

Testimony of the Board of Nursing

**Before the
House Committee on Health
and
House Committee on Intrastate Commerce**

**Tuesday, March 12, 2019
8:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 329**

**On the following measure:
S.B. 415, S.D. 1, RELATING TO HEALTH**

Chair Mizuno, Chair Ohno, and Members of the Committees:

My name is Lee Ann Teshima, and I am the Executive Officer of the Board of Nursing (Board). The Board offers comments only on Section 1 of this bill.

The purposes of this bill are to: (1) authorize advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) to perform medical or aspiration abortions if certain requirements are met; and (2) clarify who may refuse to perform an abortion and the notice procedures for refusal.

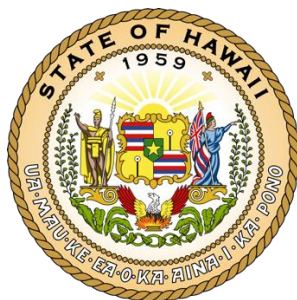
The Board appreciates S.D. 1's inclusion of language recommended by the Board and specifying that an APRN may perform an abortion by medication or aspiration within the first trimester of pregnancy, provided that the APRN: (1) has prescriptive authority; (2) practices within their nurse's practice specialty; (3) completes a Board-approved specified training program that includes a clinical component; and (4) as a valid, unrevoked, and unencumbered license.

Current training for APRNs may vary depending upon the APRN's practice specialty. While some APRNs may have the requisite training to perform aspiration abortions, this board believes that the additional safeguards set forth in S.D. 1 are appropriate to ensure APRNs are qualified to perform aspiration abortions within their practice specialty.

For the Committees' information, California enacted legislation allowing nurse practitioners (referred to as APRNs in Hawaii) and certified nurse midwives to perform abortions by aspiration techniques during the first trimester of pregnancy. In addition, in January 2019, New York enacted legislation allowing healthcare practitioners, including APRNs, to perform aspiration abortions within their scope of practice.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



‘O kēia ‘ōlelo hō’ike no ke
Komikina Kūlana Olakino o Nā Wāhine

Testimony on behalf of the
Hawai‘i State Commission on the Status of Women

Prepared for the House Committees on Health & Intrastate Commerce

In Support of SB415 SD1
Tuesday, March 12, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. in Room 329

Dear Chairs Ohno and Mizuno, Vice Chairs Kobayashi and Kobayashi, and Honorable Members,

The Hawai‘i State Commission on the Status of Women **supports** SB415 SD1, which would authorize advanced practice registered nurses to perform aspiration abortions.

In 1970, Hawai‘i became the first state to legalize abortion outside of rape, incest or when the pregnancy would impair a woman’s physical or mental health. Today, Hawai‘i has joined more politically conservative states in restricting qualified, licensed clinicians from performing abortions. Due to the physician-only abortion restriction under state law, the right to abortion in Hawai‘i remains illusory.

Geographical barriers to abortion access are compounded by both Hawai‘i’s doctor shortage and the current law, which prohibits licensed, qualified health care professionals from providing aspiration abortion. Aspiration abortion, also referred to as surgical abortion, remains the most common procedure for terminating a pregnancy in the first trimester. The Commission argues that the state has no compelling interest in restricting trained clinicians from providing aspiration abortions.

Further, this measure would have a profound impact on women in rural and medically underserved communities in our state where abortion services are scarce. Accordingly, the Commission ask that the Committee pass SB415 SD1.

Sincerely,
Khara Jabola-Carolus



To: Hawaii State House of Representatives Committees on Health and Intrastate Commerce
Hearing Date/Time: Tues., Mar. 12, 2019, 8:30 am
Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 329
Re: Testimony of Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii in strong support of S.B. 415, SD1

Dear Chairs Mizuno and Ohno and Members of the Committees,

Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii (“PPVNH”) writes in strong support of S.B. 415, SD1, which would remove burdensome and unnecessary restrictions on abortion access in Hawaii. We also request an amendment to recognize that, as medical technology and practices advance, other provider types may become qualified to provide safe and effective abortion care.

Abortion Access in Hawaii

Current Hawaii law prohibits anybody other than physicians and surgeons from providing abortions. However, other types of providers, including advanced registered nurse practitioners (“APRNs”) can provide equally safe abortion care. A 2018 review by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine examined available research comparing the outcomes of abortions provided by physicians with those provided by nurse practitioners and other advanced practice clinicians. This review concluded that APRNs are just as capable of providing safe and effective abortion care when they have received proper training.¹

The same review concluded that limits that prevent otherwise-qualified providers from providing abortions “are more burdensome for women who reside far from providers and/or who have limited resources.” This is true in Hawaii, where our state’s provider restrictions have led to a shortage of abortion providers that presents a real-life barrier to access for many people in Hawaii. Without the ability to access abortion in real life, the legal right to an abortion is meaningless for people in Hawaii.

We know that many people in Hawaii live on an island without a provider or with limited access to a provider. People on Kauai, Molokai and Lanai must travel to Oahu or Maui for care. On the Big Island, abortion care is only provided one day per month and on Maui, one day every other week. When people face such geographic barriers to abortion access, they are forced to travel long distances to access care, increasing costs for travel, lodging, childcare, and other expenses and sometimes delaying care. If people are unable to travel to

¹ Nat'l Academies of Sciences, Eng'g, & Med., *The Safety and Quality of Abortion Care in the United States (Abortion Care)* 159 (2018).

another county or another island due to these costs or other barriers, they may not be able to access abortion at all.

The Impact on People in Hawaii

Planned Parenthood has seen firsthand the negative impact that this unnecessary barrier has on our patients and on the ability of people in Hawaii to access the care they need. In 2018, more than ten percent of our abortion patients in Hawaii had to travel between islands to receive abortion care. There are likely many other people who are unable to travel between islands who do not receive the care they need.

This provider restriction also negatively impacts Planned Parenthood's ability to provide accessible health care that meets the needs of our patients. Because many providers are not currently allowed to provide abortion care, Hawaii has a significant shortage of abortion providers. This shortage limits Planned Parenthood's ability to provide scheduling flexibility to our patients, making our services less accessible for some patients. It also burdens the abortion providers themselves, who often spend large amounts of time traveling between islands to meet the need for abortion.

Join the Growing Number of States Removing Burdensome Physician-Only Requirements

S.B. 415 is a simple, commonsense solution to these challenges for patients and providers. Other states have already taken similar steps to decrease barriers to abortion access. For example, both California and Oregon already allow APRNs to independently provide both medication and aspiration abortions. On February 1st, 2019, the Attorney General of Washington issued an opinion stating that APRNs can provide abortions in Washington state without a physician being present.² And other states that have left similarly burdensome restrictions in place, including Maine and Montana, are experiencing legal challenges to these restrictions.

In the recent Supreme Court case *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt*, the Court stated that any regulation that places a substantial obstacle for people seeking abortion or that unduly burdens abortion access violates the Fourteenth Amendment. Washington's recent Attorney General opinion recognized that restricting qualified providers such as APRNs from providing abortions is likely to place an undue burden on people seeking abortion because it unnecessarily restricts access while conferring no medical benefit. The opinion noted that "we think it is unclear whether a physician-only requirement would survive a Fourteenth Amendment challenge in light of *Whole Woman's Health* and the National Academies' recent conclusions that non-physicians can safely and effectively provide medication and aspiration abortions."

S.B. 415 also complies with *Whole Women's Health* in that it seeks to remove other provisions that may constitute undue burdens to women seeking access to abortion care. These include the removal of unnecessary and excessive criminal penalties that intimidate abortion

² <https://www.atg.wa.gov/ago-opinions/authority-advanced-registered-nurse-practitioners-and-physician-assistants-perform-pre>

providers and restrict access to care, the removal of a hospital exception and a requirement that doctors provide notice when they object to performing abortions.

Currently, statute allows both individual health care providers and entire hospitals to refuse to provide abortions. Allowing hospitals to opt out of providing abortions creates a significant barrier to people seeking abortion. This is particularly true when an individual needs an abortion due to a medical emergency and may not be able to safely go to another hospital for the care they need.

Hawaii legislators should remove undue burdens that prevent people in Hawaii from accessing the care they need by passing S.B. 415, SD1.

Steps to Further Improve Abortion Access

We also respectfully request an amendment to this legislation. Specifically, we request that legislators strengthen S.B. 415 by bringing it in line with the more robust improvements proposed in H.B. 1434.³ This bill goes a step further than S.B. 415 by recognizing that future advancements in the practice of medicine may allow additional provider types to safely and effectively provide abortion by allowing additional provider types to provide abortion if they are qualified to do so.

S.B. 415 should be amended to recognize that, as medical technology and practices advance, other provider types may become qualified to provide safe and effective abortion care. This will improve access to abortion care by allowing additional qualified health care providers to perform abortion. This amendment will strengthen this legislation and do more to improve the ability of all people in Hawaii to access the health care they need.

Hawaii has long been a leader in expanding and protecting access to the full spectrum of sexual and reproductive health care, including abortion. Our current provider restrictions reduce health care access without any benefit to the health or safety of people in Hawaii, creating an undue burden for people in Hawaii seeking abortion care. We urge legislators to support S.B 415 to remove unnecessary barriers to abortion and make sure that all people in Hawaii, no matter where in the state they live, can access safe, legal abortion care.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of this commonsense legislation to improve health care access in our state.

Sincerely,

Laurie Field
Hawaii State Director

³ https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2019/bills/HB1434_.HTM



of Hawaii

March 9, 2019

From: Younghee Overly, Public Policy Chair, AAUW Hawaii

To: Hawaii State House Committee on Health; Hawaii State House Committee on Intrastate Commerce

Hearing Date/Time: Tuesday March 12, 2019 8:30AM

Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 329

Re: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB415 SD1

Dear Chair Mizuno, Vice-Chair Kobayashi, Chair Ohno, Vice-Chair Kobayashi, and members of the committees,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a testimony in support of SB415 SD1, which would authorize the advanced practice registered nurses to perform aspiration abortions.

As you know, Hawaii's unique geography combined with our outdated physician-only restriction on abortion creates unnecessary barriers to the women seeking abortion. The barriers are greater to those who cannot afford the time and/or money to travel between islands.

A growing number of research shows that advanced practice clinicians – nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, and physician assistants – are able to safely provide both medical and surgical abortion.¹ The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) also recommends training and allowing advanced practice clinicians to provide abortion.² AAUW of Hawaii supports this bill for it would expand access to reproductive health for women of Hawaii.

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

Sincerely,

¹ <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3673521/>

² <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/25437741>

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Submitted on: 3/8/2019 7:27:29 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha Representatives,

The LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii is full support of SB 415 SD1.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Michael Golojuch, Jr.

