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Testimony in SUPPORT of SB3125, SD2, HD1
RELATING TO MEDICAL CARE FOR MINORS

REPRESENTATIVE DAVID A. TARNAS, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Hearing: Wednesday, April 3, 2024; 2:00 PM; Conference Room 325

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None

2 **Department Position:** The Department of Health (“Department”) supports this measure.

3 **Department Testimony:** The Communicable Disease and Public Health Nursing Division
4 (CDPHND) provides the following testimony on behalf of the Department.

5 The Department appreciates the opportunity to testify in SUPPORT of SB 3125, SD2, HD1 which
6 would permit minors to consent to medical care related to the prevention of sexually
7 transmitted infections, including HIV, and would update archaic terminology in §577A, HRS, by
8 replacing “venereal disease” with “sexually transmitted infection.” This measure would permit
9 licensed health care providers to submit insurance claims for minors who initiate medical care
10 and services pursuant this section, including minors covered by a parent or guardian’s health
11 insurance, and would protect the minor-initiated medical care and services from disclosure to
12 the minor’s parent or guardian.

13 Current statutes do not appear to permit a minor to consent to medical care related to the
14 **prevention** of sexually transmitted infections such as HIV. This measure would resolve this
15 critical gap in minor’s access to medical care. Medications taken by an HIV-uninfected individual

1 to prevent acquisition of HIV are safe and highly effective and were approved for use in minors
2 in 2018.

3 The Department strongly supports this bill as it could help prevent HIV acquisition in minors.
4 Permitting minors who cannot or will not seek the consent of their parents or guardians to
5 consent to HIV medical care is essential to the health of the minor and a valuable step in ending
6 the HIV epidemic in Hawai'i.

7 **Offered Amendments:** None

8 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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April 3, 2024

TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Senate Bill 3125 SD2 HD1 – Relating to Medical Care for Minors

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) supports Senate Bill 3125 SD2 HD1 – Relating to Medical Care for Minors.

This bill authorizes minors who are fourteen years or older to consent to medical care for sexually transmitted infections, pregnancy, and family planning services, including the prevention of sexually transmitted infections. Requires confidentiality policies and practices for insurers and providers.

Minors may not want to inform their parents or legal guardians that they are sexually active or engaged in other sexual behaviors that put them at risk for sexually transmitted diseases or pregnancy. Under this bill, minors who want or need medical care or family planning services may consent to receive such care or services without the consent of a spouse, parent, custodian, or guardian.

Thank you for considering our position.

Respectfully submitted,

KIRBY L. SHAW
Executive Director



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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 3125 SD2 HD1 RELATING TO MEDICAL CARE FOR MINORS

TO: Chair Tarnas, Vice-Chair Takayama, & Members,
House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

FROM: Trisha Kajimura, Vice President of Strategy and External Affairs

DATE: April 2, 2024 at 2:00 PM

Parents And Children Together (PACT) supports SB 3125 SD2 HD1 relating to medical care for minors, which authorizes minors who are 14 years of age or older to consent to medical care for sexually transmitted infections, pregnancy and family planning services, including the prevention of sexually transmitted infections.

This bill would give 14–17-year-olds the ability to consent for life-saving HIV prevention medications called Pre-exposure Prophylaxis or PrEP. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention strongly recommend PrEP as one of the most effective biomedical interventions to prevent HIV. The current HRS for minor consent allows minors to consent to treatment of HIV and other sexually related diseases but does not allow access to prevention measures such as PrEP. This life-saving medication is covered by insurance but cannot be accessed without parental consent if you are under age 18. This barrier to access will be eliminated for youth age 14 – 17 with passage of this measure.

Founded in 1968, PACT is a statewide community-based organization providing a wide array of innovative and educational social services to families in need. Assisting more than 15,000 people across the state annually, we help identify, address, and successfully resolve challenges through our 20 programs. Among our services are early education programs, domestic violence prevention and intervention programs, child abuse prevention and intervention programs, childhood sexual abuse supportive group services, child and adolescent behavioral health programs, sex trafficking intervention, poverty prevention and community building programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Please contact me at (808) 847-3285 or tkajimura@pacthawaii.org if you have any questions.

TESTIMONY
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
SB3125_SD2_HD1 Relating to Medical Care for Minors
Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 2:00 PM
Conference Room 325 and Videoconference

Honorable Chair Tarnas, Vice-Chair Takayama, and Committee Members

Submitted in STRONG OPPOSITION of SB3125_SD2_HD1 for the following reasons:

1. Lack of Capacity and Safety Risks. Under 577A-2 Consent valid. (a) The consent to the provision of medical care and service.
-Fourteen-year-olds lack the capacity to make informed decisions. Adolescence is an important time for brain development. The part of the brain behind the forehead, called the prefrontal cortex, is one of the last parts to mature. This area is responsible for skills like planning, prioritizing, and making good decisions. – National Institute of Mental Health

-Medical decision-making capacity is the ability of a patient to understand the benefits and risks of, and the alternatives to, a proposed treatment or intervention (including no treatment). Capacity is the basis of informed consent. Patients have medical decision-making capacity if they can demonstrate understanding of the situation, appreciation of the consequences of their decision, and reasoning in their thought process, and if they can communicate their wishes.
2. Increased Criminality. If SB3125 passes into law there will be increased child sex trafficking as child sex trafficking victims will be forced into having abortions, birth control, and sexually transmitted disease treatment by their pimps. Additionally, passage of this bill into law will invite out of state pimps to conduct business in Hawaii. This is dangerous for children.

