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Submitted on: 3/29/2024 10:45:38 AM

Testimony for CPC on 4/2/2024 2:00:00 PM

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| Darlene | Indivisible Hawaii Healthcare Team | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

GUARANTEEING AN INDIVIDUAL'S UNHINDERED ACCESS TO ALL UNITED STATES FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION-APPROVED CONTRACEPTIVES IS CRUCIAL TO THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF WOMEN AND THEIR CURRENT CHILDREN, WHICH ALSO AFFECTS MEN AND THEIR OWN ECONOMIC SITUATION, AT THE VERY LEAST.



To: The Honorable Mark M. Nakashima, Chair
The Honorable Jackson D. Sayama, Vice Chair
House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

From: Paula Arcena, External Affairs Vice President
Mike Nguyen, Public Policy Manager

Hearing: Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 2:00 PM, Conference Room 329

RE: **HCR5/HR1 – Urging retail stores and pharmacies doing business in the state to adopt a policy on a national and local level guaranteeing an individual's unhindered access to all United States Food and Drug Administration-approved contraceptives.**

AlohaCare appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in **support of HCR5 and HR1**. These resolutions urge retail stores and pharmacies doing business in the State to adopt policies on a national and local level to guarantee an individual's unhindered access to all United States Food and Drug Administration-approved contraceptives.

Founded in 1994 by Hawai'i's community health centers, AlohaCare is a community-rooted, non-profit health plan serving over 84,000 Medicaid and dual-eligible health plan members on all islands. Approximately 40 percent of our members are keiki. We are Hawai'i's only health plan exclusively dedicated to serving Medicaid and Medicaid-Medicare dually-eligible beneficiaries. Our mission is to serve individuals and communities in the true spirit of aloha by ensuring and advocating for access to quality, whole-person care for all.

AlohaCare is committed to improving and advocating for access to care, including reproductive health care. We fully support this measure because people should be able to easily access contraceptives so they can make personal health choices. This measure would help to protect personal autonomy and contraceptive access for the residents of Hawai'i.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify in **support of HCR5 and HR1**.

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Submitted on: 3/28/2024 3:07:41 PM

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| Doris Matsunaga | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Save Medicaid Hawaii supports HR1

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Submitted on: 3/28/2024 3:37:15 PM

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| Younghee Overly | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit a testimony in strong support of HR1 to protect access to contraceptives.

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Submitted on: 3/29/2024 10:10:37 AM

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| Anne Leake | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Reproductive rights must be maintained in Hawaii. Please give favorable consideration of this bill.

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Submitted on: 3/29/2024 4:49:09 PM

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| Ronald Taniguchi, Pharm.D., MBA | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I support the passage of HR1. Mahalo

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Submitted on: 3/30/2024 9:50:04 PM

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| Thaddeus Pham | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Sayama, and CPC Committee Members,

As a public health professional concerned with community equity, I write in strong support of HCR5 and HR1, both resolutions that would move to improve access to FDA-approved contraceptives.

Mahalo,

Thaddeus Pham (he/him)

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Submitted on: 4/1/2024 12:23:55 AM

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| Barbara Shimei | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

IN STRONG SUPPORT