This legislation is written to specifically single out the practitioners involved in roughly 2.7% of the annual births in the U.S. Licensure for the fewer than 30 currently practicing unlicensed midwives in Hawai‘i is a very costly endeavor, which in turn would create an undue financial burden on the few midwives who would qualify for licensure.

Please also examine how this bill is discriminatory and culturally insensitive in the state of Hawai‘i.

With SB1033sd1’s requirement of the CPM certification to attain licensure, it will eliminate the ability to seek licensure for at least one third of the state’s currently practicing traditional midwives. Many of these are the elders in our communities with the greatest knowledge to share. This bill will make it impossible for them to obtain a license, practice midwifery or even call themselves midwives without first obtaining the CPM certification. Under subsection 6, License required, it clearly says that NO PERSON shall engage in the practice of midwifery or use the title “midwife.”

The certifying NARM test:

1. takes approximately 8 hours to take
2. is only available to be taken at one testing site in the state
3. is only available in English

This bill makes no attempt at equal opportunity and is unabashedly discriminatory to non-English speaking midwives.

Globally, as well as in the United States, there are *many recognized pathways* of learning midwifery. Each holds their own unique place in the intricate web of our society. We cannot simply eliminate the oldest and most ancient version of a midwife without great consideration, especially with something as comparatively modern as legislation. The 1931 regulation of midwives in Hawai'i came on the heels of the illegal occupation and annexation of the Hawai'ian Kingdom in yet another way to attempt to eradicate its unique culture and rituals. The Hawai'i Midwifery Council believes that the repeal of this requirement in 1998 was done with great wisdom. The repeal allowed a legal split between the two groups of midwives. Allowing the nurse midwives to seek hospital privileges and prescriptive rights while allowing the traditional and cultural midwives to once again serve their communities without fear of prosecution.

Under subsection 6, License required; we ask for clarity where it says;

1. "no person shall engage in the practice of midwifery, or use the title "midwife."
(A) What is the non-certified midwife supposed to call herself, she *IS* a midwife?

Under subsection 7, Exemptions; we ask for clarity surrounding the following exemptions:

1. The exemption for "a person administering care to a spouse, parents, sibling, or child makes no allowance for unmarried partners, unconventional relationships, and hanai family members.
2. Where is the actual exemption for traditional midwives? SB1033sd1 clearly states that,
(A) Does not obtain, carry or administer legend drugs or devices.
This puts birthing people and their children at risk.
(B) Does not advertise as a midwife.

This will take away the jobs of at least 10 midwives and further create a shortage of prenatal care to birthing persons state wide. In Hawai'i there is often limited access to specialty healthcare providers, especially on rural, less populated outer islands. This bill would serve to further widen a gap of prenatal and postpartum care for the ohanas with the greatest need.

The WHO has declared a global midwife shortage, declaring the immediate need for 500,000 midwives. An analysis done in 2011 by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) on 58 countries found a shortage of 350,000 midwives. SB1033sd1 is unwelcome in this context.

Instead of certification and licensure, Hawai'i's midwives would like to see the implementation of an all-inclusive statewide registry for ALL midwives who would like to be listed, regardless of their pathway or type of midwifery education. This would also honor the long-standing traditions and cultural practices of the VAST number of cultures represented in Hawai'i. The Hawai'i Midwifery Council working with the Hawai'i Homebirth Collective, LLC, and Mama Hawai'i have already taken the necessary steps to begin this process. Within this registry we would like to see the elders of the community sit together on a council that will hear complaints and with their collective wisdom, help facilitate a positive working relationship between the medical and holistic sides of childbirth.

Please deeply consider this important decision, it is not a simple or straight forward thing to require certification and licensure of ancient knowledge. Perhaps if ALL parties involved were to come together in a working group, we could find a resolution that doesn't leave any midwives behind in the process. Please invite a homebirth consumer, a non-certified traditional midwife, and a representative each of Hawai'i Homebirth Collective and Hawai'i Midwifery Council to take part in the working group.

Hawai'i is and has always been a unique place where we honor so many cultures and their traditions. We do not seek to do things as they are done on the mainland, we do them our own way. We owe it to every birthing parent to honor their culture and their ohana's birthing traditions. We owe it to future generations to fight for their birth rights! Birth rights are HUMAN rights!

Please OPPOSE SB1033sd1

Mahalo for your time,

Rachel Curnel Struempf, DEM

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Tuesday, February 26, 2019; 10:00 am
Conference Room 211

Senate Committee on Judiciary

To: Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

To: Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

From: Michael Robinson
Vice President, Government Relations & Community Affairs

Re: Comments on SB 1033, SD1
Relating to The Licensure of Midwives

My name is Michael Robinson, Vice President, Government Relations & Community Affairs at Hawai'i Pacific Health. Hawai'i Pacific Health is a not-for-profit health care system comprised of its four medical centers – Kapi'olani, Pali Momi, Straub and Wilcox and over 70 locations statewide with a mission of creating a healthier Hawai'i.

I am writing to offer comments on SB 1033, SD1 which establishes licensing for midwives in Hawaii. The bill creates a licensing scheme and oversight of the practice of midwifery which will improve consumer safety and afford greater quality of care for women who elect to deliver with a midwife and for their babies. However, we are concerned with certain aspects as outlined below.

- More specificity is needed to delineate educational requirements of certified professional midwives in order to obtain licensure and address scope of practice.
- More specificity is needed to acknowledge that licensed midwives should be authorized to obtain and administer certain legend drugs we feel are critical to have in deliveries such as oxygen, anti-hemorrhagic agents and epinephrine for neonatal resuscitation, to name a few.

Language addressing the above concerns was contained in the original version of SB 1033 and should be reinserted. While it is important to respect mother's choices with regards to delivery options, the safety and wellbeing of the unborn baby appear to be overlooked and must be considered.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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COMMENTS ON NATIVE HAWAIIAN PRACTICES
SB 1033 SD1 - RELATING TO LICENSURE OF MIDWIVES

Thursday, February 26, 2019, 10:00 AM
Conference Room 211, State Capitol

Aloha to the Chairs, Vice-Chairs and members of the committees.

Papa Ola Lōkahi (POL), as a rule, leaves the discussion of certification and licensure to the communities of those professions. At this time, we have not identified any Hawaiian certified professional midwives that would be impacted by such a law, and just one student who may be impacted in 2020 or later.

As the Native Hawaiian Health Board, POL is solely interested in assuring Hawaiian cultural practices around pregnancy and childbirth, hāpai and hānau, are preserved and protected, as articulated in the Hawai'i State Constitution (Article XII, Sec. 7).

The Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act (Title 42 USC 122) – through which Congress has established Papa Ola Lōkahi, the five Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems, and the Native Hawaiian Health Scholarship Program – recognizes and affirms Native Hawaiian determination to preserve, maintain and transmit spiritual and traditional beliefs, customs and practices.

The Hawai'i State Constitution reaffirms the “unique right of the Native Hawaiian people to practice and perpetuate their cultural and religious beliefs ...” Specifically, HRS 453-2 exempts traditional Hawaiian healing practitioners from medical licensure and designates Papa Ola Lōkahi with recognizing Kupuna Councils of traditional Hawaiian healers.

By virtue of these kuleana, our interest is in assuring that Hawaiian traditional practices of hāpai and hānau, by pale keiki and other practitioners, are not outlawed. To cover the full spectrum of hāpai and hānau in the proposed exemption, we would have the word “prenatal” changed to “perinatal.” Should this bill advance, Papa Ola Lōkahi is preparing to accept the kuleana required to exempt practitioners.

Papa Ola Lōkahi is available to answer questions about Kupuna Councils. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to offer comments on SB 1033 SD1.

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SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 11:56:17 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Leah Aquino | Testifying for Hawai'i Midwifery Council | Oppose | No |

Comments:

Aloha,

This is Leah Aquino. I'm the Molokai Representative of the Hawaii Midwifery Council.

I oppose this legislation because a small, yet important group of people would be put at a serious disadvantage if it were to be passed. There are traditional midwives in Hawaii that are not native Hawaiian. These women have attended hundreds of births and made connections with families and other midwives throughout the islands. If this legislation were to pass, these midwives would not be allowed to carry necessary equipment for their safe practice.

Women need to feel comfortable with their prenatal and midwifery care provider. It is highly possible that a woman would feel more comfortable with a traditional midwife who has safely and successfully attended hundreds of births, including the births of friends and relatives, than the most recent transplant to the island that has just gotten out of school.

Please allow all women access to make their own choices, and allow all types of midwives a legal choice. If you have question about why this is so important, look to the Scandinavian countries where many more births are attended by midwives than doctors, c-section rates are vastly lower than the United States, and both maternal and neonatal death rates are much, much lower as well. Humans are well designed to give birth, and women have been assisting other women through the process since the very beginning. Credentials have never been required or necessary.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Leah Aquino

LATE

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/26/2019 6:03:38 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Lisa Galvez | Testifying for Bia Don Dia- postpartum services | Oppose | No |

Comments:

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2019 2:14:02 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Carlie Stevens-Britos | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

This bill does not adequately protect my rights.

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2019 5:24:43 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Kyndal Killebrew | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

I feel like this bill infringes on my religious freedom because it severely limits my access to all types of midwives.

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2019 5:47:02 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| gretchen | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

Birth is a natural thing.

Traditional midwives are very important in assisting mothers.

Please support traditional midwives.

Thank you

gretchen

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2019 9:42:32 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Wen Yu | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

I oppose SB1033.

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2019 1:35:57 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Autumn Ness | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2019 8:46:24 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Brynne Caleda Kuch | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

- the DCCA wrote in their testimony that "the costs associated with implementing regulation for an approximated 13 licenses would be exorbitant. The Department estimates that the startup costs would be \$276,608.00, with recurring costs totaling \$254,688 per year."
- there are several states that we could consider modeling after. Utah, Oregon, New Mexico and Texas have their own in state licensure requirements without requiring national certification. Utah allows licensed and unlicensed midwives to practice and varies the scope of practice for each category. Here's a nice infographic: http://health.utah.gov/uwnqc/documents/midwife-roles_final.pdf
- there is no pathway to certification in Hawaii for experienced midwives and student midwives to fulfill requirements for licensure.
- exemptions for currently practicing midwives are only temporary with requirements to be fully licensed by 2024. I believe this will drive midwives underground creating a LESS SAFE birth environment.
- regulation is the antithesis of body autonomy! THIS IS A WOMAN'S RIGHTS ISSUE!

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/21/2019 6:07:35 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Terese I Masters | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2019 5:54:04 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Brandy Black | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

I had a home birth and am very grateful that I had a midwife as an option. There are amazing traditional midwife's that have all the skill and knowingkn needed to safely and expertly assist a woman bringing a child into this world. A certificate is not everything. A lifetime of knowledge that some of these women have is very important.

This is not something that should be rush. It should be well thought out with a lot of input from the birth community.

Thank you

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2019 7:04:06 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Aimee Disharoon | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Aloha

I am a Certified Professional Midwife and previously Licensed in Oregon

I 100% support this bill and believe it's holding a Midwife accountable to serve the community in the best way possible and respectable work in collaboration with the medical organizations. I know first hand what it can be like working & respecting the medical community. We need to build the bridge between the two and in doing so we are providing the best care possible

Mahalo for your time

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2019 6:22:38 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| D'Andrea Pelletier | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

This bill will make my friend Rachel Curnel Struempf, a traditional midwife in Hawaii island and president of the Hawai'i Midwifery Council, and the other midwives like her, illegal. This version was a good attempt at a reasonable bill, but there are multiple areas of concern. It is clear that we need a more comprehensive solution that includes ALL voices, and it is far too complex to try to resolve before the end of Session. It really would be a disservice to pass legislation without fully understanding how it will impact people on all islands.

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2019 7:44:54 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Lacie Hinshaw | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

SB1033 SD1 goes against the better interest of childbearing persons rightful claim to choose where and how to give birth, to choose who is present in the most intimate moment of delivery, and threatens the right to livelihood of practicing traditional midwives such as my friend Rachel Curnel Streumpf. This bill threatens to destroy culturally significant and healthy practices that every woman has the intrinsic right to practice. I strongly oppose this bill.

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2019 9:12:02 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Camiej@outlook | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

This bill will make my friend/acquaintance Rachel Curnel Struempf, a traditional midwife in Hawaii island and president of the Hawai'i Midwifery Council, and the other midwives like her illegal. Please change this bill to a Working Group where traditional midwives and homebirth consumers are voting members of the group. This version was a good attempt at a reasonable bill, but there are multiple areas of concern. It is clear that we need a more comprehensive solution that includes ALL voices, and it is far too complex to try to resolve before the end of Session. It really would be a disservice to pass legislation without fully understanding how it will impact people on all islands. I am a homebirth parent, and excluding traditional midwives would affect my ability to choose who is present at my own birth.

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2019 10:13:58 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Kristen Krusyna | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

Please change this bill to a Working Group where traditional midwives and homebirth consumers are voting members of the group. This version was a good attempt at a reasonable bill, but there are multiple areas of concern. It is clear that we need a more comprehensive solution that includes ALL voices, and it is far too complex to try to resolve before the end of Session. It really would be a disservice to pass legislation without fully understanding how it will impact people on all islands.

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2019 4:07:53 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Lynn Sailor | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2019 4:47:15 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| leah rhodes | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2019 8:59:56 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Marylee Mercy | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

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This version was a good attempt at a reasonable bill, but there are multiple areas of concern. It is clear that we need a more comprehensive solution that includes ALL voices, and it is far too complex to try to resolve before the end of Session. It really would be a disservice to pass legislation without fully understanding how it will impact people on all islands.

Date: February 23, 2019

To: Senators

From: Stacy Tsai MD, MPH

Re: SB 1033 – Relating to the Licensure of Midwives

Position: Strongly support

Dear Senator Baker and Members of the Committee,

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 support of SB 1033.

I am very concerned about the safety of our mothers and their babies who decide on having a planned community birth and deeply respect the autonomy of women in making decisions for their own health and pregnancies. Hawaii is one of 17 states that does not license or regulate midwives, leaving women in Hawaii with no way of telling who is certified to do a community birth and who is not. Virtually anyone can claim they are qualified to do community births regardless of their training or experience in obstetrics. A licensure process would help patients to determine who is qualified to safely deliver their baby in the community. A licensure process would also provide women with the information needed to make their own informed decisions and therefore would respect the autonomy of women in making their own health decisions.

To protect the safety of all Hawaii's mothers and babies, I urge you to support the Licensure of Midwives bill. This bill will ensure that community birth providers have had formal obstetrics education to care for mothers and their infants, follow patient safety regulations such as no high-risk pregnancy deliveries at home, adequately inform their patients regarding their educational background and the possible risks of community birth, and require timely completion of birth certificates and other data for all planned home births.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Stacy Tsai MD, MPH

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2019 9:18:23 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Miriam Kotubetey | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

I oppose this bill. I believe in birth autonomy. In my personal experience having been pregnant three times and safely and successfully delivering my three children at home with a midwife, I testify it was the best possible choice for my family. All three pregnancies, I also saw a conventional obgyn. I found my midwife far more competent than my doctors. My midwife was more thorough, spent much more time with me, and gained my trust in my safety much more than my obgyns.

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2019 11:44:51 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Allison Hitchner | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

As a licensed advanced practice registered nurse in Hawaii, I support this bill for the safety of women and the reputation of certified nurse midwives in our state.

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2019 12:18:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Joleen Oshiro | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

As a home birther, I realize that there are multitude factors that go into a woman's choice to give birth at home. There are cultural considerations, healthcare considerations (I myself prefer naturopathic care supported by other holistic styles), and preferences in birthing styles, to name just a few. Usually choices involve a combination of these types of considerations plus many more. Because women's birth choices can be as individual as they are, I hope that this bill is held until a diverse group of women's healthcare practitioners can come to the table to contribute to the crafting of the bill -- mainstream women's healthcare providers such as OB-GYN physicians, CMs, CPMs, cultural practitioners, traditional birth attendants, religious practitioners and others in this diverse community.

I have another concern as well: Confining cultural and religious midwives to serve exclusively those "in that distinct cultural or religious group" sounds unconstitutional. Shouldn't every pregnant woman be allowed to be assisted by whomever they choose, free of racial and religious restriction?

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2019 1:37:25 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| MR | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2019 2:59:56 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| nicole floyd | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

IN OPPOSITION

Aloha honorable chair and committee members,

My name is Nicole Floyd, I am mother and teacher here in our community.

I oppose HB 1033 for the following reasons:

- Regulating how, with whom and where someone gives birth interferes with reproductive rights, birth autonomy, privacy rights and birth traditions. My primary concern is for the welfare of mothers and babies and the preservation of culture, tradition and people's choices. Practitioners from the medical model, the midwifery model and the community have been establishing communication to sincerely and respectfully listen to each other and collaborate on comprehensive solutions to existing concerns. This is the answer, rather than the state governing how one births.
- This bill currently tries to regulate a profession without an in depth understanding of the various practitioners, roles and responsibilities involved in home birth practices. The medical hospital-based model it imposes doesn't take into account the population it is regulating and doesn't accurately represent the different models of home birthing.
- Every year that midwifery regulation comes up in legislation the community makes it clear they do not support governmental control. The proposed legislation will not make home births safer, will not improve quality or enhance provider availability to those who seek it. The practice of midwifery has been responsible, accountable and informally regulating itself since its conception. In response to pressures from outside the home birth community to formally regulate, The Hawaii Home Birth Elders Council has been created, reflecting the variety of practices that exist in Hawaii with over 200 years of combined home birth experience.. This Council shall be self-defined and self-regulated. Birth sovereignty must be left in the hands of the people, not the government.

For these reasons and more I strongly oppose HB 1033

Sincerely,

Nicole D. Floyd

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2019 4:30:27 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Lea | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2019 7:55:46 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sara R Doppe | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

Birth is an intimate event that the family should get to choose who serves them. Traditional midwives are valued and revered because of their love and experience, not because of their license. This bill excludes them. The CPM credential is becoming more and more difficult to obtain and is redefining midwifery for the worse. The credential is not a good template for licensure. Please veto this bill for the sake of families who want a safe homebirth with a traditional midwife, and for all midwives past and future whose wisdom will be forever lost.

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2019 7:45:57 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| tanner brittan | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

I oppose this bill. I oppose it bc ultimately it limits and restricts and takes away the mother that is giving birth's right to chose who will assist them with this process. . Stop infringing and taking away my rights.

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2019 7:58:55 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| amy kirbow | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

As a CPM I support this bill as it will allow women more access and opportunity to safe alternative care during the natural process of pregnancy, childbirth and postpartum. It will reduce the already overburdened health care system throughout the islands, particularly the Big Island of Hawaii.

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2019 9:52:44 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| RM | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I strongly support SB1033. Its important that basic certification is required to protect the lives of all involved.

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2019 11:35:29 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Lea Minton | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I strongly support SB1033 SD1 as its intention is to license midwives. I recognize that this is the first amended draft and that the bill will change over time. I encourage JDC/WAM to pass this bill so that it can continue to be improved. I believe licensing midwives helps Hawaii reach Good Health and Well-Being.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of SB1033 SD1.

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/24/2019 4:44:32 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Marsha Lowery ND | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I strongly support this bill. Licensing midwives in Hawaii is long overdue, please do not put this off for another year.

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2019 10:49:08 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Amber Seber | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

Aloha!

I appreciate the desire to assist women and provide for their safety, but this bill is dangerous and must be opposed.

I do understand that the idea is that women are in danger when supported by unlicensed midwives, but this is absolutely not the case. This bill is written with the idea in mind that there is really only one type of midwife and that women obtain midwives for only one reason: to have a medical style childbirth at home.

Licensed midwives are a wonderful asset to our community for those women who want that type of midwife. However, many women choose care with unlicensed midwives exactly because they are unlicensed.

When a midwife is licensed, she is required to obey the rules of her licensure or she will lose her license. A very large number of women do not want the constant and specific testing required by licensed midwives by law, so they specifically choose unlicensed midwives for that reason. For many women, choosing a home birth occurs because of abuse they have already received at the hands of a doctor or a more medical midwife and they are looking for something less intrusive.

The fact is that when midwives are forced under licensure, an entire, huge subculture of home birthers are suddenly prevented from obtaining necessary medical care. If they cannot afford the licensed midwives, they typically choose to go unassisted. If they cannot get unobtrusive care because licensed midwives are not allowed to be as hands-off as the mothers desire, these mothers go unassisted.

Unassisted (completely alone) childbirth can be beautiful and is legal and an option for some, but by removing unlicensed midwives, you will be creating a large group of women who will choose unassisted because they cannot obtain the medical care they need on THEIR TERMS. Women who have been abused by the system do not choose to go with hospital care in lieu of this. They choose to go alone.

We know this because we see it everywhere in the United States where midwifery and lay midwifery (direct-entry or unlicensed) have been outlawed. The women in these

states choose unassisted rather than be put through their previous medical birth experiences and in women with a history of issues or in women who have not had adequate time to prepare for an unassisted birth, this can be dangerous to the mother and the baby.

Like abortion, if you remove a woman's right to choose, she will still choose to do what she wants, you are only making it less safe.

It is wonderful that you are choosing to allow only traditional Hawaiian midwives to practice unlicensed, but there are many cultures around the world and ALL of them deserve respect. We all deserve to have traditional midwives of our own culture to assist in our pregnancies and deliveries.

Do not allow this bill to pass. It is harmful to women in so many ways and will put both women and babies in danger.