Solutions:

1. Focus on Education. I support the bill's inclusion of the prevention of sexually transmitted infections,
-The authors of this bill and Legislators who support this bill should place an emphasis on education rather than allowing minors to consent without parents. There are physical and emotional long-term impacts of coping with sexually transmitted diseases and treatment. I recommend an amendment to allocate resources to support a curriculum that includes contraception options as well as the physiological and emotional impact of premature sexual activity.
2. Prioritize family counseling. Emphasize family counseling vs. efforts to allow minors to consent to medical care.

Please vote NO. Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Respectfully,

Jamie Detwiler, President, Hawaii
Federation of Republican Women

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2024 2:08:09 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Golojuch Jr	Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha Representatives,

The Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i; Hawai‘i’s oldest and largest policy and political LGBTQIA+ focused organization fully supports SB 3125 SD 2 HD 1.

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

Mahalo nui loa,

Michael Golojuch, Jr. (he/him)
Chair and SCC Representative
Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i



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Ka Hale Pomaika`i
Kahi Mohala*

*Kokua Kalih Valley
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Alliance*

*Maui Youth and Family Services
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& Empowerment (RYSE)*

*Salvation Army Family
Intervention Services*

*Sex Abuse Treatment Center
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The Catalyst Group

April 1, 2024

Representative David Tarnas, Chair
And members of the Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 3125 RELATING TO MEDICAL CARE FOR MINORS

Hawaii Youth Services Network (HYSN) supports SB 3125 Relating to Medical Care for Minors.

This bill will expand the right to consent for reproductive health care services to include prevention of sexually transmitted infections and will help to prevent HIV infections.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Judith F. Clark
Executive Director



April 2, 2024

The Honorable Representative David A. Tarnas
Chair, Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs
415 South Beretania Street, Room 325
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: SB 3125 (Kouchi) - SUPPORT

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and members of the committee,

I am writing to express Essential Access Health's (Essential Access) support for SB 3125 (Kouchi), which would increase access to medical care for minors 14-17. This bill would give 14-17 year olds the ability to consent for life-saving HIV prevention medications called Pre-exposure Prophylaxis or PrEP. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention strongly recommend PrEP as one of the most effective biomedical interventions to prevent HIV. The current HRS for minor consent does allow minors to consent to treatment of HIV and other sexually-related diseases but not have access to prevention measures such as PrEP (ironically, we can treat them once they get HIV but not provide proven prevention medications).

Essential Access champions and promotes quality sexual and reproductive health care for all. We achieve our mission through an umbrella of programs and services including clinic support initiatives, provider training, advanced clinical research, advocacy, and public awareness campaigns.

Essential Access currently supports the delivery of Title X-funded services that serves more than 14,000 family planning patients annually on O'ahu, Maui, and the Big Island. We support Title X-funded providers to provide a range of family planning services to support the needs of youth and people with low-incomes, such as birth control, STI services, pregnancy testing and options counseling, and cancer screenings.

We now have this life-saving medication, which is covered by insurance, but those 14-17 cannot access without parental consent – which may mean that someone has to decide between sharing intimate information that could impact their familial relationship or getting access to a drug that could prevent a life-threatening disease.

Please pass SB 3125 so that our young people have every tool available to support themselves and be healthy.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Amy M.', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Co-CEO
Essential Access Health



To: Hawai'i House Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs
Hearing Date/Time: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 2 pm
Place: Hawai'i State Capitol, Rm. 329 and videoconference
Re: Testimony of Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates – Hawai'i in strong support of SB 3125, SD 2, HD 1

Chair Tarnas and Members of the Committee,

Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates – Hawai'i (“PPAA”) strongly supports SB 3125, a bill that would allow young people to consent to medical care and services related to the prevention of HIV. Current Hawai'i statute allows minors to consent to testing and treatment of HIV and other sexually-related diseases but does not allow them to have access to medications like PrEP and PEP to prevent infection.

Respectfully, **PPAA requests the committee strike subsection (d) under Sec. 2, 577A-2.** This amendment would create a permissive structure where both the provider or the minor could have the ability to contact the insurer to request the records and explanation of benefits be kept private.

All young people, no matter their circumstances, deserve access to the full range of sexual and reproductive health care, including PrEP and PEP. As a medical provider, Planned Parenthood provides a safe place for young people to come for health care and medically-accurate sexuality education, often at low or no costs. We are supportive of this bill's effort to expand access to much-needed services and to provide care to young people, who often face numerous barriers when accessing health care.

We are also supportive of SB 3125's efforts to protect minor's privacy when accessing care. The HIPAA Privacy Rule requires providers and insurers to protect patients' Personal Health Information (PHI) when seeking care that they can consent to. However, billing and payment can and does lead to the disclosure of minor patients' PHI, sometimes without their understanding or permission. Without strong protections to prevent such disclosure, teens and young adults insured on their parents' health plan may be deterred from seeking care, particularly sensitive services like reproductive health care and mental health services. And if individuals with confidentiality concerns do seek care and cannot be assured of their privacy, they may not be able to use their insurance, forcing them to pay out-of-pocket or turn to already-strained safety net programs. A number of other states have also taken steps to improve health care access and protect confidentiality for individuals insured as dependents by requiring that health plans communicate directly with the individual receiving care or have a process in place to request confidentiality. PPAA strongly supports putting in place similar confidentiality protections in Hawaii.

