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Alison Kaneshiro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senators!

As I read through SCR 94, it is staggering to think that in a four year period of time 47% of pregnancies were unintended here in Hawaii. I had no idea it was this high. The rest of the statistics listed in the resolution also show the demographical information of these unintended pregnancies and health consequences of having an unintended pregnancy. Unrestricted access to contraceptives including having emergency contraception is imperative in keeping women from having unwanted pregnancies and protection from sexually transmitted infections. I believe that the actions set forth in SCR94 to improve access to contraception in retail pharmacy locations can encourage better choices for protection from pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases for the demographic of young, unmarried, uninsured people.

Back in 1990 when I was in clinicals for nursing school, I had my clinical rotation in labor and delivery. I recall many teenagers delivering babies. I remember one that was having her second child. After her delivery, I had a discussion about birth control with her. Access was one of her issues. I remember going home after that conversation and thinking how grateful I was to not be looking at life as a young, uneducated, single mother of two.

As a mother, I began talking about sex and protection against pregnancy to my own daughter when she was very young. We discussed these things off and on, so I was sure she had a firm understanding. I remember her asking me to talk to some of her friends about this in high school. When she went off to college, I not only made sure she had all her vaccinations but also contraception.

Easy access to contraception, including birth control pills being stocked in pharmacies, condoms available and not in a locked box, as well as emergency contraception at all pharmacies can help decrease unintended pregnancies and reduce sexually transmitted infections. I support this resolution as a woman, a mother, and as a healthcare professional.

Mahalo for your time.

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Comments:

This is so personally invasive, HOW can this even be considered "public policy"?