

Testimony of the Board of Nursing

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
and
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Tuesday, March 1, 2022
10:00 a.m.
Via Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
S.B. 2282, S.D. 1, RELATING TO ABORTION CARE**

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 appreciates the intent and offers comments on this bill with respect to section 3 of the bill only, which proposes amendments to Hawaii Revised Statutes chapter 457.

The purposes of this bill are to: (1) clarify that access to abortion care is inclusive of all pregnant people in the State; (2) repeal a criminal penalty for violations of certain abortion provisions; and (3) clarify that advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) may provide abortion care.

The Board appreciates the amendments specified in section 3 that would clarify existing language in the current law to authorize APRNs, to perform medication or aspiration abortions of a nonviable fetus for a “pregnant person” and redefining the penalties for knowingly violating this section.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

Testimony of the Hawaii Medical Board

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**On the following measure:
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Chair Baker, Chair Rhoads, and Members of the Committees:

My name is Ahlani Quiogue, and I am the Executive Officer of the Hawaii Medical Board (Board). The Board appreciates the intent of and offers comments on this bill. The Board limits its comments to section 2 of this bill, which amends Hawaii Revised Statutes section 453-16.

The purposes of this bill are to: (1) clarify that access to abortion care is inclusive of all pregnant people in the State; (2) repeal a criminal penalty for violations of certain abortion provisions; and (3) clarify that advanced practice registered nurses may provide abortion care.

The Board appreciates the intent of this bill as it allows greater access to abortion care and recognizes all people in Hawaii by deleting the term “female” and replacing that term with “person.” This bill also repeals a criminal penalty with respect to physician providers engaging in and providing safe care.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/25/2022 5:37:09 PM

Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Michael Golojuch Jr	Testifying for Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

The Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i (formerly the LGBT Caucus) Hawai'i's oldest and largest policy and political LGBTQIA+ focused organization fully supports SB 2282 SD 1.

We hope you all will support this important piece of legislation.

Mahalo nui loa,

Michael Golojuch, Jr.
Chair and SCC Representative
Stonewall Caucus for the DPH

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Submitted on: 2/26/2022 7:52:48 AM

Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Mike Golojuch, Sr.	Testifying for Rainbow Family 808	Support	No

Comments:

Rainbow Family 808 supports SB2282. Please pass.

Mike Golojuch, Sr. Secretary/Board Member, Rainbow Family 808

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Submitted on: 2/27/2022 6:33:08 PM

Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Jean McIntosh	Testifying for planned parenthood	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Baker, Chair Rhoads, and Members of the Committee

My name is Jean McIntosh. I write in strong support of SB2282. This housekeeping bill ensures that all pregnant people in Hawaii, including transgender and gender nonbinary people, have the right to abortion care; provides statutory consistency across the state abortion codes; and repeals archaic provisions that threaten criminal punishment for abortion providers.



ACOG

The American College of
Obstetricians and Gynecologists

*American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
Hawai'i, Guam & American Samoa Section*

TO: Senate Committee on Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair

DATE: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 10:00am.

FROM: Hawai'i Section, ACOG
Reni Soon, MD, MPH, FACOG, Chair

Re: SB2282_SD1 Relating to Abortion Care
Position: SUPPORT

The Hawai'i Section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (HI ACOG) **supports SB2282** which would strengthen and protect inclusive access to abortion and the full range of sexual and reproductive health care by clarifying and amending state law.

Not since the United States Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision in 1973 has access to abortion been more threatened. Texas and Mississippi currently have challenges at the US Supreme Court that very realistically could undermine or completely overturn Roe v. Wade. With these federal protections for abortion access at very real risk, the State of Hawai'i, who has always been a leader in protecting access to abortion care, needs to do all we can to rectify any statutory gaps and solidify our state laws.

Abortion is a necessary aspect of comprehensive reproductive health care. **One in four women** in the US will have an abortion in her lifetime.¹ In addition, people of all genders have comprehensive sexual and reproductive health needs, including women, transgender people, nonbinary people, and those who are otherwise gender-diverse.

Abortion is extremely safe.²³ In the US, approximately 90% of abortions occur within the first trimester, when abortion is the safest. The risk of death associated with childbirth is 14 times higher than that with abortion.² In contrast, historical and contemporary data show that where abortion is illegal or highly restricted, pregnant people may resort to unsafe means to end an

¹ Jones RK, Jerman J. Population group abortion rates and lifetime incidence of abortion: United States, 2008-2014. Am J Public Health 2017; 107:1904-9.

² Raymond EG, Grimes DA. The comparative safety of legal induced abortion and childbirth in the United States. Obstet Gynecol 2012; 119: 215 - 9

³ National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. The safety and quality of abortion care in the United States. Washington, DC : National Academies Press ; 2018 . Available at: <https://www.nap.edu/catalog/24950/the-safety-and-quality-of-abortion-care-in-the-united-states> .

unwanted pregnancy, including self-inflicted abdominal and bodily trauma, ingestion of dangerous chemicals, and reliance on unqualified providers.^{4,5}

For these reasons, ACOG strongly opposes any restrictions on access to abortion, and encourages efforts to increase and protect access. By clarifying and strengthening our state laws, SB2282 is critical to protecting abortion access in Hawai'i. **We urge you to pass SB2282_SD1.**

We are happy to answer any questions or provide any data.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

⁴ World Health Organization . Unsafe abortion: global and regional estimates of the incidence of unsafe abortion and associated mortality in 2008 . 6th ed. Geneva : WHO ; 2011 . Available at:<https://www.who.int/reproductivehealth/publications/unsafe-abortion/9789241501118/en/> .

⁵ Guttmacher Institute . Unintended pregnancy and abortion worldwide . New York, NY : Guttmacher Institute ; 2020 . Available at:<https://www.guttmacher.org/fact-sheet/induced-abortion-worldwide>

**Written Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
and
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Hearing: March 1, 2022 @ 10:00 am
Via Videoconference**



By Hawai‘i – American Nurses Association (Hawai‘i-ANA)

SB2282, SD1 RELATING TO ABORTION CARE

Chair Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair Stanley Chang, members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, and Chair Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair Jarrett Keohokalole, members of the Senate committee on Judiciary, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony **in strong support of SB2282, SD1.**

This measure would protect the rights of all pregnant individuals by changing the terminology from female to “pregnant person”. Inclusive language is imperative to ensure equal rights and privileges to all human beings. The Legislature has previous taken an active stance on the support of equal rights despite race, gender, and sexual preference. This measure affirms that all pregnant persons would be allowed access to abortion if it’s their choice.

This measure would also repeal the imprisonment penalty for violations of certain abortion provisions but it upholds \$1,000 fine for any person who knowingly violates subsections of the law. This measure will improve access to all pregnant persons by using gender-neutral language; repealing the imprisonment consequences for violation; and, clarifying that APRNs are authorized to provide abortion care, by providing consistency between the nurse and physician statutes.

We are Hawai‘i - American Nurses Association (Hawai‘i-ANA), the professional association for over 15,000 Registered Nurses in our state. **Hawai‘i-ANA respectfully requests that SB2282, SD1 be passed through this committee.** Thank you for your continued support for measures that address the need for improving access to safe and effective healthcare provided by primary healthcare providers in communities throughout Hawai‘i.

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DATE: 28 Feb 2022

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

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary

RE: **Testimony in Strong Support of SB 2282 SD1, RELATING TO PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS**

HRG: 01 March 2022, 10:00 AM Conference room 229 & Videoconference

Dear Chairs Baker and Rhoads, Vice Chairs Chang and Keohokalole, and Members of the Committees,

The Hawai'i Public Health Association (HPHA) is a group of over 450 community members, public health professionals, and organizations statewide dedicated to improving public health. Our mission is to promote public health in Hawai'i through leadership, collaboration, education and advocacy. Additionally, HPHA aims to call attention to issues around social justice and equity in areas that extend beyond the traditional context of health (e.g., education, digital equity, cultural sensitivity), which can have profound impacts on health equity and well-being. Therefore, as stewards of public health, HPHA is also advocating for equity in all policies.

We are providing this testimony in **strong support of SB 2282 SD1**, which takes steps to safeguard equitable abortion access for all pregnant people. Protecting access to safe abortion care ensures that individuals are able to make their own decision about the most personal and significant medical decisions that impact their life. The impact of not getting abortion care can be devastating. Data shows that persons denied a wanted abortion experience four times greater odds of living below the Federal Poverty Level; are more likely to experience life threatening complications of pregnancy such as eclampsia; and are more likely to stay in a relationship with an abusive partner.

Individuals who are most harmed by gaps in access to safe abortion care are individuals with low income or without savings. People with low socioeconomic status are more likely to be Black, Latinx, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander due to generations of systemic racism. People who face additional barriers to health care include those in rural and remote areas, young people, and LGBTQ communities. As advocates for diversity, equity and inclusivity in all policies, HPHA supports SB 2282 SD1 to ensure equal access to safe abortion care.



