

# SB 415

Measure Title:	RELATING TO HEALTH.
Report Title:	Termination of Pregnancy; Aspiration Abortion; Advanced Practice Registered Nurse
Description:	Authorizes advanced practice registered nurses to perform aspiration abortions.
Companion:	<a href="#">HB357</a>
Package:	None
Current Referral:	CPH/JDC
Introducer(s):	K. RHOADS, Baker, Shimabukuro

## Testimony of the Board of Nursing

Before the  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health  
and  
Senate Committee on Judiciary  
Wednesday, February 27, 2019  
9:40 a.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

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

Chair Baker, Chair Rhoads, 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 on this bill.

The purpose of this bill is to authorize advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) to perform aspiration abortions.

On page 1, lines 7-8 of this bill, proposed Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) section 453-16 provides that APRNs “shall only perform aspiration abortions.” This new language may have the unintended consequence of impacting APRNs’ ability to perform abortions by medication. In addition, the Board notes that amending HRS section 453-16 necessitates amending HRS chapter 457 (Nurses), to avoid uncertainty about which chapter controls and to ensure effective implementation of the proposed law.

Therefore, the Board recommends adding the following section to HRS chapter 457:

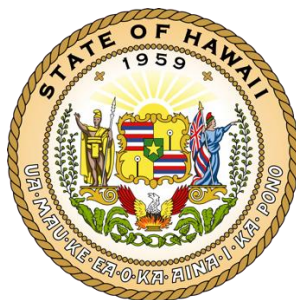
**"§457- Advanced practice registered nurses; abortions by medication or aspiration. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, an advanced practice registered nurse may perform an abortion by medication or aspiration in the first trimester of pregnancy, so long as the nurse:**

- (a) Has prescriptive authority;**
- (b) Practices within the nurse’s practice specialty;**
- (c) Completes a Board-approved specified training program that includes a clinical component; and**
- (d) Has a valid, unrevoked, and unsuspended license obtained in accordance with this chapter.”**

In addition, 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, which the Hawaii Medical Board considers surgery, this board believes that additional safeguards are appropriate to ensure APRNs are qualified to perform the 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 a 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.

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 Senate Committees on CPH & JDC

In Support of SB415  
Wednesday, February 27, 2019, at 9:40 a.m. in Room 229

Dear Chairs Baker and Rhoads, Vice Chairs Chang and Wakai, and Honorable Members,

The Hawai‘i State Commission on the Status of Women **supports** SB415, 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.

Sincerely,  
Khara Jabola-Carolus



Written Testimony Presented Before the  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health  
and

Senate Committee on Judiciary  
February 27, 2019 9:40 a.m.

by  
Laura Reichhardt, MS, AGNP-C, APRN  
Director, Hawai'i State Center for Nursing  
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

**WRITTEN COMMENTS  
SB 415 RELATING TO HEALTH**

Chair Baker, Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Chang, Vice Chair Wakai, and members of the committees, thank you for this opportunity to provide written comments related to this bill, SB 415. 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 are 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.



## of Hawaii

February 23, 2019

From: Younghee Overly, Public Policy Chair, AAUW Hawaii

To: Hawaii State Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health; Hawaii State Senate Committee on Judiciary

Hearing Date/Time: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 9:40AM

Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 229

Re: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB415

Dear Chair Baker, Vice-Chair Chang, Chair Rhoads, Vice-Chair Wakai, and members of the committees,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a testimony in support of SB415, 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.<sup>1</sup> The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) also recommends training and allowing advanced practice clinicians to provide abortion.<sup>2</sup> 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,

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

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



**ACOG**  
The American College of  
Obstetricians and Gynecologists

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

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

DATE: Wednesday, Feb 27, 2019  
PLACE: Hawai'i State Capitol, Conference Room 229

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 – 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. 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 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.<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup>

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.<sup>3</sup> HI ACOG

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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>

<sup>3</sup> California Business and Professions Code § 2725.4



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 SB415 with the following suggested changes:

- (1) Change the phrasing: "provided that the advanced practice registered nurse shall only perform aspiration abortions," as APRNs in Hawai'i already provide medical abortions (a form of non-aspiration abortion).
- (2) Please include a requirement that "Prior to providing surgical abortions, APRNs must complete training recognized by the Hawai'i Board of Nursing and achieved clinical competency".

HI ACOG supports evidence-based legislation to increase timely access to comprehensive women's healthcare. As SB415 aligns with this goal, HI ACOG supports SB415 with the above amendments.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

To: Hawaii State Senate Committees on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health and Judiciary  
Hearing Date/Time: Wednesday, February 27, 2019, 9:40 a.m.  
Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 229  
Re: Testimony of Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii in strong support of S.B. 415

Dear Chairs Baker and Rhoads and Members of the Committees,

Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii (“PPVNH”) writes in strong support of S.B. 415, which would remove burdensome and unnecessary restrictions on abortion access in Hawaii. PPVNH would also like to offer suggestions to strengthen this legislation and do even more to improve health care access in our state by removing other barriers to care, including criminal penalties for abortion providers and a provision that allows hospitals to refuse to provide abortions.

### **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.<sup>1</sup>

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 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.

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

## **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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, the Attorney General of Washington issued an opinion stating that APRNs can provide abortions in Washington state without a physician being present.<sup>2</sup> 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."

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

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## Amend S.B. 415 to Further Improve Abortion Access

We also respectfully request several amendments 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.<sup>3</sup> This bill goes a step further than S.B. 415 and removes other barriers to care, including the criminal penalty faced by abortion providers and a provision that allows hospitals to refuse to provide abortions. It also recognizes 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.

- The following language should be modified as follows to remove unnecessary and excessive criminal penalties that intimidate abortion providers:
  - (d) Any person who knowingly violates subsection (a) shall be fined not more than \$1,000 ~~or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.~~
- 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. Existing refusal language should be modified as follows to protect the conscience of individual providers while also protecting abortion access for people in Hawaii:
  - (e) Nothing in this section shall require ~~any hospital or~~ any person to participate in an abortion nor shall ~~any hospital or any~~ that person be liable for a refusal; provided that the person has given prior written notice to the appropriate and responsible hospital, firm, corporation, or association, if applicable, and the refusal does not cause a serious risk to another person's health or life."
- S.B. 415 should also 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. It should be amended by adding the following language:
  - (3) The abortion is performed by a licensed health care provider specified in paragraph (1) acting within the licensed health care provider's lawful scope of practice."

Taken together, these amendments will strengthen this legislation and do more to improve the ability of all people in Hawaii to access the health care they need.

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<sup>3</sup> [https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2019/bills/HB1434\\_.HTM](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2019/bills/HB1434_.HTM)

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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

To: Hawaii State Senate Committees on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health and Judiciary

Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 9:40 a.m.

