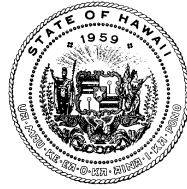


SB 1043

Measure Title:	RELATING TO HEALTH CARE.
Report Title:	Health Insurance; Required Benefits; Covered Benefits; Reproductive Health Care
Description:	Requires health insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for a comprehensive category of reproductive health services, drugs, devices, products, and procedures. Prohibits discrimination in the provision of reproductive health care services.
Companion:	HB1087
Package:	None
Current Referral:	CPH, JDC
Introducer(s):	L. THIELEN, K. RHOADS



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
P. O. Box 3378
Honolulu, HI 96801-3378
doh.testimony@doh.hawaii.gov

Testimony COMMENTING on S.B. 1043
RELATING TO HEALTH CARE

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
Hearing Date: February 12, 2019 Room Number: 229

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None to the Department of Health.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health respectfully offers comments and
3 amendments on S.B. 1043 to ensure comprehensive coverage for the full spectrum of sexual and
4 reproductive health care services, including family planning, abortion, and postpartum care, for
5 all of Hawaii's people. Access to sexual and reproductive health care benefits and protections
6 lead to positive health outcomes for women, men, and their families which reduces social and
7 health disparities in the community.

8 Family planning services, as identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
9 and The Office of Population Affairs, assists in addressing public health challenges by providing
10 education, counseling, and medical services. These Family Planning services include: providing
11 contraception to help women and men plan space between births to prevent unintended
12 pregnancies and reduce the number of abortions; offering pregnancy testing and counseling;
13 providing basic infertility services; providing preconception health services to improve infant
14 and maternal outcomes; and preventing tubal infertility by providing sexually transmitted
15 infection (STI) screening and treatment services for women and men.

16 Improved health outcomes will positively impact and define the quality of life for
17 residents and families of Hawaii.

18 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

1 **Offered Amendments:** The Department of Health recommends that the following information
2 be incorporated into this measure should this bill advance:

- 3 1. Emphasize client-centered, culturally-sensitive care and the importance of providing
4 confidential services (i.e. coverage for services are provided, but statement of services
5 should be sent directly to the person receiving services);
- 6 2. Amend “Screening and appropriate counseling or interventions for tobacco use” to
7 “Screening and appropriate counseling or interventions for substance use, including
8 tobacco and electronic smoking devices and alcohol”;
- 9 3. Add “Screening and appropriate counseling or interventions for mental health screening
10 and counseling, including depression.”

11



**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE, 2019**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

S.B. NO. 1043, RELATING TO HEALTH CARE.

BEFORE THE:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

DATE: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 **TIME:** 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 229

TESTIFIER(S): Clare E. Connors, Attorney General, or
Daniel K. Jacob, Deputy Attorney General

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General makes the following comments.

The purpose of this bill is to require insurance companies to provide coverage for a spectrum of sexual and reproductive health care services, including family planning, abortion, and postpartum care.

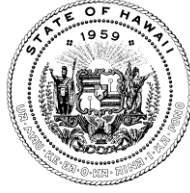
Under section 1311(d)(3)(B) of the Affordable Care Act and 45 C.F.R. section 155.170, a state may only require a Qualified Health Plan to add benefits if the state defrays the cost of the additional benefits, unless the proposed new benefit is directly attributable to State compliance with Federal requirements to provide Essential Health Benefits after December 31, 2011.

This bill would require Qualified Health Plans to provide coverage for the cost of a spectrum of sexual and reproductive health care services. Some of the benefits this bill would mandate, including well-woman exams and services related to cessation of tobacco use, are currently required to be covered by health insurance plans at no cost to the insured. See 26 C.F.R. section 54.2713. Other benefits mandated by this bill however, such as services relating to voluntary sterilization and abortion, may be considered additional benefits because they were neither mandated by state law prior to December 31, 2011, nor directly attributable to compliance with Federal requirements after December 31, 2011. If so, the State may be required to defray the costs.

At this time, our department is unaware of a state that has been subjected to the obligation to defray the cost for additional benefits. Therefore, there are no prior

examples of how the State would meet its obligation and what specific procedures would be necessary to fulfill the obligation. Our department's best understanding is that after the Qualified Health Plan issuer submits the issuer's costs attributable to the additional mandate, the Legislature would need to appropriate the money during the following legislative session and propose a mechanism to distribute the money.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.



DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

JOSH GREEN
LT. GOVERNOR

**STATE OF HAWAII
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

335 MERCHANT STREET, ROOM 310

P.O. BOX 541

HONOLULU, HAWAII 96809

Phone Number: 586-2850

Fax Number: 586-2856

cca.hawaii.gov

CATHERINE P. AWAKUNI COLÓN
DIRECTOR

JO ANN M. UCHIDA TAKEUCHI
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Tuesday, February 12, 2019
9:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**On the following measure:
S.B. 1043, RELATING TO HEALTH CARE**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Colin Hayashida, and I am the Insurance Commissioner of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' (Department) Insurance Division. The Department offers comments on this bill.

The purpose of this bill is to require health insurers to provide coverage for a comprehensive category of reproductive health services, drugs, devices, products, and procedures and to prohibit discrimination in the provision of reproductive health care services. This bill sets forth coverage for multiple services on page 3, line 3 to page 5, line 21; page 10, line 1 to page 12, line 19; page 16, line 19 to page 19, line 6. These coverages may be viewed as new mandates.