Chair

LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ON SB415, SD1 (SSCR889)
BEFORE THE JOINT COMMITTEES ON
HEALTH AND INTRASTATE COMMERCE
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019
8:30 A.M., CONFERENCE ROOM 329

Chairman Mizuno, Chairman Ohno, and Members of the Committees:

My name is Donna Van Osdol, and I am testifying on behalf of the Hawaii Federation of Republican Women. Thank you for the opportunity. This is another abortion bill which we OPPOSE. We oppose ALL abortion bills because we value life.

It is grievous knowing that now the abortion industry wants to include nurses to perform the heinous acts of killing the unborn. They are stooping to this low because there is a doctor shortage here in Hawaii and elsewhere on the mainland.

We have all held the nursing industry close to our hearts because in our minds when we think of nurses, we see someone who is utterly selfless worthy of our utmost respect. They are almost saintly. But, soon, like abortion doctors, the nursing industry will have that "black eye" forever tainting their good profession. It is my greatest hope that nurses at the APRN level will be directing their time and energy at saving lives rather than destroying them.

There are concerns as to whether APRNs performing abortions will have the proper training and whether they will be able to handle any and all emergencies in case the mother's life is in danger. Without the safeguards in place, the state will be liable in case any deaths occur.

Any abortion is bad, and it is utterly sad that this state continues to support terrible bills such as these. Auwe!

KILL THE BILL; NOT THE BABY.

SB-415-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 6:49:45 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities	Support	No

Comments:



ONLINE SUBMITTAL
Submitted on March 10, 2019

HEARING DATE: March 12, 2019 8:30 a.m. in room 329

TO: House Committee on Health House Committee on Intrastate Commerce
Rep. John Mizuno, Chair Rep. Takashi Ohno, Chair
Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair Rep. Dale Kobayashi, Vice Chair

FROM: Eva Andrade, President

RE: **Opposition to SB 415 SD1 Relating to Health**

Hawaii Family Forum is a non-profit, pro-family education organization committed to preserving and strengthening life, family and religious freedom in Hawaii. Although we are on record opposing abortion in any form, and remain so, we are mindful that it is already legal and available in Hawaii. Current Hawaii law is appropriate in its restrictions to only allow a physician, surgeon or an osteopathic physician and surgeon from providing aspiration abortions.

Abortion, the killing of the unborn, is a medical procedure and as with any other medical procedure, laws are established to ensure the mother's safety. No matter what side of the debate you are on, everyone should appreciate this extra layer of protection. Regulations on access to abortions are necessary to protect the health and life of women who do choose to have an abortion and, to whatever extent possible, reduce the number of women who make such a choice

We have serious reservations against adding Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) to the list of medical personnel that can perform medical or aspiration abortions. Currently, our understanding is that only five states (Montana, Oregon, New Hampshire, Vermont & California) allow advanced practice clinicians to provide first-trimester medication and aspiration abortions.

Finding any true statistics on complications of abortion (including death) is already virtually impossible because according to the national Centers for Disease Control (CDC) "states and areas **voluntarily report** data to CDC for inclusion in its annual Abortion Surveillance Report. CDC's Division of Reproductive Health prepares surveillance reports as data become available. There is **no national requirement** for data submission or reporting."ⁱ (Emphasis mine.)

There are some states that have debated restrictions on abortion including hospital admitting privileges, bans on abortion at 20 weeks, bans on tele-medicine and webcast chemical abortion and abortion clinic health regulations. Instead of expanding access to abortion, we should support increased funding for abstinence education, heightening awareness about adoption, supporting counseling services for women with unwanted pregnancies and establishing parental notification.

Attached is a petition signed by over 80 people (to date) in Hawai'i done through VoterVOICE and only includes residents with a bona fide address. To protect their privacy, only their zip code and city was provided. Along with these members of the community, we strongly encourage you to hold this bill and keep the current restrictions in place.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.

ⁱ https://www.cdc.gov/reproductivehealth/data_stats/abortion.htm (accessed 03/09/19)

Petition Signatures Report

Name: APRN's and Abortion

Headline: Should Hawaii increase access to abortions?

Body: As a resident of the State of Hawaii, and registered voter, I add my name to the list of people who do not want access to abortions expanded to include Advance Practice Registered Nurses. Instead, I ask that legislators do more to focus on education on available adoption services and promote family counseling services for women with an unplanned pregnancy.

Name	City	State	Zip	Signed
Karen Padilla	Honolulu	HI	96826	03-11-2019 12:59 am
Karen Haddock	Honolulu	HI	96825	03-11-2019 12:54 am
Frank Gutierrez	Honolulu	HI	96821	03-11-2019 12:42 am
Cynthia Dorflinger	Honolulu	HI	96822	03-11-2019 12:31 am
Nancy Carvalho	Honolulu	HI	96821	03-11-2019 12:29 am
Janet Hochberg	Honolulu	HI	96821	03-11-2019 12:12 am
Keakealani Chan	Mililani	HI	96789	03-11-2019 12:04 am
Janet Grace	Honolulu	HI	96821	03-10-2019 11:55 pm
Leni Tanabe	Kihei	HI	96753	03-10-2019 09:24 pm
Matt Coffman	Honolulu	HI	96825	03-10-2019 08:35 pm
Kerrie Villers	Honolulu	HI	96816	03-10-2019 08:22 pm
Joy Hirata	Kaneohe	HI	96744	03-10-2019 08:05 pm
Rokeuaine Letua	Ewa Beach	HI	96706	03-10-2019 04:31 pm
Emir Guevara	Honolulu	HI	96818	03-10-2019 01:04 pm
Tara Anuskewicz	Kaneohe	HI	96744	03-10-2019 01:00 pm
Leslie Rush	Kapolei	HI	96707	03-10-2019 12:02 pm
Stanley Cadinha Jr	Kailua	HI	96734	03-10-2019 11:11 am
Betty Sasaki	Honolulu	HI	96818	03-10-2019 06:21 am
Edward Wyner	Kihei	HI	96753	03-10-2019 04:56 am
Ronette Souza	Honolulu	HI	96824	03-10-2019 03:13 am
Sandra Furutani	Kailua	HI	96734	03-10-2019 01:16 am
Amy Sugawa	Honolulu	HI	96822	03-10-2019 12:59 am
Priscilla Echallas	Kahului	HI	96732	03-10-2019 12:46 am
Tracy Spencer	Waianae	HI	96792	03-09-2019 09:42 pm

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Lorraine Whitfield	Kaaawa	HI	96730	03-09-2019 09:19 pm
Carla Simao	Kaneohe	HI	96744	03-09-2019 08:56 pm
John Miller	Wahiawa	HI	96786	03-09-2019 08:49 pm
John Souza	Waipahu	HI	96797	03-09-2019 08:45 pm
Expedita Pasion	Honolulu	HI	96814	03-09-2019 08:32 pm
Constance Smith	Honolulu	HI	96815	03-09-2019 08:28 pm
Patricia Perez	Mililani	HI	96789	03-09-2019 08:00 pm
Maxine Pollock	Kailua	HI	96734	03-09-2019 07:52 pm
Marcia Berkowitz	Kula	HI	96790	03-09-2019 07:42 pm
Cindy Ajimine	Honolulu	HI	96826	03-09-2019 07:23 pm
Eric Chang	Honolulu	HI	96817	03-09-2019 06:38 pm
Alexis SHELDON	Kaneohe	HI	96744	03-09-2019 06:23 pm
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todd kirwwan	Honolulu	HI	96821	03-09-2019 03:27 pm
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Ronald Gouveia	Kaneohe	HI	96744	03-09-2019 02:48 pm
Lag de Leon	Kahului	HI	96732	03-09-2019 02:47 pm
Abraham Pascual	Honolulu	HI	96819	03-09-2019 02:42 pm
Suzanne Zeng	Honolulu	HI	96816	03-09-2019 02:31 pm
Robert Taylor	Honolulu	HI	96817	03-09-2019 02:30 pm
Stacey Cha	Aiea	HI	96701	03-09-2019 02:27 pm
Susan Slavish	Kaneohe	HI	96744	03-09-2019 01:17 pm
Joan Hiel	Kaneohe	HI	96744	03-09-2019 12:49 pm
Rosalie Tadda	MILILANI	HI	96789	03-09-2019 12:44 pm
Richard McNally	Kaneohe	HI	96744	03-09-2019 12:29 pm
Thomas Mayo	Waialua	HI	96791	03-09-2019 12:17 pm
Susan Quist	Hilo	HI	96720	03-09-2019 12:17 pm
Rachel Justice	Kaneohe	HI	96744	03-09-2019 12:07 pm
Barbara Jossy	Waikoloa	HI	96738	03-09-2019 11:32 am
Alana Sooriyakumar	Honolulu	HI	96819	03-09-2019 11:28 am

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Sylvian Imamura	Waipahu	HI	96797	03-09-2019 11:27 am
Philip Park	Pearl City	HI	96782	03-09-2019 11:14 am
Wendy Pablo	Honolulu	HI	96816	03-09-2019 11:02 am
René Thomforde	Honolulu	HI	96819	03-09-2019 10:39 am
Marianne Frank	Kailua	HI	96734	03-09-2019 10:31 am
Theodore Aughe	Hilo	HI	96720	03-09-2019 10:27 am
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Anthony Woo	Hilo	HI	96720	03-09-2019 01:26 am
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Michael Rockers	Kaneohe	HI	96744	03-09-2019 01:12 am
James Teson	Kapolei	HI	96707	03-09-2019 01:06 am
Mary Mishima	Lahaina	HI	96761	03-09-2019 01:04 am
Fred Basilio	Hilo	HI	96720	03-09-2019 12:52 am

To: Hawaii State House Committees on Health and Intrastate Commerce

Date: Tuesday, March 12 at 8:30 a.m.

Re: Testimony of Save Medicaid Hawaii in support of S.B. 415 SD1 Relating to Health

Dear Chair Mizuno, Chair Ohno and Members of the Committees,

Save Medicaid Hawaii writes in strong support of S.B. 415 authorizing advanced practice registered nurses to perform aspiration abortions in order to increase access to abortion care across the state, especially in parts of the state where few such services are available.

Please give Hawaii women and their families in all parts of our state access to the full health care services they need by supporting S.B. 415 SD1. 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/>

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Submitted on: 3/9/2019 12:51:47 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joy Loudermelt	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/9/2019 10:17:07 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
R. L. Souza	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/10/2019 4:12:53 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Dear Chair Mizuno, Vice Chair B. Kobayashi, Chair Ohno, Vice Chair D. Kobayashi and members of the House Committees on Health and on Intrastate Commerce,

I am an obstetrician-gynecologist resident in Hawaii, and I am writing in strong support of Senate Bill 415.

As an obstetrician-gynecologist, I have been privileged to work with amazing advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) in a variety of clinical settings. APRNs are integral to women's healthcare in Hawaii. This bill would allow APRNs to provide surgical abortion services. As the majority of surgical abortions take place in the first trimester, this bill has the potential to significantly improve access to comprehensive reproductive care for women in Hawaii.