There is nothing wrong requiring midwives to disclose their education status, but removing a woman's right to choose who is with her when she gives birth or where she can give birth is morally wrong and must not be allowed to corrupt our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Amber Seber

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Submitted on: 2/24/2019 8:20:55 AM

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| Jessica Rupert | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing to oppose this bill because midwifery is an ancient traditional practice of women helping women give birth that should never fall under the purview of the state. Those who choose midwives to help them birth their children know they are not engaging the services of a licensed medical professional.

A vote for this bill is a vote against the freedom of women.

Mahalo,

Jessica Rupert

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/24/2019 8:43:58 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Sky Connelly | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I am a certified professional midwife with a small practice on Maui. I strongly support licensure and regulation of midwives (including myself). I want the protection for myself and for the community that licensure and regulation provides.

I want the broader integration into the health care system so I can more effectively collaborate with other providers when it is needed. Currently on Maui, two of the largest OB/Gyn practices, including the federally qualified health center, are refusing to see patients who have even considered a community-based midwife for their care. And if after determining that they are having a healthy pregnancy a family decides to choose a community-based midwife, they are not only denied care by these practices-- they are denied care for the rest of their lives. Meaning, for all future pregnancies or for any gynecological care they will either need to switch insurance companies (not always possible, for instance for families on Quest) or fly to Oahu to receive care. This is not sustainable for families, and will simply cause more tension and poor outcomes for families.

Licensing and regulation will help by ensuring that all midwives have had proper training and education (one of the problems that Ob/Gyns on Maui are citing), that midwives are held accountable to the community (another of the problems cited by Maui Ob/Gyns) and that families are informed and protected.

I do feel amendments need to be made to SB 1033, but I have confidence in the work the Midwives Alliance of Hawaii is doing to make sure that this bill makes sense for midwives and families.

It is time for the state of Hawaii to protect families and become a leader in health care. Support midwives and pass this bill.

Mahalo,

Sky Connelly LM, CPM

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Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Bliss Kaneshiro | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/24/2019 9:31:50 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Robert Dye | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

Hello Senate,

My name is Robert Dye and I am in OPPOSITION to SB1033. This bill would make traditional and cultural midwives illegal or force licensure. I do not believe this would make homebirth safer. Where are the numbers that prove homebirth is unsafe? Where are the statistics? Give me real numbers. We are having the state pay a quarter of a million dollars for something the homebirth community does not want and carries NO PROOF (no stats) to back up the claims.

Please vote NO on BS1033.

Sincerely,

Robert Dye

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/24/2019 9:25:27 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Beckley Dye | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

Dear Senate,

I strongly OPPOSE SB1033. This bill would make my midwife illegal.

Please vote NO for SB1033.

Sincerely,

Beckley Dye

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/24/2019 10:58:01 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

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| Kylee Mar | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

STRONGLY OPPOSE

Here are some solutions to take this to the next iterative levels of discussion:

- 1) The amendments (SD1) that were made solved the problems however it has **created new ones due to its vague language**, which does not make it clear who is truly exempt and who needs to register. Unclear definitions provide for large holes that can be discussed and clarified in open discussions by all parties.
- 2) All legislators should CALL FOR A WORKING GROUP to bring all the involved parties together at one table and bring a bill to them next year that we can agree upon ahead of time. There are transport issues and many other concerns a working group can help with! Traditional, cultural, spiritual, lay, nurse and certified midwives along with the medical community and the birth community can come together, listen with respect and learn from each other for the benefit of all birthing families and our future communities.
- 3) Only 6 of all the home birth midwives on all the Hawaiian islands want regulation, none on Oahu, and perhaps only 10-12 could get licensed if this bill went into effect, and yet the government is willing to spend probably a quarter of a million dollars a year to license this group when there are really no hard statistics that there is a problem with safety or availability and the people are not asking for it! Let's figure out a better way!
- 4) Please look at the Hawaii Home Birth Elders Council formed by Elder midwives who represent the variety of midwives in Hawaii. They have organized to **self regulate** the home birth midwifery community, work with the medical community and provide accountability.
- 5) This bill will make some midwives illegal, possibly a friend of yours or your midwife, and that will not make birth safer for Hawaii.

Mahalo,

Kylee

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Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Peggy ONeal | Individual | Comments | No |

Comments:

As I continue to be in support of establishing a regulatory process for CPMs and CMs to attain licensure. I have **strong reservations** regarding SB 1033 SD1.

Problem: inappropriate title protection

As the amended bill SB 1033 S.D. 1 is written, only Certified Professional Midwives will have title protection. Certified Nurse-Midwives and Certified Midwives will be prohibited from referring to themselves as midwives or practicing midwifery. Certified Nurse-Midwives and Certified Midwives should be exempt from title protection in this amended bill.

Proposed solution:

1) Any licensed person doing work within the scope of practice or duties of the person's profession that overlaps with the practice of midwifery; provided the person does not purport to be a midwife *unless the person holds an advanced practice registered nurse license (APRN) as a Certified Nurse-Midwife (CNM) pursuant to chapter 457, and/ or holds national certification by the American Midwifery Certification Board.*

2) Under exemptions. (a) Licensure shall not be required of:

(1) Certified Nurse- Midwives (CNMs) who are under the Board of Nursing pursuant to chapter 457 and are licensed as advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) through the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA).

Thank you for your time and effort as we continue to work on this legislation.

Peggy O'Neal, APRN Certified Nurse-Midwife

Hilo Hawaii

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| Melissa Walsh-Chong | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I support licensure of the Midwifery profession. I believe it is absolutely necessary that the public has a more definitive way to separate people who attend birth as traditional providers and those that have met global standards to use the term 'midwife'. This is a safety and liability issue for the state that needs to be corrected.

Not only will this measure allow midwives to practice to their fullest scope, expanding women's health options across all islands, especially outer islands. It will provide awareness and integration of Midwifery into the healthcare system here in Hawaii.

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Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Shaneza Christenson | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

My name is Shaneza Christenson and I support SB1033. I had a midwife with my two pregnancies and she was so amazing. She was very knowledgeable and up-to-date with everything in the medical field that pertained to pregnancies and OBGYN issues. She made me feel very safe and comfortable. When I was pregnant with my daughter my midwife worked at a clinic and I could see her there every week with any problem that I had. It was very great that she has a place she could practice for. Until it came time for me to deliver. When I went into the hospital to deliver my daughter my midwife was unable to deliver at the hospital I choose. So like all hospitals I got what ever doctor was on call. I had preeclampsia and it was a very stressful time for me. I didn't really understand what it was and what the procedures were that they were doing to me. I was very uncomfortable and being a first time mother was already weighing on my shoulder. I feel that if my midwife was able to have privilege's at the hospital I chose and see the whole process through I wouldn't have been so stressed out. We had be come friends which is not something you can say for some Doctors. After I had my daughter over the course of 2 years being in contact with her she had told me that she wasn't able to stay at the clinic she was at. Just finding out that I was pregnant again I was devastated and stressed even more then a first time mother expecting her second baby I saw numerous doctors trying to feel comfortable with them and feeling the same type of relationship I had with my midwife and none of them came close. I was completely overwhelmed and not ready to go through my 2nd pregnancy. I contacted my midwife/friend and asked her if there was anything she could do to help me find someone that would make me comfortable, after numerous attempts and tries with different types of doctors there was No one I felt comfortable with. After all of that and still not finding anyone She had offered me her services at an affordable manageable rate and she would come and do house visits with me until my time to deliver. Of course I knew from my previous birth that she could not be more active in the delivery part because of hospital liabilities and insurance issues. So again I had preeclampsia And with that I know that I have to get induced to keep me from having a Stroke. I was so grateful to my midwife for being there as soon as I checked in not as a midwife care provider but as my friend who could help guide me through All the steps they were taking she knew exactly what I wanted she knew my birth plan and how I wanted to deliver my baby she made sure that she communicated my concerns to all the doctors that were on call who were attending me. I felt safe and at ease going through my delivery with her there. If she had her own privilege's everything that I went through with my 1st delivery and some of my 2nd pregnancy I would not have had to

go through, the confusion the overwhelming unsureness and vulnerability that I went through no woman should have to. I support SB1033 For myself and others to have a choice to choose. Support SB1033.

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Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| mieko | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

Aloha to the Legislators!

I am a Kaua`i CPM and I oppose SB1033 SD1. It is still a very badly written bill and it would be a disservice to our community to not have a comprehensive working group where ALL types of midwives and homebirth consumers are represented. It really would be a disservice to pass legislation without fully understanding how it will impact people on all islands.

I had to move from Kaua`i to receive training and education for 3 years. The cost to move, to live where you do not have family for support, to work in an environment that is not your home which you wish to serve most, the non-payment for training for 3 years, moving back costs...these are real problems and hinderances but I did it for the community who wanted more options in home birth care. I was blessed with excellent midwives who trained me but not being integrated in your community during the training had a lot of loss that I cannot recreate or fill because I could not be here, it was not available. This bill will further instigate difficulty in accessing midwives and training for midwifery students.

Problems in the bill/amendment:

- p. 12 lines 9 and 10 which requires all midwives to get full licensure (and certification) by 2024, essentially nullifies the grandmother clause. Solution is to remove this line.

Some thoughts and possible resolutions on the bill are:

1. The costs alone to set up a CPM board are not feasible. As you are well aware, midwives do not charge nor get paid often since it is an act of service that we offer, payments received are very minimal. Each midwife to be licensed need a very reasonable licensing fee that makes sense and in balance with their work (\$100-\$300). DCCA's testimony stated the startup cost to be \$270,000 the first year and \$250,000 yearly thereafter to maintain a CPM Board. There are 5 CPMs that would be licensed. Where are the funds for this bill? In the bill there is " ____ " for the amount for what the midwife's payment would be.
2. Appropriates funds from the compliance resolution fund. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1) What funds are available now? How much?
3. All CPMs in Hawaii that use drugs should work under the ACNM board. NARM and ACNM are already working together on standards and protocols. CPMs who do not use drugs should have their own board.
 1. The alliance of boards of ACNM (American College of Nurse Midwives), CNM board, and NARM (North American Registry of Midwives), the CPM board, have midwives that are in both organizations because the exam, the protocols and standards are very similar. CNM and CPM both currently do homebirths, although CNM can also work in the hospital.
4. Both the "Traditional Midwifery" and "Native Hawaiian Healers description" need to be defined accurately in the bills. These Exemptions are important and would be part of the responsibility of the task force. (Pg 2 and 4 of SB1033 SD1)
5. Create the task force that many of us tried to organize in 2014. We suggest the following members must be included for success.

Task Force for Home Birth must include:

1 CPM

1 Traditional Home Birth Midwife

1 kanaka maoli indigenous practitioner of birthing

2 homebirth practitioners selected by legislatures

1 OB

1 ER

1 Papa Ola Lokahi representative

2 homebirth parents

1 non-voting member

Other Notes:

I nor the Hawaii Home Birth Collective have never been consulted as the practitioner and organization that would be affected by this bill about how best to create a path to licensure and how this may affect our families. The misunderstanding that if a practitioner is licensed then that practitioner is good to practice needs a change in perspective as this bill sets the stage for false accusations. There has been many HIPPA violations in hearings from ACOG, ACNM, CNMs, I think they forget how small the community of homebirth is as we know who they are speaking of, and we have not heard them receiving permission from families to utilize their health stories. Please note they need to be reminded and regulated through their organizations their own protocols and laws in violation before concerning about anything outside of their scope = home birth.

My concern is that midwifery model of care is separate, different and not a medical model of care such as conducted by OBs and CNMs. By forcing CPMs into a medical model will destroy the essence of home birth and homebirth midwives. Of course, if that is the intent of this bill, I can see how you will pass it right along to the next committee. CPMs are not medical midwives, CNMs are. CPMs do not want to be medical midwives, this bill is forcing those who are not medical into medical care. We want to tolerate and exist along side the medical model. We do not see women giving birth as a factory or robots, and women and babies shall never be treated in a way that places them in a factory style care = medical protocol model/OBs/CNMs. Please stop covering up that this bill will not violate human rights or women's right to bodily autonomy or choosing their provider=who will attend their intimate birth.

With Respect,

Mieko Aoki, CPM

Kapa`a, Kaua`i

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| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| David Keeffe | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

This decision you are making is one of global effect, so I testify here far from my state of WI.

My three children were all born at home with the services of empirically and academically trained midwives.

The empirical midwife who protects nurtures and developes empirical evidentiary enhancement of the family sacrement must be free to provide services without fear of punishment for merely pursuing the work of the heart mind a soul that is the foundation of that sacrement.

Vote NO on SB1033 SD1

Please.

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Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| RACHAEL DENESSEN | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I write today to express how important midwife licensure is for the state of Hawaii, its women, and its children. I am currently five months pregnant and in those five months, I have endured a lack of care that should not be possible in today's day and age from both my insurance provider and the obstetrics area that works with them. I elected to go with a midwife for my prenatal and birth care for many reasons, chief among them being the level of personal care and the availability of my health care provider. My midwife not only sees me on the normal monthly basis, but is available on an almost continual basis via phone and text should I have any questions or need any help. As a first-time mother who lives 5000 miles away from her nearest family member, this accessibility of care is important to me. Additionally, the midwife not only provides medical care, but also emotional support. It is her first priority to make sure that my whole well-being is cared for; not only my child. She and I are partners in this care, and one of her main objectives is to keep me informed and provide me with everything I need to understand what is happening so that I can make as informed decisions as I can. This is drastically different than the care I have received by more 'traditional' medical professionals and their insurance counterparts. My initial OB/GYN provider refuses to see pregnant women after 12 twelve weeks, so this left me needing to find an OB to whom I could transfer. I made appointment after appointment, and I was turned away time and time again. Many of them did not even let me make it past the first minute of a phone conversation. *Not a single OB doctor on island would see me.* Electing to have the personal care a midwife provides excluded me from any and all "traditional" medical care. As midwives in the state of Hawaii are precluded from licensure, this also prevents my midwife from sending in lab work, ordering the tests that I need for my child, as well as enabling her to refer me to specialists should something go wrong. As it turns out, this became necessary in my case. Working closely with my midwife, we found a supportive Naturopath ND who is able to order tests for me. One of those tests was a routine ultrasound. My husband and I went in expecting to see a perfectly healthy baby and find out the gender of our child. One of these things happened. In the course of the ultrasound, the radiologist found a spot on or near the lungs of my baby. This would require further testing, as Maui does not have the imaging technology to see with any clarity or definition what it could be. A trip to Oahu became necessary. The radiologist and the ND felt it was necessary to refer me to The Fetal Diagnostic Center at Kapiolani. The referral was made. The appointment set.

However, Kapiolani is an entire island away and I am a high school teacher with little salary. A plane trip with a week's advance notice is not something we can afford, especially given how expensive the ticket prices are. My insurance, HMSA, is supposed to cover travel. However, since my ND is not an HMSA provider, they refused to accept the travel request-- they would not provide travel for a medically necessary test in a high risk situation. We tried numerous ways to get around this. I am currently waiting on our last gasp attempt-- but at best I will not find out whether or not my travel has been approved, let alone arranged until the day before I am meant to leave for my appointment. This situation has required *hours* of waiting on hold, pleading with my former care providers to send the request and an immeasurable amount of stress and quite a few anxiety attacks. I already have a documented anxiety disorder; to be told that a) there's potentially something wrong with my child, and b) that getting the care we needed to take care of him may be prevented by the apathy of the bureaucratic red tape is both incredibly cruel and literally detrimental to the health of my child and myself. None of this would have happened if my midwife were able to have the license and ability to provide the care my baby and I need. One fax and one phone call later, and everything would have been settled.

Going forward, it is incredibly important to have midwives have the availability to care for their clients. Passing this is absolutely necessary to care for the keiki of our islands and the mothers that bring them to life. I urge you in no uncertain terms to do what is right for mothers and babies and support the licensure of midwives in the state of Hawaii.

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Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Sheena Duarte | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/24/2019 3:45:20 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Kekapala Dye | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

I am a father of two boys born with midwives and I OPPOSE SB1033. Birth choice is important to me. I am Hawaiian and do not want cultural and traditional midwives to be restricted. Please remove the line from the bill "all currently practicing midwives must attain full licensure pursuant to this chapter by January 1, 2024". I do not want a licensed midwife. This bill would make this the only type of midwife available to the people of Hawaii. Please do not limit my family's choice of who can attend our births.

Also there is the claim that this bill is making birth safer, but where is the proof that current homebirth is unsafe? Where are the numbers and statistics? There are none.

We the people OPPOSE SB1033.

Please OPPOSE SB1033.

Sincerely,

Kekapala Dye

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Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Holly Tammens | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I support SB1033.

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Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Sovereign Duarte | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

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Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Jacqueline Gupton | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. My name is Jacqueline Gupton, and I have lived, worked and been part of the Kona community on the Big Island for over 20 years. My husband was raised in Hawaii since the age of 8, and we have raised our 3 children, now ages 16, 14 & 13, here in Kona. My husband and I sought out a traditional midwife for our first pregnancy in 2002 because we wanted a homebirth, and used our local contacts to inquire about finding the right Midwife. Her reputation preceded her, as she was described to us as the most knowledgeable and skilled midwife we would ever meet. This became very evident in that first meeting, (through to the birth of our 3 children, continuing through the 15 years we have come to know and love her). We naturally asked for her credentials at that initial meeting, and although she had no license or certificate to show us, she told us how many births she had attended. She could have given us any number to exemplify her experience, but rather than focus on the number, she described to us the types of births she had been a midwife for, the different challenges both the women and the babies presented during labor and delivery, and how she had handled or overcome these challenges with successful outcomes. She described in great detail how she had used her lifelong skills from catching hundreds of babies (including many when she lived in Costa Rica where the nearest first aid facility was 40 miles away) to her philosophy on how to offer the very best pre and postnatal care for both momma and baby. We were most moved by her deep respect and love for the Islands, and how the energy of birth and that of the Island intertwined to connect us all.

Because of the amazing birth experiences I had with my own children, along with a natural calling, I am currently an apprenticing midwife on the Big Island and a member of the Hawaii Midwifery Council. My teachers/preceptors are both Traditional Midwives, and one of these preceptors is the very midwife who attended all 3 of my children's births, and I have described above. My other preceptor is her former student/apprentice, now a practicing traditional midwife, who is 'paying it forward' by also taking me under her wing to pass along this beautiful knowledge and tradition. I have chosen to apprentice with these wonderful women and Midwives for obvious reasons given in this testimony, however, if SB1033 passes, I will be robbed of the opportunity to learn the art of Midwifery from these great women. Not the profession, but the ART of Midwifery. SB1033 needs to recognize the resource within our midwifery apprenticeship tradition and offer other avenues for both legal practice and education as a traditional midwife. Simply requiring the taking of a written test to acquire national

licensure for the legal ability to practice midwifery in Hawaii dismisses the decades of experience and practice held by traditional midwives. Provisions need to be made for the inclusion of Traditional Midwives regarding legalization and regulation of the profession in Hawaii. I write and respectfully request your consideration of this testimony.

Thank you,

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Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Suzanne Kapuamailani Kaulia | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

Aloha Kā• kou,

I am in opposition of SB1033 because I strongly feel that all women should have the open option of who their midwife will be! Having a midwife is of the utmost importance to some women. Taking away their midwife whom may not be licensed will be added stress and frustration to the mothers who are currently carrying. Also, getting licensed in the State of Hawaii is never an easy process and the prices are ridiculous. With that being said, please DO NOT let this bill pass to keep more choices readily available for those existing and future mothers in Hawai'i.

Mahalo,

Kapua Kaulia

Testimony for JDC/WAM 2/26/2019 rm 211 10:00 AM

My name is Babatunji Heath,

I oppose SB1033 SD1 because despite the dramatic revisions and obvious attempts to reign in the more restrictive and confusing language of SB1033 it still falls short.

It will not make home birthing safer as it will force midwives of all kinds to practice outside of the law again. Taking us back to the situation that existed when midwifery was 'regulated' in Hawaii.

SB1033 SD1 fails to bridge the gap between the home birth community and obstetricians. A task that Senators recognized in past years needed to be addressed before a well drafted bill could be introduced. A mandated 'Task Force' or 'Working Group' needs to be formed as the various 'Stake Holders' did not work together in 2018 as prescribed to draft this bill. On one side, the community of midwives, now represented by Hawaii Home Birth Elders Council, gathered to discuss licensure and self regulation and proposed a bill of their own to protect birthing choices. On the other side Nurse Midwives, ACOG and the Department of Health worked together and SB1033, a bill that favors a particular medicalized model of midwifery was submitted. Sadly, the two often opposing sides did not work together. As result Senators are once again dealing with bill that faces much opposition.

A bill of this nature has the opportunity to improve all birth experiences and outcomes accross the board. If communication between obstetricians and midwives could be improved we would have a better chance of reducing the rising rate of maternal mortality and cesarians as well as dangerous last minute hospital transports of women with complications who fear mistreatment by hospital staff because of their choice to have a home birth.

Furthermore, simply making the statement "*The legislature notes that practicing midwifery according to this Act does not impede one's ability to incorporate or provide cultural practices*" does not protect cultural practitioners if the language of the bill undermines it i.e. "*No person shall engage in the practice of midwifery without a valid license issued pursuant to this chapter*" Since receiving said license may require a cultural practitioner to change their techniques and adapt their practice to meet the standards now imposed.