We support SB 2282 SD1 and respectfully ask that you pass this measure. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important public health issue affecting members of our community.

Sincerely,

J. Leocadia Conlon, PhD, MPH, PA-C
Legislative Committee Chair
Hawai'i Public Health Association



Alliance Advocates - Hawai'i

To: Hawai'i State Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Hearing Date/Time: Tuesday, March 1st, 2022 at 10:00 am
Place: Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 229 and via videoconference
Re: Testimony of Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates in strong support of SB
2282

Dear Chairs Baker, Chair Rhoads, and Members of the Committees,

Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates – Hawai'i ("PPAA") writes in strong support of SB 2282. With federal protections for abortion care in grave danger, our state cannot afford to have statutory gaps in state law that put access to abortion at risk. This housekeeping bill ensures that all pregnant people in Hawai'i – including transgender and gender nonbinary people – have the right to abortion care; provides statutory consistency across state abortion codes; and repeals archaic provisions that threaten criminal punishment for abortion providers.

Last year was the worst year of state attacks on abortion in nearly 50 years, with over 100 abortion restrictions enacted into law nationwide. For over six months, Texas has blocked abortion access almost entirely for pregnant people in Texas. Thousands of Texans are being forced to either make costly trips hundreds of miles across state lines to access constitutionally-protected health care or carry pregnancies. The Supreme Court has repeatedly failed to stop Texas's deliberate nullification of the constitutional right to abortion and now, is set to decide on a 15-week Mississippi abortion ban that directly challenges *Roe v. Wade*. If *Roe* is overturned, 26 states will likely move to ban abortion in 2022, jeopardizing access for over 36 million women, trans men, and non-binary people. Patients are scared; patients are confused; and Planned Parenthood health centers continue to get flooded with calls from people trying to figure out where they can turn for health care.

The combination of the court green-lighting a near-total abortion ban in Texas and the impending demise of *Roe* means one thing: we should all be alarmed. Even here in Hawai'i, where we proudly support the right to abortion, too many people do not have meaningful access to care. Last year, Hawai'i lawmakers took a step in the right direction by passing a law allowing Advance Practice Registered Nurses to provide abortion care; this has increased access to abortion across the state and alleviated the pressures of the doctor shortage and the strain that the pandemic has placed on our health system. But there is still so much Hawai'i must do to fortify abortion access, especially with the nation facing the very real threat of abortion access disappearing in over half the country.

SB 2282 is a bill that will protect abortion access in Hawai'i in three ways:

First, this bill makes a housekeeping amendment to clarify that all pregnant people in the state have the right to access abortion care, including transgender and gender nonbinary people. Transgender and gender nonbinary communities already have to navigate tremendous barriers when accessing health care; they experience disproportionately high rates of discrimination, harassment, and assault

in health care settings and face cost barriers and insurance gaps. Those seeking sexual and reproductive health care particularly face hurdles, as many providers assume trans or gender-diverse patients do not need basic reproductive and sexual health services, such as pelvic exams, contraceptive counseling, or abortion care. Using gender-neutral language in the Hawai'i abortion statutes will help safeguard the right to abortion care for transgender and gender nonbinary people and will encourage destigmatized, inclusive care across our state.

Second, this bill eliminates the archaic provisions that threaten criminal punishment for health providers who are providing safe and basic abortion care. Hawai'i already faces an abortion provider shortage, which leads to higher costs, unnecessary travel, long wait times, and delays to time-sensitive care for patients. Threatening criminal punishment against providers singles out and stigmatizes abortion care and forces providers to weigh the benefits of providing safe health care with the threat of prosecution. In a moment where abortion providers across the country are facing increasingly hostile environments and the possibility of prosecution, Hawai'i should eliminate language that threatens criminal prosecution against providers for simply doing the work they were trained to do.

Third, this bill makes housekeeping amendments to provide statutory consistency across state abortion codes. The clarifications in this bill will leave no doubt that the intent of the legislature is to ensure that physicians and advanced practice registered nurses may legally provide abortion care, both medication and procedural. Lawmakers must ensure consistency between the physician and nursing codes of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes to provide clarity and avoid confusion.

Access to abortion care ensures people have the freedom and power to control their own body, decisions, and lives. With the right to abortion care at a federal level hanging in the balance, Hawai'i must show up stronger than ever in its support of reproductive health care. We cannot allow the reality of Texas to become the reality of this country, and we need Hawai'i lawmakers to do everything in their power to safeguard abortion access.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Rachel Kuenzi
Public Policy Analyst
Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates – Hawai'i

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Submitted on: 2/25/2022 12:10:57 PM

Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Scott Smart	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE SB2282. While I can understand the desire of some in our legislature to demonstrate their fully-woke credentials, the use of the term "abortion care" goes beyond all possible decency. An abortion by intent necessarily kills a fetal person is not "care" in any known sense of the word.

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Submitted on: 2/25/2022 2:09:14 PM

Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Danielle Sato	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chairs Baker, Chair Rhoads, and Members of the Committees,

My name is Danielle Sato, and I'm writing as a medical student in strong support of SB2282. This housekeeping bill ensures that ALL pregnant people in Hawai'i – notably including transgender and gender nonbinary people – have the right to abortion care; provides statutory consistency across state abortion codes; and repeals archaic provisions that threaten criminal punishment for abortion providers.

As we see a nationwide strategy to end abortion access in this country Hawai'i cannot afford to have statutory gaps in state laws that put access to abortion at risk. If Roe is overturned or gutted, Hawai'i law will continue to protect the right to abortion. However, lawmakers must take steps to safeguard equitable abortion access for all pregnant people.

EVERY person should be able to make their own decisions about their health and their bodies — including abortion. No one's most personal medical decisions should be restricted due to statutory gaps. The impact of not getting wanted abortion care can be devastating: A pregnant person who is denied a wanted abortion and is forced to carry an unwanted pregnancy to term is four times more likely to live below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), experience pregnancy complications from the end of pregnancy (including eclampsia and death), and stay in a relationship with an abusive partner and to suffer anxiety and loss of self-esteem after being denied wanted abortion care.

Mahalo nui for your consideration and dedication to protect this important population.

SB-2282-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2022 1:15:35 PM

Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Jessica Redford	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chairs Baker, Chair Rhoads, and Members of the Committees,

My name is Jessica Redford and I write in strong support of SB2282. This housekeeping bill ensures that all pregnant people in Hawai'i – including transgender and gender nonbinary people – have the right to abortion care; provides statutory consistency across state abortion codes; and repeals archaic provisions that threaten criminal punishment for abortion providers.

The impact of not getting wanted abortion care can be devastating. A pregnant person who is denied a wanted abortion and is forced to carry an unwanted pregnancy to term experiences four times greater odds of living below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). They are more likely to experience pregnancy complications from the end of pregnancy, including eclampsia and death. They are also more likely to stay in a relationship with an abusive partner and to suffer anxiety and loss of self-esteem after being denied wanted abortion care.

As we see a nationwide strategy to end abortion access in this country Hawai'i cannot afford to have statutory gaps in state laws that put access to abortion at risk.

If Roe is overturned or gutted, Hawai'i law will continue to protect the right to abortion. However, lawmakers must take steps to safeguard equitable abortion access for all pregnant people.

Every person should be able to make their own decisions about their health and their bodies — including abortion. No one's most personal medical decisions should be restricted due to statutory gaps.

Thank you for your attention to this crucial matter.

Jessica Redford

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Submitted on: 2/25/2022 3:15:36 PM

Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Caroline Kunitake	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole and Committee on Judiciary,

I am submitting testimony in support of SB2282 SD1.

With federal protections for abortion care in grave danger, legislators must show up stronger than ever in their support of abortion access.

This housekeeping legislation will protect abortion access by:

- Clarifying that all pregnant people in the state have the right to access abortion care, including transgender and gender nonbinary people.
- Providing consistency across state abortion codes.
- Eliminating archaic provisions that threaten criminal prosecution against providers for providing safe and basic abortion care.

The news coming out of Texas is disturbing. The abortion clinics located in the states that are outside of Texas have experienced a significant increase in abortion procedures.

Clinics hundreds of miles from Texas are reporting an increase in calls for appointments.

Telehealth clinics say they've had more people request emergency contraception.

Please ensure that anyone seeking a legal abortion in the State of Hawaii has access. Women must have the right to choose what happens to their bodies.

Thank you for reviewing this issue. I appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB2282 SD1.

Mahalo,

Caroline Kunitake

SB-2282-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2022 4:17:30 PM

Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Divya Dethier	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chairs and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in STRONG support of SB2282.