The safety of trained APRNs performing this procedure has been demonstrated through clinical research. This conclusion was recently confirmed by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, a non-partisan source that provides objective assessments of science and technology.

After a successful multi-year pilot program, California passed a similar law, expanding abortion provision to nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, and physician assistants. I hope Hawaii can benefit from the conclusions of this California pilot program and use this data to support our own evidence-based legislation to expand access to comprehensive women's healthcare in Hawaii.

I support SB415 SD 1, and I appreciate the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Thank you,

Jennifer Chin

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Submitted on: 3/8/2019 9:32:20 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Buck Joiner	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

3443 Malina Place, Kihei, HI 96753 808-874-BUCK (2825) buck@tiki.net

March 8, 2019

SB415 SD1 In support

Dear Representatives, COMMITTEE ON HEALTH and COMMITTEE ON INTRASTATE COMMERCE ,

I support SB415 SD1 in that it will expand the availability of qualified medical personnel to perform an operation that nobody ever wants performed but that the circumstances of life sometimes require. As an adult male, not directly connected with any specific operation, I do not have the right to deny it to any other person. My only concern is that it is done professionally in a safe environment.

Mahalo

Yours truly

Buck Joiner

Maui

Lifetime motto and commitment Here to Help

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Submitted on: 3/9/2019 11:35:30 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I support this bill and hope you will pass it to assist in expanding access to abortion care in Hawaii.

Current Hawaii law prohibits anyone other than physicians from providing abortions, *even though* other types of providers, such as advance practice registered nurses, may be just as qualified to provide equally safe care. I have received care from APRNs on many occasions, and find them to be extremely knowledgeable, skilled, and caring for their patients. Indeed, the information and care provided to me by APRNs has often included much better explanations, informed consents, and details on self-care than physicians provide, because physicians are often more limited in time they can devote to a patient.

Hawaii has long been a leader in expanding and improving access to reproductive health care, including abortion. But this time, we are missing the mark. Outdated provider restrictions are limiting our network of abortion providers. This means that many people in Hawaii still face unnecessary barriers to accessing the care they need.

Our current restrictive law means that **women on most islands have limited access to a provider or no provider at all**. This means care may be delayed. It means that people are forced to travel long distances to access care. And for those who can't travel, it means they may not ever receive the abortion care they need and/or want.

Please remove these restrictions to make abortion access a reality for people in Hawaii.

Ellen Carson

SB-415-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/9/2019 3:48:31 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
marcia	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am adamantly opposed. In case of a medical emergency, an RN's training is no substitute for a physician's vast area of medical issues and surgical experience. As we know, babies can live through this horrendous wretched procedure, mothers lives can be come endangered during the process (recently at a Planned Parenthood Clinic on the mainland, they advised an ambulance not to turn on it's siren to keep it all hushed), and so forth. Please put forth legislative issues that benefit all, not the monetarily for the nursing association.

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Submitted on: 3/10/2019 4:14:19 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Dear Chair Mizuno, Vice Chair B. Kobayashi, Chair Ohno, Vice Chair D. Kobayashi and members of the House Committees on Health and on Intrastate Commerce,

I am an obstetrician-gynecologist in Hawaii, and I am writing in support of Senate Bill 415.

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After a successful multi-year pilot program, California passed a similar law, expanding abortion provision to nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, and physician assistants. I hope Hawaii can benefit from the conclusions of this California pilot program and use this data to support our own evidence-based legislation to expand access to comprehensive women's healthcare in Hawaii.

I support SB415 SD 1, and I appreciate the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Thank you,

Sara C. Harris, MD

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Submitted on: 3/10/2019 5:03:45 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Geoffrey J. Horvath	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I respectfully am opposed to this SB415, since it is taking of a precious life, let alone allowing it be performed by an APRN and not a doctor. Please consider the seriousness of what we as a State are doing. We are taking the life of a humanbeing!

Mahalo for considering my comments and my opposition to this Bill.

Aloha!

SB-415-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/9/2019 2:57:06 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose the expansion of abortion to include APRNs.

For the safety of the patient, a MD should be the provider of abortion services because they are fully trained to treat to handle emergencies.

SB-415-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/9/2019 5:57:28 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Loreene	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

SB-415-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/8/2019 11:14:57 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
david georges	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB 415 for many reasons.

First I wish to express my horror that this bill has even made it this far. An abortion is much more complicated than popping a pimple or bandaging a wound. It's an invasive procedure that could easily put the woman at risk of serious medical and emotional complications.

I by no means wish to belittle the skilled professionals in the nursing community but the obvious fact is that they are not doctors and if they were sufficiently trained to do these procedures, they would be doctors. This is common sense.

Now this is not to express a lack of compassion for those women that live in rural areas that feel they have limited access to medical care but again, do we really want to allow them access to serious medical procedures when there is no plan b - no back up plan should something go wrong.

and then what if the aborted baby is born alive - where there would be no medical facilities capable of rescue such a tiny helpless life.

Yes this about life not choices - if it were about choices wouldn't it be a better idea to make the choice to refrain from sexual activity that leads to pregnancy? There's the real choice.

try wait! Until marriage and ready to start a family. Common sense is not so common any more.

Please don't pass this bill.

SB-415-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/9/2019 10:53:23 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ronald Gouveia	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I think abortions should be performed by a doctor to protect women's health and that the present law is correct.

SB-415-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/9/2019 2:22:55 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE SB415SD1 which will significantly and adversely impact health care in Hawaii. Specific provisions of the bill which MUST NOT be enacted include:

1. The bill contemplates allowing APRNs to perform surgical abortion in the first trimester after completing an undefined "board-approved specified training program". This vague requirement is tantamount to no requirement at all. If the legislature is unable to identify a specific licensing scheme for nurse-administered abortion then it shouldn't be approving it.
2. The bill eliminates the ability of hospitals to "opt-out" of being abortion providers. In the past we have repeatedly been assured that no one would be forced to be an accomplice in abortion. Forcing hospitals to perform abortion is wrong. While in theory hospital employees would have the ability to individually "opt-out", this provision would have a chilling effect on employees. The ability to opt-out is NULL AND VOID if there is an (undefined) "serious" risk to another person's health or life. LET'S BE HONEST AND JUST SAY YOU CAN'T OPT-OUT.
3. Under this bill violations of subsection a would result in nothing but a \$1,000 slap on the wrist. In other words, any one can perform abortion with minimal consequences.

Scott W. Smart

Mililani HI

SB-415-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/9/2019 3:23:49 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jordan Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Mizuno, Chair Ohno, and members of the Committees on Health and Intrastate Commerce,

My name is Jordan Smith and I am a resident of Hawaii (represented by House District 29 and Senate District 13) who also happens to be a woman of reproductive age. Hawaii has long been a leader in expanding and protecting access to the full spectrum of sexual and reproductive health care, including abortion. Our current provider restrictions reduce health care access without any benefit to the health or safety of people in Hawaii. SB 415 can fix this.

Current law limits the provision of surgical abortions to physicians despite the fact that other providers, like advanced practice registered nurses, are capable of providing safe and effective abortion care when they have received proper training.

The result is that, across the state, women are delayed or unable to access abortion care because Hawaii has few abortion providers. Women are forced to travel long distances to access care, which increases costs for travel, lodging, childcare, and other expenses. And if people are unable to travel to another island due to these costs or other barriers, they may not be able to access abortion at all.

With Hawaii's already challenging geography, access to abortion care is already restricted, passing legislation that provides already registered medical providers with the necessary skillset to perform this much-needed procedure for women across the state is incredibly necessary.

Please do not contribute to the attack on women's rights that is prevailing in our nation today. Please pass SB415, SD1 out of your committees.

Best,

Jordan

Honolulu, HI 96817

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Submitted on: 3/8/2019 10:17:50 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Judith Michaels	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/10/2019 9:19:10 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rediate Adenew	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

This is a horrible idea. We should not make abortion any more dangerous than it already is. Women deserve better.

Mahalo,

Ray Adenew

SB-415-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/10/2019 4:21:59 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

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I support SB 415, and I appreciate the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Thank you,

Paris Stowers, MD

Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair
Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
Committee on Health

Representative Takashi Ohno, Chair
Representative Dale T. Kobayashi, Vice Chair
Committee on Intrasite Commerce

Tuesday, March 12th, 2019; 8:30 a.m.
Hawaii State Capitol Conference Room 329

In support of S.B. No. 415, SD 1, Relating to Health.

Dear Chair Mizuno, Vice Chair Kobayashi, Chair Ohno, Vice Chair Kobayashi, and the
Members of the Committee,

My name is Emma Ishihara and I am currently a student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. I am writing testimony today in strong support of Senate Bill number 415, which would allow advanced practice registered nurses to perform abortions by medication or aspiration.

Despite being considered one of the more democratic states in the U.S., it is still very difficult for women to access abortion services in Hawaii. The places that currently offer such services include the Planned Parenthood Honolulu, HI, location on Beretania Street and the one in Kahului, HI, on Hoohana Street. On the outer islands, it takes much longer and is significantly more difficult to access abortion services, resulting in an unequal sexual and reproductive health service provision across the state.

This bill would allow for an expansion of health services across the state to places where abortion access has been difficult or even out of women's reach for too long. By allowing advanced practice registered nurses to perform even only medication and aspiration abortions, women and families on the outer islands would have easier and more convenient access to abortion services. Nurses from the outer islands would be able to provide another important service to their patients and women would not have to go out of their way to interrupt their work schedules and personal lives to receive necessary health services.

This bill would significantly help expand access to important sexual and reproductive health care across Hawaii. Once again, I would like to reiterate that I strongly support this senate bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill and for all of your hard work,
Emma M N Ishihara.

SB-415-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/10/2019 10:28:30 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Danielle Ogez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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I support SB415 SD 1, and I appreciate the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Thank you, Dr. Danielle ogez

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Rep. John M. Mizuno, Chair
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Committee Members

COMMITTEE ON INTRASTATE COMMERCE
Rep. Takashi Ohno, Chair
Rep. Daile T. Kobayashi, Vice Chair

Submitted: March 10th. 2019

SB415 SD1: APR Nurses to induce/perform abortion by medication or aspiration

I strongly oppose the passing of this bill; actually I oppose abortion at any stage.

I always believed a physician became a doctor because he/she cared about providing care, support and maintaining human life. Sadly over past decades this caring and respect for life has been diminishing.

We now want to extend this to APR Nurses, who I always thought went into the business for humanitarian reasons, again appears I may be wrong.

This bill would authorize APR Nurses to join physicians in performing abortions by either prescribing medication or by performing abortions by aspiration.

We further want to authorize that this procedure may take place within the APR Nurses office.

Is that not exposing these women seeking an abortion to a higher risk, then if they had gone to a licensed physician?