One of the coverages is "[w]ell-woman care, as prescribed by the commissioner by rule consistent with guidelines published by the federal Health Resources and Services Administration[.]" The Division lacks staff expertise in this area and is not the appropriate entity to effectively prescribe the details of well-woman care benefits.

Another coverage is “[a]ny additional preventive services for women that must be covered without cost sharing under 42 United States Code [U.S.C.] section 300gg-13, as identified by the federal Preventive Services Task Force or the Health Resources and Services Administration of the federal Department of Health and Human Services, as of January 1, 2017.” 42 U.S.C. section 300gg-13 does not provide a detailed list of services but instead references guidelines and recommendations issued by agencies. Interpreting these guidelines through the scope of 42 U.S.C. section 300gg-13 raises difficulties with enforcement.

Additionally, this bill amends the definition of “contraceptive supplies” by adding the phrase, “regardless of whether they are to be used by the insured or the partner of the insured, and regardless of whether they are to be used for contraception or exclusively for the prevention of sexually transmitted infections.” This amendment seemingly mandates coverage for drugs, devices, or products that are **not** intended for use by the insured, as well as drugs, devices, or products that are intended only for infection prevention, and **not** for contraception. Accordingly, this amendment may be viewed as a new mandate. The addition of new mandated coverage may trigger section 1311(d)(3) of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), which requires states to defray the additional cost of any benefits in excess of the essential health benefits of the State’s qualified health plan under the PPACA.

Additionally, any proposed mandate providing coverage for care requires the passage of a concurrent resolution requesting the State Auditor to prepare and submit a report assessing the social and financial impacts of the proposed mandate, pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes section 23-51.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



LATE

February 11, 2019

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

Re: SB 1043 – Relating to Health Care

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and Committee Members:

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify on SB 1043 which requires health insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for a comprehensive category of reproductive health services, drugs, devices, products, and procedures. Prohibits discrimination in the provision of reproductive health care services.

HMSA appreciates the intent of this measure, to preserve certain aspects of the Affordable Care Act for the residents of Hawaii, despite the uncertainties surrounding the current Presidential administration's efforts to "repeal and replace" the Affordable Care Act. However, this measure appears to add coverage beyond the Affordable Care Act, and will result in increased costs to the healthcare system. The requirement of "no-copay's" on all services in this bill goes against cost sharing that is routinely applied to other medical conditions.

We ask that should this bill move forward it should be subject to an impact assessment report by the Auditor pursuant to Sections 23-51 and 23-52 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Thank you for allowing us to provide these comments on SB 1043.

Sincerely,

Pono Chong
Vice President, Government Relations

To: Hawaii State Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Hearing Date/Time: Tues., Feb. 12, 2019, 9:00 a.m.
Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 229
Re: Testimony of Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii in strong support of S.B. 1043, relating to Health Insurance

Dear Chair Baker and Members of the Committee,

Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii (“PPVNH”) writes in strong support of S.B. 1043, which seeks to protect and expand access to critical sexual and reproductive health care for people in Hawaii.

Congressional leaders and the current administration have made it clear that enacting additional restrictions on health care access and undermining consumer protections are their top priorities. And they have targeted the rights of women and LGBTQ people with attacks on non-discrimination protections and access to abortion and birth control. Most recently, the federal administration has sought to enact rules that would allow employers to refuse to provide contraception coverage on the basis of moral or religious reasons. Although a federal court has issued a nationwide injunction preventing these rules from going into effect, the rules are still a threat as it is highly likely that the decision will be appealed to the Supreme Court. The federal administration has also proposed rules that would make it extremely difficult for insurers to cover abortion. Without S.B. 1043, insurers will most certainly consider doing so.

Given these federal attacks on basic rights and health care, it is more important than ever that our state legislature act to ensure that nobody loses access to the health care and protections they depend on. S.B. 1043 will do just that. This legislation would codify the Affordable Care Act’s preventive service coverage requirements in state law, ensuring that people in Hawaii don’t lose their access to no-copay preventive services such as birth control, well-woman exams, and life-saving cancer screenings. It would also strengthen and expand these coverage requirements by requiring coverage of the full range of sexual and reproductive health care services, including abortion and treatment to avoid HIV. And it would make sure that all people in Hawaii can access these important services, regardless of gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

Access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health care, without discrimination, is critical for the health and economic security of people in Hawaii. This bill will give more people in Hawaii the ability to decide if and when they have children based on what’s best for them and their family’s circumstances. Hawaii must continue its leadership in promoting all peoples’ ability to access the health care they need and deserve, no matter what happens at the federal level. Please give Hawaii families access to the health care they need to thrive by supporting S.B. 1043. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Laurie Field
Hawaii State Director

To: Hawaii State Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Hearing Date/Time: Tues., Feb. 12, 2019, 9:00 a.m.
Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 229
Re: Testimony of Save Medicaid Hawaii in strong support of S.B. 1043, relating to Health Insurance

Dear Chair Baker and Members of the Committee,

Save Medicaid Hawaii writes in strong support of S.B. 1043, which seeks to protect and expand access to critical sexual and reproductive health care for people in Hawaii.

