



To: The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair
The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice-Chair
Senate Committee on Health

From: Peggy Mierzwa, Government Affairs, AlohaCare

Hearing: Wednesday, February 9, 2022

RE: **SB2282 Relating to Abortion - Support**

AlohaCare appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in **support of SB2282**. This measure will bring clarity through statutory consistency to the scope of practice of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses in regard to abortions.

Founded in 1994 by the community health centers, AlohaCare is a community-rooted, non-profit health plan serving 80,000 Medicaid and dual-eligible health plan members on all islands. We are the only health plan in Hawai`i that exclusively serves Medicaid beneficiaries. Our mission is to serve individuals and communities in the true spirit of aloha by ensuring and advocating for access to quality health care for all. We believe that health is about supporting whole-person care.

Hawai`i has struggled with a shortage of physicians for decades. This shortage means that in a variety of medical circumstances, residents, particularly those who reside on neighbor islands, are unable to access timely health care near their home, or even their home island. Addressing this shortage is not a one-solution approach. The Legislature has several measures before them this year ranging from scope of practice to telehealth bills that will help to increase patient's access to care.

Many individuals face tremendous obstacles to accessing basic health care, including sexual and reproductive health services. This measure will increase patients' access to care by allowing APRNs to practice to the full scope of their licensure. AlohaCare supports increasing equitable access to care. Our members and all residents need to have timely access to important health care and procedures.

We support allowing APRNs and other healthcare professionals to practice to the full scope of their licensure. We believe this approach helps to address gaps in care found throughout the state.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify in **support of SB2282**.

Testimony of the Board of Nursing

**Before the
Senate Committee on Health
Wednesday, February 9, 2022
1:35 p.m.
Via Videoconference**

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

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

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 only with respect to Section 3 of the bill that proposes amendments to Hawaii Revised Statutes chapter 457 and advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs).

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 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

**Before the
Senate Committee on Health
Wednesday, February 9, 2022
1:35 p.m.
Via Videoconference**

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

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is Ahlani Quiogue, and I am the Executive Officer of the Hawaii Medical Board (Board).

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; (3) clarify that advanced practice registered nurses may provide abortion care.

The Board will review S.B. 2282, Relating to Abortion Care, at its next meeting, currently scheduled for Thursday, February 10, 2022. The Board will provide the Committee with updated information about its position following the meeting.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



Alliance Advocates - Hawai'i

To: Hawai'i State Senate Committee on Health
Hearing Date/Time: Wed., February 9th, 2022 at 1:35 pm
Place: Hawai'i State Capitol, Via Videoconference
Re: Testimony of Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates in strong support of SB 2282

Dear Chairs Keohokalole and Baker 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



To: Committee on Health

Date: 9 February 2022

Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of SB 2282 Relating to Abortion Care

Aloha Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Baker and Members,

Members of AAUW of Hawai'i thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support/support of this bill.

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 set to decide a case to render *Roe v. Wade* meaningless, Hawai'i cannot afford to have statutory gaps in state laws that put access to abortion at risk.

What happens to access to abortion services in Hawai'i if *Roe v. Wade* falls? If *Roe* is overturned Hawai'i law will continue to protect the right to abortion. However equitable abortion access for **all** pregnant people is not guaranteed. No one's most personal medical decisions should be restricted due to loopholes in the law.

Who is harmed the most by gaps in abortion access? It is people with low incomes or without savings, those who are more likely to be Black, Latinx, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander. Others who face substantial barriers to health care include the LGBTQ communities, people in rural areas or on outer islands, and young people.

Hawai'i was the first state to recognize women have a right to control their own bodies. We must live up to our legacy, ensure equitable access for all, and prevent a return to the days of back alley dangerous abortions.

Me ke aloha pumehana,
Ann S. Freed for
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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



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

TO: Senate Committee on Health
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

DATE: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 1:35pm.

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

**Re: SB2282 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 Hawaii, 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.**

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>



February 7, 2022

Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair
Senate Committee on Health

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

Hearing: Wednesday, February 9, 2022, 1:35PM, Via Videoconference

Dear Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee on Health:

Hawaii Women Lawyers submits testimony in **strong support of S.B. 2282**, which clarifies 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 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 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 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

Submitted on: 2/7/2022 11:35:36 AM

Testimony for HTH on 2/9/2022 1:35:00 PM

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

Comments:

Save Medicaid Hawaii supports this important measure

**Written Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Health
and
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Hearing: February 9, 2022 @ 1:35pm
Via Videoconference**



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



SB2282: RELATING TO HEALTH CARE

Chair Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair Rosalyn H. Baker, and members of the Senate Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony **in support of SB2282.**

We are Hawai‘i - American Nurses Association (Hawai‘i-ANA), the professional association for over 15,000 Registered Nurses in our state.

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 previously 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.