I recently moved to Hawai'i to pursue additional training in complex family planning care. I was compelled to come here because of Hawai'i history of strong support of abortion care and state laws that protect the right to abortion, at a time when Roe v Wade is under attack. I am gutted and horrified seeing what is happening in other states, and as we await the decision by the Supreme Court on whether Roe v Wade will become meaningless. At a time when access to abortion is threatened, this bill is crucial to safeguarding equitable access to abortion for all pregnant people in Hawai'i.

This housekeeping bill will safeguard abortion in many ways: it clarifies that all pregnant people (regardless of gender identity) can access safe abortion; it provides consistency across state abortion codes (the law allowing APRNs to provide abortion and physician statute for performing abortion are inconsistent, as it stands); and it eliminates archaic provisions that threaten criminal prosecution against providers providing safe abortion care.

Please pass SB2282 to protect abortion access in Hawai'i.

Mahalo for your attention to this testimony.

Divya Dethier MD

SB-2282-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2022 5:17:30 PM

Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Taurie Kinoshita	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing in strong support of SB 2282.

Every person should be able to make their own decisions about their health and their bodies — including abortion. No one's most personal medical decisions should be restricted due to statutory gaps. The impact of not getting wanted abortion care can be devastating: a pregnant person who is denied a wanted abortion and is forced to carry an unwanted pregnancy to term experiences four times greater odds of living below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). They are more likely to experience pregnancy complications from the end of pregnancy, including eclampsia and death. They are also more likely to stay in a relationship with an abusive partner and to suffer anxiety and loss of self-esteem after being denied wanted abortioncare.

Please pass this bill to safeguard abortion access in Hawai'i.

This legislation will protect crucial abortion access for all.

Access to abortion care ensures people have the freedom and power to control their own body, decisions, and lives. We cannot allow the reality of Texas to become the reality of this country, and we need Hawai'i lawmakers to do everything in their power to strengthen statutory protections for abortion.

Personally, if I had not had safe access to abortion, I would be living in poverty and misery, instead of teaching and helping make the world a better place. Everyone deserves the opportunities I had.

Please pass SB 2282.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Taurie Kinoshita taurie@hawaii.edu born and raised resident of Oahu

SB-2282-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2022 7:37:44 PM

Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Younghee Overly	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit a testimony in strong support of SB2282 SD1 which would repeal a criminal penalty for violations of certain abortion provisions. This would protect the right to abortion even if Roe vs Wade is overturned or gutted by the U.S. Supreme Court. Please pass this important measure to make sure that we don't have statutory gaps in state laws and put access to aboration at risk.

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Submitted on: 2/25/2022 7:22:35 PM

Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Barbara Barry	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly support SB2282 SD1.

Mahalo,

SB-2282-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2022 8:20:19 PM

Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Lisa Gainsley	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To ensure that **all** pregnant people can access abortion in our state, including transgender and gender nonbinary folks.

SB-2282-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2022 11:01:22 PM

Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Madison Filanc	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Committee on Judiciary

February 25th, 2022

Testimony in support of Senate Bill 2282 Relating to Abortion Care

Hello Senate Committee and everyone, my name is Madison Filanc and I am a Junior studying Social Work at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. For House Bill 2210 I am strongly in support of this proposed bill and providing testimony in regards to this. I urge you to pass this bill and its companion bill HB 2210.

I was born and raised here on the island of O'ahu and I identify myself as a cisgender woman. I feel so blessed to live in a state where my reproductive rights are protected and that I have access to abortion care here in Hawai'i. Unfortunately, not everyone in the United States or the world has these same privileges. With what is going on in places like Texas it is extremely important to protect people with uteruses and not allow for any loopholes in the law to get in the way of access to abortion care. While Hawai'i is a pro-abortion state with many laws in place that protect women's reproductive rights, it is equally as important to stand with our transgender and non-binary ohana as they should have access to abortion care as well.

This bill will further protect women and people with uteruses as it will use gender-neutral language which enables more protection for transgender and non-binary people seeking abortion care, as queer people may often be discriminated against when seeking medical care. Access to this care should always be a right and should be inclusive regardless of gender.

Additionally, we are living on Hawaiian land, and historically queer-identifying people such as Mahu who were seen as a third gender were treated equally in society, and therefore we should honor that history and further safeguard transgender and LGBTQ+ people's rights to abortion care.

As a woman with a uterus, I may one day seek abortion care, and I would like to feel protected, and that transgender and non-binary people who I stand with will as well. Seeing the regression of laws in certain states in the mainland, absolutely terrifies me, as I know that not all women will be able to make their own decisions about their bodies. Bodily autonomy is a right that all people should have, and abortion care should always be a part of that.

The added precautionary language in this bill will put people experiencing the same fear as I am, at ease about their reproductive rights here in the state of Hawai'i. Abortion care should always be an option available to people, and I urge you to pass this bill as it will continue to allow for that option and promote inclusivity in this state.

Thank you so much for your time, and if there are any further questions I am available to answer, thank you again for considering this bill.

SB-2282-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2022 11:57:48 PM

Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Thaddeus Pham	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Members of the CPN and JDC Committees,

As a public health professional and concerned community member, I write in **STRONG SUPPORT** of SB2282 SD1, which would clarify that access to abortion care is inclusive of all pregnant people in the State; repeal a criminal penalty for violations of certain abortion provisions; and clarify that advanced practice registered nurses may provide abortion care.

There is a preponderance of evidence that demonstrates the public health benefits of access to family planning and abortion for all pregnant people. Most recently, there is data showing that restricting to access to abortion care leads to increased maternal mortality. <https://ajph.aphapublications.org/doi/full/10.2105/AJPH.2021.306396>.

Please protect the rights of our local communities to safe, accessible, and essential healthcare services.

Mahalo,

Thaddeus Pham (he/him)

SB-2282-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/26/2022 3:59:34 PM

Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Sarah Michal Hamid	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Last year, we saw the culmination of a nationwide strategy to end abortion access in this country when the Supreme Court allowed Texas to effectively ban all abortion care in the state. Now, with the Supreme Court Hawai‘i cannot afford to have statutory gaps in state laws that put access to abortion at risk.

What happens to access in abortion in Hawai‘i if Roe v. Wade falls?

- If Roe is overturned or gutted, Hawai‘i law will continue to protect the right to abortion.

However,

lawmakers must take steps to safeguard equitable abortion access for all pregnant people.

- Every person should be able to make their own decisions about their health and their bodies — including abortion. No one's most personal medical decisions should be restricted due to statutory gaps.

- The impact of not getting wanted abortion care can be devastating:

- o A pregnant person who is denied a wanted abortion and is forced to carry an unwanted pregnancy

- o to term experiences four times greater odds of living below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

- o They are more likely to experience pregnancy complications from the end of pregnancy, including

- o eclampsia and death.

- o They are also more likely to stay in a relationship with an abusive partner and to suffer anxiety and loss of self-esteem after being denied wanted abortion care.

- Let’s be clear who is harmed the most by gaps in abortion access: people with means will always be able to access the care they need. It is people with low incomes or without savings – who are more likely to be Black, Latinx, and Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander due to generations of racist public policies – and people who face substantial barriers to health care, including LGBTQ communities, people in rural areas or on neighbor islands, and young people, who will be unable to get the care they need. Lawmakers Must Pass This Housekeeping Bill to Safeguard Abortion Access in Hawai‘i. With federal protections for abortion care in grave danger, legislators must show up stronger than ever in their support of abortion access. This housekeeping legislation will protect abortion access by:

- Clarifying that all pregnant people in the state have the right to access abortion care, including transgender and gender nonbinary people.

- Providing consistency across state abortion codes.

- Eliminating archaic provisions that threaten criminal prosecution against providers for providing safe and basic abortion care.

Access to abortion care ensures people have the freedom and power to control their own body, decisions, and lives. We cannot allow the reality of Texas to become the reality of this country, and we need Hawai'i lawmakers to do everything in their power to strengthen statutory protections for abortion.

Pass HB 2210/SB 2282 to protect abortion access and ensure that all pregnant people in Hawai'i

—
including transgender and gender nonbinary people – have the right to abortion.

Aloha mai kākou,

I am testifying in support of SB 2282, a bill to “Strengthen Statutory Protections for Abortion in Hawai‘i.”

I am testifying as a citizen and sharing the story of a friend who did not necessarily desire to end her third pregnancy because she didn’t want the child, but to end the pregnancy because she didn’t want to bring another child into the world with her partner who was a verbally and mentally abusive person. She came from a family of over 100 cousins and her grandfather had 12 brothers and sisters. A large family was a blessing and she had dreamed of having many children. That dream was shattered after having her second child and finding that her partner blamed what he called her “lack of remembering to take her pill” on every spill or mishap that their current children caused or got into. Can you imagine that? Her not taking birth control turns into it being her fault that a child spilled something on the floor or broke something unintentionally?