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

Dear Chair Baker, Chair Rhoads 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. 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/>



To: Hawaii State Senate Committees on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health and Judiciary  
Date/Time: Wednesday, February 27, 2019, 9:40 a.m.  
Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 229  
Re: Testimony in strong support of S.B. 415

Dear Chair Baker, Vice-Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committees,

Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies (HMHB) writes in strong support of S.B. 415, which would remove burdensome and unnecessary restrictions on abortion access in Hawaii. Our MothersCare Line often receives phone calls from women seeking information on abortion options, and there are many current challenges to effectively serving all women, specifically due to provider shortages on the neighbor islands.

HMHB also supports Planned Parenthood's suggestions to strengthen this legislation and do even more to improve health care access in our state by removing other barriers to care, including criminal penalties for abortion providers and a provision that allows hospitals to refuse to provide abortions.

### **Abortion Access in Hawaii**

Current Hawaii law prohibits anybody other than physicians and surgeons from providing abortions. However, other types of providers, including advanced practice registered nurses ("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.<sup>1</sup>

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 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

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other expenses. And 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.

This provider restriction also negatively impacts the 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. 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, the Attorney General of Washington issued an opinion stating that APRNs can provide abortions in Washington state without a physician being present.<sup>2</sup> 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."

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

### **Amend S.B. 415 to Further Improve Abortion Access**

We also support proposed amendments 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.<sup>3</sup> This bill goes a step further than S.B. 415 and removes other barriers to care, including the criminal penalty faced by abortion providers and a provision that allows hospitals to refuse to provide abortions. It also recognizes that future advancements in the practice of medicine may allow additional provider types to safely and

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effectively provide abortion by allowing additional provider types to provide abortion if they are qualified to do so.

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Taken together, these amendments 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.

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/26/2019 7:58:09 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

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

Comments:



## Honolulu County Republican Party

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Honolulu, HI 96813

To: **COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH**

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair

Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Time: 9:40am

Place: Conference Room 229

State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

**Re: S.B. 415 RELATING TO HEALTH**

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.

Respectfully,

Brett Kulbis

Chairman

Honolulu County Republican Party

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 2:36:02 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael Golojuch Jr	Testifying for LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii	Support	Yes

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

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

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Michael Golojuch, Jr.

Chair

LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii



ONLINE SUBMITTAL  
Submitted on February 25, 2019

**HEARING DATE:** February 27, 2019 9:40 a.m. in room 229

**TO:** Senate Committee on CPH   Senate Committee on Judiciary  
Sen. Rosalyn Baker, Chair   Sen. Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Sen. Stanley Chang, Vice Chair   Sen. Glenn Takai, Vice Chair

**FROM:** Eva Andrade, President

**RE:** **Opposition to SB 415 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.

We have serious reservations, however, against adding Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) to the list of medical personnel that can perform 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.

APRNs in Hawaii can already evaluate patients; diagnose, order and interpret diagnostic tests; and initiate and manage treatments, including prescribing medications and controlled substances, under the exclusive licensure authority of the state board of nursing<sup>i</sup>. We are concerned, however, that simply adding “advanced practice registered nurse” to HRS Section 453-16 without specification that additional training necessary, is irresponsible. As written, this bill does not specify that these APRNs need to have advanced specialized training in order to perform an aspiration abortion. If there are complications, is the APRN ready to appropriately respond?

Even the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists<sup>ii</sup> have recommended that the pool of aspiration abortion providers include “***appropriately trained and credentialed*** advanced practice clinicians.” (Emphasis mine.)

We remain opposed to abortion and state for the record that expanding our already liberal abortion laws in this manner is not good for Hawaii. We strongly encourage you to defer this bill.

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<sup>i</sup> <https://www.aanp.org/advocacy/state/state-practice-environment> (accessed 02/25/19)

<sup>ii</sup> <https://www.acog.org/Clinical-Guidance-and-Publications/Committee-Opinions/Committee-on-Health-Care-for-Underserved-Women/Increasing-Access-to-Abortion?IsMobileSet=false> (accessed 02/25/19)

(1) <https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/files/2013/06/170202-min.doc.pdf>

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/23/2019 4:12:14 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dara Carlin, M.A.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

February 10, 2019: "Pray for politicians who promote evils such as abortion. Only Satan could inspire laws which condone killing a newborn infant. Only Satan would discourage opposition to such a horror. Every life has a unique future under My Paternal gaze. To snuff it out, whether at conception or at birth, changes the course of human history forever. Do not tempt My Wrath further. Abolish such evil while you still can. Every life is My Creation. Repent of such an abomination. Pray for its defeat." God, The Father proclaimed through visionary, Maureen Sweeney at Holy Love Ministry.

February 23, 2019: "Do not try to redefine when life begins and when it should end. Do not disregard My Commandments or the consequences thereof." God, The Father proclaimed through visionary Maureen Sweeney at Holy Love Ministry.

**To:**

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair, Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair  
COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

&

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair, Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair  
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

**SB415**

Wednesday 2/27/19

9:40AM, Conference Room 229

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Aloha. I, Sruthi Vijayakumar, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **SUPPORT** of SB415 which authorizes advanced practice registered nurses to perform aspiration abortions upon its approval.

I am currently a Master of Social Work candidate at the University of Hawaii Manoa. I am an avid support of women's rights and wish to see my local government open up options for women to make crucial decisions regarding their own livelihood.

As an MSW I am required to complete 225 hours of mandatory field work each year, and during my experience I have had the opportunity to support the vulnerable Micronesian and Native Hawaiian populations of Oahu. While working alongside these communities I realized that many ethnic populations of lower socio-economic status do not frequently interact with medical institutions. Due to lack of access and knowledge these individuals might go without seeing a doctor, let alone any medical professional. With the added content of gender discrimination and double standards, women of these populations can find it difficult to reach out to doctors. By authorizing APRNs to perform abortions, access is becoming fluid and one more barrier is removed for a woman to make a decision about personal life path.

In a political environment that is increasingly involved in the debate between pro-choice or pro-life it is critical to remember that providing access to quality healthcare is a responsibility of established governments, such as the State of Hawaii. Hawaii's rapid progression to equal opportunity and rights is quickly growing. Planned Parenthood has recently been able to open a new Honolulu Hub with governmental support of Mayor Caldwell. Let the State of Hawaii grow even more in expanding women's personal medical decisions.

Mahalo for your support of SB415.

Sruthi Vijayakumar  
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**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/23/2019 8:26:41 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lea Minton	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support SB415 as it is within an APRNs scope of practice who has been trained and expands access to care across the state for women who are seeking abortion services. At this time APRNs have full scope practice authority; this bill ensures APRNs can practice to their fullest scope and serve the needs of Hawaii's families.

I urge you to pass SB415 and thank you for the opportunity to testify.



**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/23/2019 9:50:07 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael Brian McGee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I appreciate the legislative making this safe medical procedure more accessible to the general public. Thank you,

Mike McGee

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 10:39:00 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Marc Barra	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/24/2019 11:07:02 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Suzanne Skjold	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/24/2019 6:46:24 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
SUSAN P HUGHES	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

NO! no no....