Opportunity Youth Action Hawai‘i

April 3, 2024

House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs

Hearing Time: 2:00 PM

Location: State Capitol Conference Room 325

Re: SB3125 SD2 HD1, RELATING TO MEDICAL CARE FOR MINORS

Aloha e Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Opportunity Youth Action Hawai‘i hui, we are writing in **strong support** of SB3125 SD2 HD1, relating to medical care for minors. This bill authorizes minors who are 14 years of age or older to consent to medical care for sexually transmitted infections, pregnancy, and family planning services, including the prevention of sexually transmitted infections.

Allowing youth to consent to medical care for STDs and other family planning services empowers youth held back from caring for themselves due to parental neglect or abandonment. This is especially important for youth dealing with trauma-based health issues who are unable to receive care. Additionally, prioritizing the protection of youth seeking treatment through proper confidentiality and consent policies ensures minors are safe from volatile home situations.

Opportunity Youth Action Hawai‘i is a collaboration of organizations and individuals committed to reducing the harmful effects of a punitive incarceration system for youth; promoting equity in the justice system; and improving and increasing resources to address adolescent and young adult mental health needs. We seek to improve the continuity of programs and services for youth and young adults transitioning from minor to adult status; eliminate youth homelessness and housing market discrimination against young adults; and promote and fund more holistic and culturally informed approaches among public/private agencies serving youth.

Please support SB3125 SD2 HD1.

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 9:06:04 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gary cordery	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I am absolutely opposed to this type of legislation, it undermines parents rights, promotes promiscuity and further debases our state. The moral fiber of a just society requires sound families and open communication within the family.

Governor Green has no constitutional authority to introduce legislation, Mr Kouchi will bear the responsibility along with any aye vote. Shame on you!

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/3/2024 7:31:23 AM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mary Healy	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill and will give testimony via zoom.

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 3:02:30 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Breanna Zoey	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and members of the committee.

I strongly support SB3125, which would increase access to medical care for minors 14-17. This bill would give 14-17 year olds the ability to consent for life-saving HIV prevention medications called Pre-exposure Prophylaxis or PrEP. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention strongly recommend PrEP as one of the most effective biomedical interventions to prevent HIV. The current HRS for minor consent does allow minors to consent to treatment of HIV and other sexually-related diseases but not have access to prevention measures such as PrEP (ironically, we can treat them once they get HIV but not provide proven prevention medications).

We now have this life-saving medication, which is covered by insurance, but those 14-17 cannot access without parental consent – which may mean that someone has to decide between sharing intimate information that could impact their familial relationship or getting access to a drug that could prevent a life-threatening disease.

Please pass SB3125 so that our young people have every tool available to support themselves and be healthy.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

- Breanna Zoey (she/they)

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 3:03:53 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Aaron Ruddick	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I SUPPORT SB3125

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 4:31:43 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Corinne Solomon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB3125. Parents have the right to know what is transpiring with their children's health.

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 4:34:48 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ruben Ongos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS BILL!!!!

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 4:49:44 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrew Crossland	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I **strongly oppose** this Bill and I urge all committee members to vote **NO**.

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 5:00:21 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Williams	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly oppose this bill. This is just insane that you guys would allow something like this for minors without parental consent. Disgusting. I'm so disappointed with governor Josh Green.

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 5:00:30 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lora Burbage	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha!

I am in opposition to this bill because parents should be informed about the decisions and actions of their children. Bottom line, parents are responsible for their children and the more we remove that from them, the more the government will be relied upon to raise their children.

Mahalo,

Lora Burbage

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 5:06:13 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chuck Lyons	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose SB3125 SD2 HD1. 14 years old is too young for these type of potentially life or death decisions, without an adult's advice and/or consent.

Further, the bill as written does not include the source of funding for compensating the health care provider. If this is coming from taxpayer funds, the taxpayers need to know the amount of appropriations for this bill.

Mahalo,

Chuck Lyons

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 5:06:57 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kapukini Kalahikik	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The fact that any adult would want to cut a child's parents out of their parental right to consent to any medical procedure given to their minor child is disgusting. Whoever is trying to push this into law is pretty evil. I oppose this bill and oppose whatever type of people who would even think that this is a good thing for whatever sick reasoning they come up with. Please vote no.

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 5:10:19 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ke'alohilani Grace	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The bill, SB3125, should NOT be passed. Parents have the right to know their child's medical needs at all times, in all circumstances. If a child cannot provide for themselves (such as, paying for bills and food), they should not be able to receive unauthorized medical services too.

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 5:24:06 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Elmer Domingo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 5:24:40 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sharron VanDeusen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE THIS BILL! SB3125 SD2 HD1

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 6:03:42 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Terri Yoshinaga	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill!

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 6:09:27 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Manulani Garcia	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 6:18:49 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
THOMAS KENT	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE THIS BILL!!!

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 6:33:40 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Deven English	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill, parental consent, especially in a medical procedure is always a decision made by a parent.