It is no one else’s business to judge a person who desires an abortion. Everyone has a story behind their reason or intentions and no amount of banning or putting up road blocks is going to put a stop to people who are mentally, physically, sexually, verbally abused who then have to carry the child of their abuser. While they will love and care for their child, they will also have to endure shaming and blaming by their abuser for becoming pregnant, possibly labeled a bad mother and endure more abuse because the perpetrator will use the child as leverage to keep in contact with them, no matter what they try.

Please assure that abortion is easily accessible through quality health care providers and that SB2282 passes for those persons seeking peace over being controlled by an abuser who will throw this child’s existence and very being in their face for the rest of their life.

Mahalo,

Amber Granite
Masters in Public Health Student
University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

SB 2282 (SD1) – Strengthen Statutory Protections for Abortion in Hawai'i

Karyn Kovalick, resident and graduate student at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa.

Dear Madam Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, Senator Acasio, Senator Gabbard, Senator Kim, Senator Lee and Senator Fevella:

As a concerned citizen and Master of Social Work student at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, I feel it is my duty to express my support for SB 2282 (SD1) regarding strengthening abortion care statewide. At a time when Roe v. Wade is continuously being threatened on the federal level, supporting local legislation that ensures safe and basic abortion access remains of utmost importance. This bill incorporates language that clarifies that all pregnant people in the state have access to safe abortion treatments and care, including individuals who are gender nonbinary or transgender. Further, it also eliminates the existing provisions that threaten "criminal prosecution against providers" who successfully perform safe abortions as well.

As an advocate for social, economic and political justice among traditionally underserved populations, retaining safe abortion access is an issue that resonated deeply within the framework of social work. In prioritizing self-determination, every pregnant individual should be able to make healthcare decisions in their own best interest, without meddling or intrusion from the government. Further, when safe abortion access is threatened, research indicates that individuals with limited economic resources fare worse, including those from racial/ethnic minorities due to historically racist public policies. As an issue of intersectionality, those who face barriers to care, including those in the LGBTQIA+ community, those in rural areas, and younger people will all be unable to receive the medical care necessary should abortion access and healthcare services be threatened. This bill promotes provisions

that strengthen access to care throughout the state, making it incredibly important in promoting health equity. Once again, as a concerned citizen, I fully support SB 2282 (SD1) regarding strengthening abortion care statewide. Thank you for the opportunity to share my position in the form of legislative testimony, and I appreciate your time and consideration.

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Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Marion Poirier	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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SENATE CHAIR BAKER AND SENATE CHAIR RHOADS AND MEMBERS OF THE RESPECTIVE COMMITTEES ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND JUDICIARY:

My name is Marion Poirier and I strongly support SB 2282, SD 1. Although I am speaking for myself, I am on the Board of Hawaii-American Nurses Assn. I have learned a lot about how qualified APRN's are to provide abortion care and treatment. I am also aware of all the considerations made to strength the law relating to abortion in Hawaii. SB 2282 SD1 accomplishes both goals.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this comprehensive measure that is much better equipped to handle the challenges that may come to pass. Additionally, APRN's will be able to provide more services to those in rural and underserved areas of our State.



Community Advocate and Philanthropist

February 26, 2022

TO: CPN/JDC (Commerce and Consumer Protection & Judiciary)

FROM: Chaslynn-Nicole Kapuaonalani Gaspar

SUBJECT: SB 2282 Clarifies that access to abortion care includes all pregnant people in the State. Repeals a criminal penalty for violations of specific abortion provisions. Clarifies that advanced practice registered nurses may provide abortion care. (SD1)

Companion Bill - HB 2210

*Hearing: Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at 10:00 am
Via videoconference - Decision-making only, no oral testimony.*

Committee: CPN/JDC (Commerce and Consumer Protection & Judiciary)

*Thank you for the opportunity to provide a personal testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of SB 2282.*

Dear Chairs Baker, Chair Rhoads, and Members of the Committees,

My name is Chaslynn-Nicole. I write in strong support of SB2282. This housekeeping bill ensures that all pregnant people in Hawai'i – including transgender and gender nonbinary people – have the right to abortion care; provides statutory consistency across state abortion codes; and repeals archaic provisions that threaten criminal punishment for abortion providers.

Discussion Points:

- *As we see a national strategy to end abortion access in this country, Hawai'i cannot afford statutory gaps in state laws that put access to abortion at risk.*
- *If Roe is overturned or gutted, Hawai'i law will continue to protect the right to abortion. However, lawmakers must take steps to safeguard equitable abortion access for all pregnant people.*
- *Every person should make their own decisions about their health and body, including abortion. Due to statutory gaps, no one's most personal medical decisions should be restricted.*
- *The impact of not getting wanted abortion care can be devastating*
 - *A pregnant person who is denied a wanted abortion and is forced to carry an unwanted pregnancy to term experiences four times greater odds of living below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).*
 - *They are more likely to experience pregnancy complications from the end of pregnancy, including eclampsia and death.*
 - *They are also more likely to stay in a relationship with an abusive partner and to suffer anxiety and loss of self-esteem after being denied wanted*

In solitary, I strongly urge you to consider the passage of SB 2282. Thank you again for the opportunity to submit testimony on this measure.

Dear Chairs Baker, Chair Rhoads, and Members of the Committees,

My name is Katherine Villanueva and I write in strong support of SB2282. This housekeeping bill ensures that all pregnant people in Hawai'i – including transgender and gender nonbinary people – have the right to abortion care; provides statutory consistency across state abortion codes; and repeals archaic provisions that threaten criminal punishment for abortion providers.

As we see a nationwide strategy to end abortion access in this country Hawai'i cannot afford to have statutory gaps in state laws that put access to abortion at risk. If Roe is overturned or gutted, Hawai'i law will continue to protect the right to abortion. However, lawmakers must take steps to safeguard equitable abortion access for all pregnant people. Every person should be able to make their own decisions about their health and their bodies — including abortion. No one's most personal medical decisions should be restricted due to statutory gaps.

The impact of not getting wanted abortion care can be devastating:

- A pregnant person who is denied a wanted abortion and is forced to carry an unwanted pregnancy to term experiences four times greater odds of living below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).
- They are more likely to experience pregnancy complications from the end of pregnancy, including eclampsia and death.
- They are also more likely to stay in a relationship with an abusive partner and to suffer anxiety and loss of self-esteem after being denied wanted abortion care.
- Provides sexual assault perpetrators the possibility of continued access to their victims should the assault result in a pregnancy and birth
- Puts strain on already overwhelmed social services agencies across the state
- Challenges in access to health care for transgender and gender nonbinary individuals compounded with other forms of adversity they face

Furthermore, I would like to encourage advocacy for increasing number of abortion care providers across the state and most especially on the neighbor islands where health care workers across all disciplines are scarce and/or facilities are geographically inaccessible. By expanding the ability to provider abortion care to advanced practice providers, such as nurse practitioners, abortion care would be more equitable and accessible across the state and expanded to more of our communities.

In summary, I write in strong support of SB2282 in hopes of a more accessible and equitable health care resources for Hawai'i.

Mahalo,

Katherine Villanueva

Kihei, Maui

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Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Emma Ishihara	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill.

Emma.

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Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Renee Rabb	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I'm writing in support of SB2282 which clarifies abortion protection in Hawaii state law. It is important that advanced practice registered nurses are able to provide abortion care. Additionally, all people who are pregnant should be able to access abortion care, regardless of how they identify.

Mahalo for your support of Sen. Baker's bill.

Renee Rabb

Keaau, HI 96749

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Submitted on: 2/27/2022 6:14:59 PM

Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Jessica Spurrier	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chairs Baker, Chair Rhoads, and Members of the Committees,

I am writing in strong support of SB2282. This housekeeping bill ensures that all pregnant people in Hawai'i – including transgender and gender nonbinary people – have the right to abortion care; provides statutory consistency across state abortion codes; and repeals archaic provisions that threaten criminal punishment for abortion providers.

Especially as someone who works in healthcare, I believe strongly that every person should be able to make their own decisions about their health and their bodies — including abortion. No one's most personal medical decisions should be restricted due to statutory gaps.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jessica Spurrier, Kailua

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Submitted on: 2/27/2022 6:22:30 PM

Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Jimmy James Thennes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chairs Baker, Chair Rhoads, and Members of the Committees,

My name is Jimmy James Thennes,___ I write in strong support of SB2282. This housekeeping bill ensures that all pregnant people in Hawai‘i

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COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Olivia Cornejo

Support for S.B. No. 2282, RELATING TO ABORTION CARE

Dear committee members, my name is Olivia Cornejo and I am a social worker earning my master's degree at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, specializing in health. I write to you today to offer testimony in **strong support** of S.B. No. 2282.