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 7:27:57 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kai Lorinc	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 7:33:01 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tracey Clay-Whitehurst	Individual	Oppose	Yes

## Comments:

I strongly oppose this Bill. Abortions are operations and should not be performed by nurses. This would increase maternal injuries and deaths by abortion.

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 8:09:00 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Patricia Bilyk	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 7:36:18 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Quentin Whitehurst	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

I strongly oppose this Bill allowing nurses to perform abortions. Abortions are operations and should not be performed by nurses. This will result in many more injuries and deaths to women.



**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 9:24:47 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 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**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 9:08:28 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dr Marion Ceruti	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 11:23:19 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

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

Comments:

Do not pass bill SB 415. It downgrades the quality of care provided to women. There are several injuries that can be incurred during the abortion even when care for by a certified medical doctor. Women deserve to have the most skilled and highest quality/cleanliness facilities. Don't endanger the lives/health of the women of this state any more than already occurs during this invasive procedure. Keep our medical standards high for the sake of our residents. The proposed changes to the laws are not desired by your constituents. Vote NO.

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 11:38:17 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Patricia Gerum	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 11:44:50 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Bobbie Pang	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 12:26:01 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Peter J Long Jr	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

I oppose SB415 on the grounds that nurses lack sufficient training and skills to safely perform abortions, particularly if/when complications arise. This is a thinly disguised attempt to lower the cost of abortions - and hence increase their availability by reducing the training and skill level required. Thank you for your consideration.

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 12:30:04 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Avi Okin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

While I do not necessarily support abortions, I believe it is up to the women involved to decide how to deal with or terminate a pregnancy, not me or the state. To allow them the best choice, the women need to have access to quality care. There are qualified and licensed persons who are not physicians, but can provide such care in the absences of enough physicians on our islands, especially the neighbor islands. Therefore, I support SB415.

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 10:05:45 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Suellen Barton	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 12:30:32 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jacob O'Neill	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

This is a surgical procedure that nurses should not be allowed to perform and that this would be detrimental to women, causing more unethical injuries and deaths to women receiving abortions.

As a lifelong local resident of Oahu and hardworking contributor to our society, I urge you to vote against this harmful bill.

Mahalo & Aloha,

Jacob O'Neill

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 1:14:23 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Stefani jeremiah	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha I am absolutely opposed to this bill. It just seems to me that our state is making it easier and easier for women to receive abortions. At any cost. I myself am a nurse and I do not feel comfortable with even all the schooling that I have to perform anything this intense. I am completely against aborti Individual one but number two I do not feel that nurses have any type of skills to be performing this type of murder. If it's supposed to be about the Woman's Health this would be putting the Women's Health incomplete Jeopardy. Once again I oppose this bill because it's just making it easier and easier to murder babies in our state that is supposed to be a state of Aloha which means love this is just pure straight-up evil. Thank you very much please do not let this bill passed blessings from Stefani Jeremiah

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 2:59:21 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cindy R Ajimine	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

There are so many more important and pressing issues in our state and this is not a priority. Was this vetted through the HNA, ANA, HMA, or any health organization? What is the purpose and necessity of this bill? It is a piecemeal bill that doesn't take into account the holistic and social needs of the mother. Please stop this bill.

Respectfully.

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 12:53:15 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
K	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

This is a surgical procedure nurses should not be allowed to perform and this is detrimental to women causing more injuries and harm.

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 4:33:30 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Georgina Failautusi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose anyone let alone nurses to perform abortions.

STOP killing our future men and women! Mahalo for taking my vote!

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 12:54:16 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Stacey Jimenez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill is unnecessary and threatens the health of women. There is no reported lack of abortion providers in the State of Hawaii. So where is the need to lower the standard of care to have advanced practice registered nurses perform surgical procedures instead of licensed doctors.

Aspiration abortion is surgery that should only be performed by a licensed doctor. In the case of complications, the nurse 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?

Women deserve the best healthcare treatment possible and allowing nurses to perform surgery on them 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 licensed doctors.

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 7:25:27 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Karen Kim	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Nurses should not be allowed to perform surgical procedures. Allowing them to do so will endanger the lives of women.

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 2:15:20 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Carm Akim	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Who will govern the APRNs to make sure they had adequate training to perform this procedure. I believe this is another way to cut cost on providing life ending procedures. The legislators should advocate for retaining qualified and competent healthcare providers here in our islands to ensure patient safety and decrease health disparity.



**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 7:00:42 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Thomas C Tognaci	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

With my entire being, I oppose this horrific bill! I stand for Life!

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 7:35:30 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Beverly Moodie	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

I oppose this dangerous bill because it will be harmful for women. Lives will be lost so that institutions can get rich off of frightened women. This is not helping women. Many women will be permanently scarred for life by incompetent people causing harm to their reproductive systems.

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 7:31:51 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kirk Adams	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

My family and I oppose this horrible bill!!

Killing unborn babies are already murder now you want to allow a non-medical doctor to do a surgical procedure that can cause death to the mother AND has the great potential to make her infertile on top of killing her baby? What is wrong with you politicians to even hear this bill? You suppose to serve and protect the common good!!!! You must kill this bill!! It has no place in Hawaii nor the world!

Women are not animals! You must not allow “nurses” to destroy women’s bodies and murder their children! This bill needs to be murdered— not the babies it intends to destroy.

DESTROY THIS BILL and PROTECT women and their babies!!!! Where is the Aloha in this bill? We are Hawaii—families are forever. We take care of our own!!! You are elected to serve and protect the citizens of Hawaii. Please do what you were elected to do! Serve and protect common folks not cater to big money/satanic organizations like Planned Parenthood and its affiliates!

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 8:44:39 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joy Hirata	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose Advanced Practice RN's performing aspiration abortions. There are many risks that suction aspirations can pose. Risks include: pieces of the baby or placenta left behind in the mother which can lead to infection and internal bleeding. There can be injury to the mother's uterus or cervix potentially damaging intestines, bladder and nearby blood vessels. Other complications include hemorrhaging, infection, and future pregnancies are also at risk for complications due to trauma to the cervix. Lastly there is also the risk of maternal death! These complications are shared from an abortion provider, Dr. Anthony Levatino who has performed 1200 abortions on babies; he no longer performs abortions as one day he realized he was killing innocent babies. The suction device that is used in this aspiration procedure is 10-20 times more powerful than your household vacuum cleaner. The baby is rapidly dismembered, and torn apart by the sheer force of the suction device. This is a barbaric practice that kills the baby in a painful and torturous manner. Most people can't even tolerate a tooth being filled without anesthesia, yet this brutal and inhumane practice is condoned where the infant is torn limb from limb from the mother's womb. New science and advanced technology shows the baby silently SCREAMING in the womb. A civilized nation does not tolerate exterminating and butchering the most defenseless members of it's society. Abortion is savage extermination of babies, abortion is barbaric and brutal, abortion is uncivilized! Who is next in line for extermination, is it the elderly, the mentally ill, or the homeless? Each one of us may be considered a useless eater in the near future; it begs the question----who will decide our fate?