Lastly SB1033 is a not an economical use of our tax dollars. It's irresponsible to spend nearly a quarter million dollars a year to license perhaps 10 midwives when there has been no call from the home birth community for regulation nor is there any true hard evidence that home births in Hawaii have poorer outcomes than hospital births in Hawaii.

I hope you will consider these points and join me in opposing SB1033 SD1.

Regards
Babatunji Heath

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Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/24/2019 8:02:15 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Sara DiGrazia | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

Thank you for taking my testimony into consideration as I OPPOSE SB1033 SD1. My family and I do not support any measure which impinges on a women's right to (legally) birth with whom she feels safest. I feel this bill remains unclear and will make put people doing good work at risk for becoming criminals. Please involve the WHOLE of the birthing community (including who this bill will directly affect) in the regulation of their own profession.

Thank you, Sara DiGrazia

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Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

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| Petra Gilmore | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Aloha,

after experiencing the incredible benefits of the care and support of my midwife Sky Connelly, i wish for the opportunity for everyone. The comfort and care given throughout my pregnancy and birth was immeasurable and simply amazing.

I believe we all should have the choice to go with the alternative care to a hospital. To me, birth is not an illness (that's why i didn't choose a hospital birth) and my midwife made me never feel like i is either. She was empowering, patient and kind.

If we have another child, i will go this route again, i will promote it amongst my friends and support every bill towards it.

Petra Gilmore

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/24/2019 8:32:58 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Nita Simmons | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

I had a beautiful home birth with love and a healthy baby.

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/24/2019 9:03:55 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Jenny Foster | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

As a CNM and former director of the midwifery education program at Emory University, but currently living in Manoa, I wish to state that I continue in support of SB1033 but with **strong reservations** as it is now amended as S.D. 1.

As the amended bill SB 1033 S.D. 1 is written, only Certified Professional Midwives will have title protection. Certified Nurse-Midwives and Certified Midwives will be prohibited from referring to themselves as midwives or practicing midwifery. Certified Nurse-Midwives and Certified Midwives should be exempt from this amended bill and it should so state in the bill.

Proposed solution:

1. Any licensed person doing work within the scope of practice or duties of the person's profession that overlaps with the practice of midwifery; provided the person does not purport to be a midwife *unless the person holds an advanced practice registered nurse license (APRN) as a Certified Nurse-Midwife (CNM) pursuant to chapter 457, and/ or holds national certification by the American Midwifery Certification Board such as the Certified Midwife.*
2. Under exemptions. (a) Licensure shall not be required of:
 1. *Certified Nurse- Midwives (CNMs) who are under the Board of Nursing pursuant to chapter 457 and are licensed as advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) through the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA).*

IN OPPOSITION

Aloha, I strongly urge you to oppose SB1033. While at first glance this bill may appear to protect women, in actuality it will LIMIT womens rights.

I am a proud veteran who was born and raised here in Hawaii. I have given birth to 3 beautiful children in the past 6 years. With my recent pregnancies I have experienced both standard obstetric hospital (OBGYN/Nurse) care as well as out of hospital midwifery care. I can say without question that the care I received in the hospitals by OBGYNs/Nurses was substandard to the care I received by midwives at home here in Hawaii. I could give countless examples, from the amount of regular tests and checkups, to the thoroughness of my appointments and the continuity of care - Hawaii midwives were far superior in knowledge, indepth of care and followup.

SB1033 would force Hawaii midwives to follow the standard obstetric hospital model of care. This is backwards. The US ranks 47th in the world for maternal mortality and 98% of births are taking place in hospitals. Clearly the medical model for birth is not solving this crisis. Perhaps OBGYNs and Nurses in the standard obstetric model should be forced to be educated and regulated using the midwifery model.

HB490 would limit the rights of women. Women like me, who have defended our Nation and have full medical insurance that will cover hospital care and birth, and yet I have chosen to spend my hard earned personal money on the incredible service of midwives. More and more women in Hawaii are choosing to spend money out of their own pocket for the services of midwives. Why would women be doing this?

It would be a great tragedy to force over regulation and licensure on Hawaii midwives. SB1033 would unreasonably restrict entry into the midwifery profession by qualified people. SB1033 would also cause an artificial increase in the cost of midwifery services as a direct result of regulation.

As we have seen with the midwife situation in Oregon, legislation was passed promising regulation would help insurance to cover the cost of midwives. In actuality the laws have limited Oregon women's midwife choices, and created disastrous situations where midwives who have cared for women throughout their pregnancy and have helped women during hours and sometimes days of labor get paid zero dollars if they end up transferring to a hospital for an emergency. Clearly this situation endangers the lives of women and babies and is a direct result of the legislation that Oregon passed.

Women in Hawaii should have the right to choose the type of care they wish receive during their pregnancies and deliveries. Hawaii midwives are incredible, life saving invaluable assets for Hawaii's future. Let us learn from their tremendous knowledge and centuries of practice and not oppress them and force them to adopt the broken obstetric medical model of education and care. I STRONGLY URGE you to stand up for WOMENS RIGHTS and OPPOSE SB1033.

Very Respectfully,

Elizabeth Friebel

REGULAR SESSION OF 2019

Public Decision Making Session February 26, 2019 at 10 am Room 211

RE: SB1033 SD1 Relating to the Licensure of Midwives

IN OPPOSITION

Aloha honorable JDC Chair Karl Rhoads, JDC Vice Chair Glenn Wakai, WAM Chair Donovan Dela Cruz, WAM Vice Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran and all committee members of JDC and WAM,

I appreciate your careful attention to the testimony you receive regarding SB1033 SD1 and realize since there is no opportunity to testify orally you will be relying on written testimony and any communication you can gather from concerned parties ahead of time. Please I would encourage you to contact me for any questions you may have that could help you better make a decision at the public decision making session on Tuesday February 26, 2019 or a different vote on the floor the following day.

Many of us are very concerned that SD1 does not clarify or correct the problems of the original SB1033, in fact it adds additional problems. I strongly opposed SB1033 and I am strongly opposing SD1 as it stands. More importantly since you are the two committees responsible for the legal and financial concerns for this bill I see big problems in both of these areas. Because of the vague language regarding "midwife," the fact that they took out "cultural and spiritual exemptions" and the fact that it is not clear who exactly needs to register, the attorneys I have consulted with agree there could be many legal arguments about what this bill really means. In addition only six home birth midwives in all the Hawaiian islands want this regulation, none on Oahu, and maybe 10-12 would seek licensure if this bill were to pass. How can the government justify over a quarter of a million dollars a year or more to pay for this when there is no statistical evidence to show that there is a problem and the community is not asking for this? In other states where there are more CPMs perhaps this is a more viable option. In Hawaii it simply is not at this time.

If you want to push this bill forward, please further amend it to restrict people from calling themselves either a licensed midwife or a licensed CPM, and DO NOT restrict people from calling themselves a "midwife." In addition, specifically take out the entire section that states all midwives must register and leave that to the self-regulating Hawaii Home Birth Collective organization that is already formed to register all midwives, provide informed consent, collect statistical data and provide accountability to the community.

One of the challenges Hawai'i Legislators seem to have in regulating midwives is the difficulty in understanding clearly the differences between a hospital birth, community birth, birth center birth, free standing birth center birth, home birth, free birth, a CNM, CM, CPM, direct entry midwife, traditional midwife, cultural/spiritual midwife, doula, or the different organizations ACOG, ACNM, MAH, and HiHBC. It has been mentioned that the stakeholders met together before this bill was written, and it must be noted that is simply not a true statement. There are clearly many more stakeholders than one might think! Once again I am more than happy to meet with any of you to provide any further information on any of the places of birth, people or organizations mentioned above.

Clearly a working group or task force is needed! Please convert this SD1 into a working group or task force and bring all involved parties together at one table to learn how to listen and respect each other for the benefit of all birthing families in Hawai'i and the future of Hawai'i generations to come!

Sincerely,
Dr. Lori Kimata ND Midwife Elder (808)255-4938

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/24/2019 9:56:32 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| jan ferguson | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/24/2019 9:57:20 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Colleen Bass | Individual | Comments | No |

Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on behalf of SB 1033 SD1 – A Bill for an Act Relating to the Licensure of Midwives.

I am the Hawai'i Affiliate of the American College Nurse-Midwives (HAA) President and our executive board previously submitted written and oral testimony for SB 1033 in support of licensure of certified professional midwives (CPMs) and certified midwives (CMs).

I continue to be in support of establishing a regulatory process for CPMs and CMs to attain licensure, however I have **strong reservations** regarding SB 1033 SD1.

As a Certified Nurse Midwife practicing midwifery in the state of Hawaii, I request amendments to SB1033 S.D. 1 as follows:

Problem: inappropriate title protection

As the amended bill SB 1033 S.D. 1 is written, only Certified Professional Midwives will have title protection. Certified Nurse-Midwives and Certified Midwives will be prohibited from referring to themselves as midwives or practicing midwifery. Certified Nurse-Midwives and Certified Midwives should be exempt from title protection in this amended bill.

Proposed solution:

1. Any licensed person doing work within the scope of practice or duties of the person's profession that overlaps with the practice of midwifery; provided the person does not purport to be a midwife *unless the person holds an advanced practice registered nurse license (APRN) as a Certified Nurse-Midwife (CNM) pursuant to chapter 457, and/ or holds national certification by the American Midwifery Certification Board.*
2. Under exemptions. (a) Licensure shall not be required of:

1. *Certified Nurse- Midwives (CNMs) who are under the Board of Nursing pursuant to chapter 457 and are licensed as advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) through the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA).*

Respectfully,

Colleen Bass, CNM, WHNP, and President of HAA

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/24/2019 10:09:09 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Susan Sims | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

February 24,2019

To:

Senate Judiciary Committee: Senators Karl Rhoads, Chair and Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

Senate Ways and Means Committee: Senators Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair and Gilbert SC Keith -Agaran

Re: SB1033SD1

My name is Susan Sims, I am a Certified Nurse Midwife. I am in strong support of SB1033 SD1 relating to establishing Licensure for Midwives. I believe that Certified Professional Midwives and Certified Midwives should have equal opportunity to obtain a license and practice to their fullest scope of midwifery practice.

Licensure for nationally certified professional midwives and certified midwives will improve maternal/infant health care in Hawai'i. Families will know that licensed midwives have met a set of international standards for education and competency. Licensed midwives will best ensure maternal and infant health during their care by gaining access to important lab tests, ultrasounds, medications and equipment. Licensed midwives will be able to work to their full potential and fill important maternity care gaps in rural areas of Hawai'i. Licensed midwives will be able to collaborate care with physicians and other care providers that meet families' needs.

Families will have increased access to use their health insurance to pay for midwifery care, reducing costs. Families will maintain their right to choose their care provider and the location of where they give birth. At least 30 other states have licensure for Certified Professional Midwives. In the interest of the midwifery profession and the health and safety of mothers and babies, I strongly urge you to support SB1033 SD1.

Thank you,

Susan Sims CNM

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/24/2019 10:17:11 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am a mother of 3 children, one born at Kapi'olani, one born at a mainland hospital, and the youngest born at home. After stressful experiences delivering at hospitals, I chose to birth my youngest at home. I did my research and selected an experienced, competent midwife. I asked important questions and felt completely comfortable and trusted her. She did a far more thorough job at my regular prenatal appointments than my OB (I saw both concurrently) and I trusted she would discover any potential issues much sooner.

For my delivery, I rented a pool to have a water birth. It was set up a few days before I went into labor, and my midwife kept in touch as I went through the early stages of labor. When labor advanced, she arrived, and helped me guide my son into the world. Despite his large size- 8lbs 12oz, 22 1/4" and a 14.5" head- I didn't tear and and no complications. Everything went smoothly and I was able to rest and recover at home.

This bill would eliminate my choice to deliver safely at home and force women to choose between delivering at a hospital or at home unattended- which is surely far less safe than having a trained and experienced midwife present. The risks of homebirth are very low when attended by a midwife, and eliminating this option will hurt women. The cost of my delivery and prenatal care was just \$3,000, and for women who don't have adequate insurance it's much less expensive than a routine hospital birth.

In addition, this bill punishes Native Hawaiian practitioners and forces an undue burden on them and their clients.

I stronglu urge you to reject this bill as it is harmful to women and their babies.

Sincerely,
Lisa Hoang

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/24/2019 9:40:43 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Barbara Essman | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

I oppose SB 1033 because it will put many fully qualified midwives working in Hawaii into an illegal status. This will severely limit the choices birthing families have as to who they birth with and where they birth. We do not want to limit access to fully trained and fully qualified midwives. Requiring all midwives to get full licensure (and certification) by 2024, essentially nullifies the grandmother clause.

SB-1033-SD-1

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Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

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| Sharde | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/24/2019 11:09:53 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Suzanna Kinsey | Individual | Oppose | Yes |

Comments:

Testimony in OPPOSITION of SB1033 SD1.

Hearing date: Tuesday, Feb 26, 10 a.m. Room 211

Dear Honorable Senators of the JDC and WAM committees,

Please join me in OPPOSING SB1033 SD1. This bill has made some steps to be more inclusive. However, there are still problems and clarifications needed.

There needs to be clarification on whether traditional midwives are exempt or not. Currently, the bill states they are exempt. However, the bill also restricts who can purport themselves as a midwife, call themselves a midwife or advertise as a midwife. So, is a traditional midwife exempt or not? Who can call themselves a traditional midwife? Which traditions are exempted or, ideally, all of them are? If they cannot call themselves a midwife, how can they be a traditional midwife?

In addition, currently practicing midwives need to be licensed by 2024. This is unacceptable because it requires one to become a CPM which is only one pathway to becoming a midwife. It is very difficult to educate as a CPM in Hawaii. It would require leaving Hawaii to complete the requirements. This is a hardship on established midwives and on student midwives whose home, family and community are in Hawaii. In addition, who is considered a currently practicing midwife? Please remove p. 12 lines 9 and 10 which requires all midwives to get full licensure (and certification) by 2024, essentially nullifying the grandmother clause exempting traditional midwives and currently practicing midwives.

DCCA stated that it would cost more than \$250,000 to certify an estimated 13 midwives in their testimony for SB1033. This cost is exorbitant! Only 6 homebirth midwives in Hawaii want licensure and none on Oahu want it. Many midwives in Hawaii, including my midwives, could become illegal.

Please consider the laws in other states such as the Utah model where many different kinds of midwives are allowed. Please change this bill to a working group/task force and include ALL stakeholders - such as traditional midwives and homebirth mothers/families who are directly affected by the outcome of this bill. It is time for us to work together to find what will work best in our unique state that celebrates our melting pot of cultures.

Thank you,

Suzanna Kinsey

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Submitted on: 2/24/2019 10:56:26 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Audrey Alvarez | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern,

**SB1033 does not adequately protect my rights and I am in total opposition.
Please do not take away my right to choose.**

Thank you

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/24/2019 11:10:31 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Lana Olson | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/24/2019 11:27:02 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I am from Hawaii. Born and raised here. We've experienced both hospital obstetric care and home births with a midwife for our 3 beautiful children (2012, 2013 & 2015).

Please continue to allow Hawaii voters to have all of our different options. We are asking for birth autonomy which demands different practices for different people. Accordingly, any regulation that directly or indirectly results in less choice over time for woman when it comes to childbirth, reproductive rights, or accessibility to midwifery care will have a much more profound impact on Hawaii Families compared to those in the mainland because of the limited options available here. It is a big concern because what we currently have here in Hawaii is super special and needs to be protected. It's something to be proud of.

In the mainland, there are so many more options available to women when it comes to midwifery care and choices in childbirth. Hawaii doesn't have the free-standing birthing centers, access to midwives in hospitals, women health centers, support organizations, or Midwifery schools that the mainland has. Nor do we have the same resources and healthcare options that other states has when it comes to prenatal, labor, birth, and postpartum care and breastfeeding support services outside a hospital setting. And women can't easily travel to other states to obtain those services like woman in the mainland can. There are even fewer options for families on Molokai, Lanai, Kauai, or remote areas of the big island. Midwives provide a great service in areas that lack doctors and hospitals by filling dangerous gaps in obstetric services and maternity care.

In addition, mainland states have so many more midwives compared to Hawaii. This helps keep licensing fees low. How do we ensure licensing fees on such a small midwifery profession here in Hawaii doesn't make it prohibitive to be a midwife or unaffordable to benefit from the service? And since they commonly make less then nurses and doctors, it would seem unfair to require midwives to pay a licensing fee that is higher than what nurses and doctors have to pay. (The licensing fee could be reduced through direct legislation but what would the annual fiscal impact on the State be? We're talking somewhere in the ballpark of a quarter of a million dollars a year to license this group when there are really no hard statistics that there is a problem with safety or availability and the people are not asking for it.)

Another issue is that Hawaii doesn't have the midwifery support and educational organizations dedicated to Midwifery that exists in other States. Without a similar support network that helps educate and advocate for women's rights and access to midwifery care to the public, state legislators and health care policy makers, how do we ensure Hawaii will not experience more and more restriction over time when it comes to autonomy and birth rights for women?

For example, in Oregon, things have become more and more restrictive over time. And a lot of this has to do with who the Director in place is. (If the Director that is making all the decisions has the common medical approach/background to pregnancy—then, understandably, they wouldn't know the nuances and look beyond their scope of practice and their experience when it comes to oversight). Any adverse outcome causes more restriction which leads to less options because it cinches the belt of regulation and makes things more restrictive on women. For instance, Oregon's 42-week restriction on out-of-hospital births is forcing Oregon mothers to make a decision at 41.5 weeks. For those who don't want to be induced, it promotes tactics of how to avoid induction so they can maintain their human right to give birth as she wishes. This is not good for mothers and babies. Another example of an unintended consequence of their system is that midwives in Oregon don't get paid when the mother transfers to the hospital which likely impacts the decision-making process of both midwives/mothers during challenging moments during labor. (It should be noted that adverse outcomes happen in the hospital too. The result is an increase to the physician's malpractice insurance premiums but it doesn't subsequently end up making it more restrictive for the Doctor to do his/her job. I should also point out the misconception that complications in hospitals are rare when in fact the U.S. has the highest rate of maternal mortality in the industrialized world).

These are a few of the differences between Hawaii and the mainland that helps explain some of the issues and concerns unique to Hawaii. We have a small and amazing group of skilled midwives providing a service to a small segment of Hawaii families that really want it. It fits well with the culture and demographics and island geography. It helps provide choices and accessibility for woman, and we need to protect what we have here.

The Hawaii Regulatory Licensing Reform Act makes it clear that Hawaii should provide only the minimal level of regulation necessary to protect the public. Licensure should be used only as a last resort as it is the most stringent form of regulation available in the state.

This bill will make some midwives illegal. Licensing fees, costs, increased restriction religious, personal, or philosophical reasons will likely cause some to not seek license. And if things become more and more restrictive over time like it has in Oregon, it will likely drive some Hawaii midwives to quit or move to another state that is less restrictive on their profession. All of which will limit the cultural/traditional/religious midwifery passed on from generation to generation here in Hawaii, and limit native Hawaiian woman's rights and reduce options for all Hawaii mothers interested in a midwife-assisted home birth.

A less stringent and less costly option is for the Hawaii Home Birth Elders Council formed by Elder midwives who represent the variety of midwives in Hawaii to self-regulate the home birth midwifery community, work with the medical community and provide accountability.

Either way, a working group should be set up to bring all the involved parties together at one table to tackle the problem in a bottom up approach that really takes into account the PEOPLE of Hawaii (not just the organizations or agencies) but the traditional, cultural, spiritual, lay, nurse and certified midwives along with the medical community and the birth community to capture the nuances, respect, cultural aspects, benefits and what the people of Hawaii want and need for the benefit of all birthing families and our future communities. Hawaii could be a shining example for other states.

Please, no passage of this bill in its current form! Thank you.

Respectfully,

Joshua Friebe

REGULAR SESSION OF 2019

Hearing date: 2/26/19, at: 10:00am, Room #211

RE: SB1033 SD1 & companion bill HB490: Relating to the Licensure of Midwives

IN OPPOSITION

Aloha JDC Chair Rhoads, JDC Vice Chair Wakai, and committee members, WAM Chair Dela Cruz, WAM Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and committee members

My name is: Selena Green, CPM (Certified Professional Midwife)

I am in strong opposition of SB1033 SD1 as it stands. The following are my reasons for opposition:

1. I recognize the senators attempt at amending SB1033, however SD1 creates new issues because the language is too vague.
2. SD1 is not specific in regards to who is exempt and the definition of traditional midwives is misleading, they are required to get full licensure by 2024, so that is not an exemption.
3. This amendment doesn't make clear who are the "midwives" on the advisory board, if passed it could exclude midwives who are important stakeholders.
4. Because ALL stakeholders were **NOT** included in the making of this bill, the language is not inclusive and could criminalize many midwives and restrict the consumer's rights to informed decision-making. We need you to call for a **working group/task force** that would include all involved parties to come together and agree upon a way to work together.
5. I am a Certified Professional Midwife and African American woman, who also practices as a cultural, traditional and religious practitioner. SB1033 SD1 as written would not allow me to identify as a "midwife". I am a Certified Professional Midwife and have the right to call myself a midwife! You cannot legally prevent me from the title that I have earned through my schooling.
6. In Hawai'i where we celebrate being culturally sensitive and diverse we should be creating integrative models of care that co-exist respectfully without controlling or repressing the other.
7. I oppose this bill because it cannot fiscally support itself. There are only 6 midwives (non CNM's) that support regulation in Hawai'i and approximately 10-12 midwives that would qualify to be licensed if this bill passed. According to the DCCA, it would cost approximately a quarter of a million dollars a year to fund a program for midwives. This does not make any sense. Any midwife that wanted to get licensed would not be able to afford the licensing fees.
8. There is **NO** transparency, there are no statistics to support the need for a bill. A working group could gather statistics on all sides of the birthing issue. There needs to be a recognition that the reason for ACOG to push for regulation is their need to control the market share, not the safety of the consumer!

