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

REPRESENTATIVE MARK N. NAKASHIMA, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMMERCE

Hearing: Wednesday, March, 20, 2024; 2:00 PM; Conference Room 329

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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March 20, 2024

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TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMMERCE

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

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 4:51:18 PM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mika Mulkey	Kumukahi Health + Wellness	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Sayama, 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.

Mika Mulkey

Director of Harm Reduction Services

Kumukahi Health + Wellness



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

TO: Chair Nakashima, Vice-Chair Sayama, & Members,
House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

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

DATE: March 20, 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.



To: Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Hearing Date/Time: Wednesday March 20, 2:00 PM

Re: Testimony in Strong Support of SB 3125

From: Heather Lusk, Hawaii Health and Harm Reduction Center

Dear Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Sayama and members of the committee:

The Hawaii Health & Harm Reduction Center (HHHRC) **supports SB 3125** which would increase access to medical care for minors 14-17. Specifically, 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. 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).

HHHRC's mission is to *reduce harm, promote health, create wellness and fight stigma in Hawaii and the Pacific*. We focus our efforts on those disproportionately affected by social determinants of health, including but not limited to: people living with and/or affected by HIV, hepatitis, substance use, and the transgender, LGBTQ and the Native Hawaiian communities.

HHHRC runs a sexual health clinic and is one of the largest providers of PrEP in the islands. Young people are the largest growing age group contracting HIV and by passing SB 3125 you can help save lives!

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Heather Lusk, Executive Director, Hawaii Health and Harm Reduction Center

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Opportunity Youth Action Hawai‘i

March 20, 2024

House Committee on Consumer Protection

Hearing Time: 2:00 PM

Location: State Capitol Conference Room 329

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

Aloha e Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Sayama, 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 who are under the age of 14 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. Furthermore, prioritizing the protection of a youth seeking treatment through proper confidentiality policies is often paramount to ensuring they are safe from what can often be a volatile home situation.

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: 3/19/2024 10:09:16 AM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Amy Ayers	Hawaii Health & Harm Reduction Center	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Sayama, 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).

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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

Beth Littledell

Director, Human Resources

Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 1:24:42 PM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 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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SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2024 8:21:46 AM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nikos Leverenz	Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Drug Policy Forum of Hawai‘i strongly supports this measure.

In addition to access to preventative services provided for in this bill, the State should endeavor to provide appropriate science-based education related to sexual health and to substance use.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.



March 20, 2024

The Honorable Representative Mark M. Nakashima
Chair, Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
415 South Beretania Street, Room 329
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: SB 3125 (Kouchi) - SUPPORT

Aloha Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Sayama, 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.

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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

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 12:34:55 PM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Victor K. Ramos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. A 14 year old girl is still a child and like all children, she needs guidance from her parents or legal guardian. Especially when it comes to killing her baby, commonly called "abortion." No child should be allowed to shoulder such a heavy burden without her parents being involved. To pass this bill would be hewa nui against the baby and the child, killing her baby.

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 3:10:46 PM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Deb Nehmad	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

please support this important bill

Mahalo

Deborah Nehmad

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 4:01:42 PM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 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: 3/18/2024 4:29:04 PM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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

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).

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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: 3/18/2024 4:46:18 PM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Sayama, and members of the committee:

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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: 3/19/2024 12:18:17 AM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Barbara Shimei	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

IN SUPPORT

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 6:26:54 AM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
TERI SAVAIINAEA	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB3125 SD2 HD1.

Thank you,

Teri Kia Savaiinaea

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 6:52:31 AM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Opposed!!!!!!!!!!!!

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 6:54:26 AM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Vivek Pathela	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose Abortions without Parental Consent. OPPOSE this bill.

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 7:06:13 AM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB3125 SD2 HD1!!