The current administration continues to pursue restrictions on health care access and undermine consumer protections. Having been largely thwarted in Congress they have turned to federal rule making. Most recently, the **federal administration has sought to enact rules that would allow employers to refuse to provide contraception coverage on the basis of moral or religious reasons**. Although a federal court has issued a nationwide injunction preventing these rules from going into effect, the rules are still a threat as it is highly likely that the decision will be appealed to the Supreme Court. The federal administration has also proposed rules that would make it extremely difficult for insurers to cover abortion. Without S.B. 1043, insurers will most certainly consider dropping or limiting coverage these essential reproductive health services.

Given these federal attacks on basic rights and health care, it is more important than ever that our state legislature act to ensure that nobody loses access to the health care and protections they depend on. S.B. 1043 will do just that. This legislation would codify the Affordable Care Act's preventive service coverage requirements in state law, ensuring that people in Hawaii don't lose their access to no-copay preventive services such as birth control, well-woman exams, and life-saving cancer screenings. It would also strengthen and expand these coverage requirements by requiring coverage of the full range of sexual and reproductive health care services, including abortion and treatment to avoid HIV. And it would make sure that all people in Hawaii can access these important services, regardless of gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

Access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health care, without discrimination, is critical for the health and economic security of people in Hawaii. This bill will give more people in Hawaii the ability to decide if and when they have children based on what's best for them and their family's circumstances. Hawaii must continue its leadership in promoting all peoples' ability to access the health care they need and deserve, no matter what happens at the federal level. Please give Hawaii families access to the health care they need to thrive by supporting S.B. 1043. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Doris Segal Matsunaga

On behalf of Save Medicaid Hawaii

Save Medicaid Hawaii, a network of people advocating for NO CUTS in Medicaid and working towards a stronger health care system in Hawaii that provides high quality universal health care for all.. <https://www.facebook.com/SaveMedicaidHawaii/>

SB-1043

Submitted on: 2/9/2019 8:34:39 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Younghi Overly	Testifying for AAUW of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and members of CPH Committee,

AAUW of Hawaii strongly supports SB1043 which requires insurers to cover a number of sexual and reproductive health services, including abortion.

Recently, the federal administration has sought to enact rules that would allow employers to refuse to provide contraception coverage on the basis of moral or religious reasons. Although a federal court has issued a nationwide injunction preventing these rules from going into effect, the rules are still a threat. The federal administration has also proposed rules that would make it extremely difficult for insurers to cover abortion. Given these federal attacks on basic rights and health care, it is more important than ever for Hawaii to ensure that nobody loses access to the health care they depend on.

Please pass this important bill so Hawaii can continue its leadership in health care. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

SB-1043

Submitted on: 2/10/2019 5:22:39 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

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

Comments:



*American College of
Obstetricians and Gynecologists
District VIII, Hawai'i (Guam & American
Samoa) Section*

TO: Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

DATE: Tuesday, Feb 12, 2019

PLACE: Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 229

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
Dr. Danielle Ogez, MD, MPP, Junior Fellow Chair

Re: SB 1043 - Relating to Health Care

Position: STRONG SUPPORT

As a section of the Nation's leading group of physicians dedicated to improving health care for women, the Hawai'i Section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (HI ACOG) represents more than 200 obstetrician-gynecologist physicians in our state. HI ACOG **strongly supports SB 1043**, as it aims to protect access to comprehensive reproductive health care services in Hawai'i.

Hawai'i has a legacy of progressive thinking and legislation regarding reproductive rights, family planning, and access to basic health care services. However, as the current national political climate aims to restrict access to women's reproductive health services, it is imperative that Hawai'i enact this new legislation in order to protect these fundamental services for future generations.

As women's health care providers, we see on a daily basis how women in our state depend on access to a wide spectrum of reproductive health care services, including screening and treatment for sexually transmitted infections; cervical cancer screening and treatment; contraceptive counseling; affordable contraceptive supplies and prescriptions; abortion and miscarriage management; and comprehensive well-woman and postpartum care. Every patient we have the privilege to care for has needed one of more of these services during the course of her life, and having access to these medications, services, and procedures without prohibitive costs allows that patient to receive timely, evidence-based health care. We also see the devastating health consequences that occur when a patient does not have access to these basic services. It is not infrequent that a simple treatable disease such as an abnormal pap smear progresses to late stage metastatic cancer due to lack of access to basic health care services. By supporting legislation that promotes access to basic health care services, patients can more easily navigate through difficult health conditions, and more quickly return to their lives, to their families, and to contributing to our community. Furthermore, numerous studies have shown that public investment in reproductive health and family planning services saves far more in long term health care costs.

In conclusion, HI ACOG **strongly supports SB 1043**, and urges you to do the same. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



February 10, 2019

Senate's Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 229
Honolulu, HI 96813

Hearing: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.

RE: **STRONG SUPPORT Senate Bill 1043** – RELATING TO HEALTH CARE

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang and fellow committee members,

I am writing in SUPPORT Senate Bill 1043 on behalf of the LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i. SB 1043 would require health insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for a comprehensive category of reproductive health services, drugs, devices, products, and procedures. Prohibits discrimination in the provision of reproductive health care services.

SB 1043 is necessary to ensure that the only people making health care decisions are the patient, in consultation with their doctor. This bill will ensure that health insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations are not making health care decisions.