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 6:44:36 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kealohi Hanohano	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE!! This bill is ridiculous. Children can't buy cigarettes till 18 or buy alcohol till their 21 but can make medical decisions at 14??? Absolutely ridiculous!!

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 6:45:28 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Carol K Kamai	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

A child is a child till the age to 18 years of age. Do not allow children to make medical decisions which can be life harming. Studies show that the act of abortion is traumatizing for a female. Trauma that they carry throughout their lives. A child shouldn't have to go through that mental anguish for the rest of their lives. These young girls need counseling. Use countries in Europe as examples to guide us on how they approach abortion at any age. They have done extensive research to assist young woman in a procedure that is detrimental to them. This bill needs more conversations with parents, law makers, counselors, the families on both sides that are involved and the males who are the fathers to the babies the 14 girls will be aborting. The young men have the same rights as the female.

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 7:00:35 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dennis Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB3125. This is absolutely ridiculous! Why would you, Josh Green, even consider introducing such a bill?! So you'd be comfortable with your daughter having an abortion at the age of 14 without your consent? You're a real work of art!

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 7:05:48 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rona Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB3125. Who would even consider such a bill for underage minors? Furthermore, to keep it confidential where they do not need to disclose to their parents or guardians! We really have some horrible people in office. You folks introduce bills that you folks want, never consider what the people want! You folks somehow forgot, we the people elected you folks! You're supposed to listen to us!

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 7:08:34 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sarah Bariantos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a concerned citizen, I stand in firm opposition to SB3125, which permits minors aged 14 and older to consent to certain medical treatments without parental involvement. While the intention may be to protect teenagers' privacy and autonomy, this bill raises significant concerns regarding the health and well-being of minors and the dynamics within families.

Firstly, adolescents, especially those as young as 14, may lack the maturity and understanding necessary to make informed decisions about complex medical issues such as sexually transmitted infections (STIs), pregnancy, and family planning. By allowing them to bypass parental guidance, SB3125 risks exposing minors to potential physical and emotional harm stemming from uninformed choices.

Furthermore, family involvement plays a crucial role in the healthcare decisions of minors. Parents are often best positioned to provide support, guidance, and necessary resources for their children's medical care. By excluding parents from the decision-making process, SB3125 undermines the importance of family dynamics in promoting the health and well-being of teenagers.

Additionally, the confidentiality provisions outlined in the bill may inadvertently create barriers to comprehensive healthcare for minors. Without parental involvement, teenagers may be less likely to seek necessary medical services, fearing judgment or repercussions. This could lead to delayed diagnosis and treatment of STIs or unplanned pregnancies, ultimately jeopardizing the long-term health of minors.

Moreover, SB3125 could strain parent-child relationships by eroding trust and communication. Excluding parents from critical healthcare decisions may foster feelings of alienation and resentment among families, potentially exacerbating existing tensions.

In conclusion, while the aim of SB3125 may be to empower teenagers, the potential risks and consequences outweigh the perceived benefits. Instead of bypassing parental involvement, we should focus on improving access to comprehensive sexual health education and fostering open communication between parents and children. I urge lawmakers to reconsider this bill and prioritize the health, safety, and well-being of minors within the context of supportive family structures.

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 7:16:18 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jessica Tamaribuchi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3125 SD2 HD1 relating to medical care for minors as it seeks to strip parental and legal guardian rights away at a time when a minor is incapable of making crucial decisions especially when it comes to his or her health. This bill does not protect minors and it does not address the long-term negative consequences that will result from a child's poorly made decision. Also, this bill may provide a loophole for adults who are abusing or trafficking minors in that the victim may not want to identify his or her abuser out of fear and, as a result, the abuse will continue. These are some of the reasons why I firmly oppose SB3125 SD2 HD1.

Thank you for allowing me to testify.

Jessica Tamaribuchi

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 7:23:49 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James K. Rzonca	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 7:33:57 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Daisy Tim	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Honorable Representatives,

I OPPOSE this SB3125, SD2 and HD1 allowing minors to make their own decisions on such life/death matters. 14 year olds are CHILDREN! They don't pay rent, they don't have a job, they don't pay their electricity or water, or can vote! They need parental guidance what to do with their bodies UNLESS they are that mature enough to live on their own and be independent of their own parents. Most don't even know how to cook and clean their own rooms, let alone have enough mental maturity to make these adult decisions.

So I ask you to vote NO on this bill. Also those voting YES on this bill I would like to know who these representative are. For you are NOT representing the majority. Thank you.

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 7:36:55 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
April Handog	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. If a minor can't even get a tattoo, which is cultural, why should they be able to make a life changing decision on their own.

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 7:46:05 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robin D. Ganitano	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB3125 SD2 HD1 - Unconstitutional.

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 7:49:51 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Meg Ganser	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I do not consent to this Bill passing for a number of reasons, all of which are easily understood by any person interested in life, liberty, happiness and wellness. You should be ashamed of yourself for even suggesting such hewa ideas. Produce your Oath of Office, or leave office and take your legislation with you. Auwe

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 8:02:53 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cindy R Ajimine	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am OPPOSED to this bill as written.

I agree with treating sexually transmitted diseases as time is of the essence however pregnancy & family planning should NOT be included unless with parental notification AND add the provision of counseling and support services. Otherwise, it's just a partial bill and more problems including litigation could arise.

i OPPOSE this bill as written.