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 7:08:19 AM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
kelly morgan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In regarding to SB3125, SD2, HD1, I absolutely oppose. Authorizing minors these medical procedures without parental, guardian or custodian consent is NOT ok. This is government overreach. Abortions alone are very dangerous and a parent, gaurdian or custodian should know if there child is to undergo such a procedure as it's life jeopardizing. Disgusting such a bill even be proposed. This also encourages prostitution, and sexual behaviors that could cost these children their lives.

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 7:16:27 AM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sash Fitzsimmons	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB3125

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 7:17:26 AM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mark Masunaga	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose this bill. This is bad , it would take away any input/ control of the family/ parents .
Leads

to further breakdown of the family unit and society. Take away decisions to be make
individually by the family and control given to the govt . Oppose !!!

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 7:19:02 AM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Doreen Morimoto	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose these bills

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 7:30:13 AM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Strongly opposed!

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 7:32:50 AM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rebecca Soon	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Sayama, and members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce:

Mahalo for your consideration of SB3125 and the opportunity to share my **strong support** for this measure. This bill seeks to ensure that minors (14-17) are able to make the important decision to use PrEP. In Hawai‘i, we recognize the importance of minors being able to directly engage in their healthcare decisions. It is in alignment with minor rights already recognized to make health decisions regarding treatment that they may also make such decisions regarding prevention.

Supporting minor consent to PrEP also critically bolsters public health efforts. With over half of new HIV diagnoses occurring among those aged 13-34 in the U.S., access to PrEP is crucial. Empowering minors fosters trust in healthcare and destigmatizes HIV discussions. It ensures informed decision-making, vital for combating the epidemic.

Living in a time where PrEP is available, we should be working to ensure its access. By integrating PrEP access with comprehensive sexual education, we promote inclusivity and reduce transmission rates. This committee also has important kuleana for issues impacting our homeless community, including the hundreds of unaccompanied minors experiencing homelessness across Hawai‘i, who need to be able to meet their own healthcare needs.

Minors have the capacity to make decisions regarding prevention, just as they would for treatment. Enabling minors to consent to PrEP not only safeguards their health but also strengthens our collective efforts to create healthier communities and curb the spread of HIV/AIDS.

Mahalo for your consideration of support of a healthier Hawai‘i. Me ka ‘oia‘i‘o, Rebecca Soon

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 7:34:04 AM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I, Michael Moylan, oppose Bill SB3125 SD2 HD1.

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 7:47:56 AM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Grace Alvaro Caligtan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support SB 3125, a bill that would continue to support 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 transmitted infections. PrEP and PEP must also be included to the full range of preventative sexual and reproductive care. I am also supportive of SB 3125's efforts to protect minor privacy when accessing care. This confidentiality is crucial and improves health care access and strengthens reproductive justice for those who often face too many barriers.

Mahalo,

Grace Alvaro Caligtan

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 7:55:07 AM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Carolyn A	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Sayama, 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).

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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

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 8:00:49 AM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Amanda Allison	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify,

Amanda Allison

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 8:02:58 AM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose!! This bill is disgusting and a slap in the face to parents.

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 8:06:30 AM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Charlene Lum	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

Have you done a study of child development? At age 14, children are still learning about themselves, their identity and how they relate to others and affect one another. They are entering high school level. They are also under the responsibility of their parents. Would you allow your high schooler child to make any decision without your permission, when you're not with them ? So do the legislators who vote for this bill take responsibility for the consequences that occur on allowing them to make this choice? The government I know do not propose tyrannical laws; did this change? This bill reflects an agenda that does not consider the people you represent.

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 8:09:21 AM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cullen Koshimizu	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Sayama, and members of the committee:

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify

Cullen Koshimizu

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 8:09:41 AM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 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: 3/19/2024 8:21:11 AM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Anne Leake	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha. My name is Anne Leake. I am a retired nurse practitioner and reside in Kaneohe. This bill will clarify the current law so that minors can consent to HIV prevention treatment and meds, including PrEP and PEP. The reality that teenagers do not often engage in safe sex means that some will contract HIV. Please prevent teenage HIV by passing this bill. Mahalo.