LTC (Retired) Joy Hirata, Army Nurse, Advanced Practice, Clinical Nurse Practitioner

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 7:39:39 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Susan J. Wurtzburg	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support SB415. I am lucky to live on Oahu, and my family and I have access to the range of health options available on this island. However, for women on the outlying islands, reproductive choice is limited by the availability of doctors. Safe care can be provided by other types of medical providers, and this bill makes this possibility legal. Please open up the options for greater availability of care across Hawaii by passing this bill.

Mahalo,

Susan J. Wurtzburg, Ph.D.

**SB-415**

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

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joanne Amberg	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am writing in strong support of SB 415, to allow for advanced practice nurse practitioners to provide aspiration abortion services. Women's health care is under tremendous assault in this country. Restrictions are limiting abortion in many places. In our island state, the ocean also prohibits and limits access to this very important part of women's health care.

Advanced practice nurse practitioners are fully qualified to provide this safe procedure. They have the training, or are capable of getting it, and practice within safe settings allowing for consultation with physicians as needed. They already have the training to provide insertion of iud's which involves a very similar skill set. Advance practice nurse practitioners have a very safe track record and should be allowed to practice to their fullest. We owe it to the women of Hawai'i to provide safe health care, and remove barriers to that care.

Thank you for considering this bill and my testimony.

Joanne Amberg

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 9:38:07 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

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

Comments:

**Subject:** SB 415 Relating to Health

February 25, 2019

My name is Chris Caoagdan, **and I am a concerned citizen. I am testifying in opposition to S.B. 415.** From my own understanding, it is clear that current Hawaii statutes and regulations require that only licensed physicians may perform abortions in Hawaii. In addition, federal law does NOT allow a non-doctor, like an advanced practice registered nurse, to perform abortions. I believe that empowering lesser-trained and less-experienced non-physicians to perform abortions is hazardous to women and infants. I am already against abortion, and this bill will just make the procedure even more dangerous.

I hope that you will consider the consequences of this bill and vote to oppose this measure. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong opposition on this matter of great importance.

*Chris Caoagdan*

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**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 12:34:04 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Erica Scott	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 8:35:18 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kerrie Villers	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Chairs and Committee Members,

I strongly oppose this bill. It is proposing that nurses, not even surgical nurses, but APRNs be allowed to perform a surgical procedure. This is an operation that could jeopardize a woman's health and should not be performed by nurses. I urge you to please not pass this measure.

Mahalo,

Kerrie Villers

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 9:04:20 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tim Burris	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am very much against allowing nurses to perform abortions under any circumstances. **IF** an abortion is to be performed, said abortion must be safe, rare, and it must be done by a competent and fully trained and properly degreed physician/surgeon in a proper facility.

Thank You,

Timothy Burris

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 9:17:44 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Diane	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

Because this is a surgical procedure, there should be a doctor and adequate medical personnel on hand. There are potentially various complications for women undergoing this procedure, which would cause more injuries and deaths to women receiving abortions, without a highly trained and properly qualified person such as a doctor.

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 9:05:18 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leslie Watanabe	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Abortion is a surgical procedure that ***kills a child*** and has the potential to ***kill or severely injure a woman, or permanently damage her reproductive organs making her unable to sustain future pregnancies, even if she desires them.*** While nurses provide excellent patient care, they do not have the surgical expertise of a medical doctor, and should not be given legal right to perform this surgery. As a woman of reproductive age, I feel this bill puts Hawaii's women and children in grave danger.

**PLEASE DO NOT PASS THIS BILL.**

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 7:38:07 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Edward J. Lembeck	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

THANK you for protecting women's health by NOT letting nurses do "aspiration abortions" - or any other kind.

By definition & long practice, an MD has privileges (i.e. "admitting privileges") AND knowledge AND skills that even the most highly trained & nurse does NOT have! Let's say YOUR daughter, or any girl or woman, decides to get an abortion; then something goes wrong, & the profit-grasping "provider" is doing it with a nurse, to SAVE \$\$?!! Or YOU'RE FLYING WITH HAWAIIAN; do you care if only a "highly trained" Flight Engineer is the only one in the cockpit when something goes wrong? Why do you think they HAVE "Captains"?!

PLEASE say NO to the notorious profit-seeking ("cost-avoiding") abortionists & insist that they at LEAST use a Doctor - WITH admitting priviledges! THANK you! Say NO to nurses doing abortions!

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 8:42:41 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 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 “aspiration 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”<sup>1</sup> (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.<sup>2</sup> A surgical abortion isn't the same as removing a skin tag (where use of APRNs is prevalent)<sup>3</sup>. A surgical abortion is serious business, requiring the best available care to women.

### 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**."<sup>4</sup>

### 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",<sup>5</sup> and "statistics suggest that the lifetime risk of a detached retina as a cataract surgery complication in the United States is about 1 percent."<sup>6</sup> 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."<sup>7</sup>

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/>



**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 10:42:32 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
James Oh	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am a physician with state of Hawaii medical license DOS-1701. Abortion, regardless of the method, is a complex procedure that requires extensive medical training specifically in obstetrics and gynecology. There are many complications from abortion that may arise which have been extensively documented including death. This is a surgical procedure that must be directly performed or supervised by a physician trained in obstetrics and gynecology for patient's safety.

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 11:25:54 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
sandra ishikawa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB415.

Nurses should NOT perform abortions. Doctors perform abortions on many women who are hurt during these procedures; and these are medically trained to perform these procedures as medical doctors who botch these abortions. Allowing nurses to perform these procedures will increase health risks that much more. Saying NO to SB415.

Thank you, Sandra Ishikawa

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/26/2019 12:04:25 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Doreen Matsuda	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/26/2019 12:07:53 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Pamela Bradsberry	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

This heinous murdering of our unborn, our future, evil and uncontionable as it is, is a surgical procedure that surely should not be performed by nurses. What sort of bottom of the barrel scraping in so called "women's health care" is this supposed to provide? It seems an obvious trick to work around not having a doctor when things go wrong. And what if things go wrong? What can the nurse do to save the mom's life? This will be detrimental to women, likely causing even more injuries and deaths. And as if enough preborn aren't already killed through abortion, so much so that Hawaii now has a negative population growth, one of the highest keiki suicide rates, and has also began assisted suicide of the aged, ill and vulnerable, now the money-hungry and blood-thirsty abortion industry wants to avoid cost of actual doctors to kill the keiki? How much did Planned Parenthood contribute to the sponsors of this bill? It seems like they want higher abortion and baby parts selling profit margins to pay the morgage for their new muliti-million dollar butcher shop? As a woman, as a mother, I strongly urge you to oppose this bill.