The LGBT Caucus is glad to see that SB 1043 also includes coverage for pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP). PrEP prevents the spread of HIV especially if used in combination with condoms. New HIV cases are on the rise and we need to ensure that PrEP is covered by everyone's health insurance. The upfront cost of PrEP is 1,000 times cheaper than treating HIV or AIDS.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify and the LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i asks that you support SB 1043.

Mahalo nui loa,

Michael Golojuch, Jr.
Chair

SB-1043

Submitted on: 2/10/2019 11:00:03 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Midwives Alliance of Hawaii	Testifying for Midwives Alliance of Hawaii	Support	Yes

Comments:

We strongly support SB1043 and request that you pass this bill for the good and protections of our community to access the services they need.

SB-1043

Submitted on: 2/10/2019 11:55:46 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lisa Kimura	Testifying for Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies	Support	Yes

Comments:

Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies is calling on legislators to protect and expand the benefits of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Central to our priority focus areas is equal access to high-quality health care, and cultural competence and respect for diversity. Everyone, no matter where they live or how much they earn, should have access to basic health care. Hawaii should continue to be a national leader in protecting reproductive health equity for all people.

Of considerable importance is the need to protect reproductive health services, as we currently have a nearly 50% unintended pregnancy rate, and threats to reproductive health care at the federal level could have dramatic consequences for our state.

We want to ensure that all people in Hawaii maintain access to basic preventive health care, and that protecting the health of people in Hawaii is considered of highest priority. Please consider passing this important bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

hscadv



HAWAII STATE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1609, Honolulu, HI 96813

February 11, 2019

To: Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection & Health

Chair Sen. Rosalyn Baker

Russell E. Ruderman

Vice Chair Stanly Chang

Laura Thielen

Jarret Keohokalole

Kurt Fevella

Clarence Nishihara

LATE

From: Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence

RE: **Strong Support for SB 1043 Relating to Healthcare**

Dear Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence and our 23 members programs across the state, I am submitting testimony in strong support of SB 1043.

While we support the entire bill, which includes provisions for providing preventative medical care and reproductive healthcare coverage for all Hawaii residents, including women's health needs, we are especially in support of the screening definitions, included on page 4, lines 9-10 to screen for "domestic and interpersonal violence." Currently, there is no uniform way that healthcare providers screen for domestic violence and this bill gives us the opportunity to create a systemic approach to healthcare screening.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important matter. The HSCADV stands in strong support of SB 1043.

Respectfully,

Carmen Golay

Member Services Manager

cgolay@hscadv.org

808-832-9316

From: alanib@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Alani Bagcal](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 1:52:55 AM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
Alani Bagcal
Honolulu, HI 96816
alanib@hawaii.edu

From: awilliewolf@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Alfred WOLF](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 3:14:13 AM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
Alfred WOLF
Kihei, HI 96753
awilliewolf@gmail.com

From: adrianaguz185@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Adriana Guzman](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 7:04:24 PM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
Adriana Guzman
Honolulu, HI 96813
adrianaguz185@gmail.com

From: amy_agbayani@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Amy agbayani](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Sunday, February 10, 2019 7:29:25 PM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
Amy agbayani
Honolulu, HI 96819
amy_agbayani@yahoo.com

SB-1043

Submitted on: 2/10/2019 4:14:46 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Amy Monk	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

From: kristianapetrie@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Ana Petrie](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 9:03:41 AM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
Ana Petrie
Honolulu, HI 96813
kristianapetrie@gmail.com

From: redahi@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [B.A.McClintock](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 1:44:50 AM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
B.A. McClintock
Honolulu, HI 96814
redahi@hawaii.rr.com

SB-1043

Submitted on: 2/10/2019 11:05:53 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andres Gonzalez	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

SB-1043

Submitted on: 2/9/2019 12:19:08 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbara L. George	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

STRONGLY SUPPORT

From: chris67mina@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [carmina costello](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 3:20:47 AM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
carmina costello
Aiea, HI 96701
chris67mina@yahoo.com

From: captaindean@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Carl Towle](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 3:37:11 AM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
Carl Towle
Kailua Kona, HI 96740
captaindean@hawaii.rr.com

From: cbm@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Carla Allison](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 3:32:47 PM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

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

From: philogynist2@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Charles Luce](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 3:50:13 PM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
Charles Luce
Pahoa, HI 96778
philogynist2@yahoo.com

SB-1043

Submitted on: 2/10/2019 3:10:50 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
chelsea pang	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

From: konachris@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Chris Kulawiak](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 12:31:12 PM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
Chris Kulawiak
Kailua Kona, HI 96740
konachris@earthlink.net

From: chrisfukuimd@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Christine Fukui](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 5:27:17 PM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
Christine Fukui
Honolulu, HI 96821
chrisfukuimd@gmail.com

From: danamalina@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Dana Keawe](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 4:33:58 AM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
Dana Keawe
Pahoa, HI 96778
danamalina@yahoo.com

From: debnehmadaeveryactioncustom.com on behalf of [Deb Nehmad](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 6:12:30 PM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
Deb Nehmad
Honolulu, HI 96825
debnehmadahawaii.rr.com

SB-1043

Submitted on: 2/10/2019 8:00:01 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
deborah cohn	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly support SB1043.