If an emergency arises and they do ... is the APR Nurse prepared to handle such emergencies? This could potential leave a woman unable to carry a child later in life or worse it could lead to a loss of life, in addition to the child, the woman's life could be lost as well.

Then on top of this, the penalty appears to have been reduced from "not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than five years or both" and is now only \$1,000.

Higher risk less penalty ... sounds like red flags to me!

I ask that you stop this bill now, please do not put these women at a greater risk then they need to be. What they need to know is that there are other alternatives available to them.

Respectfully
Rita Kama-Kimura
Mililani, HI

SB-415-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/10/2019 12:21:49 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

TO: House Committee on Health
House Committee on Intrastate Commerce
Chairs, Rep. John Mizuno; Rep. Takashi Ohno
Vice Chairs and Committee Members

DATE: Tuesday, March 12, 2019

TIME: 8:30AM

PLACE: Room 329, State Capitol

RE: SB 415 SD 1, Relating to Health

FROM: Marti Tom

I strongly oppose this bill for the following reasons:

- 1) It does not provide protection for faith-based hospitals. These hospitals should not be forced to provide any type of abortion, procedures which are in direct conflict of their stated mission and in conflict with the beliefs of some of the people who work there. This may be precisely why these individuals chose to work in these specific hospitals.
- 2) Nurses would be required to give advanced written notice of nonparticipation causing concern for staff who may not have given prior notice and would be forced to participate at that time. No option is given for this oversight.
- 3) This bill does not specify who determines "serious risk to another person's health and life" or what standards are used in determining this. This determination would require that a "nonparticipating" nurse be required to participate regardless of prior notice or beliefs.
- 4) It does not require the presence of a physician who should be there to provide oversight and responsibility on these medical procedures, especially should complications arise.

I urge you not to pass this bill without protections for the hospitals, nurses and the patients.

Thank you for your consideration.

SB-415-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/10/2019 4:50:35 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alfred Hagen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Current Hawaii law protects women from harm by narrowing the scope of who can do a medical or aspiration abortion. Even if an APRN is "trained & experienced," medical doctors are the ones who are best prepared to handle emergencies should they arise.

What should be examined is why there are few doctors on the outer islands that do not perform abortions. What happens when/if there are APRNs unwilling to be trained to perform abortions? Is the abortion industry going to submit a bill for LPNs, then CNAs, followed by NAs, then HHAs? There is a desperation here that's very unseemly.

This bill is only about expanding abortion services in Hawaii and it'll be to the detriment (It already is) of the health of women - and, of course - of the baby they are carrying.

TESTIMONY to the HOUSE COMMITTEE on Health and HOUSE COMMITTEE on
Intrastate Commerce

SB 415 SD1 Relating to Health

Tuesday March 12, 2019 8:30 am
State Capitol Conference Room 329

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

Chairmen Mizuno and Ohno, Vice Chairs B. Kobayashi and D. Kobayashi, and
Members:

1. Women in Hawaii have unfettered access to abortion. According to the [Guttmacher Institute](#): “Hawaii does not have any of the major types of abortion restrictions—such as waiting periods, mandated parental involvement or limitations on publicly funded abortions—often found in other states.”
2. SB415 SD1 is an affront to women. By considering the degradation of health care services demanded in the invasive procedure of removing a baby from a woman’s womb prior to the normal delivery you are lowering the standard of care that women deserve to receive. There are numerous complications that can arise during this procedure including death. An interesting term “medication” abortion. Isn’t a medication supposed to cure not kill? It is a chemical abortion – not medication. Pregnancy is not a disease. Dr. Anthony Levatino, a former abortionist explains what happens in an “aspiration” abortion and the risks associated with the procedure [here](#). Risks include laceration or perforation of the uterus; damaging the uterus, intestine, and nearby blood vessels; hemorrhage, infection, future pre-mature/early delivery, infertility and even death. This bill glosses over the seriousness of the procedure and returns us to the “back alley” days of the past.
3. Several years ago there was a truck that drove the streets of Honolulu with pictures of “the products of conception” i.e. aborted babies. There was outrage because the images were so graphically barbaric. Think about it. Anyone who performs these life-ending procedures day after day must eventually awaken to inhumane nature of abortion and the fact that a human being must die for the procedure to be a success. Many pro-abortion doctors abandoned the practice and became life advocates including [Dr. Anthony Levatino](#), [Dr. Bernard Nathanson](#) and [Dr. John Bruchalski](#). Planned Parenthood managers such as Abby Johnson, left the organization because of the brutality perpetrated on a tiny human being during the abortion. Abby Johnson started a non-profit called “And Then There Were None” to help people [leave the abortion business](#). Many employees in abortion related service providers are traumatized by the abortion procedure and hope to find a way out. Abby’s non-profit helps them transition into more

rewarding jobs. It is not surprising that some doctors, especially those who admit performing the procedure, are advocates of this bill. If the procedure could be delegated to nurses, it could be a great relief to the abortion doctor's consciences. For most doctors, the abortion procedure violates the very core of the medical profession – to save lives, not take lives.

4. If abortion weren't so lucrative, there might not be any physicians willing to perform the unethical and immoral procedure. Some states have to [fly in doctors](#) because of the unsavory nature of the act. Sad as it may be that Hawaii forces all residents to financially contribute to this horrific act, it would be much sadder if Hawaii reduced the level of training and experience of the individuals performing the procedures, and worse still if Hawaii eliminated conscience protections for medical staff. No one, in any circumstance, should ever be forced to participate in the taking of human life as occurs in both abortion and "aid in dying" procedures. No one should be discriminated in employment because they don't want to kill any of their patients. This bill does not afford this essential protection to medical professionals and that is very wrong. Medical professionals who only want to save lives must be protected by the state and never should the state be allowed to infringe upon their conscience rights.
5. Another of the most egregious aspects of the bill is paragraph 2. d. that makes violations of the law subject to a paltry \$1000 fine, not a criminal act. Because a woman does not always choose abortion when her "partner" desires the abortion, the women's health, safety, and even life may be in jeopardy. Many a pregnant woman has been murdered or severely injured because she did not "choose" an abortion. For example, earlier this year, Michigan law as reported in [the Detroit Free Press](#), "Kahlil Arron-Shabzz Ellison, 22, of Pontiac, was arraigned Jan. 20, 2019, after he was charged with assault pregnant individual — intentionally causing miscarriage/still birth-life. Ellison was given a \$1 million bond." In Hawaii, would this type of miscarriage of justice only result in a \$1,000.00 fine if this bill passes? Is this just an "abortion" carried out by someone who is not a medical professional? This would be a serious injustice to pregnant women and their unborn children. We can't let legislation like this pass in our state.
6. When you vote in favor of expanding abortion service providers, you are condoning the barbaric/demonic procedure. In our hearts we know abortion is wrong. That is why we make up euphemisms such as "choice", "clump of cells", "products of conception" instead of calling it what it is: a dead baby. Planned Parenthood admitted that abortion kills the life of a baby in their 1952 pamphlet found [here](#). That is why we don't like looking at pictures of aborted babies. The reality of the abortion procedure degrades our humanity. Don't cheapen life. Don't endanger the lives of women. Don't force medical professionals to participate in acts against life and God's law -- the [Natural Law](#) – law that transcends time, culture, and government.
7. Vote NO on SB 415 SD1.

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Submitted on: 3/10/2019 6:14:48 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
james	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

I oppose SB415.Makes me sick that our culture is turning the culture is death where death is good even ending a babies life is alright.I'm pretty sure Planparenthood or supporter lobbied this bill, they get death and money.They want to expand for nurses to preform abortion so there's no shortage of eliminating babies.Depopulation is the BIG thing now days.I don't know who's government is worst and hostile to babies NewYork or Hawaii.If we pass this,I guess us.The trust of government is down,now doctors who took an oath to save lives is down.Lets not make nurse reputation go down.This is a sad island.

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Submitted on: 3/10/2019 7:07:45 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Analyn Quintal	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

For the littlest, voiceless and most vulnerable among us, I strongly oppose this bill.

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Submitted on: 3/10/2019 7:26:42 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

SB-415-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/10/2019 7:41:10 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Frank Gutierrez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As an Hawaii resident and father, I oppose any intermediary doing an abortion in place of a doctor. This is an unreasonable act to further destroy a life that exist after pregnancy. Please do not pass this legislation. I was a Los Angeles Fireman for 31 years. As an emergency EMT, one of my patients I helped transport was a young girl who was agonizing over her aborted fetus after leaving a clinic. The screams of emotional trauma and mental anguish she experienced was hard to keep from me crying with her. I so desperately wished I could help her but I knew of nothing else but to hold her hand and give verbal support while we traveled to the hospital. I knew the psychological scars will be with her forever since I can still remember them to this day.

Stop this Now!

Frank Gutierrez



Hearing: Committee on Health
Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 8:30am

To: Chair Mizuno, Vice-Chair Kobayashi, Rep. Belatti, Rep. Nakakura,
Rep. San Buenaventura, Rep. Say, Rep. Tokioka & Rep. Ward

From: Janet Grace, Director

Re: **OPPOSITION Relating to Health, SB415 SD1**

Hawaii Life Alliance believes that life begins at conception and ends at natural death. We are also committed to supporting those through non-judgmental love and support, pregnancy education and healthy options, who are facing and unplanned pregnancy.

According to a May 2018 Guttmacher Institute report, Hawaii does NOT have any of the MAJOR types of restrictions-such as waiting periods, mandated parental involvement or limitations on publicly funded abortions-often found in other states.

We are grateful, that although, opposed to abortion, Hawaii allows only doctor's and surgeons to provide surgical (suction aspiration) and medical (medication) abortions.

One argument that pro-choice groups often use is that abortion is safe and rare. (Allowing non MD's to perform surgical and medical abortions would be less safe) Also, in this case expanding surgical and medical abortions will most likely increase abortions in Hawaii. We must also keep in mind, minor girls are able to obtain and abortion without at the very least, parental notification.

On The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (who support this measure) website: www.acog.org, FAQ page states:

What should I expect during a medical abortion?

The drugs used in a medical abortion will cause bleeding that is much heavier than a menstrual period. There may be severe cramping . Nausea, vomiting, fever, and chills may occur. You can take over-the-counter pain medication. Your health care provider also may prescribe stronger pain medication if needed. It can take several days or weeks for the abortion to be complete.

Do I need to follow-up with my health care provider after having a medical abortion?

You will need to see your health care provider within 2 weeks to **MAKE SURE** the abortion **IS COMPLETE**. If you are still pregnant after taking the medication, you may be given another dose of medication or you may need to have a surgical abortion. ***Continuing the pregnancy is not recommended because the drugs used for medical abortion are known to cause severe birth defects.*** (My emphasis added)

I submit, is it fair or even realistic to subject 14, 15, 16, 17 etc. year old girls to be in the counsel and medical care of an APRN with the possible severe outcomes that ACOG themselves admit can potentially occur - without extensive years of training and experience? Wouldn't you agree the expertise of a doctor would clearly be best equipped to perform and prescribe abortions on Hawaii's youth and woman in general?