9. I am a founding elder member of the Hawai'i Home Birth Collective, LLC that has in excess of 25 practicing midwives compared to Midwives Alliance of Hawai'i that has only 6. Hawai'i Home Birth Collective, LLC is inclusive of all types of midwives and has an "elder council" with elders/kapuna on every island to answer grievances and complaints from the consumer and other parties. We are collecting statistics and will be able to address what is actually occurring with home birth in Hawai'i. However, the hospitals, must also be transparent with their statistics which they are not currently.

10. Lastly, I oppose this bill because Birthing families have the right to give birth and be attended to where it is most appropriate, be it home, community, clinic or hospital, and to be able to choose the support system for their births, including but not limited to traditional midwives, cultural midwives, religious midwives, family and community members. This bill seeks to regulate the consumer's choices.

11. Again, I appreciate the attempt at changes to SB1033, but a more inclusive and comprehensive solution is needed and that takes **ALL** of the stakeholders using real communication and understanding to accomplish this!

Please oppose SB1033 SD1 as it stands.

Sincerely,

Selena Green, CPM, owner
Hale Kealaula, LLC
www.halekealaulallc.com

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 1:01:34 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Candace Mendoza | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 2:29:43 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Kristl Woo | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 3:27:33 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Yvonne CRYNS | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

This bill will make my friend, traditional midwife Rachel Curnel Struempfa in Hawaii island and president of the Hawai'i Midwifery Council and the other midwives like her illegal. It will deny Hawaiian women to right to make intimate healthcare choices where to give birth and who will be present with them during this time. While I believe standardized education and training are important, I also believe many midwives have difficulty acquiring this due to the cost, unavailability in their area, and other reasons. To increase safety of women and babies, improved cooperation and collaboration among the spectrum of healthcare workers will provide greater benefit. I gave birth to 7 children, 6 at home, all with midwifery care. Please oppose this bill and then bring all voices to the table to discuss options to keep traditional midwifery intact and to continue to give woman and their babies safe childbirth choices.

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 3:46:21 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Paolo Morgan | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

Regular Session 2019

SB1033sd1 hearing 2/26/2019, room 211, 10:00am

In OPPOSITION

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Honorable Chair Dela Crua, Honorable Vice Chair Keith-Aragan and honorable committee members,

I am a both a homebirth parent and a consumer of a non-certified midwife. My wife gave birth to our son at home, at the age of 41. The experience was profoundly wonderful. I am not in support of certification or licensure of birth in any form.

There are estimated to be fewer than 30 homebirth midwives in the state of Hawai'i. Approximately one-third of whom won't qualify for licensure. Licensure for fewer than 20 midwives in Hawai'i is a very costly endeavor, which in turn would create an undue financial burden on the few midwives who would qualify for licensure. It in turn would also create a financial hardship on me, the consumer who payed out of pocket for my midwife.

Childbirth is a normal biological function, it is *not* a medical event or the practice of medicine. The skills of a midwife are compiled from ancient knowledge that predates the modern medical era. Childbirth does not need regulation of any sort. Requiring mandatory certification for the licensure of midwives, as defined by SB1033sd1 interferes with body autonomy.

Instead of this bill, the majority of Hawai'i's midwives support the creation of an all-inclusive statewide registry of midwives who work in the community birth setting, regardless of their pathway or type of midwifery education. This would also honor the long-standing traditions and cultural practices of the VAST number of cultures represented in Hawai'i. The Hawai'i Midwifery Council, Hawai'i Homebirth Collective, and Mama Hawai'i have already taken the necessary steps to begin this process. The registry would have the elders of the midwifery community sit together on a council to

hear complaints and with their collective wisdom, help facilitate a positive working relationship between the medical and holistic sides of childbirth.

Please deeply consider this important decision, it is not a simple or straight forward thing to require certification and licensure of ancient knowledge. There are many recognized pathways of learning midwifery. I believe that if **ALL** parties involved were to come together in a working group, we could find a resolution that doesn't leave any midwife behind in the process. Please invite a homebirth consumer, a non-certified traditional midwife, and a representative each of Hawai'i Homebirth Collective and Hawai'i Midwifery Council to take part in the working group.

Hawai'i is such a unique place where we honor so many cultures and their traditions. We do not try to do things as they are done on the mainland. We owe it to every birthing parent to honor their choice. We owe it to future generations to fight for their birthfreedom rights!

Birth rights are HUMAN rights!

Thank you for your consideration,

Paolo Morgan

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 4:14:26 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Rachel L. Curnel Struempf DEM | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

Regular Session of 2019

SB1033 Hearing date 2/26/2019, Room 211, 10:00am

Testimony in **OPPOSITION**

Senate Committee on Ways and Means, Honorable Chair Delacruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and honorable committee members,

I am a mother to five children ages 3 to 20, four of whom were born at home with non-certified midwives. I had my first baby in a hospital in the 90's. I was so traumatized by that experience, it inspired me to become a midwife. I attended my first birth as a student in 1995. I studied midwifery through the apprenticeship model. It took me 9 years to obtain the skills necessary to be a primary midwife. I was trained by a non-certified midwife, as she was trained by a non-certified midwife, and so on. This bill will not allow me to obtain a license or to continue to practice safely as a non-licensed midwife. How do those of us who will be forced out of practice continue to support our families?

There are estimated to be fewer than 30 homebirth midwives in the state of Hawai'i. Approximately one-third of whom won't qualify for licensure. Licensure for fewer than 20 midwives in Hawai'i is a very costly endeavor, which in turn would create an undue financial burden on the few midwives who would qualify for licensure. It in turn would also create a financial hardship on the consumer who pays out of pocket for their midwife.

Traditional midwives have existed since the beginning of humankind. There are two types of traditional midwives, the certified practical midwife (CPM) and the non-certified traditional midwife (DEM). To be VERY clear, both CPM and DEM midwives are traditional midwives. CPM credentialing began in the mid 1990's. This bill would unfairly disallow many of the state's traditional midwives from obtaining a license or even using their title "midwife." The majority of uncredentialed midwives are the longest practicing, elder midwives within the community.

Please deeply consider this important decision, it is not a simple or straight forward thing to require certification and licensure of ancient knowledge. There are many recognized pathways of learning midwifery. I believe that if **ALL** parties involved were to come together in a working group, we could find a resolution that doesn't leave any midwife behind in the process. Please invite a homebirth consumer, a non-certified traditional midwife, and a representative each of Hawai'i Homebirth Collective and Hawai'i Midwifery Council to take part in the working group.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Rachel Curnel Struempf, DEM

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 5:11:40 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Angela Schmidt | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 3:32:37 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Nicole Struempf | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

Instead of certification and licensure, Hawai'i's midwives would like to see the implementation of an all-inclusive statewide registry for ALL midwives who would like to be listed, regardless of their pathway or type of midwifery education. This would also honor the long-standing traditions and cultural practices of the VAST number of cultures represented in Hawai'i. The Hawai'i Midwifery Council working with the Hawai'i Homebirth Collective, LLC, and Mama Hawai'i have already taken the necessary steps to begin this process. Within this registry we would like to see the elders of the community sit together on a council that will hear complaints and with their collective wisdom, help facilitate a positive working relationship between the medical and holistic sides of childbirth. Please deeply consider this important decision, it is not a simple or straight forward thing to require certification and licensure of ancient knowledge. Perhaps if ALL parties involved were to come together in a working group, we could find a resolution that doesn't leave any midwives behind in the process. Please invite a homebirth consumer, a non-certified traditional midwife, and a representative each of Hawai'i Homebirth Collective and Hawai'i Midwifery Council to take part in the working group. Hawai'i is and has always been a unique place where we honor so many cultures and their traditions. We do not seek to do things as they are done on the mainland, we do them our own way. We owe it to every birthing parent to honor their culture and their ohana's birthing traditions. We owe it to future generations to fight for their birth rights! Birth rights are HUMAN rights! Please OPPOSE SB1033sd1

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 5:28:41 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Alexandra Kisitu | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

Aloha mai kakou,

My name is Ms. Alexandra Kisitu, I am a researcher at UH Manoa, a birthworker, a PhD candidate and a mother. I am writing to expressing my strong OPPOSITION to SB1033 SD1. My doctoral research focuses on mothers who choose out of hospital birth in Hawai'i as well as the safety of homebirth, the cultural lineage of midwifery, and the medical model/midwifery model.

I strongly OPPOSE this bill for three reasons - even with the amendments, these reasons still stand as the vague terminology, DCCA cost report, safety concerns, and decline of midwives that this bill would create, if passed, would be WORSE for consumers, WORSE for public health, and WORSE for midwives and families. Furthermore, the language is so vague and limiting that this bill would violate human, religious, and cultural rights and the state might be sued for these violations. The DCCA also determined that the cost to implement this bill is unfeasable for consumers and for the state.

Whatever amendments (SD1) that were made unfortunately did not solve the concerns of your constituents due to the bill's vague language. Certainly, the state would have difficulty with this in implementing the law and establishing any resulting case law that would result from enforcement of the bill.

If we want to make a clear good bill and the best birth outcomes in Hawaii we need the legislators to CALL FOR A WORKING GROUP to bring all the involved parties together at one table and bring a bill to them next year that we can agree upon ahead of time and not waste your time and your constituents time year after year.

Only 6 of all the home birth midwives on all the Hawaiian islands want regulation, none on Oahu, and perhaps only 10-12 could get licensed if this bill went into effect, and yet the government is willing to spend probably a quarter of a million dollars a year to license this group when there are really no hard statistics that there is a problem with safety or availability and the people are not asking for it. I am happy to share research from my own doctoral studies that confirm that regulation and licensure does not equate to safety or increase public health.

I look forward to your OPPOSITION of this bill and its amendments. I am hopefully we can all come to a better bill next year with a WORKING TASK FORCE that can tease out some of the issues embedded in the bill, ease the state from working these out, reduce costs, and keep birth safe for all women and midwives.

Mahalo for that opportunity. Please contact me with any questions - 808-312-2334

Alexandra Kisu, M.A., CD, PhD Candidate, RYT

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 6:18:16 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Alohi Aea | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

Even with the changes, as written, SB1033SD1 will still make it illegal for me to give birth with the trusted, experienced women who have attended me in the past. Please protect MY right as a woman Tom goose what is best for myself by OPPOSING this bill.

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 5:36:50 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Nancy Gibbs | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

RE: SB1033 SD1 Relating to the Licensure of Midwives
IN OPPOSITION

submitted by Nancy Gibbs
email jngibbs@hotmail.com

I am a Consumer of birth and a home birth mom (home birth after two cesareans).

I strongly oppose this bill (SB1033 SD1) for the following reasons:

- * this bill damages the traditional practices of MANY cultures and interferes with women's right to choose their attendant.
- * this bill would affect my right as a homebirth parent to choose my unlicensed attendant.
- * this bill will make my midwife friends illegal. Making midwives illegal makes birth UNSAFE for Hawaii.
- * studies show that homebirths usually lead to fewer complications and interventions (per studies <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/jmwh.12172/abstract>, <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/jmwh.12165/abstract>).
- * the intended exemption does not actually exempt traditional or Biblical or Native Hawaiian midwives. Does the requirement to register apply to nurse midwives?
- * legislators should form a working group that INCLUDES all types of midwives and consumers of homebirth. The previous group was comprised almost exclusively of people who follow the medical model of care (not the midwifery model of care) – it should be noted that those individuals do not fall under this bill at all and would remain unaffected.

This version was a good attempt at a reasonable bill, but there are multiple areas of

concern. This issue is FAR too complex to try to resolve before the end of session. It would be a great disservice to pass any legislation without fully understanding the impact to people on all islands.

Hawaii is one of the remaining unique places where birth is sacred. Please help keep it this way.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Nancy Gibbs

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 6:36:34 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Roxanne Estes | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

Aloha Honorable Congress men and women,

My name is Roxanne Estes. I am a long time resident of Hawaii of nearly 42 years. I am a practicing Home Birth Certified Nurse Midwife. Certified Nurse Midwives are licensed to practice in all 50 states of US. In Hawaii Certified Nurse Midwives have been licensed for the past 50 years and are an integral part of our health care system both in the hospital and outside the hospital. This bill infringes on already firmly established laws regarding Certified Nurse Midwives.

I have strong reservations regarding SB 1033 SD1.

Problem: inappropriate title protection

As the amended bill SB 1033 S.D. 1 is written, only Certified Professional Midwives will have title protection. Certified Nurse-Midwives and Certified Midwives will be prohibited from referring to themselves as midwives or practicing midwifery. Certified Nurse-Midwives and Certified Midwives should be exempt from title protection in this amended bill.

Proposed solution:

1. Any licensed person doing work within the scope of practice or duties of the person's profession that overlaps with the practice of midwifery; provided the person does not purport to be a midwife *unless the person holds an advanced practice registered nurse license (APRN) as a Certified Nurse-Midwife (CNM) pursuant to chapter 457, and/ or holds national certification by the American Midwifery Certification Board.*
1. Under exemptions. (a) Licensure shall not be required of:
 1. *Certified Nurse- Midwives (CNMs) who are under the Board of Nursing pursuant to chapter 457 and are licensed as advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) through the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA).*

Sincerely,

Roxanne Estes, Certified Nurse Midwife, APRN-x, MSN

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 7:01:41 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Sara Harris | Individual | Comments | No |

Comments:

I am a practicing OBGYN and I support the intention behind SB 1033_SD1 which is to license the profession of midwifery as that would increase access to safe, high-quality maternity care for Hawai'i's women and infants. However, as it is written, I cannot support the bill until amendments are made.

I recommend that amendments be made that would more specifically delineate educational requirements of certified professional midwives in order to obtain licensure, address scope of practice, and acknowledge that licensed midwives should be authorized to obtain and administer certain legend drugs we feel are critical to have in deliveries such as oxygen, anti-hemorrhagic agents, and epinephrine for neonatal resuscitation to name a few. Language to this effect was in SB 1033.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 7:51:25 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Kaliko Amona | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

I am a Native Hawaiian mother of three young children born at home under the care of highly trained and skilled midwives. I have also attended several births in hospitals and homes in multiple capacities—as a doula, friend, sister, and as a midwife’s assistant.

While I am a strong supporter of midwifery care and support licensure for CPMs *who want it*, **I oppose this bill (SB1033 SD1)** in its current form.

This bill limits the birthing choices available to women/families by making it illegal for some of Hawai’i’s midwives to practice. Families need to be free to choose both their caregivers and where they will receive that care.

I find the definitions in the bill problematic along with the exemptions, which are even narrower than some we’ve seen in previous bills.

I support licensure for CPMs who want it, but not via this current bill, not at the expense of so many traditional midwives, cultural practitioners, student midwives, and most importantly, the families who choose to birth them.

I also support the convening of a Working Group Working Group including Native Hawaiians, practicing homebirth midwives, homebirth consumers, and representatives from all islands are voting members of the working group. Those giving and receiving the services deserve to have a say in laws that affect them directly. There have been previous attempts to convene a working group--but none of those working groups have included these voices.

Thank you,

Kaliko Amona

Hale’iwa, HI

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 6:51:39 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| tanya m naehu | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

As a mother of three children and Kanaka Maoli, I strongly oppose this bill which will further oppress our people by taking away they most natural god given ability, which is to choose where and how they birth their own child. My last child was birthed by a mid wife and if I was given the choice, and if a native Hawaiian trained mid wife or doula was available on Molokai that would have been my first choice. My two first births in Maui Memorial hospital were far from natural and far from the comfort that is needed outside of just the birthing process. If I could do it alll again I would simply wish I had choices. I strongly oppose this bill and hope that one day the birthing experience will be one that offers choices for every women's needs and one that will offer a safe, nurturing and healthy birthing experience. As native Hawaiians we've had this right taken from us for too long, now that there are more native Hawaiian practitioners it seems it's become threat? When It should rather be viewed as a step towards reclaiming identity and tradition which will only strengthen our mothers and children. If passed I can guarantee it will not stop the movement of birthing as we choose to birth. I will encourage but not impose these beliefs on my daughters as well!!

Mahalo for listening,

Tanya Maile Naehu

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 8:11:10 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Leila Wright | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

I strongly oppose this rendition of sb 1033. A task force of midwives and health care professionals from different paths should be put into place so that we can all agree to move forward together. This requires more time for a solution to be found.

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 8:22:22 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Tiana Miguel | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 8:33:20 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Jasmin McCracken | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

This version was a good attempt at a reasonable bill, but there are multiple areas of concern. It is clear that we need a more comprehensive solution that includes ALL voices, and it is far too complex to try to resolve before the end of Session. It really would be a disservice to pass legislation without fully understanding how it will impact people on all islands.

Also this bill will make my acquaintances Rachel Curnel Struempf and April Bailey, traditional midwives in Hawaii island (and one is president of the Hawai'i Midwifery Council), and the other midwives like them illegal. April Bailey was my midwife and she did an exceptional job. I got to have my baby at home where I was comfortable. I felt very safe (and my baby as well, as we monitored her the entire time) and knew if they're were any signs of an emergency, we could always head to the hospital. Rachel, as well, has helped me many times. I have knowledge of her extensive medical experience and knowledge. Personally I would only want to have home births and would hate to not be able to choose April or Rachel as my midwives.

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 8:34:40 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Before: Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair The Honorable Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

Testimony of Lisa Chau, 620 McCully St. #201, Honolulu, HI. Tel (808) 597-6498

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Opposition for SB1033 SD1, Relating to the Licensure of Midwives

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and Honorable Members,

My name is Lisa Chau, and I am a soon to be mother, who will be birthing at home with two midwives. I am testifying in opposition to SB1033 SD1, Relating to the Licensure of Midwives.

I oppose the bill because of the vague language used to define midwife and who should be registered. Due to the vague language, the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division will spend an excessive amount of administrative time and cost to implement the bill for a small amount of licenses. Only 6 of all the home birth midwives on all the Hawaiian islands want regulation, none on Oahu, and perhaps only 10-12 could get licensed if this bill went into effect, and yet the government is willing to spend probably a quarter of a million dollars a year to license this group, should this bill pass.

Instead a clear bill could be created by having the legislators call for a working group to bring all the involved parties together at one table and bring a bill next year that can take into account all the stakeholders including patients like me. Traditional, cultural, spiritual, lay, nurse and certified midwives along with the medical community and the birth community can come together, listen with respect and learn from each other for the benefit of all birthing families and our future communities.

I am interested in having a licensure procedure for midwives, but the ones outlined in this bill are not sufficient for the needs of the patients like me in Hawaii and midwives, and not cost effective for our government. Therefore, I oppose SB1033 SD1, Relating to the Licensure of Midwives. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 8:48:00 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| adaure ezinne dawson | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

My name is Adaure Ezinne Dawson I am a 37 year old african American Woman that has resided in Hawaii for nearly 10 years. I strongly oppose this bill. As a consumer of homebirth I have been able to have 2 of my 5 children at home with a midwife of my choice. I was fully informed of her practice, skill level, and life saving measures. I felt confident in her as my provider because I did my research and trusted my gut. She served my family wonderfully. She had 2 apprentices with her that were knowledgeable and respectful and also traditonal midwves. They were also closely monitored by their teacher, my midwife. They truly practiced the midwives model of care and not the Western medical model of care. That gave me much peace of mind because I know the maternal death rate for African American women in the United states is staggeringly greater then it should be. By approving this bill you take away a womans right to a birth attendant that will fully honor her, her body, her culture and her sacred tradtions. Why would you limit a womans choice? This is a civil rights issue. The bottom line is that requiring mainland certification will make many of our currently practicing midwives illegal, and it will effectively strip many women of their right to choose. If we have the right to choose an abortion, we should have a right to choose whichever midwife we feel most comfortable with, regardless of certification. If you do not let her have this choice you are creating more dangerous pathways to illegal births and creating a civil rights issue. Consumers are wise and no one wants to have an unsafe/terrible birth experience (in or out of the hospital) so this bill needs to be opposed so that those women who are choosing a birth attendant can do so without feeling judgement from othr providers who are less willing to incorporate their birth traditons and recognize the birth practices that a woman wants employed during her birth. As a woman of color I know how important it is to feel and be heard by my birth attendants and I hate to imagine a world where that choice is taken away I'm certain it will result in a much more trauma filled society.

Here are some points I would like to make concerning this bill with its amendments.

1. it has created new problems due to its vague language, which does not make it clear who is truly exempt and who needs to register, who are they calling a midwife and what types of midwives are they putting on the advisory board? All of this is unclear!

2. If we want to make a clear good bill and the best birth outcomes in Hawaii we need the legislators to CALL FOR A WORKING GROUP to bring all the involved parties together at one table and bring a bill to them next year that we can agree upon ahead of time! There are transport issues and many other concerns a working group can help with! Traditional, cultural, spiritual, lay, nurse and certified midwives along with the medical community and the birth community can come together, listen with respect and learn from each other for the benefit of all birthing families and our future communities.