With the national attacks on abortion care having the potential to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, I believe it is extremely important that we rectify the statutory gaps in abortion access and ensure all Hawaiians' health and reproductive choices are protected. Hawai'i's history as the first state to decriminalize abortion is something to be extremely proud of and we should continue to set the standard for progressive legislation by safeguarding abortion access for all, including transgender and gender nonbinary people.

As a social worker, I know that those who are harmed most by gaps in abortion access are vulnerable populations that already face barriers to healthcare, which is currently reflected in the non-inclusive wording of Hawai'i's abortion laws. If *Roe v. Wade* is overturned and these statutory gaps remain, those who are transgender or gender nonbinary should not have to fear that their right to healthcare and bodily autonomy may be taken away from them.

Additionally, I believe that the outdated criminal penalties that threaten healthcare providers should be eliminated from the state abortion codes. Consistent and inclusive language is key to ensuring Hawai'i's abortion protections remain strong in the face of national threats for those seeking safe and basic healthcare as well as for those providing it.

I strongly urge the committees to pass S.B. No. 2282. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,
Olivia Cornejo

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Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Sonia Blackiston	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chairs Baker, Chair Rhoads, and Members of the Committees,

I write in strong support of SB2282. This housekeeping bill ensures that all pregnant people in Hawai'i – including transgender and gender nonbinary people – have the right to abortion care; provides statutory consistency across state abortion codes; and repeals archaic provisions that threaten criminal punishment for abortion providers.

- As we see a nationwide strategy to end abortion access in this country **Hawai'i cannot afford to have statutory gaps in state laws that put access to abortion at risk.**
- If Roe is overturned or gutted, Hawai'i law will continue to protect the right to abortion. However, lawmakers must take steps to safeguard equitable abortion access for **all** pregnant people.
- Every person should be able to make their own decisions about their health and their bodies — including abortion. No one's most personal medical decisions should be restricted due to statutory gaps
- The impact of not getting wanted abortion care can be devastating
 - A pregnant person who is denied a wanted abortion and is forced to carry an unwanted pregnancy to term experiences four times greater odds of living below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).
 - They are more likely to experience pregnancy complications from the end of pregnancy, including eclampsia and death.
 - They are also more likely to stay in a relationship with an abusive partner and to suffer anxiety and loss of self-esteem after being denied wanted abortion care.

Mahalo for your time,

Sonia Blackiston

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Submitted on: 2/27/2022 6:57:49 PM

Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Damian Moya	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Committee members,

I write to you in **strong support** of SB 2282. I believe it is essential that we promote equality within our healthcare system by ensuring that everyone's bodily autonomy is equally protected by our written laws. The State of Hawaii committed to these values when it was the first state to decriminalize abortion, and I believe that SB 2282 is another essential step in providing consistent legal protection for all in the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole
Senate Committee on Judiciary

The Thirty-First Legislature
Regular Session of 2022

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Written Testimony for the Decision March 1, 2022 at 10:00am
State Capitol Conference Room 229
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Testimony in Support of SB 2282 SD1

My name is Lauren Rapoport and I am a Masters in Social Work student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, a former documentary-film producer/researcher, and a resident of Honolulu. I spent last semester of my program researching abortion laws in the United States for my policy class, and as a result of what I learned I am testifying in support of SB2282 SD1.

The US has the highest rates of teen pregnancy of all industrialized nations (Cannonier, 2012). However, abortion restrictions have been proven by a multitude of studies to be ineffective in reducing abortion rates; One 2020 study examined 2415 datapoints on pregnancy and abortions that were collected from 166 countries during the years of 1990–2019 (Bearak et al., 2020). The study found that abortion restrictions were not associated with lower abortion rates (Bearak et al., 2020). In fact, data suggested that “the proportion of unintended pregnancies ending in abortion increased in countries where abortion was legally restricted” (Bearak et al., 2020). While extremely restrictive abortion policies do not bring abortion rates down, they do increase the danger in terminating a pregnancy (Bearak et al., 2020; Fox, 2018).

Additionally, teenage mothers often drop out of school and their children are more likely to become teenage parents (Maclaggan, 2014). Young moms, especially poor young moms, are often reliant on social services to provide for a child (Cannonier, 2012). This is likely true for nonbinary and transgender parents as well. In short, teen childbearing (and likely unintended pregnancy in general) costs state governments in lost wages of parents and an increased reliance on social services (Daverth, 2017). It is in the state's financial interest to ensure that abortion care prior to fetal viability is accessible to residents who choose to seek it.

Hawaii has been a trailblazer in legalizing abortion access; Hawaii was the the first state to legalize abortion on March 13, 1970, 3 years before *Roe V. Wade* (1973) (Smith et al., 1971). 1973 Supreme Court ruling *Roe V. Wade* strengthened these protections when it established that states cannot place restrictions on medical abortion procedures that take place during the first trimester of pregnancy. The ruling states that during the second trimester of pregnancy, the state may impose regulations on abortion, but only if doing so is in the interest of bettering maternal health (*Roe v. Wade*, 1973). *Roe v. Wade* (1973) also establishes that during the third trimester, which it defines as fetal viability, states are allowed to fully regulate abortions, except in cases where the life and health of the mother or the fetus is at risk. In a related ruling on *Doe v. Bolton* during the same year, the Supreme Court established that a state is not permitted to “unduly burden the exercise of that fundamental right with regulations that prohibit or substantially limit access to the procedure” (Shimabukuro, 2021). In 1992, The Supreme Court case *Casey v. Planned Parenthood* further helped to establish that the state cannot interfere with abortion of pre-viable pregnancies, but it may regulate abortion post-viability (Legal Information Institute, n.d.). The U.S. Supreme court has reaffirmed the right to abortion a multitude of times since the original *Roe* ruling (Guttmacher Institute, 2021).

Unfortunately, abortion laws throughout the country have become progressively more restrictive since 2010 (Guttmacher Institute, 2021), attacking the protections outlined in *Roe V. Wade* (1973). The Texas Heartbeat Act and Mississippi's Gestational Age Act, which the Supreme Court has failed to strike down, have inspired a number of similar bills in other states eliminating or severely restricting abortion access. This leaves the fate of abortion protections in the United States vulnerable and unknown. In the face of these threats, lawmakers in Hawaii must be vigilant in ensuring the strength and inclusiveness of state laws regarding abortion access.

Laws regarding abortion access or restriction fail to address those who identify as non-binary or transgender, and instead only address females and women. Part of ensuring inclusive access to care and strengthening our laws in the state includes amending language that prevents access to care. One should not need to identify as a woman to be deserving of access to abortion-related care. I believe that amending the terminology to “pregnant persons” achieves this inclusion.

Additionally, ensuring statutory consistency with Act 576, which allows registered nurses and physicians to provide medication and procedural abortion care, is essential to ensure that residents living in rural areas of Hawaii have access to the care that they are constitutionally entitled to. I would argue that inability to access care due to one’s geographical location restricts a person’s right to healthcare autonomy, and may interfere with the constitutional rights awarded by the aforementioned Supreme Court Cases.

In conclusion, I stand in strong support of SB 2282 SD1 in order to protect abortion access (prior to pregnancy viability) for all pregnant persons in Hawaii, rather than just for women. Such access, by extension, may lessen the financial strain that unintended and unwanted pregnancy and births place on Hawaii's state budget. Furthermore, Hawaii’s lawmakers have an inherent duty to protect the rights, well being, and health of those who are vulnerable, including pregnant persons, women, people who are transgender, and people who are nonbinary. I ask that you vote in support of SB 2282 SD1 to fulfill this duty. Mahalo nui loa for your consideration and time.

Respectfully,

Lauren Rapoport

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Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Melinda Wood	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support SB2282. Abortion and other reproductive rights are currently under attack in many states. If any of them are successful, access to vital reproductive care will be restricted, leaving pregnant people to face all manner of otherwise preventable negative outcomes. Women's rights in America will be set back decades and I am certain that some individuals will die due to lack of medical care. It *must* be remembered that abortion was legalized in 1973 because of the number of women who were *dying* from botched abortions obtained illegally.

I am proud to live in the state that was first to legalize abortion. This demonstrated our state's commitment to the health and well being of those who choose if or when to bring keiki into the world. Please ensure that Hawai'i continues to live up to these values by enabling individuals to make their own decisions in this very private matter.

Thank you for your time.

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Submitted on: 2/27/2022 10:58:33 PM

Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Megan Taulafo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chairs Baker, Chair Rhoads, and Members of the Committees,

My name is Megan Taulafo and I am writing in strong support of SB2282. This housekeeping bill ensures that all pregnant people in Hawai‘i – including transgender and gender nonbinary people – have the right to abortion care; provides statutory consistency across state abortion codes; and repeals archaic provisions that threaten criminal punishment for abortion providers.

I believe every person should be able to make their own decisions about their health and their bodies, and this includes abortion. Hawai‘i cannot afford to have statutory gaps in state laws that put access to abortion at risk.