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 11:45:55 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lillian Tavares	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 7:41:31 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
BROOKE PONCE	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/26/2019 12:26:25 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mona Suzuki	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/26/2019 12:29:17 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jean Leong	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:



**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/26/2019 12:20:41 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Reginald Fung	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

nurses should not be allowed to preform abortions-they have not been trained and are not physicans

this is a surgical procedure that nurses should not be allowed to perform and that this would be detrimental to women, causing more injuries and deaths to women receiving abortions

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 10:41:32 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joseph P. Picon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

My name is Joesph P. Picon a registered voter in Waipahu, 96797.

On SB415, I OPPOSE this bill.

Nurces should not be performing abortions. Doctors perform abortions on many women who are hurt during these procedures; and these are medically trained to perform these procedures as medical doctors who botch these abortions. My ex-girlfriend had an abortion that was botched by the doctor at Planned Parenthood, here in Honolulu and bleed profusely in her uterus. Later that day the Emergency Room at Wahiawa General saved her life and this incident should be clear evidence that only well qualified doctors are able to perform these procedures without endangering the life of the mother... well, except for the doctor I spoke of; as he clearly endangered her life. So allowing nurces to perform these procedures will increase the health risks that much more. Please vote no on SB415.

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/26/2019 2:58:44 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lleander Jung	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

Chair and Committee Members,

It is puzzling to me why this Bill is being proposed.

1) Is it because Hawaii is lacking physicians willing to perform abortions so this Bill has to be proposed to "train" nurses to do this unpleasant task?

2) Is abortion such a minor procedure involving mother and the child within that aspiration can be easily perform without complications or risks of endangering the life of the woman or causing permanent damages to her reproductive organs to bear children in future ?

3) Would you put your loving wife or daughter into the hands of an "advanced specially trained nurse " rather than a doctor who has spent way more years learning about detailed human anatomy, how complications of e.g. diabetes or other hidden diseases pose a potential risk to the woman ?

4) Is this a sneaky way to raise the professional image of a nurse practitioner? Would she like to be known as special because she is trained to do "aspiration abortions"

5) Is the State prepared to defend such practising nurses in case of lawsuits for the State legislature has "approved" that these specially "advanced nurses " can perform the procedures?

6) Who then should assist these nurses? A nurse who is CPN trained - for a month or 2?

7) Are these specially trained nurses also to help the woman with her selection of birth control methods in the future. Why not call a doctor a doctor and have the nurse spend additional years training to be a doctor rather than blur their job descriptions.

The intentions behind this Bill is not honorable or a solution to help the well being of the pregnant mother or baby. The potential liability is not worth the approval. As it is, doctor abortionists are getting into the news more often with them unable to "contain the bleed" thus harming the woman permanently.

I urge you to go no further with this Bill SB415 but to kill it immediately in Committee

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/26/2019 2:27:02 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jeremy Garrett	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this measure to ensure greater access for women's abortion care.

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 8:19:38 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Camille Adams	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

My family and I oppose this horrible bill!!

Killing unborn babies are already murder now you want to allow a non-medical doctor to do a surgical procedure that can cause death to the mother AND has the great potential to make her infertile on top of killing her baby? What is wrong with you politicians to even hear this bill? You suppose to serve and protect the common good!!!! You must kill this bill!! It has no place in Hawaii nor the world!

Women are not animals! You must not allow “nurses” to destroy women’s bodies and murder their children! This bill needs to be murdered— not the babies it intends to destroy.

DESTROY THIS BILL and PROTECT women and their babies!!!! Where is the Aloha in this bill? We are Hawaii—families are forever. We take care of our own!!! You are elected to serve and protect the citizens of Hawaii. Please do what you were elected to do! Serve and protect common folks not cater to big money/satanic organizations like Planned Parenthood and its affiliates!

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/26/2019 2:35:21 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lloyd Jung	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/26/2019 6:49:01 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gerraine Niiyama	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:



**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/26/2019 6:50:37 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Neal T Shimoda	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/26/2019 7:39:17 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
arielle	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha, I strongly oppose this bill because I feel it is not in the best interest of our people.

No federal law has ever given permission to non-doctors to perform abortions. This legislation is very specific in reversing these protections. Why is this necessary?

I believe that empowering lesser-trained and less-experienced non-physicians to perform abortions is hazardous for women and infants. Don't we want the best for the people of Hawaii?

Thank you!

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/26/2019 8:03:09 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Esther Murobayashi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/26/2019 7:21:22 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Samuel S. Asuncion	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Honorable Madam and Sirs,

i am in opposition to the bill SB415. This is a surgical procedure that nurses should not be allowed to perform and that this would be detrimental to women, causing more injuries and death to women receiving abortions.

Thank you,

Samuel S. Asuncion

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/26/2019 7:41:05 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Paris Stowers	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I am a physician in the University of Hawaii, John A. Burns School of Medicine, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Women's Health. My views are my own and do not represent the University of Hawaii. I am writing in 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. These healthcare professionals are integral to women's healthcare and already provide medical abortion services within the state of Hawaii. This bill would allow APRNs to perform surgical abortion procedures. This bill has the potential to significantly improve timely access to family planning services.

Research supports the safety of trained APRNs performing this procedure. California recently passed a similar law, expanding surgical abortion provision to nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, and physician assistants. I hope Hawaii can benefit from the safety data collected in California and pass our own evidence-based legislation to expand access to comprehensive women's healthcare in Hawaii.

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

Thank you,  
Paris Stowers, MD

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/26/2019 7:39:22 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Edna Kido	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 10:44:09 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Maura Tanaka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/26/2019 8:52:49 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Shaleza Rouse	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am strongly opposed to allowing nurses to perform surgical procedures for aborting pregnancy. The women of Hawaii deserve the best medical treatments available from trained doctors. This bill is a travesty.

Sincerely,

Shaleza Rouse



**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/26/2019 8:27:48 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

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

Comments:

Dear Senators,

Abortion is a serious matter that is taken too lightly. Since 1973 millions of women have been hurt by abortion and millions more have died, of course, at the hands of doctors. I am asking you to vote no on SB 415. I encourage you to go to the website Silent No More at [www.silentnomoreawareness.org](http://www.silentnomoreawareness.org) and read some of the stories of abortions from those who have gone through with having them. I also encourage and challenge you to watch the recently made, yet not mentioned through current media even though it made the top-10 in its opening weekend at the box-office, movie called Gosnell. It is a movie about Kermit Gosnell, the notorious abortionist from Philadelphia, who was found guilty of murder because he killed babies after they were born alive. Another movie coming up and out into the theaters is a movie called Unplanned. It is a movie about Abby Johnson, the manager of a Planned Parenthood facility who by the grace of God came to a realization of what she was a part of while watching an ultrasound of a baby being aborted right there on the monitor. The movie is currently being given an R-rating as it prepares to hit the screen in late March. If abortion is such a great thing why is it being given an R-rating? Because that is exactly what it deserves. It is R-rated. It is bad news. It is not good for women, men, and most of all babies. Senators, you are having to choose between life or death. It is as plain as that. Im asking you to choose life and vote no to this SB 415. I realize that my comments are more than what is expected for the contents of this bill, but that is because that is how depraved and disconnected people are from this topic. Abortion is a cruel procedure that shouldn't be done and it definitely should not be done by someone below the level of a doctor. Vote NO. Thank you.