3. Only 6 of all the home birth midwives on all the Hawaiian islands want regulation, none on Oahu, and perhaps only 10-12 could get licensed if this bill went into effect, and yet the government is willing to spend probably a quarter of a million dollars a year to license this group when there are really no hard statistics that there is a problem with safety or availability and the people are not asking for it! Let's figure out a better way!

4 We have an organization currently called Hawaii Home Birth Elders Council formed by Elder midwives who represent the variety of midwives in Hawaii. They have organized to self regulate the home birth midwifery community, work with the medical community and provide accountability.

5. This bill will make some midwives illegal, one of the midwives who served me during my births is included and many women I know also use her as their midwife, that will not make birth safer for Hawaii by making some favored midwives illegal.

Thank you for very much your time and consideration

A. Ezinne Dawson

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 8:52:25 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Dr. Ye Nguyen | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

My name is Ye Nguyen. I live on the North Shore of Oahu. I am a licensed naturopathic physican, midwife, doula and home birth mother of 2 children.

I OPPOSE SD 1033 SD1. This bill is poorly written and highly restrictive to the majority of home birth midwives that are currently practicing. Certain amendments have been made in this new bill, but the language is vague and unclear. Again, it is trying to take the term "midwife" and define it in such a way that only certain people fall under that category. Midwife means "with woman". The line "all currently practicing midwives must attain full licensure pursuant to this chapter by January 1, 2024" needs to be removed. Perhaps a working group may be formed with ALL parties interested to come up with another bill? Another option of accountability may be the Hawaii Homebirth Elders Council, which will be lead by elder midwives from all islands working together with midwives & the medical community.

If this bill is passed, the reality is, many women will still invite midwives who are considered "illegal" to support them at their births. The practice of underground midwifery is a dangerous. Lives are truly at risk when you cannot work together with the hospital.

The practice of midwifery is as old as time. It is an ancient art that is a personal choice, not based on fear or control. The model of midwifery is very different from the medical model of obstetrics. And yet there is a place for both practices in the world of birth. When a woman chooses a "midwife" to be by her side, she chooses someone whom she trusts in her heart.

I believe in integrative medicine. I believe in working together. I have had the honor in working alongside hundreds of caring obstretricians, labor & delivery nurses, certified nurse midwives, certified professional midwives, traditional & cutlural midwives, naturopathic midwives, doulas...birth workers. Every woman that gives birth should have the right to give birth however & with whomever she wants.

Thank you for your time, consideration & service.

Respectfully,

Dr. Ye Nguyen

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 8:53:46 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Edward Clark | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

Aloha Hawaii State Legislature

I am writing in extreme opposition of the SB1033 proposed bill about Midwifery Licensure.

1. This bill is against human rights, violates our birthing rights, freedoms, choice to birth assistants, and removes opportunities of safe birthing practices.
2. For 21 years the public and political forces have stopped this type of bill and will continue to oppose bills like it for multitudes of valid reasons.
3. Licensure doesn't make safer birthing situations. As requested in the past hearings on this issue, The Hawaii Department of Health has yet to provide statistics that would prove a variety of midwifery practices are more dangerous than the obstetrical and medical midwifery model of care. Without any statistics, this bill is being made on anecdotal stories instead of actual facts. We do know, however that the United States spends more money on pregnancy care and also have the highest maternal mortality rate in the developed world (and both numbers are climbing) with those parallel models of care prioritized in this bill. Protecting the many complexities of the midwifery model of care may be Hawaii's unique opportunity to SAVE mothers!
4. Licensure recognition sounds good in theory, but not at the expense of the other types of midwifery practices that operate in Hawaii. As has been seen in most other states, midwifery licenses scopes of practice eventually limit our freedoms of normal, physiological birthing processes. The state licenses dictate what a woman can or can't do, its no longer based on the woman's intuitions or morals or individual needs. Licensure can remove freedoms of women having twins without a c-section, vaginal births after cesareans, etc, regardless of her midwife's skill set or experience.
5. Though desired licensure does not insure health insurance covering midwifery practices, as proven by previous testimonies from health care providers.
6. The definitions of "midwife" as listed in this bill, take the namesake of birthing culture which has been around to thousands of years, and claims them under the new licenses, all of which have been around for less hundred years and some like CPM have been available for only thirty. It does not make sense why short

term degrees are given more priority than years of experience, as some of the midwife's negatively affected by this bill have been practicing longer than the licenses have been available. This bill assumes a CPM that has done 75 births and done some basic research has more experience and expertise than "traditional midwives" here on island with hundreds to thousands of births, let alone longer positive influences in our local community. It takes a paternalistic angle, assuming women are ignorant and incapable of researching their options and therefore the state needs to help them understand what different types of midwives are. In doing so, it narrows the scope of midwifery into three distinctly medically trained types of midwife. This bill demeans and demotes other types of midwives claiming they are now subject to a new name, "Traditional Birth Attendant", and claims these TBAs have no formal training. This demotion and assumption violates Hawaiian, cultural, ethnic, and universal human birthing practices that currently exist and flourish on our islands. It makes the majority currently practicing home birth midwives illegal and causes big issues on outer islands where access to health care is different.

7. This bill seems to be written by a group of litigious, hospital style midwife lobbyists that do not understand or care about the differences of personalized care between the medicalized hospital model versus traditional midwifery models. There are many reasons why educated people, including hospital nurses and doctors choose traditional midwives over medical midwives, as they want what is best for THEIR families. Its THEIR choice! Home birth rights are violated and removed by this bill as the options for safe home birth practices and the non-medical midwives who can help them are limited or non-existent by this enforcing this bill.
8. When looking for other states to compare legislation, Utah seems to include more types of midwifery care that are also found in Hawaii rather than alternate models like the restrictive Oregon model that was suggested by senators earlier in the month.
9. The groups involved with the decision making on the license should be home birth midwives primarily, with limited power and voice from people who do not do home deliveries. There should not be supreme power by a director, rather a large voting body of home birth practitioners along with people who receive the services, such as a mother and father representatives.

I hope you see why the legislation should oppose this bill SB1033 as it removes human birthing rights here in Hawaii. This bill forces midwives to have western medicalized training, which in turn, forces the woman to have a medicalized birth if she chooses a midwife. Please vote no on SB1033 and prevent wasting more time in our legislation with this issue as is.

Mahalo nui loa

Edward Clark
Kailua resident
Home Birth Father of 2
24 February 2019

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Jaymie Lewis | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

Dear Honorary Comittee Members,

I appreciate the intent of this bill however the concerns it is attempting to address will not be resolved by simply licensing some midwives and eliminating others. There needs to be a solid rationale for continuing to push this bill year after year. There have been hundreds of pages of testimony IN OPPOSITION from the constituents of Hawaii asking to keep their midwives legal. Hawaii's midwives are an integral part of the vast communities within our glorious islands. They are as varied as the people they serve and well loved and trusted by their communities.

1. Licensure will not resolve the issue of accessibility. In fact this bill greatly limits access. This bill will wipe out the majority of midwives currently attending home births. By doing this and attempting to replace them with mainland midwives, women would be at the hands of strangers. Women often feel comfortable with women who are "like" them. Women who represent their values and feel unjudged for being their truest expression of themselves, especially when they are in a state of vulnerability. These new midwives may or may not know how to hold the space for the journey because they may have no cultural context for the family they are serving, leaving a gap that may never get fully filled. This is especially true for rural areas and already being reflected nationwide.
2. The education required by this type of licensure is far from accessible to most of the currently practicing midwives in our islands and while the five year "grace period"/"grandmother clause" is a nice gesture, it is not at all realistic. Please, bare with me here...

In Hawaii, CPM preceptors are extremely limited and with less than 2% of births performed "out of hospital" (avg 18,500 births per year, approximately 375 "out of hospital" births - accidental and planned/attended births are combined in this number), it would take *decadesto* get the rest of the currently practicing midwives through the education systems suggested in this bill.

WHY?

Most midwives in Hawaii attend 15 or less births per year. The majority of midwives practicing home births in Hawaii ARE NOT CPMs.

To become a CPM, one must attend at least 75 deliveries under the supervision of a certified preceptor in order to take their certification test.

According to DCCA Testimony for the hearing held on 2/21/19, this bill aims to license 13 CPMs in the state of Hawaii. I am not sure where that number came from? Not all of the CPMs currently practicing in Hawaii are certified preceptors. With fewer midwives, there will be fewer births attended, presenting fewer opportunities for a student to gain the experience in a reasonable amount of time. The numbers just don't add up and makes it next to impossible to obtain full licensure within 5 years without actually leaving the islands.

This bill will drastically reduce the number of available midwives to ALL areas of the Hawaiian islands (especially rural), and limits the number of women who can TEACH! There are midwives within our communities who have caught many hundreds of babies over the course of several decades! According to this bill, the knowledge they carry is deemed "informal training" but in most professions, experience stands superior. The more you do, the more you see, and practice makes precision. It is important to remember that there are many ways of learning and knowing. In fact Universities offer "honorary degrees" for experts in the field who have learned and mastered their craft by other means. I do hope the legislation recognizes this.

The only way to attain an "experienced midwife" CPM certificate will no longer be available in 9 months time. This means that if the experienced midwives of Hawaii cannot collect/obtain all the records (300 births), incur the cost (several thousands of dollars), and provide all the necessary paperwork, AND pass the test by January 2020, they will have to start over again as a student CPM (with little to no pay, but having to pay for their certification).

The Hawaii Regulatory Licensing Reform Act clearly states, "Regulation must not unreasonably restrict entry into professions and vocations by all qualified persons." Because of the lack of reasonable access to the required educational components of this bill, this is EXACTLY what will happen.

3. Licensure will not resolve the issue of affordability to the families. **a.**HMSA, Hawaii's leading health insurance carrier, already stated in their testimony last year that they WILL NOT PAY for CPM attended births. **b.**It has also been proven in many other states that insurance pays so little to a midwife that it is incredibly challenging for them to maintain a practice that is either manageable number wise to allow quality care, or they have to stop attending births because they cannot afford their livelihood. The latter of this dilemma is more likely, as there are very few people actually choosing home births. **c.**In addition, this bill will increase the overhead of the midwife by charging SEVERAL thousands of dollars each year to maintain a license. Again, I quote the DCCA in their testimony on 2/21/10 stating that "The Department estimates that the startup costs would be \$276,608.00 with recurring costs totaling \$254,688 per year. Ultimately, the applicants and licensees would be required to defray these costs. " The DCCA also states, "the costs associated with implementing regulation for an

approximated 13 licenses would be exorbitant.” Exorbitant indeed, averaging \$21,000 per year. Even if this bill were able to license 50 midwives, the cost of a yearly license is \$5500 (in addition to the cost of continuing education credits yearly). **d.**The majority of the currently practicing home birth midwives accept sliding scale rates, trades, and payment plans in order for families to receive the services they are seeking.

4. From a philosophical standpoint (and a large part of the testimony collected over the course of the past 5 years), for many women, the bottom line is “my body is MY eminent domain”. Women are watching and as more states require licensure, that within a matter of a few years, that license becomes tighter and tighter, and what was originally presented as choice is no longer a legal choice. *Women are concerned about the systematic reduction of their basic bodily rights slowly being stripped away under the guise of “safety”.* Women are smart enough and have access to a myriad of information and educational materials to make decisions about their bodies. It is demeaning that the government is deciding otherwise. As licensure becomes the national standard, we have watched as free birth is also on the rise across the nation. There are MANY reasons why this is happening; accessibility, criminalization, over medicalization are simply a few. “Criminalizing women for helping other women have babies tells us that all women are still not free to make our own decisions, even about something so extremely personal.” _ Cristen Pascucci, founder of the birth rights organization, Birth Monopoly.

It is hard to believe that in 2019 and 5 rounds of this type of licensing bill, we are again facing this sort of one sided legislation that has been called out by representatives from past hearings. House Representatives have stated collaboration is the pathway to a more harmonious solution. I please urge you to follow this suggestion! We need a **state mandated** working group which displays the needs and desires of ALL the stake holders, not just the ones these medical organizations deem suitable. Hawaii’s home birth midwives have been ready and willing to participate, but are rarely brought to the bargaining table. If they are, it is the midwives already carrying a CPM certificate (special interest). In an attempt to find solutions, several of Hawaii’s home birth midwives have set up and are exploring a self regulating registry, collecting STATS, providing a pathway for grievance complaints and accountability, an elder’s council for review of difficult cases that arise in the community, and more. They have been calling OBs who are willing to see women for tandem care to try to meet, working as doulas in order to interface with the hospitals, and working to continue to nourish the positive relationships we have cultivated within our birthing communities. We want integrative and RESPECTFUL collaboration and communication. We all want what is best for women and their babies. Limiting choice and access is simply not the answer. In addition to skill, transparency, time, and TRUST gives women better outcomes. We CLEARLY need continued conversation, time, mutual respect, and honesty to build that trust and provide better care and outcomes for families, regardless of the birth model they choose. The eternal optimist in me believes that Hawaii’s families will be heard loud and clear in 2019 and TOGETHER we can create something better than SB1033-SD1.

Thank you for your time

Jaymie

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 8:19:31 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Ronen Zilberman | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

REGULAR SESSION OF 2019

Hearing date on Thursday, February 26 at 10:00am in Room 221 RE: SB1033 Relating to the Licensure of Midwives

IN OPPOSITION

Aloha Senators,

My name is Ronen Zilberman. I have been a photojournalist here in Hawaii for over 20 years and am a father who was once skeptical of home birth before becoming a father. However, since my experience with the birth of my 4 children under the care of midwives here in Hawaii I am an advocate for the care of midwives to assist birthing families.

I am in opposition to this bill as it is currently written because there are many concerns with the language of the bill and it was drafted by people outside of the midwifery and home birth community and did not include them in the process of creating legislation that will affect them and the future of home birth in Hawaii directly. I feel strongly that the midwives affected by this legislation should be at the table helping to draft new laws. Until a bill is created that includes their input and participation I will not support any legislation upon them.

I urge you to oppose SB1033.

Thank you,

Ronen Zilberman
Freelance Photographer

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 9:00:56 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Jenna Scanlan | Individual | Oppose | Yes |

Comments:

Aloha mai kākou,

My name is Jenna Mālie Hākaʻi Scanlan. I am a direct descendant of Lahapa Kinolau, a traditional Hawaiian herbal healer and midwife. It is in my family bloodline to practice traditional Hawaiian Midwifery and herbal medicine. This bill would make it then illegal to practice my own family and cultural traditions. I oppose this SB1033 SD1.

Mahalo

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 9:04:04 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| nicole mccabe | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

I am a Native Hawaiian and I oppose this measure.

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 9:13:06 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|--------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Laura Acasio | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

Aloha Senate Comittee,

My name is Laura Acasio and I am from Hilo. I am a DOE teacher, a child birth doula, lactation counselor and a child birth educator. I am also a mother of two, one if which was born preterm at Kapiolani Hospital and one was born safely at home with our Midwife. I am grateful for all the options and available choices for where to birth given the differing circumstances between my two children.

I am writing to strongly OPPOSE SB 1033. While there could be some merit in a form of licencure program, this bill has many flaws that will be detrimental to mothers, babies, and midwives in Hawaii.

Out of well over 100 midwives in our state, only 6 of all the home birth midwives on all the Hawaiian islands want this specific regulation. Of all, perhaps only 10-12 could get licensed if this bill went into effect, and yet the government is willing to spend probably a quarter of a million dollars a year to license this group when there are really no hard statistics that there is a problem with safety or availability and the people are not asking for it. Also, most midwives currently practicing already hae clients that will give birth when this bill is scheduled to take effect. It is not safe or appropriate for those clients to have their care dropped towards the end of their pregnancy.

The amendments (SD1) that were made solved some the problems of the original bill, however it has created new ones due to its vague language. SB 1033 (SD1) does not make it clear who is truly exempt and who needs to register. For example, in the exemption of "person acting as a traditional midwife" and to "provide cultural practices" are vague and essentially meaningless in our current era of mixed traditions and cultures and adopted lifestyles and beliefs. Unclear definitions provide for large holes that can be discussed and clarified in open discussions by all parties.

All legislators should CALL FOR A WORKING GROUP to bring all the involved parties together at one table and bring a bill next year that we can agree upon ahead of time. There are transport issues and many other concerns a working group can help with. Traditional, cultural, spiritual, lay, nurse and certified midwives along with the medical community and the birth community can come together, listen with respect and learn from each other for the benefit of all birthing families and our future communities.

There is a solution, however we can do this better with communication and collaboration.

Please look as a model at the Hawaii Home Birth Elders Council formed by Elder midwives who represent the variety of midwives in Hawaii. They have organized to self regulate the home birth midwifery community, work with the medical community and provide accountability.

This bill will make some midwives illegal and that will not make birth safer for Hawaii. Many of these midwives practice in a very safe manner and have highly positive birth outcomes despite not being licenced. I believe that the way this particular bill is written has the great potential to make homebirths much less safe rather than safer as intended.

Thank you for hearing my testimony. I hope you can hear all those speaking out against this bill and know that many are not 100% opposed to regulation or even a form of licencure. Rather, the way this bill is written a WORKING GROUP can do much better, be more comprehensive and productive to support rather than condemn the birth community.

Sincerely, Laura Acasio

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 10:01:31 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

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| Gabriel | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 9:00:32 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Lori Love Bilbrey | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

Aloha,

I am a Homebirth Mother of 3 grown children, and have been in the Birth world for 19 years practicing as a Monitrice (a Doula with Midwifery or Nursing skills), a Childbirth Educator, a Midwife Assistant and Apprentice for 6 years, studied at Better Birth University in Utah for Midwifery, have taken several advanced Midwifery courses, and feel I have a good pulse on Birth in general, in the hospital setting, in birth centers, and at home. I am strongly for educating all midwives, collaboration among hospitals, doctors/ob-gyns, CNMs, CPMs and Direct Entry Midwives. I do however, oppose this bill. There needs to be more conversation and understanding of how to be inclusive of traditional midwifery, and listening to what midwives need. I am happy to share more of my thoughts and ideas with you. Women do not need to be arrested or illegal for helping women. Women need collaborative support to help women. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lori Love Bilbrey

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SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 10:43:32 AM
Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| mary jewell | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 11:23:50 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

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| Amy Knowles | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:



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Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

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Members of the Senate:-
JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

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Members of the Senate:-
JUD Committee Members:
Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
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Members of the Senate:-
WAM Chair Dela Cruz** yes

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Members of the Senate:-
WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
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Members of the Senate:-
WAM Committee Members: yes
English, Harimoto, Inouye,
Kanuha, Kidani, Inouye,
Shimabukuro, and
Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

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| My name is | Deanna Garrett |
| I reside at | Hawaii Honoka'a |
| Email | deannamidwife@gmail.com |
| I am | registered to vote in Hawai'i. |
| Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-We desperately need a Working Group where Native Hawaiians, traditional midwives, homebirth consumers, and representatives from all islands are voting members of the working group. Those giving and receiving the services deserve to have a say in laws that affect them directly. There have been previous attempts to convene a working group-but none of those working groups have included these voices. | yes |
| Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-All versions of these bills so far would make many of Hawaii's best & longest practicing midwives illegal. | yes |
| Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-Any bill that makes certain midwives illegal infringes on a woman's right to choose who can be legally present at her birth. | yes |

Correct answers: 2 out of 1 (200%)

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Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

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**Dear Senate Judiciary
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Members of the Senate** yes

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| My name is | Justin Salzer |
| I reside at | Kaneohe, HI |
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| I am | registered to vote in Hawai'i. |

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Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-All versions of these bills so far would make many of Hawaii's best & longest practicing midwives illegal.

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Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-There are many parts of the bills that are unclear. Too many to list in this email, but consider this direct quote

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"the Department has serious
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JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

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**Dear Senate Judiciary
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Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

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| My name is | Lori Vallianos |
| I reside at | Maryland |
| Email | lori.2009@hotmail.com |
| I am | registered to vote in another State. |

Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-We desperately need a Working Group where Native Hawaiians, traditional midwives, homebirth consumers, and representatives from all islands are voting members of the working group. Those giving and receiving the services deserve to have a say in laws that affect them directly. There have been previous attempts to convene a working group-but none of those working groups have included these voices.

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Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-It really would be a disservice to the homebirth community to pass legislation like this without fully understanding how it will impact people on all islands. It is clear that we need a more comprehensive ^{yes} solution that includes ALL voices. Please vote NO or WR on SB1033 SD1 unless it is turned into an official working group where ALL voices of the people it will affect are adequately represented.

Additional Comments:

I don't live in HI. But I do have family living there. It is their right to have a choice to pick who, when & where they want to have their children. Please look into the concerns of our younger generation

Correct answers: 2 out of 1 (200%)

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JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

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**Dear Senate Judiciary
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Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

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| My name is | Camille Wood |
| I reside at | Kaneohe, HI |
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| I am | registered to vote in Hawai'i. |

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(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Chair Dela Cruz** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
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Members of the Senate:-
WAM Committee Members: yes
English, Harimoto, Inouye,
Kanuha, Kidani, Inouye,
Shimabukuro, and
Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

| | |
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| My name is | Erin von der Ahe RN |
| I reside at | Naalehu, HI |
| Email | eevonderahe@gmail.com |
| I am | not registered to vote at all |

Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-We desperately need a Working Group where Native Hawaiians, traditional midwives, homebirth consumers, and representatives from all islands are voting members of the working group. Those giving and receiving the services deserve to have a say in laws that affect them directly. There have been previous attempts to convene a working group-but none of those working groups have included these voices.