Lawmakers, please do what is right and not allow this bill to move out of this committee. This is not about being radically pro-life, but rather being radically responsible for the medical care of our keiki and women.

Mahalo nui!

SB-415-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/10/2019 12:05:02 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chris Jimenez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

LEGISLATORS: If you only have a short amount of time to read a few testimonies, PLEASE READ THIS ONE! The future of women’s health is at stake.

Supporters of this bill will state that “abortions are so safe, APRNs can do them with proper training”. The logic of this claim is a fallacy and WOULD PUT WOMEN’S HEALTH AT RISK. You may hear arguments like “abortions are less likely to have complications than people who have their wisdom teeth removed”¹ (Time Magazine 12/9/14), or hear others comparing the safety record of abortions to other “easy” medical procedures. Please don’t fall for these fallacy arguments. Consider these points:

1. Historical safety data is based on DOCTORS performing the surgery!

State legislators should not be putting women at risk for subpar healthcare based on safety statistics being performed by doctors. Doctors are the most qualified to perform surgery.

2) CAPABLE does not mean BEST

Just because an APRN is **capable** of performing the surgery, doesn’t mean a women’s health should be placed at a greater risk. It’s that 1 in 1,000 when something goes wrong and a women is grateful there is a doctor in the room to deal with the complication. That women, the 1 in 1,000, is not a statistic, she is a person worthy of the **best** care available.

3) Risk of DEATH

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), during 2008 - 2012, there was one maternal death for every 153,846 legally induced abortions in the United States.² A surgical abortion isn't the same as removing a skin tag (where use of APRNs is prevalent)³. A surgical abortion is serious business, requiring the best available care to women. And now that MEDICAL abortions has also been added to this bill, the risk is even greater since the complication rate is GREATER with medical abortions.

4) EXPERIENCE Does Matter

One of the leading abortion providers in Australia admits that an experienced surgeon helps to reduce the most serious complication. Per their website: "Perforation of the uterus, where the surgical instruments make a hole in the wall, is potentially the most serious complication but fortunately is rare with an **experienced surgeon**."⁴

5) Eye Industry Example

If you were personally going in for eye surgery, such as cataract surgery, would you go to an ophthalmologist or an Optometrists? Does it really matter because "cataract surgery is very common and is generally a safe procedure",⁵ and "statistics suggest that the lifetime risk of a detached retina as a cataract surgery complication in the United States is about 1 percent."⁶ Sound similar to the arguments in support of this bill?

Yet, here is what that industry has to say about this: "An ophthalmologist is a medical doctor, and a qualified eye surgeon. Only medical eye doctors called Ophthalmologists are licensed properly to perform eye surgery. **Never** risk losing your vision for a cheaper priced vision correction surgery with anyone other than a medical eye doctor."⁷

Given these five points, there are no legitimate reasons worthy of **intentionally putting women's healthcare at risk** by placing surgery in the hands of mid-level providers. We are not talking about skin tags here. Abortion is surgery with a real risk of death. Just because the numbers are low, like cataract surgery, doesn't mean you should allow mid-level providers to perform these procedures.

For this reason, I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB415, and hope you will vote NO.

Sincerely,

Chris Jimenez

Kapolei Resident

Footnote Links:

- 1 <http://time.com/3623572/abortion-safe-complications/>
- 2 <https://idph.iowa.gov/Portals/1/userfiles/142/Pregnancy%20Mortality.pdf>
- 3 <https://khn.org/news/nurse-practitioners-physician-assistance-dermatology-surgery/>
- 4 <https://www.mariestopes.org.au/your-choices/surgical-abortion-vs-medical-abortion/>
- 5 <https://www.mayoclinic.org/tests-procedures/cataract-surgery/about/pac-20384765>
- 6 <https://www.allaboutvision.com/conditions/cataract-complications.htm>
- 7 <https://lasikofnv.com/ophthalmologist-vs-optometrist/>

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Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
arielle	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/10/2019 9:25:34 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Vivien	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Potential complications from medical abortion and aspiration can occur even with 1st trimester abortion. I do not believe that an advanced practice registered nurse would be adequately trained to handle life threatening problems. If he or she does perform procedure, he or she should be under the supervision of a licensed physician or surgeon or licensed osteopathic physician and surgeon and not practice independently. In addition, he or she should be held to the same standard as a practicing physician and surgeon, requiring person to have the same amount of training (residency) and carry full liability insurance as all licensed physicians must carry.

Section 2- 2: e - amended subsection - requiring prior written notice of refusal "if applicable" and "does not cause a serious risk to another person's health or life" are too vague and can be left to broad interpretation. This statement should not be added to the original paragraph. The addition of this paragraph can be construed as forcing one to perform abortion against a person's conscience.

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Submitted on: 3/10/2019 9:49:19 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly object to the "expansion" of abortion to include APRNs. This is a sad duty of a physician or surgeon (or an osteopathic physician and surgeon). For the safety and protection of the patient, medical doctors are the ones who are best prepared to handle emergencies, if they should arise. I respectfully ask you not to expand abortion to include APRNs.

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Submitted on: 3/10/2019 10:13:49 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Travis Agustin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a father of a young daughter I am strongly opposed to allowing an APRN to perform abortions. I am personally opposed to ending the life of a child and to all abortions, however, I do recognize that currently it is legal in the State of Hawaii for a mother to make the decision to end the life of her child. Therefore, one of my primary concerns with this particular Bill is with the professional liability.

Although, an APRN may be capable to be trained to perform the required procedure to end the life of a child, there are potentially serious unintended consequences on the health of the mother that likely require immediate medical attention during and after an abortion. Physically the mother's body will undoubtedly take a serious toll as a result of ending the life of her child. The number factors that could contribute to the complications to a mother's health I believe require the expertise of a trained doctor or surgeon. In my personal experience, I have witnessed that when a mother gives birth to a child, there are a number of variables that could negatively impact the health of the mother and requires a Doctor's expertise to diagnose and administer treatment. Conceivably an abortion imposes similar or more significant impacts on the mother's body.

I am also concerned with the mother's mental health. A mother who makes the decision to end the life of her child, will undoubtedly suffer from the effects of making that decision, if not immediately, at some time in the future. Society as a whole has to bear the ramifications an abortion causes to a mother's mental health and well being. This impact is a real and undeniable consequence to abortions and our families suffer because of the impact to a mother's mental health.

With all that being said, I am strongly opposed to this Bill and respectfully urge the Committee to vote against this Bill. Thank you.

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Submitted on: 3/10/2019 10:17:30 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stacey Jimenez	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

SB 415, SD1 expands the services that advanced practice registered nurses (APRN) are allowed to perform to include medical abortions in addition to surgical abortions the bill originally requested. This change only increases the risk to women in Hawaii.

Hawaii has prided itself in caring about women and families. So why lower the standard of care to have an APRN provide surgical and medical abortion procedures instead of licensed doctors?

Aspiration abortion is surgery that should only be performed by a licensed doctor. In the case of complications, the APRN would not be as well equipped to handle the situation as a doctor. Why put even one woman that possibly has complications at risk when it is not necessary to do so?

It is documented that there are more physical complications for women after a medical abortion than after a surgical abortion. (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/19888037>). Since medical abortions are riskier than surgical abortions in the first trimester, performing medical abortions without physician supervision would only increase the risks of physical complications.

Women deserve the best healthcare treatment possible and allowing APRNs to perform surgery and prescribe the medical abortion lowers the standard of care.

I strongly OPPOSE lowering the standard of medical care provided to the women in the State of Hawaii. Women deserve the best treatment by the most qualified professionals and that is licensed doctors.

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Submitted on: 3/10/2019 10:32:37 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bryn Villers	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Chairs Mizuno and Ohno,

I am writing in opposition to SB415. Allowing nurses to perform such potentially dangerous surgical procedures without physician presence is unwise. In addition, the removal of a hospital's right to refuse is highly problematic. Also, to force prior written notice and to put medical practitioners in danger of penalty or legal trouble because they refuse to perform an abortion if it poses a serious risk to health (which can, and has been, defined as almost anything).

Please do not pass this bill.

Thank you,

Mr. Bryn Villers

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Submitted on: 3/10/2019 10:55:10 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

SB415 SD1

RELATING TO HEALTH

House Committee on Judiciary

House Committee on Intrastate Commerce

Hearing Tuesday, March 12, 2019

at 8:30 AM, State Capitol, Conference Room 329

Chairs Mizuno and Ohno, Vice Chairs, and Committee Members,

My name is Kerrie Villers, and I submit my testimony in **strong opposition** to SB415 SD1.

While aspiration abortion is often presented as a “straightforward” procedure that is simple and feasible for health professionals other than physicians to carry out, the fact remains that it is still a surgical procedure, and there are numerous surgical procedures that are “straightforward”, yet only physicians or doctors (dentist, podiatrist, etc.) are allowed to perform. This is because there is ALWAYS a risk of complication associated with surgery no matter how routine.

In 2015, over 70% of abortions nationally were aspiration abortions and though the rate of complications is low, the fact remains that there are unintended complications that arise from this surgical procedure, as there may be from any procedure. Complications such as anesthesia reactions, cervical lacerations, perforations, and hemorrhaging, may necessitate urgent care and hospitalization thereafter, which truly makes this a health concern for women undergoing the procedure. This risk compels me to ask that this medical procedure continue to be reserved to physicians as we do other standard medical procedures that have relatively low risk, such as dental care.

Should this legislature consider providing APRNs licenses to perform surgeries, I should hope that it would be in an area of medicine that would more proportionately affect the entire population and not be one that would adversely affect only women's health.

This bill also restricts conscientious objection by stripping hospitals of their free choice in participating in abortions, which may conflict with the ethical and religious values held by certain institutions. The exemption for hospitals was well thought out before and should remain.

Finally, this bill places a new and unnecessary burden on nurses by requiring written notice in order to not participate in an abortion. I am concerned for nurses who may not be aware that they have to meet this new mandate in order to not violate their conscience. I also am alarmed at the fact that the conscientious objection is not absolute in this bill since the clause "refusal does not cause a serious risk to another person's health or life" indicates that under certain conditions, a nurse who has already clearly objected to participation may be required to do what he or she finds ethically objectionable. It is precisely because the nurse sees participation as causing serious risk to another person's health or life that the nurse has objected. Additionally, what constitutes "serious risk to ... health" is not defined making it unclear the conditions under which a nurse could be forced to participate.