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 8:28:35 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
WendyNguyen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is wrong, just WRONG! Our children are not mature enough to make decisions like that and that's why they are not allowed to drink or smoke, and be responsible for those decisions, that can affect their health for the rest of their lives. Anyone who is for this bill does not have good intentions and do not have the best interest of our keiki in their heart.

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 8:29:07 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jeanine Acopan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Leave OUR children alone!

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 8:46:58 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Elaine Brown	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable Chairperson and Legislators,

I respectfully request that you OPPOSE SB3125, SD2, HD1. Being a 4th generation resident on Oahu, I strongly believe the proposed bill do NOT represent Hawaii's family values and lifestyles. The contents of this proposed bill must absolutely be voted on by the people through a referendum. I implore you to protect the people's right to make this decision and not let it be determined by the legislators. Thank you for your consideration, and I will be monitoring you decision.

Aloha no,

Elaine Brown

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 8:47:48 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Paula Russo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The Government should NOT pass this bill and should not be going around our backs as parents and decide that our children should receive medical care and or abortions without our consent. The Government should NOT step in between the relationship of a parent and their child. Rememeber, YOU work for US! Not the other way around! and to do this to our children is just flat out wrong!

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 9:09:34 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kim Cordery	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Adamantly Oppose this Heinous Bill!

As a parent and a grandparent, I am appalled that such a bill would be introduced!!! I Do Not consent for any child to be parented by the Government!

This gives no accountability for a possible attack on minors who may have been violated and otherwise could receive help or counseling, not to mention the chance to save a life.

WHO'S JURISDICTION IS THE 14 YEAR OLD? PARENT...NOT THE STATE!!

A'OLE!!! KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF OUR KEIKI!

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 9:45:07 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
R. L. Souza	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION to SB3125 SD2 HD1

The school nurse cannot administer an EpiPen to my child without my consent;

The dentist can't anesthetize, drill or fill my child's cavity without my consent;

My 16-year-old can't obtain a driver's permit without my consent;

My child can't so much as go on a field trip without my consent; and

The state could not stick my child with an experimental vaccine without my consent.

Yet somehow, this body of presumed "leaders" is comfortable entertaining the idea that performing an invasive medical procedure that results in the snuffing out of another living being is a procedure that DOESN'T require my consent.

My child is MY child, and you do not get to codify consent on my behalf.

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2024 11:43:36 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brendan Ajolo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose this bill

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2024 6:42:20 AM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Pacita Domingo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

i strongly oppose this bill.

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2024 6:43:11 AM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Wendy D BowlesDomingo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

i strongly oppose this bill.

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2024 6:48:21 AM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
peter alu	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB3125, SD2 and HD1

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2024 6:56:37 AM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alex Akui	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly opposed, parents first!

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2024 7:01:20 AM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cynthia Darrah	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To elected members of the Senate:

This bill serves to aid in the continued breakdown of the family unit. Parental influence and responsibility by law must continue thru the date of emancipation. This government cannot continue to pick and choose when and if to invoke parental guidance and responsibility for the children of our state. How can the state involve parents in other health and education issues but not surgical procedures like abortion which also directly affect the health and mental stability of our children? I vote a resounding NO o SB1325 SD2 HD1

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2024 7:05:00 AM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
CHESTER LUM	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony opposing this bill.

SB3125 is denying the parents of these children from medical and health information and being part of their "life" learning process of the child. SB3125 should be withdrawn.

Once again, thank you for allowing me to submit testimony opposing this bill.

Chester Lum

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2024 7:22:17 AM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sally Kam	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose...too young an age

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2024 7:49:41 AM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Leolani Mahuka iwaki	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill!

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2024 8:09:50 AM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Catherine Thyne	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Legislature,

I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS BILL. There is no way for you to justify this Bill passing. A 14 year old is not mature enough to make this life altering decision and without parental consent.

I am still hoping to see this Legislature doing what is right for all the people of Hawaii!

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2024 8:21:29 AM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
TOM LODGE	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strenuously Oppose

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2024 8:41:13 AM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Thaddeus Pham	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and members of the JHA committee,

As a concerned citizen and public health professional, I write in **STRONG SUPPORT** of SB3125 SD2 HD1, which would increase access to recommended medical care and life-saving medications for minors 14-17.

This bill would give 14-17 year olds the ability to consent for life-saving HIV prevention medications called Pre-exposure Prophylaxis or PrEP. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention strongly recommend PrEP as one of the most effective biomedical interventions to prevent HIV. The current HRS for minor consent does allow minors to consent to treatment of HIV and other sexually-related diseases but not have access to prevention measures such as PrEP (ironically we can treat them once they get HIV but not provide proven prevention medications).

We now have this life-saving medication, which is covered by insurance, but those 14-17 cannot access without parental consent – which may mean that someone has to decide between sharing intimate information that could impact their familial relationship or getting access to a drug that could prevent a life-threatening disease.

The health and economic impact of HIV infections far exceeds the costs of prevention, with some estimates showing savings of millions of dollars over time (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3690921/>). Please help ensure the health of our keiki, our future workforce, and our local economy is protected.

Mahalo for your consideration of this important issue.