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Additional Comments:

As an RN working in labor and delivery units in other states for over 20 years, I want to say that when midwifery laws like this one are passed, invariably we start seeing WORSE outcomes for families, because traditional midwives and those they serve go underground, and things like deciding when and if to transport, where to go, whether to be honest, whether to send pertinent medical records, etc. are all adversely affected. The system here in HI is not broken, it has been working well for as long as people have been on these islands. Licensure will make birth MORE dangerous for those communities that feel that culturally, or for religious reasons, they choose to access the midwives that they trust. I ask you as a medical professional to vote against this bill.

Correct answers: 2 out of 1 (200%)



From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Stop Senate Bill 1033 SD1
Date: Monday, February 25, 2019 10:25:52 AM

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
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Members of the Senate:-
JUD Committee Members:
Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Chair Dela Cruz** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
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(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Committee Members: yes
English, Harimoto, Inouye,
Kanuha, Kidani, Inouye,
Shimabukuro, and
Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| My name is | Elizabeth Cannon |
| I reside at | Pahoa, Hawaii |
| Email | elizacacia@yahoo.com |
| I am | registered to vote in Hawai'i. |

Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-We desperately need a Working Group where Native Hawaiians, traditional midwives, homebirth consumers, and representatives from all islands are voting members of the working group. Those giving and receiving the services deserve to have a say in laws that affect them directly. There have been previous attempts to convene a working group- but none of those working groups have included these voices.

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Dear Senate Judiciary (JUD), Ways & Means (WAM) Committees, and Members of the Senate:- JUD Chair Rhoads yes

Dear Senate Judiciary (JUD), Ways & Means (WAM) Committees, and Members of the Senate:- JUD Vice Chair Wakai yes

Dear Senate Judiciary (JUD), Ways & Means (WAM) Committees, and Members of the Senate:- JUD Committee Members: Gabbard, Kim and Fevella yes

Dear Senate Judiciary (JUD), Ways & Means (WAM) Committees, and Members of the Senate:- WAM Chair Dela Cruz yes

Dear Senate Judiciary (JUD), Ways & Means (WAM) Committees, and Members of the Senate:- WAM Vice Chair Keith Aragan yes

Dear Senate Judiciary (JUD), Ways & Means (WAM) Committees, and Members of the Senate:- WAM Committee Members: English, Harimoto, Inouye, Kanuha, Kidani, Inouye, Shimabukuro, and Taniguchi yes

Dear Senate Judiciary (JUD), Ways & Means (WAM) Committees, and Members of the Senate:- Members of the Senate yes

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| My name is | Jean Kroll |
| I reside at | Volcano, Big Island, Hawaii |
| Email | onthevolcano@hotmail.com |
| I am | registered to vote in Hawai'i. |

Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-We desperately need a Working Group where Native Hawaiians, traditional midwives, homebirth consumers, and representatives from all islands are voting members of the working group. Those giving and receiving the services deserve to have a say in laws that affect them directly. There have been previous attempts to convene a working group- but none of those working groups have included these voices.

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Additional Comments:

This is a woman's right to choose. I had 2 great home births... this practice is a personal choice. In 71, we were handcuffed and arrested for helping other women with their home births in Marin County. Let's not go back to that repression of human rights!

Correct answers: 2 out of 1 (200%)

From: [123ContactForm](#)
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Subject: Stop Senate Bill 1033 SD1
Date: Monday, February 25, 2019 10:12:39 AM

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Committee Members:
Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Chair Dela Cruz** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Committee Members: yes
English, Harimoto, Inouye,
Kanuha, Kidani, Inouye,
Shimabukuro, and
Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| My name is | Naomi Ignas |
| I reside at | Kailua, Oahu (Hawaii) |
| Email | ignas.naomi@gmail.com |
| I am | registered to vote in Hawai'i. |

Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-We desperately need a Working Group where Native Hawaiians, traditional midwives, homebirth consumers, and representatives from all islands are voting members of the working group. Those giving and receiving the services deserve to have a say in laws that affect them directly. There have been previous attempts to convene a working group- but none of those working groups have included these voices.

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Additional Comments:

As a woman who supports birth both in hospital and home, each woman is unique, and each birth is unique. I have seen that a mother who is free choose her own birth environment and birth team has a drastically improved birth experience - this includes the health of the baby, the mom, the bonding and growth, and the healing that can take place. With the many options available, I ask that you vote NO on this bill until the voices of these mothers and the traditional midwife community can be heard. This is generations of knowledge that is often overlooked in the medical community. With the advances we've made to allow people to have freedom in their bodies, please do not restrict one of the most sacred things a mother has: the birth of her child in a space she deems safe and appropriate for her. Thank you for your consideration. ~Naomi Ignas

Correct answers: 2 out of 1 (200%)

LATE

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Stop Senate Bill 1033 SD1
Date: Monday, February 25, 2019 10:10:31 AM

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Committee Members:
Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Chair Dela Cruz** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
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(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Committee Members: yes
English, Harimoto, Inouye,
Kanuha, Kidani, Inouye,
Shimabukuro, and
Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

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| My name is | Emily Stevenson |
| I reside at | Detroit MI |
| Email | em.s.stevenson@gmail.com |
| I am | registered to vote in another State. |
| Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-We desperately need a Working Group where Native Hawaiians, traditional midwives, homebirth consumers, and representatives from all islands are voting members of the working group. Those giving and receiving the services deserve to have a say in laws that affect them directly. There have been previous attempts to convene a working group- but none of those working groups have included these voices. | yes |
| Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-All versions of these bills so far would make many of Hawaii's best & longest practicing midwives illegal. | yes |
| Additional Comments: | As a healthcare provider in Michigan, I have seen first hand how laws that go too far in this direction prevent the important collaboration with the health care system that keeps women who birth at home safe. Please consider meeting with “traditional” midwives to keep them within the system and within the law so oversight can occur. |

Correct answers: 2 out of 1 (200%)

LATE

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Stop Senate Bill 1033 SD1
Date: Monday, February 25, 2019 10:04:08 AM

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Committee Members:
Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Chair Dela Cruz** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Committee Members: yes
English, Harimoto, Inouye,
Kanuha, Kidani, Inouye,
Shimabukuro, and
Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| My name is | Kekoanuiokeakua Struempf |
| I reside at | Kailua-Kona, Hawaii |
| Email | koa.struempf@whea.net |
| I am | not registered to vote at all |

Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-We desperately need a Working Group where Native Hawaiians, traditional midwives, homebirth consumers, and representatives from all islands are voting members of the working group. Those giving and receiving the services deserve to have a say in laws that affect them directly. There have been previous attempts to convene a working group- but none of those working groups have included these voices.

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voices of the people it will affect are adequately represented.

Additional Comments: My mom is a non-certified midwife and this bill would hurt our family.

Correct answers: 2 out of 1 (200%)

From: [123ContactForm](#)
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(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Committee Members:
Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

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(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Chair Dela Cruz** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

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Members of the Senate:-
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English, Harimoto, Inouye,
Kanuha, Kidani, Inouye,
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**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| My name is | Kristin Wilson |
| I reside at | Kapolei, Oahu |
| Email | kristinwilson79@gmail.com |
| I am | registered to vote in Hawai'i. |

Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-It really would be a disservice to the homebirth community to pass legislation like this without fully understanding how it will impact people on all islands. It is clear that we need a more comprehensive ^{yes} solution that includes ALL voices. Please vote NO or WR on SB1033 SD1 unless it is turned into an official working group where ALL voices of the people it will affect are adequately represented.

Correct answers: 2 out of 1 (200%)

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Date: Monday, February 25, 2019 9:57:49 AM

**Dear Senate Judiciary
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(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Committee Members:
Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Chair Dela Cruz** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

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Members of the Senate:-
WAM Committee Members: yes
English, Harimoto, Inouye,
Kanuha, Kidani, Inouye,
Shimabukuro, and
Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

| | |
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| My name is | Shannon Bennett |
| I reside at | Kailua, HI |
| Email | sebennett789@gmail.com |
| I am | registered to vote in another State. |

Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-We desperately need a Working Group where Native Hawaiians, traditional midwives, homebirth consumers, and representatives from all islands are voting members of the working group. Those giving and receiving the services deserve to have a say in laws that affect them directly. There have been previous attempts to convene a working group- but none of those working groups have included these voices.

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**Dear Senate Judiciary
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(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Committee Members:
Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Chair Dela Cruz** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

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Members of the Senate:-
WAM Committee Members: yes
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Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

| | |
|---|--------------------------------|
| My name is | Kalena Callihan |
| I reside at | Kamuela, hawaii |
| Email | kalena.callihan@gmail.com |
| I am | registered to vote in Hawai'i. |
| Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-All versions of these bills so far would make many of Hawaii's best & longest practicing midwives illegal. | |

Correct answers: 2 out of 1 (200%)

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Stop Senate Bill 1033 SD1
Date: Monday, February 25, 2019 8:53:55 AM

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

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(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Committee Members:
Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Chair Dela Cruz** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Committee Members: yes
English, Harimoto, Inouye,
Kanuha, Kidani, Inouye,
Shimabukuro, and
Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| My name is | Etuini Sunia Jr |
| I reside at | Kaneohe |
| Email | lekasunia@gmail.com |
| I am | registered to vote in Hawai'i. |

Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-We desperately need a Working Group where Native Hawaiians, traditional midwives, homebirth consumers, and representatives from all islands are voting members of the working group. Those giving and receiving the services deserve to have a say in laws that affect them directly. There have been previous attempts to convene a working group- but none of those working groups have included these voices.

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represented.**

Correct answers: 2 out of 1 (200%)

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Date: Monday, February 25, 2019 8:48:40 AM

**Dear Senate Judiciary
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(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Committee Members:
Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Chair Dela Cruz** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Committee Members: yes
English, Harimoto, Inouye,
Kanuha, Kidani, Inouye,
Shimabukuro, and
Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| My name is | Sylwia Rhein |
| I reside at | New Jersey |
| Email | SYLWIA.RHEIN@GMAIL.COM |
| I am | registered to vote in another State. |

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Correct answers: 2 out of 1 (200%)

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Stop Senate Bill 1033 SD1
Date: Monday, February 25, 2019 8:42:34 AM

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Committee Members:
Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Chair Dela Cruz** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Committee Members: yes
English, Harimoto, Inouye,
Kanuha, Kidani, Inouye,
Shimabukuro, and
Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| My name is | Rebekah Botello |
| I reside at | Kaneohe, Oahu, Hawaii |
| Email | botello.rebekah@gmail.com |
| I am | registered to vote in Hawai'i. |

Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-We desperately need a Working Group where Native Hawaiians, traditional midwives, homebirth consumers, and representatives from all islands are voting members of the working group. Those giving and receiving the services deserve to have a say in laws that affect them directly. There have been previous attempts to convene a working group-but none of those working groups have included these voices.

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Additional Comments:

The public is NOT asking for this. Women are intelligent and can make their own choice in regards to whom they have attend their birth. Don't waste Hawaii's time or money on this unnecessary bill

Correct answers: 2 out of 1 (200%)

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Stop Senate Bill 1033 SD1
Date: Monday, February 25, 2019 8:36:36 AM

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Committee Members:
Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Chair Dela Cruz** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Committee Members: yes
English, Harimoto, Inouye,
Kanuha, Kidani, Inouye,
Shimabukuro, and
Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

| | |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| My name is | Kendra Mitchell |
| I reside at | Lubbock, TX |
| Email | kendramit@gmail.com |
| I am | registered to vote in another State. |
| Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-Any bill that makes certain midwives illegal infringes on a woman's right to choose who can be legally present at her birth. | yes |
| Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-It really would be a disservice to the homebirth community to pass legislation like this without fully understanding how it will impact people on all islands. It is clear that we need a more comprehensive solution that includes ALL voices. Please vote NO or WR on SB1033 SD1 unless it is turned into an official working group where ALL voices of the people it will affect are adequately represented. | yes |

Correct answers: 2 out of 1 (200%)

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Stop Senate Bill 1033 SD1
Date: Monday, February 25, 2019 7:54:26 AM

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Committee Members:
Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Chair Dela Cruz** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Committee Members: yes
English, Harimoto, Inouye,
Kanuha, Kidani, Inouye,
Shimabukuro, and
Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| My name is | Hannah Newbury |
| I reside at | Pennsylvania |
| Email | romancebyhannah@gmail.com |
| I am | registered to vote in another State. |

Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-We desperately need a Working Group where Native Hawaiians, traditional midwives, homebirth consumers, and representatives from all islands are voting members of the working group. Those giving and receiving the services deserve to have a say in laws that affect them directly. There have been previous attempts to convene a working group- but none of those working groups have included these voices.

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voices of the people it will
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represented.**

Correct answers: 2 out of 1 (200%)

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Stop Senate Bill 1033 SD1
Date: Monday, February 25, 2019 7:19:35 AM

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Committee Members:
Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Chair Dela Cruz** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Committee Members: yes
English, Harimoto, Inouye,
Kanuha, Kidani, Inouye,
Shimabukuro, and
Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| My name is | Michele Walden |
| I reside at | Pahoa, Hi |
| Email | michelewalden@gmail.com |
| I am | registered to vote in Hawai'i. |

Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-We desperately need a Working Group where Native Hawaiians, traditional midwives, homebirth consumers, and representatives from all islands are voting members of the working group. Those giving and receiving the services deserve to have a say in laws that affect them directly. There have been previous attempts to convene a working group- but none of those working groups have included these voices.

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Additional Comments: I do not support this bill!

Correct answers: 2 out of 1 (200%)

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Stop Senate Bill 1033 SD1
Date: Monday, February 25, 2019 6:50:03 AM

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Committee Members:
Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Chair Dela Cruz** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Committee Members: yes
English, Harimoto, Inouye,
Kanuha, Kidani, Inouye,
Shimabukuro, and
Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

| | |
|--|--------------------------------|
| My name is | Tara mattes |
| I reside at | Honolulu |
| Email | taramattes3@gmail.com |
| I am | registered to vote in Hawai'i. |
| Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-Any bill that makes certain midwives illegal infringes on a woman's right to choose who can be legally present at her birth. | yes |
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To: [JDCTestimony](#)
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Date: Monday, February 25, 2019 6:46:33 AM

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(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Committee Members:
Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Chair Dela Cruz** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
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(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Committee Members: yes
English, Harimoto, Inouye,
Kanuha, Kidani, Inouye,
Shimabukuro, and
Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

My name is Mikey Gamboa

I reside at Honolulu

Email rasmikey@gmail.com

Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-We desperately need a Working Group where Native Hawaiians, traditional midwives, homebirth consumers, and representatives from all islands are voting members of the working group. Those giving and receiving the services deserve to have a say in laws that affect them directly. There have been previous attempts to convene a working group- but none of those working groups have included these voices. yes

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To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Stop Senate Bill 1033 SD1
Date: Monday, February 25, 2019 6:26:17 AM

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(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Committee Members:
Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Chair Dela Cruz** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

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Members of the Senate:-
WAM Committee Members: yes
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Kanuha, Kidani, Inouye,
Shimabukuro, and
Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

My name is Kristin Lambert

I reside at Captain Cook, HI

I am registered to vote in Hawai'i.

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To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Stop Senate Bill 1033 SD1
Date: Monday, February 25, 2019 5:48:03 AM

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Committee Members:
Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Chair Dela Cruz** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Committee Members: yes
English, Harimoto, Inouye,
Kanuha, Kidani, Inouye,
Shimabukuro, and
Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| My name is | Joni Sadler |
| I reside at | Big island |
| Email | joni.goodmana@gmail.com |
| I am | registered to vote in Hawai'i. |

Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-We desperately need a Working Group where Native Hawaiians, traditional midwives, homebirth consumers, and representatives from all islands are voting members of the working group. Those giving and receiving the services deserve to have a say in laws that affect them directly. There have been previous attempts to convene a working group-but none of those working groups have included these voices.

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Correct answers: 2 out of 1 (200%)

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To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Stop Senate Bill 1033 SD1
Date: Monday, February 25, 2019 2:03:19 PM

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

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Members of the Senate:-
JUD Committee Members:
Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

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**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| My name is | Mane Futo |
| I reside at | Oahu |
| Email | manefuto@gmail.com |
| I am | registered to vote in Hawai'i. |

Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-We desperately need a Working Group where Native Hawaiians, traditional midwives, homebirth consumers, and representatives from all islands are voting members of the working group. Those giving and receiving the services deserve to have a say in laws that affect them directly. There have been previous attempts to convene a working group-but none of those working groups have included these voices.

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From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Stop Senate Bill 1033 SD1
Date: Monday, February 25, 2019 1:52:05 PM

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
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Members of the Senate:-
JUD Committee Members:
Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
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Members of the Senate:-
WAM Chair Dela Cruz** yes

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(JUD), Ways & Means
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Members of the Senate:-
WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

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Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| My name is | Amy Halas |
| I reside at | Maui |
| Email | wahine96779@yahoo.com |
| I am | registered to vote in Hawai'i. |

Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-We desperately need a Working Group where Native Hawaiians, traditional midwives, homebirth consumers, and representatives from all islands are voting members of the working group. Those giving and receiving the services deserve to have a say in laws that affect them directly. There have been previous attempts to convene a working group- but none of those working groups have included these voices.

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voices of the people it will
affect are adequately
represented.

Additional Comments: My body, my choice.

Correct answers: 2 out of 1 (200%)

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Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

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JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

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Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

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Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
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Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

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|---|--------------------------------|
| My name is | Malani Rivera |
| I reside at | Kula, Maui |
| Email | malanih@hotmail.com |
| I am | registered to vote in Hawai'i. |
| Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-All versions of these bills so far would make many of Hawaii's best & longest practicing midwives illegal. | yes |
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| Additional Comments: | I strongly oppose this bill. |

Correct answers: 2 out of 1 (200%)

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**Dear Senate Judiciary
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Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

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|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| My name is | William Braham |
| I reside at | Pahoa, Hawai'i |
| Email | brahmansky808@gmail.com |
| I am | registered to vote in Hawai'i. |

Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-We desperately need a Working Group where Native Hawaiians, traditional midwives, homebirth consumers, and representatives from all islands are voting members of the working group. Those giving and receiving the services deserve to have a say in laws that affect them directly. There have been previous attempts to convene a working group- but none of those working groups have included these voices.

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Additional Comments:

My son was born at home with the indispensable help of 2 perfectly mid-wives & 1 dhoola. It was real; natural; and perfect. Please don't mess with what's real, natural & perfection.

Correct answers: 2 out of 1 (200%)

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**Dear Senate Judiciary
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Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| My name is | Marion McHenry |
| I reside at | Princeville, Kauai |
| Email | bob-marion@hawaiiintel.net |
| I am | registered to vote in Hawai'i. |

Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-We desperately need a Working Group where Native Hawaiians, traditional midwives, homebirth consumers, and representatives from all islands are voting members of the working group. Those giving and receiving the services deserve to have a say in laws that affect them directly. There have been previous attempts to convene a working group- but none of those working groups have included these voices.

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Additional Comments: All 3 of my children were born safely at home with the skilled help of mid wives. They are all over 35 years old now.

Correct answers: 2 out of 1 (200%)

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JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
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**Dear Senate Judiciary
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Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| My name is | Noelani Ahia |
| I reside at | HI |
| Email | jennahia@yahoo.com |
| I am | registered to vote in Hawai'i. |

Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-We desperately need a Working Group where Native Hawaiians, traditional midwives, homebirth consumers, and representatives from all islands are voting members of the working group. Those giving and receiving the services deserve to have a say in laws that affect them directly. There have been previous attempts to convene a working group-but none of those working groups have included these voices.

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SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 11:36:33 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Toni Knotts | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

Childbirth is an intensely personal issue and women need to be able to choose the kind of support that is in line with their personal beliefs, this includes being able to choose an unlicensed midwife. There are inherent differences in the way that licensed and unlicensed midwives care for the mothers who hire them. As a mother expecting my 6th child I would choose no care over being forced to use a licensed midwife. Make no mistake, if traditional midwives are banned there will be an increase in women who choose to not have any experienced persons providing prenatal care or attending their births, and there will be more fear to see higher medical care when it is needed.

LATE

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 4:13:47 PM
Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Keith Hatcher | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Is seems logical to liscense midwives. I've heard too many stories of people calling themselves midwives and then having poor birth outcomes due to lack of training and rapport with other medical professionals. Aren't massage thrapists and cosmotologists liscensed? I have had 2 of my own children born at home and two of my children born in a hospital. I am not against the medical establishment. I would like the midwives to be documented as educated and trained and this bill would ensure this.

Keith Hatcher

Elementary School Principal, Kauai

LATE

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 3:01:06 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Keith Tsukamaki | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

I oppose this bill because I believe it should be a personal decision for a mother to decide who will attend her birth and this bill will limit a mothers legal options.

LATE

From: Leah Hatcher CPM

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB1033, RELATING TO THE LICENSURE OF MIDWIVES

Dear Senator Dela Cruz, Keith-Agaran and WAM committee members, and Senator Rhoads, Wakai and JDC committee members:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support, of SB1033. I agree with both State Auditor's Reports No. 99-14 and No.17-01 determination that the midwifery profession should be regulated.

My situation is that I'm currently being investigated for practicing medicine without a license. I have been a midwife for over 21 years! The letter I received from RICO states that: "...you may be practicing medicine by offering prenatal care, newborn care, and perinatal medical care. According to the informant, you do not limit your practice to "comfort of the mother" during labor as a "doula". You also inform patients about status of pregnancy, the health of the baby..." This has been a terrible assault on midwifery, on myself and on the families that I work with. I have asked Rico as well as the HI Medical Board Executive Officer to please tell me what I'm doing that is practicing medicine so that I may differentiate it from practicing midwifery, because I desire to stay in compliance with the law. (I believe that I have been in compliance with the law because practicing midwifery is not illegal.) No one can give me an answer to my question; because the practice of midwifery is not defined in our law. I implore you to please define and regulate the practice of midwifery.