Hawai‘i-ANA respectfully requests that SB2282 be passed through this committee. 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. Thank you for your continued support for measures that address the need for improving access to safe and effective healthcare provided to all, by primary healthcare providers in communities throughout Hawai‘i.

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Testimony for HTH on 2/9/2022 1:35:00 PM

LATE

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.

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

SB-2282

Submitted on: 2/4/2022 9:35:35 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/9/2022 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This practice should not be aloud.

SB-2282

Submitted on: 2/7/2022 2:28:30 AM

Testimony for HTH on 2/9/2022 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Ann S Freed	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



To: Committee on Health

Date: 9 February 2022

Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of SB 2282 Relating to Abortion Care

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Me ke aloha pumehana,

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Submitted on: 2/7/2022 11:50:49 AM

Testimony for HTH on 2/9/2022 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Shandhini Raidoo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am an obstetrician-gynecologist and an abortion provider and I am submitting this testimony in support of SB2282. While our state has admirably protected abortion access, there remains a need to affirm our protection of abortion access for all pregnant people and not only those who identify as women. Transgender men and non-binary people also have the capacity to become pregnant and deserve access to the full spectrum of reproductive options as well. In the US abortion rights are under constant attack, and the right to bodily autonomy and to choose to have an abortion is at risk. This bill will rectify inconsistencies in our state laws and affirm our state's support of reproductive rights and abortion access for all people.

Mahalo for your support of all pregnancy-capable people in our state,

Shandhini Raidoo, MD, MPH

SB-2282

Submitted on: 2/7/2022 1:22:22 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/9/2022 1:35:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I **strongly support SB 2282** and deeply believe that access to abortion care by licensed doctors and APRNs is an important right and should be inclusive of all pregnant people in the State of Hawai'i.

Mahalo!

SB-2282

Submitted on: 2/7/2022 1:35:00 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/9/2022 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Lois Crozer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Sad that we have to be so particular to allow all who need it access to safe access to abortion.
You would think this would be understood.

SB-2282

Submitted on: 2/7/2022 1:38:18 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/9/2022 1:35:00 PM

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

Comments:

With access to abortion care being threatened across the country, ensuring that Hawaii's protections for safe and legal access for all has never been more critical.

SB 2282 recognizes the importance of access to safe and legal abortion care for all persons, the need for APRNs to continue to be available as a valuable resource for abortion care, and removes the archaic language threatening providers who are performing safe and legal procedures with criminal penalties. For these reasons, as both an individual and as a director of the national affiliate group, Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates, **I strongly support the passage of SB 2282. I** applaud the legislature for taking proactive measures as we (horrifyingly) prepare for a post-Roe world.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this measure.

SB-2282

Submitted on: 2/7/2022 1:41:44 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/9/2022 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Samantha Trad	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

It is critical that abortion care is safe and accessible.

SB-2282

Submitted on: 2/7/2022 1:49:43 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/9/2022 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Pete Wilson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Lawmakers Must Pass This Housekeeping Bill to Safeguard Abortion Access in Hawai'i

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.

SB-2282

Submitted on: 2/7/2022 2:24:12 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/9/2022 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
AUBREY HAWK	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill.

SB-2282

Submitted on: 2/7/2022 2:25:03 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/9/2022 1:35:00 PM

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

Comments:

Strong support!

SB-2282

Submitted on: 2/7/2022 2:36:13 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/9/2022 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kate Thompson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

It's important that Nurse Practitioners be allowed to perform abortion care.

SB-2282

Submitted on: 2/7/2022 2:51:57 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/9/2022 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Deborah G. Nehmad	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this bill

SB-2282

Submitted on: 2/7/2022 3:03:10 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/9/2022 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Nikki-Ann Yee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support SB2282. 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. Hawai'i lawmakers have the power to strengthen statutory protections for abortion. Please pass SB2282 to protect abortion access and ensure that all pregnant people in Hawai'i, including transgender and gender nonbinary people, have the right to abortion.

SB-2282

Submitted on: 2/7/2022 3:08:30 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/9/2022 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Dave Kisor	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I see this as too personal an issue to be shrouded with government interference. The hypocrisy here is nobody has ever prevented males from having a vasectomy, only the females access to abortion. Why are so many men against abortion? Just because they got laid and donated sperm? Probably religious fanaticism. She is the one who has to live with her decision, not the sperm donor. Support SB2282. Mahalo

SB-2282

Submitted on: 2/7/2022 3:16:03 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/9/2022 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
JOAN JACKSON	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hawaii must protect the right to have an abortion. It is quite possible or even likely that the US Supreme Court will gut the protections of Roe v. Wade. Should that happen we in Hawaii want to guarantee that women in Hawaii will be able to terminate an unwanted pregnancy. We want to guarantee access to abortion. We want to guarantee access to information about abortion. Religious leaders or elected public officials should have no say in what an individual woman decides is right for her.

