

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1432

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 30 2021

RE: S.C.R. No. 191

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Health and Judiciary, 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,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent 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 Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and eight individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committees find that postpartum sterilization, a form of contraception for women in which a doctor cuts and closes or completely removes the fallopian tubes shortly after a woman gives birth, is the most used form of contraception in the United States. For Medicaid recipients, federal regulations require a thirty-day waiting period between consent to postpartum sterilization and surgery and failure to comply with the waiting period can result in reimbursement denial for delivery and postpartum care. By contrast, privately insured individuals are



not generally subject to a thirty-day waiting period between consent and surgery, creating a two-tiered system of access that restricts reproductive autonomy to those who can afford it. Your Committees find that regulations that place an additional undue burden on patients and families who already face systemic disadvantage and poor health outcomes, particularly low-income people and people of color, should be abolished or revised to ensure fair and equitable access to all reproductive health services.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Judiciary that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 191 and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Health and  
Judiciary,



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KARL RHOADS, Chair



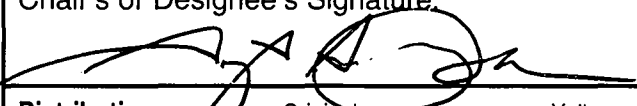
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JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, Chair



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**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Health**  
**HTH**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SCR 191	HTH / JDC	09/29/2021		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn (VC)				✓
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.				✓
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt		✓		
<b>TOTAL</b>	2	1	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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