Mahalo

Deborah Cohn

From: deighton.kavarne@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Deighton Kavarne](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 3:14:28 AM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

In this day and time, no one should have to worry about reproductive health when it comes to access and the ability to pay.

Do the right thing and consider the people. We should come first.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
Deighton Kavarne
Honolulu, HI 96817
deighton.kavarne@ppgnhi.org

From: dconrad99@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [denny conrad](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 3:13:29 PM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
denny conrad
Aiea, HI 96701
dconrad99@gmail.com

From: der1way@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Donald Erway](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 4:11:40 PM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
Donald Erway
Kailua Kona, HI 96740
der1way@earthlink.net

From: doriencell@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Dorien McClellan](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Sunday, February 10, 2019 8:32:12 PM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill can safeguard equality of medical for women. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

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

From: dwayne_munar@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Dwayne Munar](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Sunday, February 10, 2019 2:24:38 PM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
Dwayne Munar
Waianae, HI 96792
dwayne_munar@yahoo.com

From: dylcookie@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Dylan Cooke](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Sunday, February 10, 2019 7:09:54 PM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
Dylan Cooke
Honolulu, HI 96821
dylcookie@gmail.com

SB-1043

Submitted on: 2/10/2019 8:04:04 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eileen McKee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

I write in Strong Support of Senate Bill 1043. Insurance companies should cover the needs of our community.

Mahalo,

Eileen McKee

From: ehaskins@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Eric Haskins](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Monday, February 11, 2019 11:55:01 AM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

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

From: sacredearth70@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Eve Powers](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 3:02:46 PM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
Eve Powers
Koloa, HI 96756
sacredearth70@gmail.com

SB-1043

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 9:48:19 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
G. Yokochi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I wholeheartedly support this senate bill. G. Yokochi, MD

From: gail.p.gnazzo@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Gail Gnazzo](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Monday, February 11, 2019 12:44:52 AM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Please remove the gender gap for women and others discriminated against because they are not white men.
Malama Pono,

Gail P. Gnazzo ,MSSW,LSW
Makawao, HI 96768

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

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

From: [nomadjg@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:nomadg@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Janet Graham](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Sunday, February 10, 2019 5:40:43 PM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
Janet Graham
Honolulu, HI 96813
[nomadjg@gmail.com](mailto:nomadg@gmail.com)

From: palmtree7@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Janice Palma-Glennie](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Sunday, February 10, 2019 7:05:29 PM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

Aloha senator,

Bill SB1043 will help protect the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women at a time when the federal government is rolling back those protections. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Please help Hawai`I to continue to be a bastion of democracy, civil rights and civility by passing this important legislation.

Mahalo and sincerely,
Janice palma-glennie
kailua-kona

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
Janice Palma-Glennie
Kailua Kona, HI 96740
palmtree7@hawaiiantel.net

SB-1043

Submitted on: 2/9/2019 10:37:43 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-1043

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 8:00:23 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Chin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

TO: Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

DATE: Tuesday, Feb 12, 2019

PLACE: Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 229

FROM: Jennifer Chin, MD

Re: SB 1043 - Relating to Health Care

Position: STRONG SUPPORT

As a current third year obstetrics/gynecologist resident physician training here in Hawai'i, I **strongly support SB 1043**, as it aims to protect access to comprehensive reproductive health care services in Hawai'i.

I am lucky to train in a state where I can provide comprehensive women's healthcare, including obstetric care, gynecologic screening, and family planning services. Hawai'i has a strong legacy of progressive thinking and legislation regarding reproductive rights. However, as the current national political climate aims to restrict access to women's reproductive health services, it is imperative that Hawai'i enact this new legislation in order to protect these fundamental services for future generations.

As a women's healthcare provider, I know how important it is for the citizens of this state to have access and coverage for all reproductive health services. This includes access to prenatal care, abortion and miscarriage management, and contraception. By ensuring equal access to all of these services, we increase the quality of the health of women in Hawai'i, and, subsequently, of all families in Hawai'i. By supporting legislation that promotes access to basic health care services, patients can more easily navigate

through difficult health conditions, and more quickly return to their lives, to their families, and to contributing to our community. Furthermore, numerous studies have shown that public investment in reproductive health and family planning services saves far more in long term health care costs.

In conclusion, I **strongly support SB 1043**, and urge you to do the same. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

From: chongaboolie@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Jennifer Schneider](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Sunday, February 10, 2019 3:40:49 PM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

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

SB-1043

Submitted on: 2/9/2019 12:01:12 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joanne Amberg	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Thank you for considering this testimony. Reproductive health care IS HEALTH CARE FOR WOMEN. That includes abortion services which are critical and currently constitutionally protected choices for women.

Our federal government has worked hard to undermine health care in general, but in particular for women.

Please support this measure, and support basic critical health care services for women.

Thank you.