Thaddeus Pham (he/him)

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2024 8:43:47 AM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alice Abellanida	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am strongly opposed to this disturbing bill. A minor can't drive a car, join the military, etc., yet can have an abortion without parental consent. Auwe! Stop this madness!

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2024 9:19:59 AM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tiffany Salazar	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. The minor is a child who still needs guidance from their parents/guardians. The parents need to be involved in all matters of the Keiki no matter their age.
I strongly oppose this bill.

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2024 9:41:49 AM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
JOHN L PANG	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Poorly written.

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2024 10:00:26 AM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ellen Awai	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support SB3125.SD1.HD1 for medical care for minors. This bill is needed, although we live in paradise, there has always been issues in homes like any other country in the world. Children, as well as adults have been abused sexually, physically, and mentally by family and close family friends, and probably by many others in the community as being shown even in religious institutions. Medical professions may be even chosen by parents or guardians, because they are close friends or relatives, and don't want to expose a scandalous event happening to people they know. Living in Hawaii, we are so well connected, sometimes too much so that events such as these are not reported but continue on innocent victims.

Even our own cultural environment shields us from "losing face" for our family. Sadly, I knew the recent murders and suicide committed by Dr. Paris Oda, because he was my former chiropractor back in 2019. But it was the medical insurances that prevented me from seeing him later with their different plans to cover alternative treatments besides being medicated by drugs that only cause addictions or other substances uses. Dr. Oda having been raised on Kauai, did not realize how the big city of Honolulu could change a person's life in changing your perspective to chase the American Dream. He was Japanese with a strong moral code of not shaming the family, financially exhausted, sadly he turned to what he felt was the best solution. Another result of the medical model!

I returned advised in Cambridge MA, to see a Chinese herbalist who could cure me in 9 months and she did! She explained to me that the medications given me was ruining my liver and kidneys, I had staph infection causing UTI issues so I couldnt venture far from home. She told me I didn't have a mental illness, but a thyroid issue! So, I also saw Dr. Oda who helped relieve my sciatica pain, because most of us have one leg longer than the other. But these things were never told to me by medical doctors or even told to drink water to relieve pain. These doctors just gave you more medications so that you believe you need them for the rest of your life!

My trip to the continent was in search of an affordable place to live, but found no where better to live than in our own Hawaii. Our state's beautiful weather, unaffected by the freezing cold of winters, or possible natural disasters such earthquakes, tornadoes, hurricanes or even organizations that supported white supremacy all factored into my returning. Of course, our people's aloha spirit of giving and sharing with gifts of omiyage, or even just a friendly smile all those we sometimes first meet! Please support SB3125.SD2.HD1.and HSCR1298-24, our children are our future and we need to respect, protect and care for them so they can do the same for all of us!

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and members of the committee.

I am a community health worker in the field of sexual health. I provide HIV and STI testing, as well as assist patients with getting on PrEP, a medication that prevents HIV infection.

I **strongly support SB 3125**, a bill to increase access to medical care for minors 14-17. SB 3125 would give 14–17-year-olds the ability to consent for life-saving HIV prevention medications called Pre-exposure Prophylaxis or PrEP. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention strongly recommend PrEP as one of the most effective biomedical interventions to prevent HIV. Currently the HRS for minor consent allows minors to consent to the treatment of sexually related diseases, including HIV, but does not allow access to prevention measures such as PrEP. It's unfortunate that we are forced to wait until a minor contracts HIV before we can help them, rather than provide important medication that can prevent HIV infection in the first place.

This life-saving medication, which is covered by insurance, has been a gift in the fight against new HIV infections but those 14-17 cannot access it without parental consent. For too many people that means that an individual must decide between sharing intimate information that could negatively impact their familial relationship or getting access to a drug that could prevent a life-threatening disease. For too many, that means they will go without.

As a gay man, I can personally attest that this medication has been life changing, and life saving for many people in my life. I wish PrEP had been around when I was a teenager, but even if it had, my parents would never have consented for me to have it. They would have viewed the possibility of contracting HIV as God's punishment. There are too many people today living with family/legal guardians that hold to such a view. And they need your help.

Please pass SB 3125, it will save lives.

Thank you for letting me testify,
Michael Paul

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2024 10:13:32 AM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Elethia Gentry	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it promotes promiscuity among children, whom shouldn't be engaging in sexual activities in the first place.

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2024 10:18:47 AM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Paula alu	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly disagree with SB3125. Parents have a right to be informed of their child's medical and health issues, challenges and choices.

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2024 10:21:36 AM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Glen Miguel-Matsumoto	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly OPPOSE bill SB3125. Allowing minors to consent without consenting with their parents / guardians especially when it comes to "receiving treatment" for sexually transmitted situations is absolutely immoral.

There are MANY areas that children currently need parental consent for. For example, in the public schools, we have parental consent forms for media release, and especially to watch R-rated and M-rated movies for educational purposes. We have parents watching over their kids during other medical appointments (i.e. physical checkups, medications) as well, but members of the legislative want to allow minors to have consent to "sexually transmitted affections, pregnancy and family planning services" without their own parents and guardians being informed? I also assume that aborting an infant is also one of the "medical treatments" that this bill will allow minors to have consent for.