I have a unique perspective on licensure. I learned the art of midwifery the old fashioned way, in an apprenticeship with an elder midwife from 1995-1998. I considered myself a "traditional midwife". Eventually I became licensed in 2007, when it became the law in my former state. I had not been in favor of licensure because I was afraid, like many others, that licensing would over-regulate midwives. On the contrary, it was a great improvement. Some of the benefits I experienced from becoming licensed:

- the ability to contribute to society with my gifts and skills without the risk of being charged with practicing medicine without a license
- the ability to collaborate with other care providers because they recognized my license to practice
- Access to laboratory services, life-saving medications and insurance reimbursement.

- Access to improved educational opportunities, updates from state agencies and the public health department.

The benefits that families experience with licensure are also very important:

- There will be established standards of skill level, education, record keeping and disclosure on the part of any potential licensed midwife they are considering.
- Improved access to care, financial assistance for the costs and a complaint process for unsafe practices in the community.
- Better birth outcomes!

SB1033 uses the International Confederation of Midwives definition of a midwife. This definition is accepted throughout the world and by all U.S. national midwifery certifying bodies and professional organizations. I believe that women in Hawai'i deserve the opportunity to work with a midwife who has demonstrated nationally recognized competencies.

I believe that licensing midwives will increase their integration into the healthcare system, which has been proven to improve birth outcomes, including increased breastfeeding, vaginal deliveries and vaginal birth after cesareans, and decreased interventions and neonatal death. <https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0192523> .

Mahalo nui loa for this opportunity.

With Aloha, Leah Hatcher CPM

Resident of Kauai

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 12:34:48 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

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| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Nikole | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

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SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 12:43:55 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| ChalÃ© Turner | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

As a homebirth mother and future midwife I strongly oppose this bill. It claims to exempt traditional midwives from the law and then states that all midwives must be licensed by 2024. Which is it? This bill fails to recognize the multiple pathways a person may take to become a midwife. And how exactly, will this open career pathways to become a midwife when Hawaii has no midwifery schools and limited preceptors?

What we need is a task force including TRADITIONAL MIDWIVES AND HOMEBIRTH CONSUMERS to look at how to improve pregnancy & birth outcomes. Licensure is not the answer.

LATE

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 1:09:53 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Melissa Danielle Haile | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Melissa Danielle Haile and I stand in opposition of SB1033 SD! I would first like to acknowledge the traditional, indigenous, and invaded territory of the Kanaka Maoli on whose land we are gathered. It is important to acknowledge the land as both a mainlander and as a black woman of color as it relates to this bill which has the potential to erase and even criminalize traditional Hawaiian healing practices and birth traditions as well as the traditional practices of the cultures of the people that live, love, and give birth in Hawai'i.

It is easy to deny black and indigenous people of color their rights if we historicize their struggles and simply pretend they don't exist. This includes the practice of midwifery, a tradition intrinsic to one's cultural identity. As a birthworker and a woman of color, I would like to highlight that bills such as this perpetuates systems of oppression that have dispossessed black and Indigenous people of their lands and denied their rights to self-determination, which includes birth autonomy.

To pass this bill as it is written is disengenuous. It standardizes a medical model of care without regard to an expectant's right to choose their birth attendants. It fails to require cultural competencies of licensed midwives, competencies that includes the history of traditional and indigenous birthing traditions of Hawai'i and other cultures that have made clinical midwifery what it is today, essentially coopting and appropriating midwifery as its own invention. It fails to acknowledge the history of obstetrics and gynecology, which has and continues to include unethical experimentation, procedures, treatment and violence on and of enslaved and other vulnerable women in the name of science and compliance. All of this informs a birthing person's choices in childbirth.

It is misleading in its wording that exempts traditional midwives in one paragraph, and then requires all midwives to be licensed by 2024. It says that unlicensed midwives can only attend "low-risk" births, but can not call themselves midwives in doing so.

This bill, as it is written, will render all out-of-hospital births attended by midwives and other birth attendants illegal. If we say we care about maternal health outcomes, then we must include ALL of choices in childbirth.

This bill was drafted without the input of key stakeholders, including but not limited to midwives who attend homebirths as well as the people who would be impacted by this

bill. These constituents have been intentionally excluded from the organizing around the licensing of midwives.

The DCCA has already determined that it is cost-prohibitive to establish the infrastructure for licensing, to both the agency and to the midwives that would be eligible for this licensure. To pass this bill as it is written from this standpoint alone, is fiscally irresponsible.

I come from a legacy of grand midwives, women who offered a continuity of care to expectants who at one time were not allowed to give birth in hospitals. It is important to highlight that it has been less than 60 years that black and indigenous women of color have been allowed to birth in hospitals.

This legacy gave shape to modern midwifery and obstetrics. To deny access to the full practice and scope of midwifery which includes homebirths dishonors this legacy.

Women have been giving birth long before medicine, long before hospitals.

Given that there are no pathways to midwifery in Hawaii, this bill will severely restrict and limit the profession and its ability to grow and sustain itself. It would open up an influx of professionals from the mainland that are not equipped to address the unique cultural and socioeconomic layers that impact the birthing and lived experience of expectants here in Hawai'i. It will severely limit the income potential of businesses such as mine, which offers ongoing non-medical support to expectants along the full-spectrum of their journey.

Respecting a person's right to choose where and how they give birth, means lawmakers must also do their due diligence with regards to acknowledging traditional and indigenous birthways and birth autonomy as they work to protect these rights and establish a standard of midwifery care.

I ask that instead of this bill, that you seek instead to form an inclusive taskforce of all interested parties to help move forward the work in creating a comprehensive, culturally competent, progressive, and safe birthing outcomes for all residents and the practitioners who serve them.

Thank you for your time and attention on this matter.

LATE

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 11:41:58 AM
Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| micah | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

Aloha Senators and Representatives

I oppose the passage of this bill SB1033 SD1 and HP490 SD1 because both “Traditional Midwifery “ and “Native Hawaiian Healers” descriptions need to be defined accurately in these bills. These exemptions are pertinent to the perpetuation of cultural practices. Traditional midwifery and Native Hawaiian Healers use sacred practices when helping mothers to birth their babies, as I have have experienced with the birth of my two daughters with my Traditional Midwife. Traditional Midwifery and Native Hawaiian Healers should forever be exempt from being required to have a license to practice Midwifery.

LATE

SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 2:23:59 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Chasity Cadaoas | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

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**Dear Senate Judiciary
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Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

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|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| My name is | Shannon Rudolph |
| I reside at | Holualoa, Hawai'i Island |
| Email | shannonkona@gmail.com |
| I am | registered to vote in Hawai'i. |

Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-We desperately need a Working Group where Native Hawaiians, traditional midwives, homebirth consumers, and representatives from all islands are voting members of the working group. Those giving and receiving the services deserve to have a say in laws that affect them directly. There have been previous attempts to convene a working group- but none of those working groups have included these voices.

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Additional Comments: Parents should decide. Period.

Correct answers: 2 out of 1 (200%)



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Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
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Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

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|---|---|
| My name is | Robin Rose MD |
| I reside at | Molokai mana'e |
| Email | docbinah@gmail.com |
| I am | registered to vote in Hawai'i. |
| Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-We desperately need a Working Group where Native Hawaiians, traditional midwives, homebirth consumers, and representatives from all islands are voting members of the working group. Those giving and receiving the services deserve to have a say in laws that affect them directly. There have been previous attempts to convene a working group- but none of those working groups have included these voices. | yes |
| Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-All versions of these bills so far would make many of Hawaii's best & longest practicing midwives illegal. | yes |
| Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-Any bill that makes certain midwives illegal infringes on a woman's right to choose who can be legally present at her birth. | yes |
| Additional Comments: | I am a retired MD living in Molokai - the women on my island have limited services yet need local midwives to be available at all times. A midwife birthing center would be useful as well. |

Correct answers: 2 out of 1 (200%)



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| daniela | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

Aloha honorable committee members,

Thank you for taking the time to understand the multifaceted and complex nature of midwifery, childbearing, traditions, and body autonomy. I am testifying in STRONG OPPOSITION of SB1033 as it stands.

I write to you as a homebirth student midwife who was once in favor of a bill very similar to this introduced in Hawai'i in 2017. I've since understood that even though it might be nice for midwives to have lab rights, and licensure- midwifery is about so much more than that. There are various types of midwives, and there are various types of birthing individuals who have the right to choose which type of midwife aligns with their beliefs about their birth and their health.

Historically we have seen how colonialism has gone around the world oppressing, banning, and criminalizing the worshipping of any god other than the colonizers, speaking a language other than the colonizers, or as most relevant to the problems within this bill, using traditional healing practices that differ than those imposed and approved by the colonizer. We now know how detrimental, and inappropriate it was to criminalize traditional and indigenous ways of living. Passing this bill perpetuates this colonialist mindset.

The boards that certify Certified Professional Midwives (CPM's) began as entities that celebrated and embraced various types of midwives. Throughout the years they have increasingly narrowed their scope of practice to that which aligns with allopathic medicine. By choosing to only recognize CPM's and CNM's within Hawai'i as legal Midwives is to act in the same ways colonialism has repeatedly- oppressing traditional and indigenous people around the world and claiming their way to be the only way to be. Passing this bill is to say only our colonialist approved medicine is appropriate and valid- anything else is illegal and of no value. Your traditional ways are no longer legal- you must abide by our colonial medicine.

Can we please break the outdated chain of perpetuating this colonialist mindset? Can the oppression and disintegrations of traditional midwifery stop being perpetuated by the

government? Can Hawai'i be a leader and pave the way for truly integrative midwifery regulation that respects and protects traditional midwifery ?

At the last hearing for this bills companion bill (HB490) Representative Scot Matayoshi stated he was present at the previous years hearing for a similar bill which was killed with the directions that a task force be created and meaningful dialogue held amongst stakeholders throughout the off season. The representative expressed he was disappointed that this had not happened. I appreciate him being able to recognize that this bill is still not the answer that the community agrees upon.

I'm also disappointed that a task force was not created with actual stakeholders such as traditional midwives from every island, and homebirth consumers as voting member of the task force as this is who would be predominantly affected by this bill. I would support an amendment to this bill which called upon such an integrative task force.

I would also like to point out that there have been many similar attempts throughout the years to regulate midwives and those bills have been killed. This bill is just as problematic. It limits legal options for birthing individuals to choose their midwives, and shows no recognition of the value in various types of midwifery knowledge.

Let us build bridges of communication amongst various practitioners and less division. We don't all have to be the same to communicate and support birth. Please, lets protect and nourish the diversity we are honored to still have alive in Hawai'i. Such diversity is being threatened throughout the nation. Let us not follow that mistake.

Please help Hawai'i pave the road for midwifery integration that is respectful of diversity and OPPOSE SB1033.

Mahalo nui loa,

Daniela Martinez

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SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 7:54:02 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

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|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Richard Chong | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I fully support this bill in its entirety as a father of two home birthed children through certified, licensed midwives (though not through this state).

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SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 8:34:47 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Richelle Paoli | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this testimony in strong opposition of HB 490 and SD 1033 SDI. I am opposing on the grounds that such legislature would infringe upon the rights of women in Hawaii to receive prenatal care and give birth with a provider of their choosing. It also continues to attempt to strip away the practices of indigenous and cultural practitioners in favor of the medical model of care, which not all of us wish to involve in our pregnancies and births.

I am a Registered Nurse holding active licensure both here in Hawaii as well as in the state of California. Most of my nursing background is in Emergency medicine, but I worked as a Nurse at a birth center for a short time. I have four children, and have given birth with a CNM in the hospital, a CNM in a birth center, and two different CPMs at home. My last home birth was here in Hawaii. Having experienced the most medicalized model of midwifery care with the birth of my first child and then during nursing school, I have gravitated further and further away from this model of care for myself and now feel much more aligned with traditional practices. I have done years of study and research into pregnancy and birth from many varying perspectives, and have begun to apprentice as a traditional midwife. Looking at the statistics and outcomes for medicalized birth vs. low intervention birth for low-risk mothers in this country and around the world, it is clear to me that low-risk birth is not a disease and therefore medical intervention can only complicate and interfere with a normal and natural life process. I have come to find myself most trusting and comfortable with prenatal and birth practices which rely on traditional teachings and restrict intervention and technology to an as-needed basis: when/if complications should arise ONLY. At this point in my life, should I become pregnant, I would ONLY wish to seek the care of a midwife whose philosophy aligns with this.

The wisdom and knowledge of birth workers may be obtained from many different sources. To assert that those trained within the system of formal education and medicalized birth care have superior knowledge to those who have been trained in ancient ways passed down between generations of women since the beginning of time (and all the various methods of midwifery education in between) is to attempt to

intervene in a most sacred and intimate practice. To place further regulations and restrictions on how birth workers practice and women's freedom to chose her provider is yet another effort to strip away the rights and freedoms of traditional practitioners, indigenous peoples, and all women. A woman should be free to chose to give birth with a provider whom she feels most comfortable, safe, and aligned with. This will look very different for all women, and should be honored and respected, not regulated and restricted. Education should be the main goal of safe birth practice and should not be limited to one view point. I hope these freedoms will not be further infringed upon.

Thank You for your Review of my Testimony,

Richelle Paoli

richellevanessa@yahoo.com

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SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 8:37:25 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2019 10:00:00 AM

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|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Jennifer Chin | Individual | Comments | No |

Comments:

My name is Jennifer Chin, and I am a current third year Ob/Gyn resident physician with the University of Hawaii. I support the licensure of midwives because it ensures patient safety and increases patient autonomy.

I joined this profession because I believe that women make up the backbone of our society. It is thus imperative that women's health be at the center of this bill. Women have a right to safe, healthy pregnancies where qualified skilled providers are in charge of their care. Women also have the right to know the credentials of the providers they choose for this extremely important and sometimes dangerous time of their lives.

I am still in the middle of my training and know how tirelessly the physicians around me work to ensure that every single patient is taken care of to the highest standard of care. We spend 12 years of our life training for our profession, countless nights studying the intricacies of the human body, and many, many hours perfecting our ability to care for all women. We also make personal sacrifices to obtain the best education possible for our profession. I know that licensed midwives feel the same way and we are all working toward a common goal.

We understand that not every woman wants the exact same birth experience. It is a moment that she will remember forever and of course she wants to have the best birth experience possible. All of us physicians are required to publicly report our credentials and are held to a very high standard of practice. Similarly, the International Confederation of Midwives has set forth standards and criteria that need to be met by midwives who want to become licensed. I support this process because it leads to transparency and standardization for women seeking care from midwives.

I support licensing midwives because it empowers women to have safe, healthy pregnancies and make informed decisions about their providers.

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| Sharon Offley | Individual | Comments | No |

Comments:

I have a Master of Science degree in Nurse Midwifery, and an active private practice on Kauai, where I practice the art and science of midwifery daily. I welcome and support licensure for CPM's and certified midwives. However, the bill, as currently written, would prevent me from referring to myself as a "midwife" practicing "midwifery". This is of grave concern to me and if this language is corrected I could once again support this bill.

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SB-1033-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 11:36:01 PM

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| Caterina Desiato | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

Aloha,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

I believe this bill does not substantially address the shortcomings of the previous versions: it would still leave a large section of current competent practitioners with a great history of successful assisted birth unable to be recognized and to practice legally. This way women will be drastically limited in their ability to choose a practitioner they feel most at ease, safe and comfortable with--which in turns significantly increases the risks of complications for mothers and babies during birth.

For these reasons, I urge you to OPPOSE SB1033.

Thank you,
Caterina Desiato
Lecturer, Women's Studies
University of Hawai'i at MÄ• noa

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| Sara Kahele | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

I STRONGLY oppose this bill! Unfortunately, for me (and I'm sure many others), a license is NOT what makes me trust a midwife or who I decide to have at MY birth. Women are not looking for licensure. They are looking for other women they can trust because of their experience with HOMEBIRTHS. Just because a homebirth doesn't look like a hospital birth, doesn't make it dangerous or unsafe. I'm not sure you fully realize WHY awoken choose homebirths. It's to get away from medicalizing a normal, natural, life event. We will birth where and with who we feel most safe and secure.

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| David Kahele | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

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| Kyle Kahele | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

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| Kyra Kahele | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

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| Summer Yadao | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

Aloha Committee Members,

I am writing in OPPOSITION of SB1033 SD1 as it is written, as it does not have the public or the consensus of out of hospital birth workers, whom this bill seeks to regulate.

The State should not regulate what it is not completely clear on regarding evidence based practices or what is truly needed for the safety and protection of birthing families in Hawai'i.

Hawai'i does not need regulation of midwives, Hawai'i needs to be the leader in being an example to the world, to show collaborative care can change the statistics of birth.

Currently only about 2% of births occur at home and the 98% majority in hospitals. The numbers and statistics of maternal and infant mortality rates is one of the highest among developing countries.

Clearly why women are choosing out of hospital births is to get out of the system that is flawed, and into the care and hands of birth professionals who truly care and understand what it means to have an emotionally, spiritually, physically healthy birth for themselves and their babies.

Please don't let Hawai'i become a failure to mothers and baboes by trying to regulate midwifery but make the birthing professionals from hospitals and out of hospital, learn from each other, collaborate for care of birthing families.

Collaborative care is what has proven to be statistically the way numbers of unnecessary cesareans have gone down, unnecessary inductions, and harm to mother and/or baby has occurred.

I urge you to vote NO on SB1033 SD1 and any of its versions and to call for much needed discussion and collaboration with the public and birthing professionals.

Mahalo,

Summer Yadao

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| Rocio Bueno | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair and members of the committee,

I oppose SB1033 SD1. While this revision of the bill makes a better attempt at not interfering with a consumer's choice of birth attendant, it is still putting higher importance on the Western medical model of care. Many in the home birthing community prefer a provider who does not implement such practices.

Body autonomy is easier to infringe upon when there are laws that attempt to regulate all birth attendants. At present, midwives are able to attend many types of births that the majority of OBGYNs recommend cesarean sections for. Such births include breech presentation, multiples, age of mother, a labor that is longer than x amount of time, and vaginal birth after cesarean. I am concerned that a bill that regulates all midwives will, in the future, prevent midwives from attending births where OBGYN's have traditionally performed cesarean sections for because in OBGYN community they are considered high risk.

Before any bill is passed to regulate midwives, and the type of credentials and education required to practice lawfully, a task force should be assembled. The task force should include a representative of everyone affected by such a bill. If a bill is deemed necessary, after the task force begins working, then every member can make sure that all angles protecting the rights of home birthing consumers are taken into account.

Thank you very much for your time, thank you for your consideration. Please vote no on SB1033 SD1.

Sincerely,

Rocio Bueno

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SB-1033-SD-1

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| Randon Guerpo | Individual | Support | No |

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| Celeste Chavez | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

We thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on behalf of SB 1033 SD1 – A Bill for an Act Relating to the Licensure of Midwives.

The Hawai'i Affiliate of the American College Nurse-Midwives (HAA) previously submitted written and oral testimony for SB 1033 in support of licensure of certified professional midwives (CPMs) and certified midwives (CMs). The HAA continues to be in support of establishing a regulatory process for CPMs and CMs to attain licensure, however we have **strong reservations** regarding SB 1033 SD1.

The executive board of the Hawaii Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives requests amendments to SB1033 S.D. 1 as follows:

Problem: inappropriate title protection

As the amended bill SB 1033 S.D. 1 is written, only Certified Professional Midwives will have title protection. Certified Nurse-Midwives and Certified Midwives will be prohibited from referring to themselves as midwives or practicing midwifery. Certified Nurse-Midwives and Certified Midwives should be exempt from title protection in this amended bill.

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JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Committee Members:
Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Chair Dela Cruz** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Committee Members: yes
English, Harimoto, Inouye,
Kanuha, Kidani, Inouye,
Shimabukuro, and
Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| My name is | Jessica Flaherty |
| I reside at | Maui |
| Email | trustinuniverse@gmail.com |
| I am | registered to vote in Hawai'i. |

Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-We desperately need a Working Group where Native Hawaiians, traditional midwives, homebirth consumers, and representatives from all islands are voting members of the working group. Those giving and receiving the services deserve to have a say in laws that affect them directly. There have been previous attempts to convene a working group- but none of those working groups have included these voices.

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Additional Comments: Please consider

Correct answers: 2 out of 1 (200%)

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Date: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 6:43:17 AM



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Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
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Members of the Senate:-
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Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

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Members of the Senate:-
WAM Chair Dela Cruz** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
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Members of the Senate:-
WAM Committee Members: yes
English, Harimoto, Inouye,
Kanuha, Kidani, Inouye,
Shimabukuro, and
Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| My name is | Cynthia Fehring |
| I reside at | Kauai |
| Email | cyndeefehring@gmail.com |
| I am | registered to vote in Hawai'i. |

Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-We desperately need a Working Group where Native Hawaiians, traditional midwives, homebirth consumers, and representatives from all islands are voting members of the working group. Those giving and receiving the services deserve to have a say in laws that affect them directly. There have been previous attempts to convene a working group-but none of those working groups have included these voices.