From: jmotley.lac@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [John Motley](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 2:47:49 AM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
John Motley
Wailuku, HI 96793
jmotley.lac@gmail.com

From: jaapfg@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Judith Armstrong](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Monday, February 11, 2019 1:27:36 PM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
Judith Armstrong
Honolulu, HI 96815
jaapfg@twc.com

From: JFUJIOKA@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [JULIA FUJIOKA](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Monday, February 11, 2019 2:44:58 AM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
JULIA FUJIOKA
Aiea, HI 96701
JFUJIOKA@HAWAIIANTEL.NET

From: ppchawaii@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Judith Mick](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 1:56:27 AM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Please support SB 1043 to bring health care to all. Mahalo and aloha, Judy Mick, Kailua

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
Judith Mick
Kailua, HI 96734
ppchawaii@yahoo.com

From: info@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Kalia Naia](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 3:32:17 AM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
Kalia Naia
Kamuela, HI 96743
info@haleopueo.com

From: hayamino2012@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Karen Hayashida](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 4:10:01 PM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
Karen Hayashida
Honolulu, HI 96826
hayamino2012@gmail.com

From: kitgillette@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Kristin Gillette](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 11:25:31 PM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
Kristin Gillette
Kahului, HI 96732
kitgillette@gmail.com

TESTIMONY OF LAKEN BARBER ON SB 1043, RELATING TO HEALTH CARE

**Before the Senate Committees on
COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH**

**Wednesday, February 12, 2019
9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229
415 South Beretania Street**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 1043
RELATING TO HEALTH CARE
HEALTH INSURANCE; REQUIRED BENEFITS; COVERED BENEFITS;
REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE**

Aloha and good morning Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and members Jarrett Keohokalole, Laura H. Thielen, Clarence K. Nishihara, Kurt Fevella, and Russell E. Ruderman

I hope that you are having a great day so far, and I appreciate the opportunity to testify in support SB 1043.

My name is Laken Barber, I am a Residential Honors student at Hawai'i Pacific University, studying Pre-Med Biochemistry and Marine Biology and a supporter of Planned Parenthood. I am president of I Am That girl, a feminist club within my university that advocates for equality within HPU and the greater Oahu community.

In life, differences in individuals are often celebrated, for every person is beautiful and unique in their own way. Unfortunately, the federal government has shown a pattern of discriminating against those who are "different" from the societal norm, reeling back on funding for education programs and outreach with the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The attacks on the ACA have been centralized at access to sexual and reproductive health care benefits, protections, and services. The current administration reinstated the Global Gag Rule, a policy that restricts safe abortion access for women across the globe, electing anti-choice individuals to essential positions within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to destroy any and all progress that has been made in the world of reproductive health. SB 1043 enforces hospitals and health insurance providers within Hawai'i to provide coverage for health services such as STD screening, prescribing contraceptives, counseling for STIs, hormone therapy, breast cancer counseling, and other various services that can be life-saving, and restricts health care companies and hospitals from discriminating against patients "on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, or disability..." (SB 1043). I would suggest to explicitly add that transgender individuals can have hormonal treatments covered under the bill.

In summary, SB 1043 enforces equality for all when it comes to access to sexual health benefits, services, and protections. Certain treatments protected under SB 1043 are vital to individuals'

day to day lives and can even save lives in both the long and short term, including breast cancer and STI screenings, contraceptives, and support for new mothers. SB 1043 helps countless people, and it should be expanded to aiding transgender individuals as well.

To protect people of color, members of the LGBTQ+ community, people with disabilities, and people of all sexes, genders, and ages from further discrimination, I plead for you, Chair Baker and Vice Chair Chang, to pass SB 1043.

Mahalo nui loa for your time,
Laken Barber
HPU Class of 2021

1. Know your audience: Who is holding the hearing? Who are the committee members and in particular, the committee chair and vice chair?

The Senate Committee of Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health. The Chair is Senator Rosalyn H Baker (District 6, Room 230) and the Vice Chair is Senator Stanley Chang (District 9, room 226). The members are Jarrett Keohokalole, Laura H. Thielen, Clarence K. Nishihara, Kurt Fevella, and Russell E. Ruderman.

2. Know the context: At what point in the policy process does the hearing belong? What is the purpose of the hearing? Is there an underlying purpose to this hearing?

The measure passed the first reading on January 22nd, then was referred to CPH, JDC, then scheduled for a public hearing on February 12th, 2019 at 9 AM. Some amendments had been made previously, and the hearing will be approving the amendments and seeing if any more need to be made before passing.

3. Know your role: Are you speaking for an organization? For yourself? Why are you testifying? What are you hoping to accomplish with your testimony?

I am speaking for myself, my university, my community, and I am speaking in support of planned parenthood. I am testifying because I believe that everyone should have access to proper healthcare, regardless of their gender, race, sexual orientation, age, or disability. I am hoping to assist in passing the bill and helping people who do not have access to sexual health services that they need.

4. Know your message: Distill your main message into 1-2 sentences. How does your message relate to the purpose of the hearing?

All people should have the same access to sexual health services, protections, and benefits. The purpose of the hearing is to pass the measure to provide better sexual health services to the people of Hawai'i and broaden the number of people who can get the care they need. The messages go hand in hand.

5. Know your time/length limit: How clear, concise and brief can your testimony be and still be effective? How can you make it easy for the reader to absorb the information quickly and easily? What would you say if you only had 2-3 minutes in which to say it?