This bill extremely cruel and evil towards ALL parties involved -- the parents/guardians, their kids and in the case of pregnancy, the unborn infant if an abortion is an option. Parents and guardians MUST be allowed to discuss with their child (especially if their child is a teen or younger) to make the moral decisions.

Mahalo for your time.

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2024 10:31:36 AM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marlo Makuakane	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3125. Parental consent should be given to minors 18 years and under, deemed under parents care.

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2024 10:51:53 AM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rami Donahoe	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

"Authorizes minors who are fourteen years of age or older to consent to medical care and services for sexually transmitted infections, pregnancy, and family planning services, including the prevention of sexually transmitted infections. Requires confidentiality policies and practices for insurers and health care providers. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)"

This makes no sense. As a school counselor, I can't give a student a Tylenol for menstrual cramps, yet they can have medical procedures relating to pregnancy and family planning (abortions)? This should not take place without the parent's permission and notice. These kids are NOT adults yet. This is catastrophic legislation. I strongly oppose SB3125 SD2 HD1!

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2024 10:55:22 AM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Kirby	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Michael Kirby Strongly Oppose this bill!

Here is my reasoning of opposing this bill. If we have to be 18 years old to vote, if we have to be 21 years old to legally smoke and or drink, if we have to be 21 years old to legally own a firearm, if teenagers need to be 16 years old with parental consent to drive, and if we have to be 18 years old or older to watch a rated R movie in the theatres, if we have to be 18 years old to join the military or 17 years old with parental consent to join the military, then minors who are 14 years old need consent of their parents and or guardian to undergo any medical procedures and or receiving any medical treatments. I am shocked that this bill is even being considered and our law makers should be ashamed of themselves especially those who are parents. Parents/Guardians should know everything that is going on with their keiki. Our keiki shouldn't undergo any life altering medical procedures and or treatments without the parents consent.

Spouses should also be involved with what medical treatments and or medical procedures that their other half is doing. When it comes to abortion and or pregnancy both spouses need to be in agreement.

Parents and Spouses have the RIGHT to know what is going on with their family! How would you feel if this was your family?

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2024 1:37:59 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Monica FLOREZ-ZENGER	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a parent of 3 grown children, I am against these proposed bills that would undermine the authority of parents in the state of Hi. My kids were not capable of making adult decisions that would affect the reset of their life at the age of 14, 15, 16 or 17.

Please kill this bill before it destroys our children.

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2024 1:43:06 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Larry Duclayan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I write to express my **staunch opposition** to **Senate Bill 3125 SD2 HD1**. I firmly believe that it jeopardizes parental rights and undermines the family unit.

1. **Parental Consent:** The proposed legislation allows minors aged **fourteen and older** to independently consent to medical care related to sexually transmitted infections, pregnancy, and family planning. While autonomy is essential, we must recognize that minors often lack the emotional maturity and life experience necessary for informed decision-making. By excluding parents from this process, we risk compromising the safety and well-being of our youth.
2. **Parental Involvement:** Parents play an irreplaceable role in their children’s lives. They provide guidance, support, and love. Allowing minors to access medical services without parental knowledge undermines this fundamental relationship. Parents deserve the right to be informed about their child’s health decisions, especially in sensitive matters.
3. **Balancing Autonomy and Responsibility:** While we strive to empower minors, we must strike a balance. Parental involvement ensures comprehensive care, education, and emotional support. It fosters responsible decision-making and strengthens family bonds. Excluding parents from the process may inadvertently hinder preventive efforts and create unnecessary divisions.

In conclusion, I urge you to reconsider the provisions of **SB 3125 SD2 HD1**. Let us champion both individual autonomy and parental rights. Collaborative efforts, involving parents, educators, and health care providers, will yield better outcomes for our youth.

Mahalo for your attention to this critical matter.

Larry Duclayan

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2024 1:51:01 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kim Tafua	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha-My name is Kim Tafua and my family and I have lived on the Big Island for over 22 years now and on Oahu for another 10 when my husband was active duty military.

We have 4 adult children and 7 grandchildren that call Hawai'i home. We are very concerned about the future of our grandchildren and do not agree with this bill to allow a minor child to make such an important and life-altering decision without the knowledge, guidance, and support of their parent or guardian. Please stop taking away parental rights! Support the parents as they support and assist their children through something so important and difficult as a teen pregnancy. The government needs not and should not be trying to make decisions for the family and take over the parenting of children with parents and guardians. Nothing good can come from the government doing things secretly and behind parents backs. That is not a good example or way to bring up and upstanding youth. Please say NO to this bill.

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2024 2:22:55 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Yvonne Alvarado	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Yvonne Alvarado Oppose this Bill SB3125 SD2 HD1

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Submitted on: 4/2/2024 2:40:38 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kekoa Kealoha	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

Aloha, Chair and Committee members,

Mahalo for the opportunity to share with you today. I'm writing today in **STRONG SUPPORT** for SB3125. I have written much testimony about this bill, citing my own experience as a Public Health professional working in HIV Care and Prevention for nearly a decade. I am passionate about this work because I know what it's like to be scared, without options, and with little support. Today I write in support as an advocate for HIV care and prevention, a critical piece of this bill.