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 8:26:06 AM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael EKM Olderr	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support this bill to protect our Keiki!

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Submitted on: 3/19/2024 8:29:32 AM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alan Katz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hearing Date/Time: Friday March 20, 2024/2:00 pm

Re: Testimony in Strong Support of SB3125

Aloha Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Sayama, and members of the committee:

As a physician and infectious disease epidemiologist who focuses on sexually transmitted infections, I urge you to pass SB3125.

Primary prevention (preventing an infection or disease from occurring), when possible, has consistently been shown to be the best prevention strategy.

According to the CDC, HIV preexposure prophylaxis (PrEP) reduces the risk of contracting HIV from sex by 99%!

Unfortunately, new HIV cases continue to occur despite the availability of PrEP, as availability does not equal easy accessibility.

Approximately 1/5 of all new cases in the US are in the age range of 13-24 years among persons who contracted their infection through male to male sex.

Sexual behaviors are private, and accessing effective STI and HIV prevention is challenging especially for young people who most often need to rely on parental insurance to cover health related activities.

This bill would allow a minor to access highly effective HIV prevention services without the need for parental notification.

It would be optimal if every family had loving, accepting, and caring relations, and children could openly discuss their sexual activities with their parents, but unfortunately, this is not reality.

Passage of SB3125 would remove a barrier to accessing a prevention strategy that has proven to be lifesaving.

Thank you in advance for your positive consideration.

Al Katz, MD, MPH

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Submitted on: 3/19/2024 8:47:52 AM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Loren Ng	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Sayama, 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.

Personally, I have spent many nights as a young man worrying about access to sexual healthcare and how my parents would have reacted to conversations about sex, which resulted in a lot of reckless decisions. Young people need the opportunity to make their own decisions and learn from their actions - providing them with the education and resources will allow them to do so safely and confidently.

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.

Loren Ng

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 8:50:32 AM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
RUSSELL ABORDO	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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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

Keli'i Abordo

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Submitted on: 3/19/2024 9:01:49 AM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bronson Teixeira	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill, it is my right and responsibility as a parent to teach and prepare my children.

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Submitted on: 3/19/2024 9:06:51 AM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 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: 3/19/2024 9:11:47 AM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tracy Gillard	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Until a child is 18 years old and can live on their own, they must get their parents consent to do any medical procedures or take medication. No one, but the parent should be allowed to give this consent. This bill is unacceptable and the goverment is over stepping the boundries.

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Submitted on: 3/19/2024 9:33:30 AM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Erin Furuichi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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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 your time and for this opportunity to testify.

Erin Furuichi

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 9:51:59 AM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Let the parents decide what's best for their own children.

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 10:01:21 AM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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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.

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Submitted on: 3/19/2024 10:10:28 AM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Maddalynn Sesepasara	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Sayama, 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,

Maddalynn Sesepasara

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 10:18:18 AM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose Bill SB3125.

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Submitted on: 3/19/2024 10:27:48 AM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tiare Sua	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Sayama, 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

Tiare Anelaokalani Kima Sua

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Submitted on: 3/19/2024 10:30:41 AM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kavika Puahi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Sayama, and members of the committee:

I strongly support SB3125. 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 CDC has noted it as one of the most effective biomedical interventions to prevent HIV.

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

Mahalo,

Kavika

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Submitted on: 3/19/2024 10:40:31 AM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Leshia Mathes	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill steps all over parental rights. Children need the guidance of their parents in making important decisions. There are legitimate reasons for tattoo laws, driving laws and drinking laws. Children's brains are not fully developed. Their decision making and the future consequences of their decisions are not clear to them. That's why they have parents to guide them. These are not the government's children. You do not have the God given right to make these kind of decisions for them. This is again government overstepping their bounds. Keep your hands off of our children!

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Submitted on: 3/19/2024 11:02:45 AM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jordann Kauhi-Deguilmo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Sayama, 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.