I can cut down my introduction to just a student at HPU, state the facts of how the current administration has been cutting down on funding for APA, and the benefits of access to sexual health services. I would say:

My name is Laken Barber, I am currently a student at Hawai'i Pacific University. I am here today because the federal government has shown a pattern of discriminating against those who are "different" from the societal norm, reeling back on funding for education programs and

outreach with the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and restricting access to sexual and reproductive health care benefits, protections, and services from the ACA. The current administration reinstated the Global Gag Rule, a policy that restricts safe abortion access for women across the globe, electing anti-choice individuals to essential positions within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). In summary, SB 1043 enforces equality for all when it comes to access to sexual health benefits, services, and protections. Certain treatments protected under SB 1043 are vital to individuals' day to day lives and can even save lives in both the long and short run, from breast cancer screenings to support for new mothers.

6. Know your options: What, if any, are your suggested amendments or changes?

Having the bill take effect in 2019 vs. 2020, and explicitly including hormonal treatments for transgender people.

7. Know what to anticipate: What comments or questions from the committee members would possibly follow your testimony

1) How would coverage be enforced?

In 432:1-A Preventive care; coverage; requirements, it states that

“(g) Every mutual benefit society shall provide written notice to its subscribers or members regarding the coverage required by this section. The notice shall be in writing and prominently positioned in any literature or correspondence sent to subscribers or members and shall be transmitted to subscribers or members beginning with calendar year 2020 when annual information is made available to subscribers or members or in any other mailing to subscribers or members, but in no case later than December 31, 2020...

(i) If the commissioner concludes that enforcement of this section may adversely affect the allocation of federal funds to the State, the commissioner may grant an exemption to the requirements, but only to the minimum extent necessary to ensure the continued receipt of federal funds.” (SB 1043)

In summary, if a provider is unable to or unwilling to provide the service, device, drug, product, or procedure in a timely manner, they must give notice to its' members and that they can apply for an exemption.

2) Why are you passionate about this topic?

I am a woman within the LGBTQ+ community, and my reproductive health access has been threatened countless times. I am fortunate enough to have access to the sexual health resources that I need, but other individuals within Hawai'i and the rest of the world are not as lucky. If I do not do what I can to assist those less fortunate than I, then I am just as bad as the oppressors.

3) Why expand access to hormone treatment for transgender people? Why explicitly write it?

I would suggest expanding treatment to transgender people because hormonal treatment is key in one's development to be comfortable in one's own body. It increases the quality of life dramatically, assists transgender people in being their true authentic selves, and therefore happy, confident contributing members of society. I would suggest explicitly writing that transgender people and hormonal treatment are included within the bill in case insurance companies decide to twist the bill to make it so they do not have to provide services for transgendered people and their services. The more specific the better!

Current Status: It is going to have a public hearing on 2/12/19 at 9 AM in conference room 229, and it passed the first reading!

From: laurag@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Laura Gray](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 6:03:21 PM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
Laura Gray
Hauula, HI 96717
laurag@divefish.com

From: hamakuabelle@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Laurie Lloyd](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 12:37:36 PM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
Laurie Lloyd
Honolulu, HI 96728
hamakuabelle@gmail.com

From: lksaloha@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [laurie saarinen](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 1:45:34 PM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

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

SB-1043

Submitted on: 2/10/2019 10:58:41 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly support SB1043, with an amendment, relating to health care, that implements some of the Affordable Care Act into statute. Our community needs access to all of these important services. At this time it is difficult for families to access breastfeeding counselors and support services with a ACA designated qualified provider. That is because the ACA says for this service to qualify as being paid for, it must be a physician or an APRN that provides the breastfeeding support and counseling. However, physicians and APRNs do not receive specific breastfeeding training in their studies to assist mothers with difficulties. That is why I recommend amending these sections to include the experts in breastfeeding difficulties and complex feeding issues - IBCLCs:

"Every individual or group hospital or medical service plan contract issued or renewed in this State shall provide coverage for all of the following services, drugs, devices, products, and procedures for the subscriber or member or any dependent of the subscriber or member who is covered by the plan contract:

(8) Breastfeeding comprehensive support and counseling [by an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant](#), and supplies;

From: travellinglinda.price@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Linda Price](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 3:20:47 AM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
Linda Price
Waikoloa, HI 96738
travellinglinda.price@gmail.com

From: lorar33@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [LORA REEVE](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 12:25:29 PM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
LORA REEVE
Hilo, HI 96720
lorar33@gmail.com

SB-1043

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 11:56:16 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly support this bill but noticed the text states that there should

not be discrimination in reproductive health services on the basis of

sex. However, all the health care specifically described relates to

women. I think health services for men should be included as appropriate—such as
stds, circumcision, vasectomies, education in condom use, cancer screening,
etc Thank you for

the opportunity to express these views.

Martha Nakajima, Honolulu

From: martin@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Martin Micheelsen](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Sunday, February 10, 2019 3:14:53 PM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
Martin Micheelsen
Makawao, HI 96768
martin@micheelsen.biz

From: mwood17@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Melinda Wood](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Sunday, February 10, 2019 9:39:17 PM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

Hawaii has a long history of caring for all of its people. Right now at the national level the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. We cannot accept any state restrictions on reproductive health care for our people. Such restrictions have been shown to have harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
Melinda Wood
Honolulu, HI 96822
mwood17@hawaii.rr.com

SB-1043

Submitted on: 2/9/2019 10:32:30 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mike Golojuch	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB1043. People need access to all their medications.

Mike Golojuch, Sr.