SB-2282

Submitted on: 2/7/2022 3:16:31 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/9/2022 1:35:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing in strong support of SB 2282.

It is imperative that Hawai'i law continue to protect the right to abortion. 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 is devastating. SB 2282 protects everyone--but especially those most vulnerable.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Taurie Kinoshita, Oahu born and raised resident

SB-2282

Submitted on: 2/7/2022 4:08:10 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/9/2022 1:35:00 PM

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

Comments:

If Roe is overturned or gutted, Hawaii law will continue to protect the right to abortion. Safeguards must be made, though, to ensure 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. On one's most personal medical decisions should be made by politicians.

SB-2282

Submitted on: 2/7/2022 4:18:47 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/9/2022 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Tom Aitken	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have two daughters and one non-binary. Please support and pass this bill.

SB-2282

Submitted on: 2/7/2022 4:33:17 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/9/2022 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
David A Mangel	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this passage of this bill!

SB-2282

Submitted on: 2/7/2022 4:42:58 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/9/2022 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Dara Carlin, M.A.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

STRONG OPPOSITION.

From the seer, Maureen, at Holy Love Ministry, April 30, 2021:

Once again, I (Maureen) see a Great Flame that I have come to know as the Heart of God the Father. He says:

"The state of the heart of the world reflects the state of the hearts of leaders around the world. If the leaders promote liberal attitudes, then whole nations will be governed according to liberalism. **The souls of leaders are judged according to the ways in which they handled their responsibility towards the people they represented while on earth.** If personal gain or a safe reputation took priority over their position and responsibility towards those they were chosen to govern, then in My Eyes they failed."

"Those in government who support abortion are responsible for the murders of the children that have been taken as a result of their policies. Knowing this, you can see why whole nations are not guided by righteousness."

"This is why I plead for prayers for anyone in a leadership role. The past is gone, but you can change the future if you pray now for misguided hearts."

SB-2282

Submitted on: 2/7/2022 5:53:23 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/9/2022 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
audrey yukimura	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a young 18 year old, if I was faced with two decisions, one being carrying a baby to full-term & giving birth, and the second being trying to get an unsafe abortion which has a high risk of me dying, I would rather risk my life.

i don't think an embryo should be valued more than my life.

SB-2282

Submitted on: 2/7/2022 5:58:14 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/9/2022 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
jocelyn arboleda	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Abortion care should absolutely be protected!! The main reason abortion should be legal and protected is to protect women; unsafe abortions can cause maternal mortality and morbidity. We have a responsibility to provide a safe pathway for abortion because history has taught us that it is never going away! Many states that have criminalized abortion have done things backwards- they have not advocated for access to birth control or adequate sex education and have given their residents nothing but desperation and stress. Please do not let the women and families of Hawai'i be in the same position.

SB-2282

Submitted on: 2/7/2022 5:59:14 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/9/2022 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Mary Steiner	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Committee Members:

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.

I sincerely hope you will pass this important piece of legislation.

SB-2282

Submitted on: 2/7/2022 7:41:53 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/9/2022 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Andrea Bertoli	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As the Supreme Court and other States in the US move further away from true bodily autonomy for women, in Hawaii we need to stand up for the right for people to make informed, safe medical decision with their doctors, and this right must continue to be protected.

Testimony in support SB2282

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

SB-2282

Submitted on: 2/7/2022 10:34:32 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/9/2022 1:35:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Baker, and HTH Committee Members,

As a public health professional and concerned community member, I write in **STRONG SUPPORT** of SB2282, 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

Submitted on: 2/8/2022 8:11:40 AM

Testimony for HTH on 2/9/2022 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Elise Carmody	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Lawmakers Must Pass This Housekeeping Bill to Safeguard Abortion Access in Hawai'i

I am in favor of SB 2282 to protect abortion rights. 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.

SB-2282

Submitted on: 2/8/2022 2:04:06 AM

Testimony for HTH on 2/9/2022 1:35:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please support this important bill. 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.

SB-2282

Submitted on: 2/8/2022 8:13:55 AM

Testimony for HTH on 2/9/2022 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Ellen Godbey Carson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill to assure that Hawaii has safe, legal, and available access for abortion services, to everyone who needs those services.

Some of our islands don't have a resident medical provider for abortion services, and this bill will expand access to vital reproductive services by allowing qualified APRN's to provide that service. \

Thank you for your consideration and support of measures like this, to help provide quality health services to Hawaii's residents.

SB-2282

Submitted on: 2/8/2022 8:43:34 AM

Testimony for HTH on 2/9/2022 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Severine Busquet	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hi:

With federal protections for abortion care in grave danger, **we must protect abortion access in Hawai'i**. SB 2282 would do just that, by closing statutory gaps in state laws that put abortion access at risk.