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony in support of SB2282.

Respectfully,

Megan Taulafo

SB-2282-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2022 11:46:44 PM

Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Christy MacPherson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha members of the Senate Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Judiciary,

I SUPPORT SB2282 SD1. This is a critical piece of legislation about inclusiveness and access for people who need abortion care.

Mahalo for your consideration.

SB-2282-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 4:21:22 AM

Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Grace Alvaro Caligtan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am writing as an individual in support of SB2282. During this time, we must continue to ensure and safeguard basic health care and abortion access for all in our shared island home. The reality of Texas or other places on the US continent cannot become the reality of Hawai'i. Too many have fought and worked to come to consensus around removing barriers and ensuring this basic reproductive and human right. In this vein:

- SB 2282 affirms every person has the right to abortion care no matter their gender identity or sexual orientation.
- SB 2282 eliminates outdated language threatening prosecution against health care providers who provide abortion care.
- Lastly, SB 2282 provides consistency across state codes. No one's most personal medical decisions should be restricted due to statutory gaps.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Grace Alvaro Caligtan

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Submitted on: 2/27/2022 10:51:47 PM

Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Lea Minton	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chairs Baker, Chair Rhoads, and Members of the Committees,

As an advanced practice registered nurse, I write in **strong support of SB2282**. Hawai'i currently supports abortion access for women, and with that intent, I do believe that our state also truly supports abortion access for all pregnant people in Hawai'i. Further, our state has said that I, as an APRN, am able to provide abortion care to clients - and so this bill helps to clarify the requirements I must meet to legally provide such service, and what potential consequence I would face if I do not abide by these minimum requirements. I appreciate legislators taking the time to strengthen our laws regarding our communities access to health care. I urge the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Senate Committee on Judiciary to **pass SB2282**.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify in strong support.

Le'a Minton, MSN, APRN, CNM, IBCLC

SB-2282-SD-1

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Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Nanea Lo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hello,

My name is Nanea Lo. I'm a Kanaka Maoli of this land born and raised, I'm writing in full support of SB2282 SD1.

This bill clarifies that everyone has the right to abortion care, no matter their gender identity. It helps to eliminates outdated language threatening prosecution against abortion providers and provides consistency across state abortion codes.

We need this for Hawai'i, health care should be accessible to all. Support SB2282 SD1.

me ke aloha 'āina,

Nanea Lo

SB-2282-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 7:25:22 AM

Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kaila Baker	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chairs Baker, Chair Rhoads, and Members of the Committees,

My name is Kaila Baker, a current Social Work student at the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa and I write in strong support of SB2282. This bill ensures that all pregnant people in Hawai‘i – including transgender and gender nonbinary people – have the right to abortion care; provides statutory consistency across state abortion codes; and repeals archaic provisions that threaten criminal punishment for abortion providers.

Every person should be able to make their own decisions about their health and their bodies — including abortion. No one's most personal medical decisions should be restricted due to statutory gaps. The argument on abortion is dismissive of the pregnant person's perspective. Some concerns that many have include being able to provide a comfortable life for their future family. In fact, it was found that a person who is denied an abortion and is forced to carry an unwanted pregnancy to term is four times as likely to fall under the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

Access to abortion care ensures people have the freedom and power to control their own body, decisions, and lives. We cannot let the reality of Texas become the reality of the country, and we need Hawai‘i lawmakers to use their power to strengthen statutory protections for abortions. To protect the future of Hawai‘i and my own peers, I stand in firm support of SB2282.

Mahalo,

Kaila Baker

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Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Will Caron	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support this imporant measure. Mahalo.

SB-2282-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 8:35:07 AM

Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Wendy Taylor	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chairs Baker, Chair Rhoads, and Members of the Committees,

My name is Wendy Taylor and I write in strong support of SB2282. This housekeeping bill ensures that all pregnant people in Hawai'i – including transgender and gender nonbinary people – have the right to abortion care; provides statutory consistency across state abortion codes; and repeals archaic provisions that threaten criminal punishment for abortion providers.

Warmest Regards,

Wendy Taylor

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

Tuesday, March 1, 2022, 10:00 A.M

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Conference Room 229

Aloha e Senator Baker and Chang,

My name is Jessica Conner, and I am submitting a testimony in strong **support** of **SB 2282**, which aims to clarify that advanced registered nurses may provide abortion care. As we continue to see access to abortions become limited across the country, it is important to recognize that this decision should rest solely on the individual who is seeking the service. The inclusive care for all pregnant people in the state of Hawai'i must remain an option, as abortion care is a federal and human right. Every pregnant individual has the right to privacy, which grants them the liberty to choose the best choice for themselves. Let us remember that Hawai'i has always been a leader when it comes to women and the rights to their own body.

Furthermore, for years Hawai'i has had a limited number of physicians available to perform abortion services, and the pandemic has only made it harder. With revisions, SB 2282 helps to eliminate excessive barriers for all pregnant individuals seeking access to services, and with the intent to remove provisions of criminal punishment towards health care providers engaging in safe abortion care.

Mahalo ā nui for taking the time to review my testimony

Jessica Conner, MSW

SB-2282-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 8:44:17 AM

Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Mara Davis	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

this bill is important to pass. Women will always have control over their own bodies.

To: Hawai'i State Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Senate Committee on Judiciary

Hearing Date/Time: Tuesday, March 1st, 2022 at 10:00 am

Place: Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 229 and via videoconference

Re: Testimony of Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates in strong support of SB 2282

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

My name is Rozlyn Calderon and I write today in strong support of SB2282. As we see a nationwide strategy to ban abortion it is more critical than ever to fortify abortion access in Hawai'i. SB 2282 is a bill that will protect abortion access in Hawai'i in three ways: First it will ensure that all pregnant people in Hawai'i have access to abortion care including transgender and gender nonbinary people. These communities already face many barriers when trying to access health care, as well as higher rates of discrimination and harassment. Second, this bill eliminates the archaic provisions that threaten criminal punishment for health providers who are providing safe and basic abortion care. Hawai'i already faces an abortion provider shortage, which leads to higher costs, unnecessary travel, long wait times, and delays to time-sensitive care for patients. Third, this bill makes housekeeping amendments to provide statutory consistency across state abortion codes. Lawmakers must ensure consistency between the physician and nursing codes of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes to provide clarity and avoid confusion.

Access to abortion care ensures people have the freedom and power to control their own body, decisions, and lives. With the right to abortion care at a federal level hanging in the balance, Hawai'i must show up stronger than ever in its support of reproductive health care. We cannot allow the reality of Texas to become the reality of this country, and we need Hawai'i lawmakers to do everything in their power to safeguard abortion access.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill,

Rozlyn Calderon

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 9:13:25 AM

Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Jody Shiroma	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chairs Baker, Chair Rhoads, and Members of the Committees,

My name is Jody Shiroma and I write in strong support of SB2282. This housekeeping bill ensures that all pregnant people in Hawai'i – including transgender and gender nonbinary people – have the right to abortion care; provides statutory consistency across state abortion codes; and repeals archaic provisions that threaten criminal punishment for abortion providers.

As we see a nationwide strategy to end abortion access in this country **Hawai'i cannot afford to have statutory gaps in state laws that put access to abortion at risk.** As you know, if Roe is overturned or gutted, Hawai'i law will continue to protect the right to abortion. However, lawmakers must take steps to safeguard equitable abortion access for **all** pregnant people. Every person should be able to make their own decisions about their health and their bodies — including abortion. No one's most personal medical decisions should be restricted due to statutory gaps – this I fully and completely agree.

The impact of not getting wanted abortion care can be devastating as a pregnant person who is denied a wanted abortion and is forced to carry an unwanted pregnancy to term experiences four times greater odds of living below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Furthermore, they are more likely to experience pregnancy complications from the end of pregnancy, including eclampsia and death.

And equally important, they are also more likely to stay in a relationship with an abusive partner and to suffer anxiety and loss of self-esteem after being denied wanted abortion care. Because of this and more, I write in strong support of SB2282.

With aloha,

Jody Shiroma

SB-2282-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 9:17:13 AM

Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Jo-Ann M Adams	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I write in strong support of SB2282. This important bill ensures that all pregnant people in Hawai‘i – including transgender and gender nonbinary – have the right to abortion care. It amends existing code to provide statutory consistency across the sections of Hawaii’s abortion code, and it repeals archaic provisions that threaten criminal punishment for abortion providers.

The battle for access to legal and safe abortion has been ongoing for decades. In the past year, this battle has increased to an existential level. There is a nationwide effort afoot to end nearly five decades of abortion access in this country. Legislation has been passed, and it has been accepted by the Supreme Court of the United States for hearing to, what appears to be, a favorable Court, appointed in part by President Trump for this explicit purpose – to end access to safe and legal abortion.