For the above reasons, I humbly ask that you not pass this bill. It proposes changes to the law that are not good for women's health and safety, for our nurses, and for hospitals in general. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kerrie Villers

House District 20

SB-415-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 12:17:35 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kathleen Yokouchi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/11/2019 4:18:10 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chrystie Fujimoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-415-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 6:40:58 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

SB-415-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/10/2019 10:02:43 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Dear Representatives Mizuno and others on the Health Committee,

I write in support of SB415SD1. I am a resident of Manoa. I retired as a Professor of Nursing and Director of the Nurse-Midwifery Education Program at Emory University in Georgia. Current law in Hawaii limits the provision of surgical abortions to physicians despite the fact that other providers, like advanced practice registered nurses, are capable of providing safe and effective abortion care when they have received proper training. The result is that, across the state, women are delayed or unable to access abortion care because Hawaii has few abortion providers. Women are forced to travel long distances to access care, which increases costs for travel, lodging, childcare, and other expenses. And if people are unable to travel to another island due to these costs or other barriers, they may not be able to access abortion at all. Every year, women die due to unsafe abortion. Thank you.

SB-415-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/10/2019 9:06:35 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Holly Hino-Agustin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly disagreed it this proposed bill. Even if an APRN is "trained & experienced," i believe medical doctors are the ones who are best prepared to handle emergencies, should they arise. While i empathize with a women who has an unplanned pregnancy, I believe much harm and malpractice could come from passing this bill. Please consider the woman you will be protecting and that this bill shouldn't be taken lightly.

Katherine T. Kupukaa
Mililani, Hawaii

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

John M. Mizuno, Chair
Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON INTRASTATE COMMERCE

Takashi Ohno, Chair
Dale T. Kobayashi, Vice Chair

DATE: Tuesday, March 12, 2019
TIME: 8:30 am.
PLACE: Conference Room 329
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

RE: OPPOSE SB 415 (sscr889) RELATING TO HEALTH

I oppose SB 415 because it allows Advanced practice Registered Nurse to perform surgical procedure of abortion. I oppose abortion and believe every human life is precious and should be preserved if at all possible.

I oppose SB 415 and urge you not to pass this bill as it is not good for the State of Hawaii. Thank you for allowing me to voice my concern.

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Submitted on: 3/11/2019 7:44:03 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ashley	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hello Senators,

Thank you for your time in reading this testimony. I sincerely ask you to oppose this bill. It only aims to make abortion more accessible to women by lowering health standards and allowing a Nurse to conduct a medical procedure. If women's health is truly a priority here, I respectfully ask you to provide her the upmost care in which a professional medical Doctor should only be allowed to perform such a procedure.



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

TO: House Committee on Health
Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair
Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
House Committee on Intrastate Commerce
Representative Takashi Ohno, Chair
Representative Dale T. Kobayashi, Vice Chair

DATE: Tuesday, Mar 12, 2019
PLACE: Hawai'i State Capitol, Conference Room 329

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

**Re: SB 415 SD1 – Relating to Health
Position: SUPPORT**

The Hawai'i Section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (HI ACOG) represents more than 200 obstetrician-gynecologist physicians in our state, and we support SB 415 SD1. Advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) are integral to women's healthcare in Hawai'i. Under current Hawai'i statutes, these highly-trained clinicians are already authorized to practice independently and they provide non-surgical abortion services. SB415 SD1 will allow trained APRNs to provide surgical abortions. This bill has several potential benefits for the women of Hawai'i:

- As the majority of surgical abortions take place in the first trimester, this bill has the potential to significantly improve access to comprehensive reproductive care for women in Hawai'i.
- Many women routinely receive well-woman care from an APRN. This bill would give those women the option to maintain continuity of care while undergoing surgical abortions. This continuity may help some women avoid the burden of travel and additional clinic appointments to see a physician for these same services.

Not only have many of us worked with APRNs and can attest to their competency and skill, the safety of trained APRNs performing this procedure has been demonstrated.¹ This conclusion was recently confirmed by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, a non-partisan source that provides objective assessments of science and technology.²

After a successful multi-year pilot program, California passed a similar law, expanding first-trimester surgical abortion provision to nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, and physician assistants.³ HI ACOG hopes Hawai'i can benefit from the conclusions of this California pilot program and use this data to support our own evidence-based legislation to expand timely access to safe abortion services in Hawai'i.

HI ACOG supports evidence-based legislation such as SB415 SB1 that would increase access to comprehensive women's healthcare. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

¹ Weitz TA, Taylor D, Desai S, et al. Safety of aspiration abortion performed by nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, and physician assistants under a California legal waiver. *Am J Public Health.* 2013;103(3):454-461.

² National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. (2018). *The Safety and Quality of Abortion Care in the United States.* Washington, DC: The National Academies Press. Retrieved 24 February 2019, from <https://www.nap.edu/24950>

³ California Business and Professions Code § 2725.4



**Written Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Health
and
House Committee on Intrastate Commerce
Tuesday, March 12, 2019 8:30 a.m.
by
Laura Reichhardt, MS, AGNP-C, APRN
Director, Hawai'i State Center for Nursing
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa**

**WRITTEN COMMENTS
SB415, SD1 RELATING TO HEALTH**

Chair Mizuno, Chair Ohno, Vice Chair B. Kobayashi, Vice Chair D. Kobayashi, and members of the House Committees on Health and Intrastate Commerce, thank you for this opportunity to provide written comments related to this bill, SB415, SD1. This bill, if enacted, authorizes advanced practice registered nurses to perform aspiration abortions.

The mission of the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing is that through collaborative partnerships, the Center provides accurate nursing workforce data for planning, disseminates nursing knowledge to support excellence in practice and leadership development, promotes a diverse workforce, and advocates for sound health policy to serve the changing health care needs of the people of Hawai'i.

The Center offers the following information for your committee's review:

- California, New York, Montana, Oregon, Vermont, and New Hampshire laws or rules enable non-physician providers to perform abortions. The two most recent enacted legislation is from California and New York.
- Education models exist to develop expert providers in abortion care services. Research findings on these education models are as follows:
 - McLemore, Monica R., Amy Levi, and E. Angel James. "Recruitment and Retention Strategies for Expert Nurses in Abortion Care Provision." *Contraception* 91, no. 6 (June 2015): 474–79.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.contraception.2015.02.007>.

Findings: Clear mechanisms exist to develop expert nurses in abortion care provision.

- Taylor, Diana; Safriet, Barbara; Dempsey, Grayson; Kruse, Beth; and Jackson, Courtney. “Advanced Provider Clinician Toolkit on Providing Abortion Care: A Professional Toolkit for Nurse-Midwives, Nurse Practitioners, and Physician Assistants” <http://apctoolkit.org/wp-content/themes/apctoolkit/index.html>

Findings: There is evidence of abortion care education in entry-level APC programs, with clinical training lagging didactic education. However, education and training in abortion care knowledge and skills, including medication and aspiration abortion provision, are offered in a number of postgraduate training programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments related to this measure.

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Submitted on: 3/11/2019 10:07:27 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kat Brady	Community Alliance on Prisons	Support	Yes

Comments:

Community Alliance on Prisons supports access.

PLEASE SUPPORT ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE SERVICES!

Mahalo nui!

Kat Brady



Hawai'i

Committee: Committee on Health
Committee on Intrastate Commerce
Hearing Date/Time: Tuesday, March 12, 2019, 8:30 a.m.
Place: Conference Room 329
Re: Testimony of the ACLU of Hawai'i in Support of S.B. 415, S.D. 1, Relating to Health

Dear Chair Mizuno, Chair Ohno, and Members of the Committees on Health and Intrastate Commerce:

The American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i ("ACLU of Hawai'i") writes **in support of S.B. 415, S.D. 1, which would eliminate significant barriers to healthcare for women in Hawai'i by allowing advanced practice registered nurses ("APRNs") to perform aspiration abortions.**

Hawaii's current law requiring abortions to be provided by a physician creates a significant — sometimes, insurmountable — barrier to those who wish to terminate their pregnancy. This law and the burden it creates are so severe that it may render the state vulnerable to constitutional challenges.¹ This limit on who may perform abortions is a burden in and of itself, but is exacerbated by Hawaii's current physician shortage and its geography as an island state. Currently, people on Kauai, Molokai, and Lanai must travel to Oahu or Maui for abortion care. In addition to incurring the high cost of interisland travel, a person may also need to take time off from work, arrange childcare, and book lodging just to see their provider. In 2018, more than ten percent of Planned Parenthood's abortion patients in Hawai'i had to travel between islands to obtain care.

Hawaii's physician-only abortion requirement does not protect women's health or "[offer] medical benefits sufficient to justify the burdens upon access" that the law imposes.² APRNs can

¹ See Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt, 136 S. Ct. 2292, 195 L. Ed. 2d 665 (2016), as revised (June 27, 2016).

² Id. at 2299.

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safely provide abortion care.³ Absent such a medical benefit, Hawaii's physician requirement may constitute an undue burden on abortion access, exposing the state to potential litigation similar to what has been brought in Maine.⁴ The U.S. Constitution requires the connection between a law limiting access to abortion and the benefit to women's health to be *real*, and the medical benefit that the law provides for women's health must outweigh any burdens on access that the law creates for women. **We believe that Hawaii's law does not survive this test.**

For the above reasons, we respectfully request the committees to support this measure. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Mandy Fernandes
Policy Director
ACLU of Hawai'i

The mission of the ACLU of Hawai'i is to protect the fundamental freedoms enshrined in the U.S. and State Constitutions. The ACLU of Hawai'i fulfills this through legislative, litigation, and public education programs statewide. The ACLU of Hawai'i is a non-partisan and private non-profit organization that provides its services at no cost to the public and does not accept government funds. The ACLU of Hawai'i has been serving Hawai'i for 50 years.

³ Nat'l Academies of Sciences, Eng'g, & Med., *The Safety and Quality of Abortion Care in the United States (Abortion Care)* 159 (2018).

⁴ *Wadsworth Women's Health Center v. Hamilton*, No. Cum-17-494, Appellants Br. (Me. Supreme Judicial Ct. Feb. 2, 2018).

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SB-415-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 8:32:34 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sylvia Eichorn	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a Hawaii resident and registered voter, I am opposed to SB415 that would expand access to abortions by allowing Advanced Practice RNs to perform abortion by medication or aspiration. Licensed physicians performing abortions in a licensed facility such as a hospital would be better qualified and equipped to handle an emergency situation should complications arise during or after the procedure.

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Submitted on: 3/11/2019 8:16:23 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Quentin Whitehurst	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB415. Advanced practice nurses should not be allowed to perform abortion operations. They do not have the same training as doctors. No doubt this will increase the death and injury rate of the patients who receive abortions.

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Submitted on: 3/11/2019 8:27:25 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cheryl Toyofuku	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

As a mother, grandmother, RN and health advocate, I am in strong opposition to SB415, SD1 authorizing advanced practice registered nurses to perform medical or aspiration abortions. Since many of my family, friends and I believe that life begins at conception, this bill will expand access to abortion that kills life in the womb. As people in the land of Aloha, we stand, defend and protect LIFE in our blood line and are grateful that our parents did not cut off our generation by accepting legislation that permits such atrocity. Medical personal, including APRNs must be equipped to do everything they can to save the LIFE of that baby and DO NO HARM!