Hard to believe that Roe v. Wade may be overturned or gutted later this year after 48 years, my age! Unfortunately, the french writer Simone de Beauvoir was right: "Never forget that a political, economical or religious crisis will be enough to cast doubt on women's rights. These rights will never be vested. You'll have to stay vigilant your whole life."

Please, support SB 2282.

Thanks for your attention

Severine, Hawaii Kai

SB-2282

Submitted on: 2/8/2022 10:31:03 AM

Testimony for HTH on 2/9/2022 1:35:00 PM

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

Comments:

Dear Chairs Keohokalole and Baker 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

Submitted on: 2/8/2022 10:42:33 AM

Testimony for HTH on 2/9/2022 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
jennifer schneider	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Senate Health Committee:

Everyone has the right to abortion care, no matter their gender identity. That is essential and part of freedom & access to health care in Hawaii & The US.

There should never be threatening prosecution against abortion providers. They are doctors providing a vital service.

This bill provides consistency across state abortion codes.

Mahalo Nui loa.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Sen. Jarret Keohokalole, Chair

Sen, Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

Olivia Cornejo

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

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 and eliminate outdated criminal penalties for abortion healthcare providers. Hawai'i's history as the first state to legalize 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, including those with low income or lack of savings which are more likely to be Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander, Black, and Latine and already face barriers to health care. If Roe v. Wade is overturned and these statutory gaps remain, those in the LGBTQIA+ community, those in rural communities, and young people are also most likely to be affected with potentially devastating results. Everyone should be able to make health choices about their bodies, regardless of income, race, sexual preference, and identity.

I urge the committee to pass S.B. No. 2282 to strengthen the statutory protections for abortion care for all in Hawai'i. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Olivia Cornejo

SB-2282

Submitted on: 2/8/2022 12:19:28 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/9/2022 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Patricia Bilyk	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support SB2282 which strengthens and protects abortion care for all.

Patricia L Bilyk, RN, MPH, MSN

Maternal Child Clinical Nurse Specialist

SB-2282

Submitted on: 2/8/2022 12:48:48 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/9/2022 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Janet Morse	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please pass this important bill so that Hawaii's women will continue to have equitable access to abortion.

Mahalo,

Janet Morse, Kailua

SB-2282

Submitted on: 2/8/2022 1:06:00 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/9/2022 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Ana Malia	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the bill SB2282. This bill is very important for women of all ages. This bill clarifies that everyone has the right to abortion care, no matter their gender identity. As a woman whose been through a personal experience with abortion, it's important for me to advocate for others who were/are in a similar situation. I do not regret making the decision and I fully support anyone who decides on an abortion. Access to abortion is women's right to our bodies. Everyone should be able to make their own decision about their health and their bodies. The statutory gaps shouldn't impact our right to access the medical care we need. Access to appropriate medical care such as abortion care is our right and power to control our own lives. This bill also includes anyone who is pregnant in Hawai'i, and is inclusive for transgender/gender nonbinary people to have the right to an abortion. We need to make the steps in the right direction and support anyone who needs to access abortion care. Therefore, I urge the committee to support SB2282. Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 2/8/2022 8:26:28 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/9/2022 1:35:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Isabella Walker	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a survivor of sexual assault, social worker, and feminist, I support SB2282. I believe all women in the state of Hawaii should have equal access to abortion.

Hawai'i Association of Professional Nurses (HAPN)



To: The Honorable Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair of the
Senate Committee on Health

From: Hawaii Association of Professional Nurses (HAPN)
Subject: SB2282 – Relating to Abortion Care



Hearing: February 9, 2022, 1:35p.m.

Aloha Senator Keohokalole, Chair; Senator Baker, Vice Chair, and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding SB2282. HAPN stands with our colleagues from the Hawaii section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists in **Support** to include inclusive language and define provider penalties for access to abortion care.

Our members have always supported patient access to care in our communities. We also believe that our patients and providers need protection from challenges in federal law. We believe that access to these services needs to be inclusive of gender and non-binary persons.

HAPN's mission, to be the voice of APRNs in Hawaii, has been the guiding force that propelled us to spearhead the advancement of patients access to healthcare as well as supporting the recognition of the scope of practice for APRNs in Hawaii which led us to full practice authority. We have worked to improve the physical and mental health of our communities. As our ability to provide close care with our patients progressed, we also opened up our own clinics to provide the care our patients deserve. APRNs have played an important role in the healthcare of our communities and we will continue to be by our patients' side as they make many different healthcare decisions throughout their lives.

Thank you for the opportunity to share the perspective of HAPN with your committee. Thank you for your enduring support of the nursing profession in the Aloha State.

Respectfully,
Dr. Jeremy Creekmore, APRN
HAPN President

Dr. Bradley Kuo, APRN
HAPN Legislative Committee, Chair
HAPN Past President