Because of this intense, focused nationwide effort, we cannot afford to have statutory gaps in state laws that put access to abortion at risk. If Roe is overturned or gutted, Hawai‘i law will continue to protect the right to abortion. However, lawmakers must take steps to safeguard equitable abortion access for all pregnant people.

- Every medical decision is a personal and private decision;
- Every person should be able to make their own medical decisions — including abortion.
- No one's most personal medical decisions should be restricted due to statutory gaps.

The impact of not getting wanted abortion care can be devastating for those seeking an abortion:

- They are more likely to experience pregnancy complications;
- They also more likely to stay in an abusive relationship where abuse continues and may escalate during the pregnancy;
- Those denied an abortion and forced to carry the pregnancy to term are four times as likely to live below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

To honor the privacy privilege of medical decisions and the right of each person to govern their own reproductive destiny, I ask you to pass this bill.

SB-2282-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 9:22:55 AM

Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Hannah Diaz	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am terrified by the idea that, as I am seeing across the nation, I and others who can get pregnant may be denied the safe health care offered through abortions. Pregnancy can occur to people of all genders, and it is fundamental that each person has the same access to care. Please protect our right to safe health care in Hawai‘i.

SB-2282-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 9:25:19 AM

Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
cheryl B.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill .

We need to make sure that everyone in our community has the care needed to be healthy.

Please support this bill.

SB-2282-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 9:56:02 AM

Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Wendy Gibson-Viviani	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Wendy Gibson-Viviani and I am an RN who has lived and worked on Oahu for 29 years. Please support SB2282 which would update the laws to reflect current practices and include APRNs in abortion care. With the drastically restrictive abortion laws sweeping the nation along with shortages of physicians in the state, expanding an APRN's scope of practice is much needed.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of this important bill.

Wendy Gibson-Viviani RN/BSN

Kailua

SB-2282-SD-1

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Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Anna Chua	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I urge the Committee to pass SB 2282 to protect abortion access and ensure that all pregnant people in Hawai'i – including transgender and gender nonbinary people – have the right to abortion. The freedom and power to control our own bodies is a human right that we must fight to protect for all peoples, regardless of gender, sexuality, race/ethnicity, and all other social identities. We cannot allow the reality of Texas to become the reality of this country, and we need Hawai'i lawmakers to do everything in their power to strengthen statutory protections for abortion.

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Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Samantha-Mai Keakealani Kukahiko- Kyota	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly believe that the decision of the pregnant person should be left up to the individual, no one else should have the rights to someone else's body or decisions that are to make in regards to their own body. I am in support of non-binary and trans men having access to abortion care.

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Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Chantell Cambia	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chairs. and Honorable members,

Please pass SB2282, which will grant accessibility to all peoples, including non-binary people, to abortion care. Making sure abortion care is inclusive to everyone is what you need to do. Do not assume only cisgender women are the ones to have access to this. Anyone and every person with the reproductive system that is able to get them pregnant regardless of gender should be accessible to them. It is especially where accessible and inclusive abortion should be provided for those who are survivors of rape and sexual assault. Abortion care being inclusive and accessible means that all peoples control their own autonomy on what they decide to do with their body, not someone else, including legislation. By passing SB2282, you will be able to support women and LGBTQ+ people (including non-binary and gender non-conforming) to have access to this healthcare. Access to this should not be limited or denied.

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SB-2282-SD-1

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Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
yvonne mahelona	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha I am Yvonne Mahelona a constituent of Honolulu County, a Birthworker and midwifery student, grassroots organizer and most importantly Kanaka Oiwi, a Native of this so called state. I am encouraging you to pass SB2282 SD1 which will ensure non binary birthing people and trans men have access to quality and safe abortion care. It also removes criminal penalties relating to abortion. Gender non-conforming folks are policed and targeted as it is and this type of protection is imperative coming from a so called state who calls themselves progressive.

Mahalo,

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Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Laura Ramirez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly support SB2282 because access to abortion care ensures people have the freedom and power to control their own body, decisions, and lives. We cannot allow the reality of Texas to become the reality of this country, and we need Hawai'i lawmakers to do everything in their power to strengthen statutory protections for abortion.

I urge you to pass SB 2282 to protect abortion access and ensure that all pregnant people in Hawai'i – including transgender and gender nonbinary people – have the right to abortion.

Mahalo,

Laura Ramirez

Kapa'a, Kaua'i



February 28, 2022

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senate Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce



Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary

Re: S.B. 2282, S.D. 1 Relating to Abortion Care

Hearing: Tuesday, March 1, 2022, 10:00AM, Via Videoconference

Dear Chair Baker, Chair Rhoads, and the respective Members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce and the Committee on Judiciary:

Hawaii Women Lawyers submits testimony in **strong support of S.B. 2282, S.D. 1**, which amends prior measure S.B. 2282 by providing for technical, non-substantive amendments made for the clarity and consistency. Hawaii Women Lawyers reiterates its strong support for the underlying bill of S.B. 2282 and appreciates that it affirms that access to abortion care is inclusive of all pregnant people in the State of Hawaii, repeals a criminal penalty for violations of certain abortion provisions, and clarifies that advanced practice registered nurses (“APRNs”) may provide abortion care.

The mission of Hawaii Women Lawyers is to improve the lives and careers of women in all aspects of the legal profession, influence the future of the legal profession, and enhance the status of women and promote equal opportunities for all.

Although the need for responsible family planning measures has increased astronomically during the pandemic, access to abortion care across the United States has never been more imperiled. And while abortion has been legal in Hawaii since the 1970s, there are certain statutory gaps and “loopholes” in our laws that must be closed in order to ensure safe and legal access to abortion care is available for all persons. The right to choose when and whether to start a family and to have autonomy over one’s body is a fundamental right of all people that must be protected.

HWL supported the passage of legislation in 2021 that allowed APRNs to join physicians in being able to provide medication and procedural abortion care, and appreciates the intent of S.B. 2282, S.D. 1 in providing statutory consistency between the physician and nursing sections of the Hawaii Revised Statutes, as well as removing the provisions for criminal punishment with respect to health providers engaging in safe and basic abortion care. HWL also appreciates that S.B. 2282, S.D. 1 expands abortion access to the transgender and

gender non binary members of our community, as it is HWL's position that access to abortion should be safe and legal for all peoples.

For the above reasons, we strongly support S.B. 2282, S.D. 1 and respectfully request that the Committee pass this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of this measure.

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SB-2282-SD-1

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Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kimi Ide-Foster	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Baker, Chair Rhoads, and the respective Members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce and the Committee on Judiciary:

I am submitting testimony in **strong support of S.B. 2282, S.D. 1**, which amends prior measure S.B. 2282 by providing for technical, non-substantive amendments made for the clarity and consistency. I fully support the underlying bill S.B. 2282 and appreciate that it affirms that access to abortion care is inclusive of all pregnant people in the State of Hawaii, repeals a criminal penalty for violations of certain abortion provisions, and clarifies that advanced practice registered nurses (“APRNs”) may provide abortion care.

Although the need for responsible family planning measures has increased astronomically during the pandemic, access to abortion care across the United States has never been more imperiled. And while abortion has been legal in Hawaii since the 1970s, there are certain statutory gaps and “loopholes” in our laws that must be closed in order to ensure safe and legal access to abortion care is available for all persons. The right to choose when and whether to start a family and to have autonomy over one’s body is a fundamental right of all people that must be protected.

I submitted my support for the passage of legislation in 2021 that allowed APRNs to join physicians in being able to provide medication and procedural abortion care, and appreciates the intent of S.B. 2282, S.D. 1 in providing statutory consistency between the physician and nursing sections of the Hawaii Revised Statutes, as well as removing the provisions for criminal punishment with respect to health providers engaging in safe and basic abortion care. I am also pleased to see that S.B. 2282, S.D. 1 expands abortion access to the transgender and gender non binary members of our community, access to abortion should be safe and legal for all peoples.

For the above reasons, I strongly support S.B. 2282, S.D. 1 and respectfully request that the Committees pass this measure. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Ashley Galacgac	Testifying for AF3IRM Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chairs Baker, Chair Rhoads, and Members of the Committees,

I write in strong support of SB2282 SD1. This housekeeping bill ensures that all pregnant people in Hawai'i – including transgender and gender nonbinary people – have the right to abortion care; provides statutory consistency across state abortion codes; and repeals archaic provisions that threaten criminal punishment for abortion providers.

As we see a nationwide strategy to end abortion access in this country Hawai'i cannot afford to have statutory gaps in state laws that put access to abortion at risk. If Roe is overturned or gutted, Hawai'i law will continue to protect the right to abortion. However, lawmakers must take steps to safeguard equitable abortion access for all pregnant people.