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Submitted on: 3/11/2019 8:28:46 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
charles wigley	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose the SB415 bill.

SB-415-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 9:17:51 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dr Marion Ceruti	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill has a nice name but it will lead to awful consequences for the unborn. The name of this bill should be changed to the "Unsafe Uncivilized Unacceptable Abortion Expansion" bill. For the sake of the children, vote NO on SB415.

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Submitted on: 3/11/2019 8:09:14 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tracey Clay-Whitehurst	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB415. Abortions should not be performed by nurses, no matter how much advanced training they have received. Abortions are operations that kill one of the patients involved (the baby) and have killed and injured the other patient (the mother) on many occasions. Nurses are not doctors and do not have the same training as doctors and should not be performing operations.

Individual testimony:

Dear Chair Mizuno, Vice Chair B. Kobayashi, Chair Ohno, Vice Chair D. Kobayashi and members of the House Committees on Health and on Intrastate Commerce,

I am an obstetrician-gynecologist in Hawaii, and I am writing in support of Senate Bill 415.

As an obstetrician-gynecologist, I have been privileged to work with amazing advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) in a variety of clinical settings. APRNs are integral to women's healthcare in Hawaii. This bill would allow APRNs to provide surgical abortion services. As the majority of surgical abortions take place in the first trimester, this bill has the potential to significantly improve access to comprehensive reproductive care for women in Hawaii.

The safety of trained APRNs performing this procedure has been demonstrated through clinical research. This conclusion was recently confirmed by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, a non-partisan source that provides objective assessments of science and technology.

After a successful multi-year pilot program, California passed a similar law, expanding abortion provision to nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, and physician assistants. I hope Hawaii can benefit from the conclusions of this California pilot program and use this data to support our own evidence-based legislation to expand access to comprehensive women's healthcare in Hawaii.

I support SB415 SD 1, and I appreciate the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Thank you,

Bliss Kaneshiro MD, MPH

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SB-415-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 2:04:49 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Dear Chair Baker and Members of the Committee,

I am a third generation Hawaii resident and I am writing tesitmony in strong support of S.B. 415, SD1, which would remove burdensome and unnecessary restrictions on abortion access in Hawaii. I am also in strong support of the amendment to recognize that, as medical technology and practices advance, other provider types may become qualified to provide safe and effective abortion care.

Current Hawaii law prohibits anybody other than physicians and surgeons from providing abortions. APRNS are just as capable of providing safe and effective abortion care when they have received proper training.

We know that many people in Hawaii live on an island without a provider or with limited access to a provider. People on Kauai, Molokai and Lanai must travel to Oahu or Maui for care. On the Big Island, abortion care is only provided one day per month and on Maui, one day every other week.

When people face such geographic barriers to abortion access, they are forced to travel long distances to access care, increasing costs for travel, lodging, childcare, and other expenses and sometimes delaying care. If people are unable to travel to another county or another island due to these costs or other barriers, they may not be able to access abortion at all.

Hawaii has a significant shortage of abortion providers and this issue needs to be addressed. Outer island residents are at a disadvantage from basic healthcare rights, because there are not enough healthcare providers. SB415 is an answer to helping many women on the outer islands.

Hawaii needs to continue to be on the forefront of these basic health care issues. Both California and Oregon already allow APRNs to independently provide both medication and aspiration abortions.

Hawaii legislators should remove undue burdens that prevent people in Hawaii from accessing the care they need by passing S.B. 415, SD1.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of this commonsense legislation to improve health care access in our state.

Sincerely,

Maisa Thayer

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SB-415-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 3:43:16 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Allix Hessick	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The comprehensive studies have been done to support the ethical and practical need for the approval of this bill

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SB-415-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 8:23:23 PM
Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jackie	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

While I don't believe we should be performing abortions at all I also believe if they are performed by law they should be performed in a medical hospital by a physician where advanced life support is readily available.

No draft of this legislation should be moved forward. What a sad thing when the taking of a life is allowed without consent of the aborted and by nurses who in a lot of ways used to stand in the forefront of the beauty and exquisitness of birth.

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Submitted on: 3/11/2019 8:49:29 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

The Honolulu County Republican Party **OPPOSES** the authorization of advanced practice registered nurses to perform aspiration abortions.

Abortion is contrary to the tradition and values of the nursing profession. To become abortion providers would violate the integrity of the nursing profession and cause harm to mother and child. Both are patients for whom nursing professes to advocate and protect. Rather than abandon patients to abortion, nursing should direct its efforts toward genuinely promoting the health and well-being of every patient, born and unborn.



Hawaii Women's Coalition

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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Rep. John M. Mizuno, Chair

Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON INTRASTATE COMMERCE

Rep. Takashi Ohno, Chair

Rep. Dale T. Kobayashi, Vice Chair

DATE: Tuesday, March 12, 2019

TIME: 8:30 am

PLACE: Conference Room 329

Aloha Chair Mizuno , Chair Ohno and members,

The Hawaii Women's Coalition is in strong support of this measure designed to increase access to abortion services.

The onslaught on a woman's right choose is now rampaging through our nation. One tactic has been to limit the availability of medical providers for those often life and death decisions that can involve the health of the woman both mental and physical.

Our neighbor islands are particularly susceptible to this violation of a woman's body, inserting church and government between a medical provider and the individual woman, using the current law along with intimidation practices.

The current law limits the provision of surgical abortions to physicians despite the fact that other providers, like advanced practice registered nurses, are capable of providing safe and effective abortion care when they have received proper training.

The result is that, across the state, women are delayed or unable to access abortion care because Hawaii has few abortion providers. Women are forced to travel long distances to access care, which increases costs for travel, lodging, childcare, and other expenses. And if people are unable to travel to another island due to these costs or other barriers, they may not be able to access abortion at all.

We believe that this bill would remedy the situation.

Mahalo,

Ann S. Freed

Co-Chair, Hawaii Women's Coalition.

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SB-415-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 9:45:13 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/12/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jean Tessmer	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

Increasingly, our law makers committed to public health goals involve the use of medical procedures, and programs that raises issues of going against an individuals conscience, morality, and virtues. Laws that go against Natural Law. They try to use law as a tool to coerce health care providers (individuals and institutions) to facilitate controversial public health care objectives. Increasingly, our law makers have sought to enact legal mandates to compel individuals and institutions to comply with their vision of the "good" of society - such as mandatory provision of abortion services, Abortion is a violation of Natural Law. It is considered murder. To have nurses required to preform abortions goes against all reasoning, and an individuals conscience. Our state continues to demean life and discriminates against babies who are the most innocent who are the real underdogs in this battle. Our constitution guarantees each individual the right to LIFE, Liberty and the persuit of happiness for their posterity (future children) is coming to an abrupt DEAD end. These laws are evacuating the Hawaiian culture and beliefs about Aloha and Caring for one another. We are abadoning reason and deliberately assailing our moral fabric, which in turn will destroy our way of life. Being born and raised here in Hawaii and seeing how our legislature promotes laws that allow total strangers and institution to tell us what is their right to do, is wrong for us. It ignores the sanctity of each individuals liberty and right of conscience. How does Abortion help the greater good when most are being perfromed on minority cultures, black, spanish, hawaiian, check the statistics. What race is going to be discrimanted against and loose all those wonderful diverse, talented, beautiful, babies, Think about it, when you think of a nurse do you think of someone whol will murder an innocent babe or nurse it to health. Maybe we should not call nurses nurses anymore as they are no longer nurturing anyone in a whole and moral way.

LATE

SB-415-SD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Karen Edwards	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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From: mjg2@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Miranda Gallegos](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: All of Hawaii needs access to abortion
Date: Monday, March 11, 2019 9:23:50 PM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

Hawaii has long been a leader in expanding and protecting access to the full spectrum of sexual and reproductive health care, including abortion. Our current provider restrictions reduce health care access without any benefit to the health or safety of people in Hawaii. SB 415 can fix this.

My name is Miranda Gallegos and I am a social work student at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. I am also a one of the co-presidents of the on campus organization, Generation Action and intern at Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and the Hawaiian Islands. I would like to thank the Committee for the opportunity to testify in SUPPORT of S.B. 415. For women, access to safe and legal abortion services have been a continuous struggle since the passage of Roe v. Wade in 1973. Since the landmark decision, women have only faced more barriers to continue to access their legal right to these basic services. Currently, there are only a handful of qualified physicians in the state of Hawai'i all of which alternate between islands to provide quality care. Not only is the current situation of services extraneous for the provider who must make innerisland commutes daily, weekly, biweekly, or monthly but also creates undue psychological trauma and physical barriers to essential reproductive healthcare. S.B 415 would help to alleviate unnecessary stress on the very few existing providers by expanding qualified practitioners. Additionally, the expansion allows an individual woman, man, and/or their respective support systems to access services without psychological fear, social stigma, or the simple inability to see a provider within their island.

In these current times, reproductive healthcare is in danger of becoming more of a privilege rather than a fundamental right granted under the Supreme Court decision established in 1973. 46 years later we are still struggling to support not only a woman's individual right to make that decision with her healthcare provider but the providers themselves.

As someone who believes that increasing the scope of qualified and advanced practitioners who can provide abortions, we can ensure that Hawai'i residents continue to be supported in their political, social, and economic decisions by having access to crucial, nondiscriminatory services to maintain the welfare of not only the woman, but also the community at large.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on this important measure.

Accordingly, I SUPPORT S.B. 415. I respectfully urge your Committees to PASS this important bill. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

I urge legislators to remove unnecessary barriers to abortion and make sure that all people in Hawaii, no matter where in the state they live, can access safe, legal abortion care. Please support SB 415.

Sincerely,
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From: tikkibisbee@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Tikki Bisbee](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: All of Hawaii needs access to abortion
Date: Monday, March 11, 2019 8:39:08 AM



Dear Hawaii House Health,

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From: alohaamanda@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Amanda S Armstrong](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: All of Hawaii needs access to abortion
Date: Monday, March 11, 2019 8:08:26 AM



Dear Hawaii House Health,

Hawaii has long been a leader in expanding and protecting access to the full spectrum of sexual and reproductive health care, including abortion. Our current provider restrictions reduce health care access without any benefit to the health or safety of people in Hawaii. SB 415 can fix this.

Please pass this bill to assure that EVERY CHILD born in Hawaii will be born into a situation in which the child will be welcomed, nurtured and properly raised.

I urge legislators to remove unnecessary barriers to abortion and make sure that all people in Hawaii, no matter where in the state they live, can access safe, legal abortion care. Please support SB 415.

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From: taurie.bricks@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Taurie Kinoshita](#)
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Subject: All of Hawaii needs access to abortion
Date: Monday, March 11, 2019 12:02:26 AM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

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I urge legislators to remove unnecessary barriers to abortion and make sure that all people in Hawaii, no matter where in the state they live, can access safe, legal abortion care. Please support SB 415.

