

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1904

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 19 , 2021

RE: S.C.R. No. 191
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 191 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO AMEND ITS POLICIES RELATING TO POSTPARTUM STERILIZATION WAITING PERIODS FOR MEDICAID RECIPIENTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the United States Department of Health and Human Services to amend its policies relating to postpartum sterilization waiting periods for Medicaid recipients.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and six individuals.

Your Committee finds that postpartum sterilization is the most commonly used form of contraception in the country and is safe, effective, and provides substantial cost savings for health care systems. However, your Committee further finds that there are significant systemic barriers to postpartum sterilization for Medicaid recipients. Unlike privately insured individuals, Medicaid recipients are required to wait thirty days between consent to postpartum sterilization and surgery; failure to comply

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can result in reimbursement denial to providers for delivery and postpartum care. This policy results in a discriminatory two-tiered system of access, based on income, to a basic and highly effective form of contraception. Your Committee finds that the United States Department of Health and Human Services should review and revise this policy to ensure fair and equitable access to reproductive health services.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that certified copies of this measure be transmitted to the Director of Human Services and Administrator of the Department of Human Services' Med-QUEST Division; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 191, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 191, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,

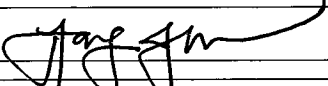

AARON LING JOHANSON, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-first Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: SCR 191	Committee Referral: CPC	Date: 4/15/21		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling (C)	✓			
2. KITAGAWA, Lisa (VC)	✓			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.	✓			
4. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
6. KONG, Sam Satoru	✓			
7. MIZUNO, John M.				✓
8. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
9. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
10. TARNAS, David A.	✓			
11. MATSUMOTO, Lauren	✓			
TOTAL (11)	10	0	0	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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