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Correct answers: 2 out of 1 (200%)

LATE

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**Dear Senate Judiciary
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(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

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Members of the Senate:-
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Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
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(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Chair Dela Cruz** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
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(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Committee Members: yes
English, Harimoto, Inouye,
Kanuha, Kidani, Inouye,
Shimabukuro, and
Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| My name is | Blanca Davis |
| I reside at | 5740 pale rock terrace apt A |
| Email | bedoster@hotmail.com |
| I am | registered to vote in another State. |

Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-We desperately need a Working Group where Native Hawaiians, traditional midwives, homebirth consumers, and representatives from all islands are voting members of the working group. Those giving and receiving the services deserve to have a say in laws that affect them directly. There have been previous attempts to convene a working group-but none of those working groups have included these voices.

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**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Committee Members:
Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Chair Dela Cruz** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
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(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Committee Members: yes
English, Harimoto, Inouye,
Kanuha, Kidani, Inouye,
Shimabukuro, and
Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

| | |
|---|--------------------------------|
| My name is | Ginger Royal |
| I reside at | Oahu |
| Email | ginroyal1@aol.com |
| I am | registered to vote in Hawai'i. |
| <p>Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-We desperately need a Working Group where Native Hawaiians, traditional midwives, homebirth consumers, and representatives from all islands are voting members of the working group. Those giving and receiving the services deserve to have a say in laws that affect them directly. There have been previous attempts to convene a working group-but none of those working groups have included these voices.</p> | |
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Correct answers: 2 out of 1 (200%)

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Date: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 4:50:55 AM



**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

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(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Committee Members:
Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Chair Dela Cruz** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Committee Members: yes
English, Harimoto, Inouye,
Kanuha, Kidani, Inouye,
Shimabukuro, and
Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| My name is | Tyiana Small |
| I reside at | Rochester, NY |
| Email | loveoneday23@gmail.com |
| I am | registered to vote in another State. |

Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-We desperately need a Working Group where Native Hawaiians, traditional midwives, homebirth consumers, and representatives from all islands are voting members of the working group. Those giving and receiving the services deserve to have a say in laws that affect them directly. There have been previous attempts to convene a working group-but none of those working groups have included these voices.

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Subject: Stop Senate Bill 1033 SD1
Date: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 4:46:22 AM

**Dear Senate Judiciary
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(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Committee Members:
Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Chair Dela Cruz** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Committee Members: yes
English, Harimoto, Inouye,
Kanuha, Kidani, Inouye,
Shimabukuro, and
Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

| | |
|---|---|
| My name is | john carty |
| I reside at | lahaina maui |
| Email | johncartyphoto@gmail.com |
| I am | registered to vote in Hawai'i. |
| Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-Any bill that makes certain midwives illegal infringes on a woman's right to choose who can be legally present at her birth. | yes |
| Additional Comments: | no on sb1033 sd1. we deserve to have the choice of midwifery. |

Correct answers: 2 out of 1 (200%)

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Stop Senate Bill 1033 SD1
Date: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 4:09:38 AM



**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Committee Members:
Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Chair Dela Cruz** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Committee Members: yes
English, Harimoto, Inouye,
Kanuha, Kidani, Inouye,
Shimabukuro, and
Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

| | |
|---|--------------------------------|
| My name is | Jennifer Campbell |
| I reside at | Aiea, Oahu, Hi |
| Email | jenny96701@yahoo.com |
| I am | registered to vote in Hawai'i. |
| Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-Any bill that makes certain midwives illegal infringes on a woman's right to choose who can be legally present at her birth. | yes |

Correct answers: 2 out of 1 (200%)

From: [123ContactForm](#)
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Subject: Stop Senate Bill 1033 SD1
Date: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 3:21:15 AM



**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Committee Members:
Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Chair Dela Cruz** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Committee Members: yes
English, Harimoto, Inouye,
Kanuha, Kidani, Inouye,
Shimabukuro, and
Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| My name is | Winnie Hinson |
| I reside at | 1235 Dalhart Richardson Texas |
| Email | winhin9@yahoo.com |
| I am | registered to vote in another State. |

Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-We desperately need a Working Group where Native Hawaiians, traditional midwives, homebirth consumers, and representatives from all islands are voting members of the working group. Those giving and receiving the services deserve to have a say in laws that affect them directly. There have been previous attempts to convene a working group-but none of those working groups have included these voices.

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Additional Comments:

I have had two home births here in Texas and believe it is by far the safest option for most women. Please listen to input from the midwives themselves...

Correct answers: 2 out of 1 (200%)

LATE

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Stop Senate Bill 1033 SD1
Date: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 1:07:26 AM

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(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
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(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
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Members of the Senate:-
JUD Committee Members:
Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

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(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Chair Dela Cruz** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Committee Members: yes
English, Harimoto, Inouye,
Kanuha, Kidani, Inouye,
Shimabukuro, and
Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| My name is | Kameleonalani Cleveland |
| I reside at | Haiku, Maui |
| Email | zenmaster808@yahoo.com |
| I am | registered to vote in Hawai'i. |

Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-We desperately need a Working Group where Native Hawaiians, traditional midwives, homebirth consumers, and representatives from all islands are voting members of the working group. Those giving and receiving the services deserve to have a say in laws that affect them directly. There have been previous attempts to convene a working group- but none of those working groups have included these voices.

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From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Stop Senate Bill 1033 SD1
Date: Monday, February 25, 2019 11:54:58 PM

Dear Senate Judiciary (JUD), Ways & Means (WAM) Committees, and Members of the Senate:- JUD Chair Rhoads yes

Dear Senate Judiciary (JUD), Ways & Means (WAM) Committees, and Members of the Senate:- JUD Vice Chair Wakai yes

Dear Senate Judiciary (JUD), Ways & Means (WAM) Committees, and Members of the Senate:- JUD Committee Members: Gabbard, Kim and Fevella yes

Dear Senate Judiciary (JUD), Ways & Means (WAM) Committees, and Members of the Senate:- WAM Chair Dela Cruz yes

Dear Senate Judiciary (JUD), Ways & Means (WAM) Committees, and Members of the Senate:- WAM Vice Chair Keith Aragan yes

Dear Senate Judiciary (JUD), Ways & Means (WAM) Committees, and Members of the Senate:- WAM Committee Members: English, Harimoto, Inouye, Kanuha, Kidani, Inouye, Shimabukuro, and Taniguchi yes

Dear Senate Judiciary (JUD), Ways & Means (WAM) Committees, and Members of the Senate:- Members of the Senate yes

| | |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| My name is | Katherine Cuzma |
| I reside at | Haleiwa, HI |
| Email | katcuzma@gmail.com |
| I am | registered to vote in another State. |
| Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-Any bill that makes certain midwives illegal infringes on a woman's right to choose who can be legally present at her birth. | yes |

Correct answers: 2 out of 1 (200%)



From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Stop Senate Bill 1033 SD1
Date: Monday, February 25, 2019 11:37:45 PM

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Committee Members:
Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Chair Dela Cruz** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Committee Members: yes
English, Harimoto, Inouye,
Kanuha, Kidani, Inouye,
Shimabukuro, and
Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| My name is | Katherine Lidell |
| I reside at | Kahuku, O`ahu |
| Email | klidellbrunet@outlook.com |
| I am | registered to vote in Hawai'i. |

Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-We desperately need a Working Group where Native Hawaiians, traditional midwives, homebirth consumers, and representatives from all islands are voting members of the working group. Those giving and receiving the services deserve to have a say in laws that affect them directly. There have been previous attempts to convene a working group- but none of those working groups have included these voices.

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To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Stop Senate Bill 1033 SD1
Date: Monday, February 25, 2019 10:43:17 PM



**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Committee Members:
Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Chair Dela Cruz** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Committee Members: yes
English, Harimoto, Inouye,
Kanuha, Kidani, Inouye,
Shimabukuro, and
Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| My name is | Sarah Fui |
| I reside at | Hilo, Hawaii |
| Email | sarahokura@gmail.com |
| I am | registered to vote in Hawai'i. |

Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-We desperately need a Working Group where Native Hawaiians, traditional midwives, homebirth consumers, and representatives from all islands are voting members of the working group. Those giving and receiving the services deserve to have a say in laws that affect them directly. There have been previous attempts to convene a working group- but none of those working groups have included these voices.

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Correct answers: 2 out of 1 (200%)



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Subject: Stop Senate Bill 1033 SD1
Date: Monday, February 25, 2019 9:43:43 PM

**Dear Senate Judiciary
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(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
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(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Committee Members:
Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Chair Dela Cruz** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

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(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Committee Members: yes
English, Harimoto, Inouye,
Kanuha, Kidani, Inouye,
Shimabukuro, and
Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| My name is | Amy ROUSE |
| I reside at | Formerly Oahu, HI |
| Email | amyrouse5@gmail.com |
| I am | registered to vote in another State. |

Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-We desperately need a Working Group where Native Hawaiians, traditional midwives, homebirth consumers, and representatives from all islands are voting members of the working group. Those giving and receiving the services deserve to have a say in laws that affect them directly. There have been previous attempts to convene a working group-but none of those working groups have included these voices.

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Additional Comments:

I gave birth to my daughter in Waipahu in the care of two wonderful midwives. I chose this in desperation after an horrific experience at Tripler. The experience was so wonderful that I ended up working with midwives and became a natural childbirth educator and doula. Healthy birth outcomes are far more prevalent with midwife-assisted low risk births and should NEVER be prevented because of the greed of the medical establishment. Shame on anyone who would limit a parent's right to choose or decline ANY option for their precious babies.

Correct answers: 2 out of 1 (200%)

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**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Committee Members:
Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
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Members of the Senate:-
WAM Chair Dela Cruz** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
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(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Committee Members: yes
English, Harimoto, Inouye,
Kanuha, Kidani, Inouye,
Shimabukuro, and
Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| My name is | Lisa Nakamura |
| I reside at | Niu Valley |
| Email | hawaii727@yahoo.com |
| I am | registered to vote in Hawai'i. |

Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-We desperately need a Working Group where Native Hawaiians, traditional midwives, homebirth consumers, and representatives from all islands are voting members of the working group. Those giving and receiving the services deserve to have a say in laws that affect them directly. There have been previous attempts to convene a working group- but none of those working groups have included these voices.

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Additional Comments:

As an engineer with a Master's Degree, I did a lot of research on the safety of birthing before having my two sons. As a healthy woman, the likelihood of complications during birth was significantly higher in the hospital vs. at home. Purely due to my age, had I birthed in the hospital, I would have been considered "high risk" and probably would have been encouraged to have all sorts of interventions. As an educated woman, who did lots of research, I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to make my own choices. Had something happened, I would have taken full responsibility for my choices, understanding the potential risks. Sadly, in an effort to "protect" the masses, government is taking away our CHOICES. Instead of empowering people, by encouraging them to THINK and take RESPONSIBILITY for their choices, the government and society continue to reinforce BLAME. In the workplace, we see this lack of accountability more and more. Please vote no as the Bill is currently written.
Mahalo, Lisa Nakamura

Correct answers: 2 out of 1 (200%)



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(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
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Members of the Senate:-
JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Committee Members:
Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

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(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Chair Dela Cruz** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
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(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Committee Members: yes
English, Harimoto, Inouye,
Kanuha, Kidani, Inouye,
Shimabukuro, and
Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

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|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| My name is | Tres Chere De kid Santos |
| I reside at | Pearl City, HI |
| Email | trescheredelossantos919@gmail.com |
| I am | registered to vote in Hawai'i. |

Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-We desperately need a Working Group where Native Hawaiians, traditional midwives, homebirth consumers, and representatives from all islands are voting members of the working group. Those giving and receiving the services deserve to have a say in laws that affect them directly. There have been previous attempts to convene a working group- but none of those working groups have included these voices.

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Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
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(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

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Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

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Members of the Senate:-
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**Dear Senate Judiciary
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Members of the Senate:-
WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

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Shimabukuro, and
Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| My name is | CURT RHONEY |
| I reside at | Oahu |
| Email | Krhoney@aol.com |
| I am | registered to vote in Hawai'i. |

Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-We desperately need a Working Group where Native Hawaiians, traditional midwives, homebirth consumers, and representatives from all islands are voting members of the working group. Those giving and receiving the services deserve to have a say in laws that affect them directly. There have been previous attempts to convene a working group-but none of those working groups have included these voices.

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**Dear Senate Judiciary
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(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

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(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Committee Members:
Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

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Members of the Senate:-
WAM Chair Dela Cruz** yes

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(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
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(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Committee Members: yes
English, Harimoto, Inouye,
Kanuha, Kidani, Inouye,
Shimabukuro, and
Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

My name is Daniela Andrade

I reside at Haleiwa

I am registered to vote in Hawai'i.

Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-We desperately need a Working Group where Native Hawaiians, traditional midwives, homebirth consumers, and representatives from all islands are voting members of the working group. Those giving and receiving the services deserve to have a say in laws that affect them directly. There have been previous attempts to convene a working group- but none of those working groups have included these voices. yes

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**Dear Senate Judiciary
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(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Committee Members:
Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

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Members of the Senate:-
WAM Chair Dela Cruz** yes

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(JUD), Ways & Means
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Members of the Senate:-
WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

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(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Committee Members: yes
English, Harimoto, Inouye,
Kanuha, Kidani, Inouye,
Shimabukuro, and
Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| My name is | Erin Macklin |
| I reside at | Honolulu |
| Email | ladyeagle7@hotmail.com |
| I am | registered to vote in Hawai'i. |

Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-We desperately need a Working Group where Native Hawaiians, traditional midwives, homebirth consumers, and representatives from all islands are voting members of the working group. Those giving and receiving the services deserve to have a say in laws that affect them directly. There have been previous attempts to convene a working group- but none of those working groups have included these voices.

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LATE

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(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Committee Members:
Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Chair Dela Cruz** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Committee Members: yes
English, Harimoto, Inouye,
Kanuha, Kidani, Inouye,
Shimabukuro, and
Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| My name is | David Barbour |
| I reside at | Oahu |
| Email | davidpbarbour@yahoo.com |
| I am | registered to vote in Hawai'i. |

Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-We desperately need a Working Group where Native Hawaiians, traditional midwives, homebirth consumers, and representatives from all islands are voting members of the working group. Those giving and receiving the services deserve to have a say in laws that affect them directly. There have been previous attempts to convene a working group-but none of those working groups have included these voices.

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Additional Comments: Homebirth and other natural forms should always be protected

Correct answers: 2 out of 1 (200%)

LATE

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**Dear Senate Judiciary
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Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Committee Members:
Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Chair Dela Cruz** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
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(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Committee Members: yes
English, Harimoto, Inouye,
Kanuha, Kidani, Inouye,
Shimabukuro, and
Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| My name is | Cynthia Pierson |
| I reside at | Pahoa |
| Email | cynthiarpierson@gmail.com |
| I am | registered to vote in Hawai'i. |

Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-We desperately need a Working Group where Native Hawaiians, traditional midwives, homebirth consumers, and representatives from all islands are voting members of the working group. Those giving and receiving the services deserve to have a say in laws that affect them directly. There have been previous attempts to convene a working group- but none of those working groups have included these voices. yes

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(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
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Members of the Senate:-
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Members of the Senate:-
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Members of the Senate:-
WAM Chair Dela Cruz** yes

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(WAM) Committees, and
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WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

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Members of the Senate:-
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Shimabukuro, and
Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

My name is Briana Pierce
I reside at Oahu
I am registered to vote in Hawai'i.

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Subject: Stop Senate Bill 1033 SD1
Date: Monday, February 25, 2019 5:46:07 PM



**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Committee Members:
Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Chair Dela Cruz** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Committee Members: yes
English, Harimoto, Inouye,
Kanuha, Kidani, Inouye,
Shimabukuro, and
Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| My name is | Carolyn Kanoho |
| I reside at | Oahu |
| Email | ckanoho@gmail.com |
| I am | registered to vote in Hawai'i. |

Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-We desperately need a Working Group where Native Hawaiians, traditional midwives, homebirth consumers, and representatives from all islands are voting members of the working group. Those giving and receiving the services deserve to have a say in laws that affect them directly. There have been previous attempts to convene a working group- but none of those working groups have included these voices.

Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-All versions of these bills so far would make many of Hawaii's best & longest practicing midwives illegal.

Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-Any bill that makes certain midwives illegal infringes on a woman's right to choose who can be legally present at her birth.

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"the Department has serious
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written, because the
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working group where ALL
voices of the people it will
affect are adequately
represented.**

Correct answers: 2 out of 1 (200%)



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To: [JDCTestimony](#)
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**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Committee Members:
Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Chair Dela Cruz** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Committee Members: yes
English, Harimoto, Inouye,
Kanuha, Kidani, Inouye,
Shimabukuro, and
Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

| | |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| My name is | Jill Norton |
| I reside at | Alvin tx |
| Email | covenanteternal@yahoo.com |
| I am | registered to vote in another State. |
| Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-All versions of these bills so far would make many of Hawaii's best & longest practicing midwives illegal. | |

Correct answers: 2 out of 1 (200%)

LATE

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Stop Senate Bill 1033 SD1
Date: Monday, February 25, 2019 5:39:15 PM

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Committee Members:
Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Chair Dela Cruz** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Committee Members: yes
English, Harimoto, Inouye,
Kanuha, Kidani, Inouye,
Shimabukuro, and
Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

| | |
|---|--------------------------------|
| My name is | Mary Oyama |
| I reside at | Ewa Beach, Oahu HI |
| Email | maunalii.08@gmail.com |
| I am | registered to vote in Hawai'i. |
| Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-Any bill that makes certain midwives illegal infringes on a woman's right to choose who can be legally present at her birth. | yes |

Correct answers: 2 out of 1 (200%)

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To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Stop Senate Bill 1033 SD1
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**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Committee Members:
Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Chair Dela Cruz** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Committee Members: yes
English, Harimoto, Inouye,
Kanuha, Kidani, Inouye,
Shimabukuro, and
Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| My name is | Tiffany Bennett |
| I reside at | Ewa Beach, Oahu |
| Email | jbennett5283@gmail.com |
| I am | registered to vote in Hawai'i. |

Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-We desperately need a Working Group where Native Hawaiians, traditional midwives, homebirth consumers, and representatives from all islands are voting members of the working group. Those giving and receiving the services deserve to have a say in laws that affect them directly. There have been previous attempts to convene a working group-but none of those working groups have included these voices.

Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-All versions of these bills so far would make many of Hawaii's best & longest practicing midwives illegal.

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Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-There are many parts of the bills that are unclear. Too many to list in this email, but consider this direct quote

from the DCCA's testimony:yes
"the Department has serious concerns with this bill as written, because the language is so complex and confusing and does not provide a clear pathway of licensure"

Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-It really would be a disservice to the homebirth community to pass legislation like this without fully understanding how it will impact people on all islands. It is clear that we need a more comprehensive ^{yes} solution that includes ALL voices. Please vote NO or WR on SB1033 SD1 unless it is turned into an official working group where ALL voices of the people it will affect are adequately represented.

Additional Comments: Thank you for your consideration of these matters.

Correct answers: 2 out of 1 (200%)

LATE

From: [123ContactForm](#)
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Subject: Stop Senate Bill 1033 SD1
Date: Monday, February 25, 2019 5:14:06 PM

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Committee Members:
Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Chair Dela Cruz** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Committee Members: yes
English, Harimoto, Inouye,
Kanuha, Kidani, Inouye,
Shimabukuro, and
Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| My name is | Candice Roberts |
| I reside at | Ewa Beach, HI |
| Email | kandee051@yahoo.com |
| I am | registered to vote in Hawai'i. |

Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-We desperately need a Working Group where Native Hawaiians, traditional midwives, homebirth consumers, and representatives from all islands are voting members of the working group. Those giving and receiving the services deserve to have a say in laws that affect them directly. There have been previous attempts to convene a working group- but none of those working groups have included these voices.

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Correct answers: 2 out of 1 (200%)

From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Stop Senate Bill 1033 SD1
Date: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 8:21:36 AM



**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Committee Members:
Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Chair Dela Cruz** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Committee Members: yes
English, Harimoto, Inouye,
Kanuha, Kidani, Inouye,
Shimabukuro, and
Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| My name is | Elizabeth Kalahiki |
| I reside at | Waianae, Hawaii |
| Email | elizabethhopethomas@gmail.com |
| I am | registered to vote in Hawai'i. |

Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-We desperately need a Working Group where Native Hawaiians, traditional midwives, homebirth consumers, and representatives from all islands are voting members of the working group. Those giving and receiving the services deserve to have a say in laws that affect them directly. There have been previous attempts to convene a working group-but none of those working groups have included these voices.

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Correct answers: 2 out of 1 (200%)



From: [123ContactForm](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Stop Senate Bill 1033 SD1
Date: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 8:19:42 AM

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Chair Rhoads** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Vice Chair Wakai** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
JUD Committee Members:
Gabbard, Kim and Fevella** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Chair Dela Cruz** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Vice Chair Keith
Aragan** yes

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
WAM Committee Members: yes
English, Harimoto, Inouye,
Kanuha, Kidani, Inouye,
Shimabukuro, and
Taniguchi**

**Dear Senate Judiciary
(JUD), Ways & Means
(WAM) Committees, and
Members of the Senate:-
Members of the Senate** yes

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| My name is | Abby Asuncion |
| I reside at | Lahaina, Maui ,HI |
| Email | abbymaui@gmail.com |
| I am | registered to vote in Hawai'i. |

Here are my comments and concerns regarding Senate Bill 1033 SD1:-We desperately need a Working Group where Native Hawaiians, traditional midwives, homebirth consumers, and representatives from all islands are voting members of the working group. Those giving and receiving the services deserve to have a say in laws that affect them directly. There have been previous attempts to convene a working group- but none of those working groups have included these voices.

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Additional Comments: We need midwives in Hawaii !!!!!

Correct answers: 2 out of 1 (200%)