This bill expands access to HIV prevention to people ages 14 and up. However, I have seen this bill mischaracterized by people calling it an attack on parental rights. I have heard it said that, "parents should be involved in their children's healthcare." What might surprise you is that I agree with that statement because I have seen what it looks like when parents or guardians are involved in their children's care. Those people tend to have the best possible outcomes. However, I have also seen the flip side of this issue. I know what it looks like when parents aren't involved in their children's care and what it looks like when parents don't support their children's care. These people have the poorest outcomes.

I've personally worked with people who have acquired HIV before turning 18. I've worked with countless people who have been at significant risk for HIV before they turned 18. Some of these people were victims of assault, sexual violence, and coercion. These are situations in which parents are overwhelmingly **NOT** involved and for which parents are very often unprepared. Parents cannot know what threats await their children. What this bill will do is give people ages 14+ the opportunity to protect themselves when their parents cannot or will not support them. Ultimately, these people are the most vulnerable among us.

This bill is not taking away a parent's right to talk about healthy sexuality with their children and the resulting risks. Parents who **WANT** to be involved already **ARE** involved in their children's

decision-making. This bill is about the right of people ages 14+ to protect themselves by the most appropriate means available to them, like Pre Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP).

In the long run, HIV prevention (including tools like PrEP) saves lives, protects peace-of-mind, and reduces financial burden. It costs the average person living with HIV \$36,000 a year for medication alone. Since the beginning of the HIV/AIDS epidemic, over 500 people were ages 0-24 at the time of their HIV diagnosis in Hawaii. For perspective, the annual cost of HIV medication for 500 people is \$18 million, some of whom depend on programs like MedQuest to access these life-saving treatments. Reduced HIV transmissions means reduced treatment costs.

I'd like to leave you with this reminder: not all parents are a refuge for their children. We live in a reality that punishes minors who cannot have safe conversations with their parents. I wouldn't be advocating for this bill if that weren't the case. While parents should be more involved in their children's care, we know that the most vulnerable don't have the support of their parents. We must protect the most vulnerable among us and base the decisions we make on reality and evidence, not an ideological goal. Please vote in favor of SB3125.

Mahalo piha,

Kekoa Kealoha

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2024 2:48:11 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alissa Nelson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and members of the committee,

I strongly support SB3125, which would improve access to medical care for minors 14-17. This bill would give 14-17 year olds the ability to consent for life-saving HIV prevention medications called Pre-exposure Prophylaxis or PrEP. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention strongly recommend PrEP as one of the most effective biomedical interventions to prevent HIV. The current HRS for minor consent does allow minors to consent to treatment of HIV and other sexually-related diseases but not have access to prevention measures such as PrEP (ironically, we can treat them once they get HIV but not provide proven prevention medications).

This life-saving medication, which is covered by insurance, requires parental consent for youth 14-17, which may mean that a young person may have to decide between sharing intimate information that could impact their familial relationship or getting access to a drug that could prevent a life-threatening disease. While we hope that all youth can have a good relationship with their guardians, for those who do not, access can be life saving.

Please pass SB3125 so that our young people have every tool available to support themselves and be healthy.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify,

Alissa Nelson, LMSW/MPH

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2024 10:27:01 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jodi Liu	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs Committee,

Please vote NO to SB 3125. This bill has nothing to do with "medical care" for minors or anyone else, but everything to do with money. Teens as young as 14, who are still children by the way, very young and immature, will be able to make decisions alone about aborting and killing their own babies. I raised five children, and NONE of them at age 14 or even 15, 16, 17, 18, was mature enough to make that type of decision on their own. It would have devastated their lives.

As legislators you know full well that passing this bill will open up Hawaii as a sanctuary state for sex traffickers seeking abortions for their young sex workers, their slaves. They will simply take these young girls with them on planes and bring them here to have abortions. BIG bucks are to be made that way. Blood money.

If our state government really cares about our children and wants the best "medical care" for them, parents need to be informed and involved. It's not just regarding abortions, but also applies to children getting medical aid for sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS. How do you justify allowing a child to face this alone?? No medical worker or mental health worker cares for Hawaii's children and loves them the way their parents do. Absolutely NO government should pass a law that overrides a parent's right to be informed of what their own child is going through. Our children are not property of the government! We have been entrusted by God to love them and care for them and make important decisions for and with them. Parents should never be okay with a law telling them that their children are allowed to make critical, life changing decisions in secret that excludes them. That is neglect and abuse of a generation, and it is evil.

Again, thank you for voting no to SB 3125 and doing the pono thing for our very vulnerable but precious children and for the families of Hawaii.

Mahalo,

Jodi Liu

SB-3125-HD-1

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Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Renee Rabb	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of SB3125 by Senator Kouchi. I see that it is also part of Governor Green's package. Please pass this very important bill.

Medical care for young people is always a challenge. However, when it comes down to it, the consent should always default to person whose body is involved. We would all hope that minor teens could talk to their parents about medical issues, particularly those that involve sexual activity.. Unfortunately that is not always the case. Too often these teens are not supported and find themselves in danger from abusive parents. They are then in life-threatening situations from unwanted accidental pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and lack of access to birth control. It is so much better to provide young people with the ability to make choices based on medical information rather than fear.

Mahalo,

Renee Rabb

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SB-3125-HD-1

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Testimony for JHA on 4/3/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Ruiz	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hell No! No minor should be allowed to have an abortion without parental consent.