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/26/2019 8:21:58 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Christina Lefua	Individual	Oppose	Yes

## Comments:

I oppose Senate Bill 415. All is sacred from conception to natural death. It is terrible that this bill will allow Registered Nurses to perform abortions. I protect the right to life for every baby conceived and for the nurses who feels this bill violates their choice to not perform these abortions.

Mahalo,

Christina Lefu'a

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/26/2019 8:35:25 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jennifer Chin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am an obstetrician-gynecologist resident 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, and I greatly appreciate the opportunity to provide this testimony.

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/26/2019 8:29:51 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Noelle Wright	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/26/2019 8:15:03 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ann Napela T. Gaspang	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

An unborn child is a living human being and has a right to live just the same as a child already born alive and breathing.

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/26/2019 9:02:18 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Matt Coffman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Planes needs pilots. The military needs generals. Patients needs doctors.

Anyone who is receiving an abortion should have the highest medical care, experience and training possible. This procedure should not be relegated to 'highly trained' nurses, just as flying should not be relegated to highly trained stewardesses. Those going in for such procedures should get the individual who has the most experience, trained as a doctor, to ensure the patients best interests are in mind.

Please stand up for the care of those receiving these services and for the medical staff that have given their lives to become certified experts in their field.

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/26/2019 9:06:17 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rediate Adenew	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

Aloha,

"In medical practice, there are few surgical procedures given so little attention and so underrated in its potential hazards as abortion. It is a commonly held view that complications are inevitable."

– *Dr. Warren Hern, world renowned abortionist*

Do we really allow nurses with far less training and knowledge to perform such a complicated surgical procedure? This is very dangerous, and will harm women who are already making a life altering decision.

Mahalo,

Ray Adenew

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/26/2019 9:00:41 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David Tipton	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

A proper and healthy abortion is a very delicate and intricate procedure. (a brief study would reveal the detriment in botched abortions). I am opposed to opening this up to those who have not had ALL the Academics a MD has to have. Nurses are to be respected and are highly trained and could even be trained to do the abortion procedure; but anything can go wrong in a surgery, heart failure, extraneous bleeding, etc. and I believe this procedure should not be looked down on as any less critical to the life of the woman. Thank you.



**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/26/2019 9:25:04 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jerry	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

If nurses are allowed to perform abortions, who will be next, a nurse's aid, the janitor, or perhaps a plumber? This bill is just another step on that slippery slope into perdition! In the name of Almighty God, I implore you to defeat this bill !!

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 10:48:16 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jangeun Oh	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am a RN licensed in the state of Hawaii with license number RN-80193.

I oppose this bill, because abortion is a complicated medical procedure with possible known grave side effects including death although often underreported. Abortion should be directly performed by a physician who has proper training in obesterics. This bill should not be passed for the sake of patient safety.

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/26/2019 9:41:15 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Bryn Villers	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Chairs and Members,

I am writing in opposition to SB 415. This is not a procedure that should be carried out by anyone but a doctor.

Thank you,

Bryn Villers

**Hearing Date:** February 27, 2019

**To:** Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Senator Stanley Chang, and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health  
Senator Karl Rhoads, Senator Glenn Wakai, and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary

**From:** Shandhini Raidoo, MD, MPH

**Re:** SB 415 – Relating to Health

**Position:** Support

Dear Senators Baker, Chang, Rhoads, Wakai, and Members of the Senate Committees on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, and Judiciary,

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. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists also supports allowing APRNs to provide abortion services to expand access to abortion services.

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, and I greatly appreciate the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Shandhini Raidoo, MD, MPH

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/26/2019 8:59:22 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Erica Masi	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

It is unsafe for non-physicians to be performing abortions. This is a surgical procedure and may cause increased risk of deaths, injuries and adverse outcomes in women receiving abortions.

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/26/2019 9:40:54 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lauren Finley-Jacob	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Baker and Rhoads and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of SB415. One barrier to abortion services we face in Hawaii is the lack of providers. Other states have successfully broadened their laws to allow more types of health care providers to offer abortion services, as long as it is within their scope of practice. Allowing APRNs to provide surgical abortions will increase access within our state, and especially within our outer island population. I would recommend broadening the language further to allow providers other than just APRNs would also be beneficial to not have to update our law again in the future as medical advances are made.

Again, I urge you to support and pass SB415. Thank you for your consideration.

Lauren Finley-Jacob

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/26/2019 9:34:30 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Christen Imi	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE SB 415. Abortion is a delicate medical procedure. Anyway you twist it, abortion is the taking of a life within the mother. I would hope that no one should ever make this decision to kill their own child, however if it is ever to be conducted, it must be by a professional medical doctor. Allowing nurses or any other medical staff to perform this procedure in the name of money-saving or profit-making is utterly SHAMEFUL.

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/26/2019 9:50:00 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Bliss Kaneshiro	Individual	Support	No

## Comments:

I am an OBGYN Physician and abortion provider. I strongly support this because advanced practice clinicians are capable of providing abortion care including surgical abortion care and this measure would increase access to this basic health service. Of note Advanced Practice Clinicians should be able to provide both surgical and medical abortion



**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/26/2019 9:12:34 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Analyn Quintal	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 7:33:36 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Larry Ponce	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a legal taxpayer, whole-heartly OPPOSED this bill.

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 9:42:41 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cynthia Jones	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 7:27:19 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lois J Young	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha Committee Chairman and Members,

I strongly OPPOSE SB415 authorizing nurses to perform abortions.

The life of the unborn and the mother will be in jeopardy should an emergency, risk or even death arise.

Leave this medical procedure with the doctors. Saving "kala" should not be the concern, lives are at stake here.

I strongly urge you to vote NO.

Mahalo, Lois Young

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 6:49:13 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Anna Tognaci	Individual	Oppose	Yes

## Comments:

As a Registered Nurse, I find this bill to be appalling! We as nurses are suppose protect the sanctity of Life and do NO FURTHER HARM! Abortion is MURDER! Stop this Infanticide!

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 3:06:01 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Loree Jean Searcy	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I Oppose SB415.

I am a registered dietitian and a Christian. I oppose RN's performing abortions.

This is the function of a physician and only in a life or death (of the mother) situation.

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/26/2019 11:38:50 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ashley	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Senator Wakai,

I respectfully ask you to not expand Hawaii's abortion laws.

We, as I stand with HFF on this matter, believe SB415 would only increase the tragedy of abortion in our state. We ask you to oppose this legislation when it comes before you for a vote.

- Current Hawaii statutes and regulations are clear in requiring that only licensed physicians may perform abortions in Hawaii.

-No federal law has ever given permission to non-doctors to perform abortions. This legislation is very specific in reversing these protections.