From: mike.arhllc@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Mike Price](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 3:21:23 AM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
Mike Price
Waikoloa, HI 96738
mike.arhllc@gmail.com

From: minamik@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Minami Konishi](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Sunday, February 10, 2019 1:55:48 AM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
Minami Konishi
Honolulu, HI 96822
minamik@hawaii.edu

From: namisop35@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Namphuong Quach](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 2:25:09 AM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
Namphuong Quach
Honolulu, HI 96814
namisop35@gmail.com

SB-1043

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 7:10:45 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nancy Davlantes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-1043

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 2:02:44 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nicole Ryan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-1043

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 10:51:01 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Paris Stowers	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB1043. As an obstetrician-gynecologist, I believe all women should have access to comprehensive reproductive health care services. I support SB1043 as it protects these essential services for the women of Hawaii.

Thank you,
Paris Stowers, MD

From: noeyycrane@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Noema Crane](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 1:54:29 AM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
Noema Crane
Honolulu, HI 96815
noeyycrane@gmail.com

From: nowilson41@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Nona Wilson](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 2:25:12 AM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
Nona Wilson
Volcano, HI 96785
nowilson41@gmail.com

TO: Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

DATE: Tuesday, Feb 12, 2019

PLACE: Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 229

FROM: Dr. Ronnie Texeira, MD,FACOG

Re: SB 1043 - Relating to Health Care

Position: STRONG SUPPORT

I **strongly supports SB 1043**, as it aims to protect access to comprehensive reproductive health care services in Hawai'i. Hawai'i has a legacy of progressive thinking and legislation regarding reproductive rights, family planning, and access to basic health care services. However, as the current national political climate aims to restrict access to women's reproductive health services, it is imperative that Hawai'i enact this new legislation in order to protect these fundamental services for future generations.

As women's health care providers, we see on a daily basis how women in our state depend on access to a wide spectrum of reproductive health care services, including screening and treatment for sexually transmitted infections; cervical cancer screening and treatment; contraceptive counseling; affordable contraceptive supplies and prescriptions; abortion and miscarriage management; and comprehensive well-woman and postpartum care. Every patient we have the privilege to care for has needed one of more of these services during the course of her life, and having access to these medications, services, and procedures without prohibitive costs allows that patient to receive timely, evidence-based health care. We also see the devastating health consequences that occur when a patient does not have access to these basic services. It is not infrequent that a simple treatable disease such as an abnormal pap smear progresses to late stage metastatic cancer due to lack of access to basic health care services. By supporting legislation that promotes access to basic health care services, patients can more easily navigate through difficult health conditions, and more quickly return to their lives, to their families, and to contributing to our community. Furthermore, numerous studies have shown that public investment in reproductive health and family planning services saves far more in long term health care costs.

In conclusion, I **strongly supports SB 1043**, and urges you to do the same. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

From: nelsons006@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Roslin Nelson](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 5:09:25 PM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
Roslin Nelson
Kamuela, HI 96743
nelsons006@hawaii.rr.com

From: spilgrim@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Sam Pilgrim](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 1:49:43 AM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
Sam Pilgrim
Honolulu, HI 96822
spilgrim@hawaii.edu

From: anassazzi@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Sarita Velada](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 9:11:14 PM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
Sarita Velada
Kahului, HI 96732
anassazzi@Hawaii.rr.com

From: esruerup@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Sherri Ruerup](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 5:33:48 PM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
Sherri Ruerup
Honolulu, HI 96825
esruerup@gmail.com

From: eczema78@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Stacie Burke](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 3:35:01 AM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
Stacie Burke
Aiea, HI 96701
eczema78@gmail.com

From: stephenieblakemore@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Stephenie Blakemore](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 3:28:59 AM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
Stephenie Blakemore
Kapaa, HI 96746
stephenieblakemore@sbcglobsl.net

SB-1043

Submitted on: 2/9/2019 4:59:24 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steve Canales	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Strongly Support

From: susan.wurtzburg@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Susan Wurtzburg](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Monday, February 11, 2019 3:13:18 AM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
Susan Wurtzburg
Kailua, HI 96734
susan.wurtzburg@gmail.com

From: taurie.bricks@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Taurie Kinoshita](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 4:42:19 PM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

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

From: terrytravis@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Terry Travis](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 6:52:52 PM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

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

From: drwktaylor@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Wendy Taylor](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 5:45:15 PM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

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

From: susana.sofierose@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Susan Boucher](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019 1:51:57 AM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
Susan Boucher
Volcano, HI 96785
susana.sofierose@gmail.com

From: yogamango@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Gina Chang](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: I support equity in health care
Date: Monday, February 11, 2019 3:14:14 PM

Dear Hawaii Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Everybody deserves affordable and equitable access to reproductive and sexual health care, regardless of gender, gender identity, citizenship status, or income. SB 1043 could make this a reality.

This bill comes at a critical juncture, when the rights of immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women are all under attack. Restrictions on reproductive health care have been shown to cause harmful effects on public health, particularly for those who already face significant barriers to receiving care, such as low-income women, women of color, immigrant women, young women, survivors of domestic violence, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people. I urge you to support SB 1043 and pass it out of committee.

Sincerely,
Gina Chang
Honolulu, HI 96822
yogamango@gmail.com

SB-1043

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 10:20:29 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments:

SB-1043

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 9:22:33 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mandy Fernandes	Testifying for ACLU of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

SB-1043

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 5:47:45 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Charlene Dierking	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: