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HEARING: Monday, March 28, 2022

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

FROM: Eva Andrade, President & CEO, Hawaii Family Forum

RE: Strong Opposition to SCR206/SR199 Urging Hawaii’s Congressional Delegation to Strongly Support Passage of the Women’s Health Protection Act of 2021 to Protect the Right to Access and Provide Abortion Services

Hawaii Family Forum is a non-profit, pro-family education organization committed to preserving and strengthening families in Hawaii. We oppose this resolution that urges Hawaii’s Congressional delegation to “strongly support” passage of the Women’s Health Protection Act (WHPA) of 2021.

One of our unshakeable commitments is to the bond of family which is strengthened by a strong support for life – beginning with the child in the womb all the way until natural death. This commitment to mothers and their keiki is rooted in our deep conviction that every person has inherent dignity and should be treated with respect.

We are all fully aware that the Supreme Court is set to make its decision in the Dobbs late-term abortion case, regarding the 15-week abortion restriction instituted in Mississippi. Asking our congressional members to “strongly support” the WHPA is just another way to subvert the legislative pro-life gains made in other states over the last several decades.

According to the Lozier instituteⁱ, “[t]he provisions of the proposed law would supersede current and future federal and state law, including the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. The only exceptions to that provision are the ban on partial-birth abortion, laws regulating physical access to abortion centers, insurance or medical coverage of abortions, and state contract law. For example, unless exempted under the insurance or medical coverage of abortions provision, the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits taxpayer funding of abortion, would be struck down if it was determined to increase the cost of abortion or “limit access” to abortions.”

The bottom line is that passage of the WHPA would force health care providers and professionals to perform, assist in, and/or refer for abortion against their deeply held religious convictions, as well as force employers and insurers to cover or pay for abortion. While this may be a reason for the pro-abortion lobby to rejoice, it is disparaging to the pro-life community who has long-labored to preserve the voice of the voiceless and protect women from victimization and mental anguish.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support.

ⁱ <https://lozierinstitute.org/womens-health-protection-act-an-analysis/>

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
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Comments:

Anyone that supports or pushes Aborsions is comiting Muder and should be Charge with a Feloney and put in prision for 10 years any one Doctors included!!