-We believe that empowering lesser-trained and less-experienced non-physicians to perform abortions is hazardous for women and infants.

Thank you most respectfully for receiving and considering my our concern.

Respectfully,

Ashley

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/26/2019 1:12:54 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

**LATE**

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
briana pierce	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:



**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/26/2019 1:24:15 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Luis C. Omphroy	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

I have been a practicing physician in Hawaii for the past 18 years and as a member of the medical community I strongly oppose Senate Bill SB415.

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/26/2019 1:24:22 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Scott Harvey, MD	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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, and I greatly appreciate the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Thank you,

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/26/2019 1:26:26 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

**LATE**

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Daniel Roberts	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

My name is Daniel W. Roberts, a registered voter in Waipahu, 96797.

On SB415, I OPPOSE this bill.

Nurses should not be performing abortions. Nurses are not properly trained to safely perform abortions, or any medical procedures. Doctors often make mistakes when performing abortions and leave women sterile or put the mother's lives in jeopardy - and these are medically trained doctors who botch these abortions. Allowing nurses to perform these procedures will increase the health risks far more. If you loosen this regulation on abortion you will be putting women at risk of sterilization, and even loss of life.

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/26/2019 1:44:57 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

**LATE**

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kenichi Matsumura	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB415 because I am opposed to abortions

**SB-415**

Submitted on: 2/26/2019 1:20:50 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/27/2019 9:40:00 AM

**LATE**

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gabriela Ortiz-Omphroy	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am a practicing physician in the community. I have been practicing for over 17 years and strongly oppose this bill.

**From:** [aguzman8@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:aguzman8@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Adriana Guzman](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 9:23:21 AM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

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.

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.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [alanib@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:alanib@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Alani Bagcal](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Saturday, February 23, 2019 12:50:55 PM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

I urge you to support SB 415, to expand access to qualified medical care.

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.

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.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [sandra@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:sandra@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Alexandra Gibson](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 8:16:35 AM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

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.

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.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [konabreeze@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:konabreeze@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Alicia Starsong](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 4:50:29 PM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

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.

It is important that the women of Hawaii (and the entire USA) have access to birth control including abortions. Let the children born in Hawaii be born into a caring environment, where they are wanted!

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.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [alegria.frank16@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:alegria.frank16@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Ally Frank](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 9:52:33 AM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

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.

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.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [amy\\_agbayani@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:amy_agbayani@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Amy agbayani](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 12:20:27 PM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and Health,

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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:** [asmith@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:asmith@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Andrew Smith](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 12:33:07 PM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [trjanne@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:trjanne@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Anne Lorenzo](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 11:51:35 AM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and Health,

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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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**From:** [amblades@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:amblades@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [April Blades](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 9:42:05 AM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and Health,

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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.

Laws should not govern a woman's body nor make any type of healthcare pertaining to said body inaccessible. I support SB415 and ask you to please increase access to reproductive health care by supporting SB415.

Mahalo for your time and consideration pertaining to SB415.

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.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [Alemke@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:Alemke@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Aurora Lemke](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Saturday, February 23, 2019 2:33:35 PM

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**From:** [azarsheldon3@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:azarsheldon3@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Azar Sheldon](#)  
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**From:** [redahi@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:redahi@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [B.A.McClintock](#)  
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**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 1:00:39 PM

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Sincerely,  
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**From:** [bobbicarson@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:bobbicarson@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Barbara Carlson](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 10:43:12 AM

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Sincerely,  
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**From:** [byoza@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:byoza@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Becky Yoza](#)  
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**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Saturday, February 23, 2019 12:34:51 PM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

As an APRN, I help to provide care for underserved populations in Hawaii. While APRNs in Hawaii enjoy fewer practice barriers than other states, APRNs still cannot provide these needed services to patients in need. Our patients need care and there are not enough physicians to provide that care. Research has shown that APRNs provide safe, cost-effective care and we should be allowed to care for patients in Hawaii to the fullest extent of our education and training.

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.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [bsgoodyear@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:bsgoodyear@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Brian Goodyear](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 11:38:19 AM

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Sincerely,  
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**From:** [shadowcf@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:shadowcf@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Carol Carpenter](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 12:50:57 PM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and Health,

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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.

Women have the right to abortions without any barriers to obtaining same.

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.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 9:58:29 AM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

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.

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.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 10:38:32 AM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and Health,

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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.

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.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 9:42:53 AM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and Health,

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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,

Cris Lindborg

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.

Sincerely,

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**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 9:27:28 AM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

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.

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.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [danamalina@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:danamalina@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Dana Keawe](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 10:32:17 AM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

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.

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.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [davesherry@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:davesherry@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Dave Pettus](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 8:34:39 AM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

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.

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.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [debnehmadaeveryactioncustom.com](mailto:debnehmadaeveryactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Deborah Nehmad](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 9:02:04 AM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

Existing laws limit 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. This results in women, across the state, are delayed or unable to access abortion care because Hawaii has so 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.

Please support SB 415.

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.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [Deighton.Kavarne@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:Deighton.Kavarne@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Deighton Kavarne](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 10:41:15 AM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

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.

It is time for our Hawaii elected officials to address this critical gap in in women's care, to allow women the access they need without undue delays and hardships.

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.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 11:53:33 AM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

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.

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.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Saturday, February 23, 2019 12:31:02 PM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

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.

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.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [marinfinish@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:marinfinish@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Douglas Stainbrook](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 8:58:17 AM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and Health,

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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.

I do not think abortion should be a replacement for birth control, however, it is counter productive for the administrations to make birth control and abortion less accessible to those services.

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.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Saturday, February 23, 2019 1:45:23 PM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 8:19:13 AM

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Sincerely,  
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**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
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Sincerely,  
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**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 9:57:30 AM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [gail.p.gnazzo@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:gail.p.gnazzo@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Gail Gnazzo](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 8:39:08 AM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 9:14:47 AM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

Sincerely,  
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**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 8:40:00 AM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

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**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 8:13:26 AM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [goldenmahina@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:goldenmahina@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Hannah Goldblatt](#)  
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**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Saturday, February 23, 2019 1:51:01 PM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

I, and all women, need to know that my body will be safe.

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.

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.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [kaapahu@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:kaapahu@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Harry Miller](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 12:28:30 PM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

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.

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.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [nomadjg@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:nomadjg@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Janet Graham](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 6:21:27 PM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

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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.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 9:05:20 AM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

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 live in a world which is becoming more taxed both in quality and quantity of resources which we all rely upon to live. Forcing women to give birth to an unwanted child is both cruel and unnecessary for not only both the child and woman, but to society as a whole. Who must pay the price of substandard living both in health and mind? All of us do; whether it's from the unloved, abused in spirit or in body, this child who becomes the mass murderer or serial killer, or other delinquent running the streets starts from an unhappy place which starts in the womb.