Sincerely,
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From: chongaboolie@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [jennifer Schneider](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: All of Hawaii needs access to abortion
Date: Sunday, March 10, 2019 10:06:11 PM



Dear Hawaii House Health,

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THANK YOU FOR PUTTING COMPASSION INTO ACTION

I urge legislators to remove unnecessary barriers to abortion and make sure that all people in Hawaii, no matter where in the state they live, can access safe, legal abortion care. Please support SB 415.

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From: susan.wurtzburg@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Susan Wurtzburg](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: All of Hawaii needs access to abortion
Date: Sunday, March 10, 2019 10:04:04 PM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

Hawaii has long been a leader in expanding and protecting access to the full spectrum of sexual and reproductive health care, including abortion. Our current provider restrictions reduce health care access without any benefit to the health or safety of people in Hawaii. SB 415 can fix this.

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Please do not let women lose out on necessary health care because of Hawaiian geography. Please pass this bill to help women and their families.

I urge legislators to remove unnecessary barriers to abortion and make sure that all people in Hawaii, no matter where in the state they live, can access safe, legal abortion care. Please support SB 415.

Sincerely,
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From: palmtree7@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Janice Palma-Glennie](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: All of Hawaii needs access to abortion
Date: Sunday, March 10, 2019 8:39:04 PM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

Hawaii has long been a leader in expanding and protecting access to the full spectrum of sexual and reproductive health care, including abortion. Our current provider restrictions reduce health care access without any benefit to the health or safety of people in Hawaii. SB 415 can fix this.

Aloha!

Please stand strong for the right of women to choose when or if to have children.

Current law limits the provision of surgical abortions to physicians despite the fact that other providers, like advanced practice registered nurses, are capable of providing safe and effective abortion care when they have received proper training. The result is that, across the state, women are delayed or unable to access abortion care because Hawaii has few abortion providers. Women are forced to travel long distances to access care, which increases costs for travel, lodging, childcare, and other expenses. And if people are unable to travel to another island due to these costs or other barriers, they may not be able to access abortion at all.

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Sincerely,
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From: mwood17@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Melinda Wood](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: All of Hawaii needs access to abortion
Date: Sunday, March 10, 2019 6:28:06 PM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

Hawaii has long been a leader in expanding and protecting access to the full spectrum of sexual and reproductive health care, including abortion. Our current provider restrictions reduce health care access without any benefit to the health or safety of people in Hawaii. SB 415 can fix this.

Indeed, current law is behind the times in that it does not allow advanced practice registered nurses who have received proper training to provide safe and effective abortion care. The result is that, across the state, women are delayed or unable to access abortion care because Hawaii has few surgical abortion providers. Women are forced to travel long distances to access care, which increases costs for travel, lodging, childcare, and other expenses. And if people are unable to travel to another island due to these costs or other barriers, they may not be able to access abortion at all.

I urge legislators to remove unnecessary barriers to abortion and make sure that all people in Hawaii, no matter where in the state they live, can access safe, legal abortion care. Please support SB 415.

Sincerely,
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From: drjoekohn@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Joseph Kohn MD](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: All of Hawaii needs access to abortion
Date: Sunday, March 10, 2019 6:12:22 PM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

Hawaii has long been a leader in expanding and protecting access to the full spectrum of sexual and reproductive health care, including abortion. Our current provider restrictions reduce health care access without any benefit to the health or safety of people in Hawaii. SB 415 can fix this.

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Everyone, no matter where they live or how much money they have, should have access to health care, including abortion. Hawaii should continue to be a national leader and protect reproductive health equity for all people.

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I urge legislators to remove unnecessary barriers to abortion and make sure that all people in Hawaii, no matter where in the state they live, can access safe, legal abortion care. Please support SB 415.

Sincerely,
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From: redahi@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [B.A.McClintock](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: All of Hawaii needs access to abortion
Date: Sunday, March 10, 2019 4:47:31 PM

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Dear Hawaii House Health,

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Sincerely,
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From: dsegalmatsu@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Doris Segal](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: All of Hawaii needs access to abortion
Date: Sunday, March 10, 2019 2:16:21 PM

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From: daniel.dano.gardner@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Dan Gardner](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: All of Hawaii needs access to abortion
Date: Sunday, March 10, 2019 11:49:21 AM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

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From: susdarsann@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Susan Driscoll](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: All of Hawaii needs access to abortion
Date: Sunday, March 10, 2019 8:16:55 AM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

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I urge legislators to remove unnecessary barriers to abortion and make sure that all people in Hawaii, no matter where in the state they live, can access safe, legal abortion care. Please support SB 415.

Sincerely,
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From: garysgab@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Gary Harrold](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: All of Hawaii needs access to abortion
Date: Sunday, March 10, 2019 6:00:30 AM



Dear Hawaii House Health,

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Increase Access to Abortion

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Sincerely,
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From: amy_agbayani@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Amy agbayani](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: All of Hawaii needs access to abortion
Date: Saturday, March 9, 2019 9:40:03 PM



Dear Hawaii House Health,

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I urge legislators to remove unnecessary barriers to abortion and make sure that all people in Hawaii, no matter where in the state they live, can access safe, legal abortion care. Please support SB 415.

Sincerely,
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From: joanne.amberg@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Joanne Amberg](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: All of Hawaii needs access to abortion
Date: Saturday, March 9, 2019 5:04:17 PM

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I am an APRN/Certified Nurse Midwife and dedicated to reproductive health care and improving the quality and availability of care for the women of Hawaii. I have practiced in the state for over 25 years, and would be willing to pursue training to increase access to abortion. APRN's including Certified Nurse Midwives have the skills and background to add abortion care, with training and a system of available backup.

Thank you for considering this important legislation for the women of our state.

I urge legislators to remove unnecessary barriers to abortion and make sure that all people in Hawaii, no matter where in the state they live, can access safe, legal abortion care. Please support SB 415.

Sincerely,
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From: Deighton.Kavarne@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Deighton Kavarne](#)
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Subject: All of Hawaii needs access to abortion
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I implore you to do the right thing with Ohana, dignity, respect and grace. We need to provide our Aloha and Mahalo in providing easy access to services in our are community. Please pass this bill and make things right, not wrong.

Thank you for your support and consideration.

I urge legislators to remove unnecessary barriers to abortion and make sure that all people in Hawaii, no matter where in the state they live, can access safe, legal abortion care. Please support SB 415.

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From: marymiho.finley@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [MARY FINLEY](#)
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Subject: All of Hawaii needs access to abortion
Date: Saturday, March 9, 2019 1:54:32 PM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

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Sincerely,
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From: suzanne@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Suzanne Lahl](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: All of Hawaii needs access to abortion
Date: Saturday, March 9, 2019 12:05:27 PM

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From: awilliewolf@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Alfred WOLF](#)
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Subject: All of Hawaii needs access to abortion
Date: Saturday, March 9, 2019 11:17:07 AM

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Sincerely,
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From: egcarson@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Ellen Carson](#)
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Date: Saturday, March 9, 2019 11:14:16 AM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

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Sincerely,
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From: azarsheldon3@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Azar Sheldon](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: All of Hawaii needs access to abortion
Date: Saturday, March 9, 2019 10:14:25 AM

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From: der1way@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Donald Erway](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: All of Hawaii needs access to abortion
Date: Saturday, March 9, 2019 9:47:12 AM

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From: debnehmadaeveryactioncustom.com on behalf of [Deborah Nehmad](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: All of Hawaii needs access to abortion
Date: Saturday, March 9, 2019 9:07:34 AM

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From: aswedish@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Frances Parker](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: All of Hawaii needs access to abortion
Date: Saturday, March 9, 2019 8:17:20 AM



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From: Lisa_freudenberger@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Lisa Freudenberger](#)
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Subject: All of Hawaii needs access to abortion
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To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: All of Hawaii needs access to abortion
Date: Saturday, March 9, 2019 5:22:18 AM

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From: brookehunter@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Brooke Hunter](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: All of Hawaii needs access to abortion
Date: Friday, March 8, 2019 11:28:30 PM



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From: tizard8@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Thomas Tizard](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: All of Hawaii needs access to abortion
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From: namisop35@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Namphuong Quach](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: All of Hawaii needs access to abortion
Date: Friday, March 8, 2019 8:46:52 PM

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From: nakamartha@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Martha Nakajima](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: All of Hawaii needs access to abortion
Date: Friday, March 8, 2019 8:38:07 PM

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Sincerely,
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From: kaikaimalilai@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Kaila Chang](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: All of Hawaii needs access to abortion
Date: Friday, March 8, 2019 8:15:54 PM

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From: maryh1955@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Mary Hackney](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: All of Hawaii needs access to abortion
Date: Friday, March 8, 2019 8:02:04 PM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

Hawaii has long been a leader in expanding and protecting access to the full spectrum of sexual and reproductive health care, including abortion. Our current provider restrictions reduce health care access without any benefit to the health or safety of people in Hawaii. SB 415 can fix this.

As an RN and retired operating room nurse who has cared for women seeking to terminate their pregnancy, access to a qualified provider is of utmost importance. Advanced Practice Nurses are the best choice because of the physician shortage. Current law limits the provision of surgical abortions to physicians despite the fact that other providers, like advanced practice registered nurses, are capable of providing safe and effective abortion care when they have received proper training. The result is that, across the state, women are delayed or unable to access abortion care because Hawaii has few abortion providers. Women are forced to travel long distances to access care, which increases costs for travel, lodging, childcare, and other expenses. And if people are unable to travel to another island due to these costs or other barriers, they may not be able to access abortion at all. Many of the women that I cared for were low income and it was a major financial burden, having to take time off of work, find child care, transportation, etc.

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Sincerely,
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From: Jaapfg@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Judith Armstrong](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
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From: tcb609@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Debra Vitola](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
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Date: Friday, March 8, 2019 7:34:30 PM



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From: ronellej@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Ronelle Melekai](#)
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Date: Friday, March 8, 2019 7:33:27 PM

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Women have the right to the best possible health care. I would like to see Hawaii be a role model in this for other states. Our state can exemplify compassion, health and aloha for all the world!

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Sincerely,
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From: kelly.kch.hanson@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Kelly Hanson](#)
To: [HLTtestimony](#)
Subject: All of Hawaii needs access to abortion
Date: Friday, March 8, 2019 7:28:36 PM

Dear Hawaii House Health,

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Children deserve to be wanted. The choice to have an abortion is hard enough- it's something the woman will suffer with the rest of her life.

Also, why should a woman who's baby died in utero have to carry it to term or have a csection? Dialating the cervix to deliver after miscarriage is considered an abortion. It happened to my mom twice and she had to endure people touching her belly and asking when she was due. That's is arbitrarily cruel, and solely due to the ignorence of people making and supporting the laws.

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