The impact of not getting access to safe abortion care can be devastating. A pregnant person who is denied a wanted abortion and is forced to carry an unwanted pregnancy to term experiences four times greater odds of living below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). They are more likely to experience pregnancy complications from the end of pregnancy, including eclampsia and death. They are also more likely to stay in a relationship with an abusive partner and to suffer anxiety and loss of self-esteem after being denied wanted abortion care.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Clair Mason	Testifying for The KoLab	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Clair Mason - I am a cofounder of The KoLab, a coworking + community center in downtown Kona on the Big Island. Our organization as a whole (including 6 cofounders, and 40 members) are in SUPPORT of SB2282. Abortion access is a right that ALL uterus-bearing people deserve as a human right. Please pass this piece of legislation through to the House so that we can further reproductive care access to all people in need.

Mahalo nui for your compassion and consideration for our rural communities.

Clair Mason + The KoLab

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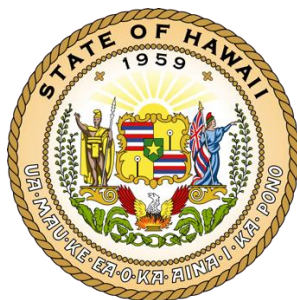
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Dominique	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am in support of Bill SB2282. I believe it should be made clear that inclusive abortion care needs to be made accessible to all, despite gender identification.



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‘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

In Support of S.B. 2282 SD1

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

The Hawai‘i State Commission on the Status of Women supports S.B. 2282 SD1, which would (1) clarify that access to abortion care is inclusive of all pregnant people in the State; (2) repeal a criminal penalty for violations of certain abortion provisions; and (3) clarify that advanced practice registered nurses may provide abortion care.

As a Filipina woman raised in a deeply religious family and community, I know that religiosity and reproductive rights can co-exist. This was proven when Mexico, the second largest Catholic nation in the world with 75% Catholic affiliation, decriminalized abortion in 2021. As the director of CSW, I know that women’s equality cannot be possible without access to legal abortion.

Accordingly, I ask that the Committee pass S.B. 2282 to strengthen our existing statute and commitment to women’s rights.

Sincerely,
Khara Jabola-Carolus

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SB-2282-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 9:20:46 PM

Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
PPC member name goes here	Testifying for AAUW of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:



Aloha Chair Baker, Chair Rhoads, Vice Chairs and members,

We are in strong support of this measure.

The established law with respect to abortion, Roe, is in danger of being overturned. Given the threat to legal and safe abortion, our state cannot afford to have statutory gaps in state law that put access at risk. This housekeeping bill ensures that all pregnant people in Hawai‘i – including transgender and gender nonbinary people – have the right to abortion care; provides statutory consistency across state abortion codes; and repeals archaic provisions that threaten criminal punishment for abortion providers.

Please pass this bill,

Mahalo,

Ann S. Freed

Public Policy Committee of AAUW Hawaii,

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) of Hawaii is an all volunteer, statewide chapter of a national organization and is made up of six branches: Hilo, Honolulu, Kaua‘i, Kona, Maui, and Windward Oahu. UH Hilo, UH Manoa, UH Maui College, and Windward Community College are also AAUW partners. AAUW’s mission is to advance gender equity for equal opportunities in education, at workplace and for economic security, and in leadership.



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Doris Segal Matsunaga	Testifying for Save Medicaid Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

Save Medicaid Hawaii supports this bill

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 6:02:12 PM

Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Alexa St Martin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this bill

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Sen. Jarret Keohokalole, Chair
Sen. Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair



Lane Mullin

Monday, February 28, 2022

Support for S.B. No. 2282, RELATING TO ABORTION CARE

Dear committee members,

I am in my first year of law school at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa William S. Richardson School of Law, and I write to you today to offer testimony in strong support of S.B. No. 2282.

Given the questionable status of abortion access at the federal level and in many states across the country, I believe Hawai'i should take steps to address statutory gaps in our state laws to protect abortion access for all pregnant people.

As a student of the law, I know that express language is critical in ensuring that laws are enforced appropriately and based on the purpose that they intend to serve.

Without passage of this bill, inconsistency in existing statutes could have the following impacts: transgender and nonbinary people might not be able to access lifesaving health care, nurse practitioners might not be able to perform abortions, and those in violation of existing abortion laws could face up to five years in prison. While none of these activities are currently criminalized, it is of the utmost importance that these clarifications be codified so that the legislature's intentions are clear.

Therefore, I urge the committee to pass S.B. No. 2282. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Lane Mullin

SB-2282-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 8:01:05 PM

Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Barbara J. Service	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Baker, ViceChair Chang and committee members

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole and committee members

I am a resident of SB8 and HD16 and I am writing in regard to SB2282, Relating to abortion care. The bill clarifies that access to abortion care is for all pregnant people in the state and that Advanced Practice Registered Nurses may provide abortion care

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Barbara J. Service MSW (ret.)

Kupuna advocate

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SB-2282-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 9:06:52 PM

Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Donavan Kamakani Albano	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha nui kākou,

My name is Donavan Kamakani Albano, and I am a queer Native Hawaiian from Kalihi, O‘ahu. I am writing to express strong support for SB2282/HB2210: Relating to Abortion Care. It is critically important that all pregnant and birthing people, including non-binary and gender non-conforming folks and members of the LGBTQIA+ community, have access to abortion care. Frankly, this is long overdue.

As a future family nurse practitioner and advanced practice registered nurse, I am deeply committed to gender-affirming healthcare and sexual and reproductive justice & healthcare - as should the state of Hawai‘i. Additionally, it is vital the state not interfere or deny any pregnant person’s right and access to abortion.

The state must commit to making changes to be inclusive of queer, trans, non-binary, gender non-conforming folks, and the LGBTQIA+ community. Access to abortion, as well as sexual, reproductive, and gender-affirming healthcare are basic human rights, and I deeply hope that the state takes action through this bill by supporting the measure. This is suicide prevention, gender affirming, and we cannot continue the crisis that is impacting the trans and LGBTQIA+ community on Turtle Island (including other states).

Mahalo for your time and considering this testimony.

Na‘u me ke aloha,

Donavan Kamakani Albano

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Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Alani Bagcal	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha e Chair, Vice Chair and members of the committee,

My name is Alani Bagcal, and as a young woman of color who has needed a wide range of reproductive health care services in order to survive, I urge you to support and pass SB 2282 to protect abortion access. The nation has suffered abortion restrictions and stigma that does not support the choices and experiences of women and LGBTQIA+ people who need the care. Hawai'i must strengthen its protections on abortion access that clarifies everyone has the right to abortion care no matter their gender identity along with eliminating outdated language threatening prosecution of abortion providers. It terrifies me that SCOTUS may overturn Roe v Wade this summer, please pass SB2282. Mahalo nui for this opportunity to testify.

Alani Bagcal

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Submitted on: 3/1/2022 9:21:10 AM
Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Megan Tabata	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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

My name is Megan Tabata, I am a queer woman of color, and I write in strong support of SB2282. This housekeeping bill ensures that all pregnant people in Hawai‘i – including transgender and gender nonbinary people – have the right to abortion care; provides statutory consistency across state abortion codes; and repeals archaic provisions that threaten criminal punishment for abortion providers.

A pregnant person who is denied a wanted abortion and is forced to carry an unwanted pregnancy to term experiences four times greater odds of living below the Federal Poverty Level and are more likely to experience physical complications and emotional suffering. Every person should be able to make their own decisions about their health and their bodies. No one's most personal medical decisions should be restricted due to statutory gaps.

Mahalo.

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Allan Jay Weiland, MD	Individual	Support	No

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Dear Chairs Baker, Chair Rhoads, and Members of the Committees,

My name is Dr. Allan Weiland, and I write in strong support of SB2282. This housekeeping bill ensures that all pregnant people in Hawai'i – including transgender and gender nonbinary people – have the right to abortion care; provides statutory consistency across state abortion codes; and repeals archaic provisions that threaten criminal punishment for abortion providers.

Abortion rights are clearly under attack. I was a medical student at Cook County Hospital in 1972, before Roe v. Wade, and have seen first-hand the devastating consequences to the most desperate and vulnerable women when abortion access is denied. I was on a ward caring for women with sepsis after illegal abortions, and it was horrifying.. We must not go back to that time again!

Please pass this housekeeping bill to maintain access to abortion services for all Hawaiians.

Thank you.

Dr. Allan J. Weiland

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I'm glad this bill is being introduced. So thank you for that.

Transgendered men have, already, a number of difficulties regarding medical health due to their sexual identitiy. It's sad to know that insurance companies use the legal loophole of denying access to abortion for pregnant men by citing the bill that says "females" rather than "pregnant person".

The update of the law is highly appreciative in times of increased awareness of transexuals. Anybody who is pregnant should have the same access to basic medical care as anybody else who's pregnant, regardless of sexual identity. I feel, as a result of passsing this bill, people are going to be feel more comfortable coming out as transexual given the decreased descrimination on a systematic level.

Mahalo!