Give women the access to a safe provider who is trained as APRN are set to be. Stop the backlash against women's rights. Let Hawaii step forward in the future for the good of 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.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

Our health practitioners need to be trained in surgical abortions and legal able to perform them. Our women, our resources, and our future depend on your willingness to act.

I urge you to speak up for those of us who need access to this service.

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.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 26, 2019 12:53:17 AM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

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.

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.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 12:55:01 PM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

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:** [Jaapfg@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:Jaapfg@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Judith Armstrong](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 11:55:33 AM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

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.

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.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [buffanblue@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:buffanblue@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Julia Fujioka](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 12:02:51 PM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

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.

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.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [kefryer@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:kefryer@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Katherine Fryer](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 9:40:02 AM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

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.

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.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 10:26:18 AM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

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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.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Saturday, February 23, 2019 2:04:48 PM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

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.

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.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [lksaloha@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:lksaloha@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [laurie saarinen](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 6:10:57 PM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

Protect All healthcare choices! 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.

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.

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**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 8:37:50 AM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and Health,

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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.

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.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 9:22:20 AM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

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.

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.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 8:33:04 AM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

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.

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.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

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.

Thank you for supporting women in Hawaii.

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.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Saturday, February 23, 2019 2:09:42 PM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

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.

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.

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**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 8:17:53 AM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

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.

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.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [maisathayer@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:maisathayer@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Maisa Thayer](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 2:28:17 PM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

Aloha,

I am a 3rd generation Kama'aina of the windward side and a very concerned resident regarding outer island women and their access to healthcare. It is not right that they are limited in their options in provisions 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. 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. Rights should not be restricted depending on where you live in the state. Please support this bill to remove barriers and create a more balance healthcare system in Hawaii.

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.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [surfbox66@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:surfbox66@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Makana Reilly](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Saturday, February 23, 2019 1:42:17 PM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

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.

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.

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**From:** [mpoirier898@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:mpoirier898@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Marion Poirier](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 10:58:40 AM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

Dear Senator Kidani,

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.

Please support S.B. 415.

Sincerely,  
Marion Poirier, M.A., R.N.

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.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [mau@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:mau@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Marjorie Au](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 5:00:57 PM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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. There are two significant reasons for supporting this bill: 1. Improved access to health care. 2. Quality health care with fewer expenses, delivered in a timely manner. Properly trained, advanced practice registered nurses, are capable of providing safe and effective abortion care. SB415 will facilitate the availability of abortion providers throughout the State, that will reduce delays and costs for patients. Statistics have shown that practice registered nurses have fewer incidents than physicians in the delivery of this care.

Sincerely,  
Marjorie Au

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.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 12:21:49 PM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

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.

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.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [marycg815@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:marycg815@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Mary Gross](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 2:25:31 PM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

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I have lived on Kauai for over 17 yrs and at first I was shocked at the lack of choice options on this island. After all this time it is now just appalling. Shame on all you Democrat representatives who get elected and then act like Republicans! Please respect a woman's choice and afford her access to medical care without jumping through judgemental hoops.

Thank you. Mary C Gross  
Kalaheo Kauai

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.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [maryh1955@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:maryh1955@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Mary Hackney](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Saturday, February 23, 2019 2:31:18 PM

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**From:** [mkelley323@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:mkelley323@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Mary Lu Kelley](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and Health,

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Sincerely,  
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**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 26, 2019 8:20:01 AM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and Health,

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Sincerely,  
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**From:** [mwood17@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:mwood17@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Melinda Wood](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 10:23:35 PM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

For example, current laws state that surgical abortions can only be done by physicians; this is despite the fact that with appropriate training, advanced practice registered nurses are capable of providing safe and effective abortion care. As a result women across the state are delayed or unable to access abortion care. They are forced to travel long distances to access care, which increases their 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.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [mia.goldblatt@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:mia.goldblatt@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Mia Goldblatt](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Saturday, February 23, 2019 1:53:11 PM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

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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.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [m\\_stauber@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:m_stauber@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Michael Stauber](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 8:24:14 AM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

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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.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [mchavezpardini@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:mchavezpardini@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Michele Chavez-Pardini](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 9:24:00 AM

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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.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [mlesperance@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:mlesperance@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Michelle Lesperance](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Saturday, February 23, 2019 1:46:55 PM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Saturday, February 23, 2019 2:23:33 PM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and Health,

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Sincerely,  
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**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Saturday, February 23, 2019 2:21:24 PM

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**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 8:14:17 AM

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Sincerely,  
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**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 1:11:00 PM

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Sincerely,  
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**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 9:40:44 AM

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Women have the right to control the functions of their own bodies and to decide how many children they give birth to. Access to abortions by people other than doctors who can give safe care should be available to us.

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.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 8:31:08 AM

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Sincerely,  
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**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Saturday, February 23, 2019 2:14:37 PM

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**Date:** Saturday, February 23, 2019 1:00:38 PM

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Sincerely,  
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**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
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Sincerely,  
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**From:** [ronpb43@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:ronpb43@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Ron Brown](#)  
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**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 8:24:19 AM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and Health,

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Sincerely,  
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**From:** [DRROZI@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:DRROZI@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Rosemary Adam-Terem](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Saturday, February 23, 2019 1:57:08 PM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and Health,

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Sincerely,  
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**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

Please vote for SB 415 to allow more people to have access to abortion services on their own islands.

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:** [shanel.chavez@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:shanel.chavez@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Shanel Chavez](#)  
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**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 4:01:46 PM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and Health,

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Sincerely,  
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**From:** [taggit@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:taggit@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Shannon Lowrey](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and Health,

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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.

My mother was a Republican State Senator here in Hawaii decades ago who clearly and publicly articulated her pro-choice stance.

I am also profoundly pro-choice, believing that a woman should have the right to make the ultimate and difficult decision of whether or not to continue a pregnancy. I grew up in the pre-Roe v Wade era; I had several friends (sex education at Kailua Intermediate/High School was not particularly informative) who had to fly to Japan to have abortions or who tried to self-induce one. We cannot go back to that archaic time.

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.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
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Trump is attacking reproductive rights at the federal level, we here in Hawaii need to make certain that our laws do not in any way restrict a womans right to abortion.

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.

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**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
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Sincerely,  
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**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 26, 2019 9:19:08 AM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Saturday, February 23, 2019 1:48:43 PM

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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and Health,

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Sincerely,  
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**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
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Dear Senate Consumer Protection and 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.

We should be making it as easy as possible, not harder, for women to get all the health and reproductive care services they need. Abortion services are currently not adequate for women of Hawai'i; I have seen this problem among women I have known here. Please support expansion of services to include more qualified providers and facilities as per SB 415.

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.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
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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.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
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Sincerely,  
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**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
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Sincerely,  
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**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
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Sincerely,  
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**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
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Sincerely,  
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**From:** [WWNAKAMURA@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:WWNAKAMURA@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Wilma Nakamura](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** All of Hawaii needs access to abortion  
**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2019 9:17:11 AM

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