Jordann Kauhi-Deguilmo

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Submitted on: 3/19/2024 11:13:36 AM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Luis Ma	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am strongly oppose this bill! What is wrong with this world. All the Hawaii parents will be mad about this allow kids choice unreverse able surgery without parents consent! But if kids getting tattoos the parents will go to jail. That is how WRONG this bill is!

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 11:23:27 AM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mana Shaw-Rodriguez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Sayama, 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, also known as 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. Access is so important for those 14-17, because they deserve to have access without shame, stigma or any other barriers. Their health matters.

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

Mana Shaw-Rodriguez

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Submitted on: 3/19/2024 11:31:46 AM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Daniel J. Southmayd	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this bill as it could help prevent HIV acquisition and other sexually transmitted infections in minors. Permitting minors who cannot or will not seek the consent of their parents or guardians to consent to STI/HIV medical care is essential to the health of the minor and a valuable step in greatly reducing STI transmissions and ending HIV in Hawaii.

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Submitted on: 3/19/2024 11:33:03 AM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bryan Chin, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Sayama, 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,

-Bryan Chin, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC

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Date: March 19, 2024
To: Rep. Mark M. Nakashima, Chair
Rep. Jackson D. Sayama, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
Re: Strong support for SB3125 SD2 HD1 Relating to Medical Care for Minors

My name is Clifford Chang, testifying today both as the principal in my public health consulting business, Clifford Chang Consulting, and as a private individual with over 40 years of public health experience. I have been professionally involved in HIV, STD and AIDS prevention for over 11 years, including working at the State Diamond Head HIV and STD Clinic as the State's first ever HIV/STD Prevention Health Educator, and have continued my direct involvement on a voluntary basis for over 27 years.

I am testifying in **strong support, for SB3125 SD2 HD1**, which authorizes minors who are 14 years or older to consent to medical care for sexually transmitted infections, pregnancy, and family planning services, including the prevention of sexually transmitted infections, and requires confidentiality policies and practices for insurers and providers. SB3125 SD1 increases access to medical care for minors 14-17, and specifically 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; while we do not have studies to document this here in Hawai'i, the Honolulu HIV provider experience, and anecdotal information supports that this is also the case here. The current HRS for minor consent does allow minors to consent to treatment of HIV and other sexually-related diseases but does not allow them to access prevention measures such as PrEP. From my personal experience while working at the Diamond Head HIV/STD Clinic I know how vitally important it is for minors to have access to STD treatment without parental consent. Young people coming in for treatment would frequently tell me how grateful they were they could access such treatment without having to inform their parents they were sexually active, and worse, having contracted an STD. Many commented they were not sure they would have come in for treatment if it depended on their parents knowing.

That our youth, as minors, can be treated once they become infected with HIV or another STD, but currently they are not able to access proven prevention medications is both ironic and simply wrong. HB 2436 corrects this deficiency.

There is this life-saving medication, which is covered by insurance, as of now here in Hawai'i 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. Minors have the capacity to make decisions regarding prevention, just as they would for treatment. Enabling minors to consent to PrEP not only safeguards their health but also strengthens our collective efforts to create healthier communities and curb the spread of HIV/AIDS.

I ask and urge you to support and pass SB3125 SD1 so that our young people have every tool available to support themselves and be healthy. Thank you very much for this opportunity to testify.

Aloha,



Clifford Chang

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 12:38:37 PM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jill	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Sayama and members of the committee:

I strongly support **SB3125**, which would increase access to medical care for minors 14-17 years of age. This bill would allow minors age 14 to 17 years 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 (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 years cannot access without parental consent.

Please pass bill SB3125 so that our minors can have access to these medications, without having to disclose to their families and support system.

Mahalo

Jill

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 1:02:37 PM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joy Dillon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha members of the CPC, HLT and JHA Committees.

I am opposed to this bill. Fourteen years old is too young for children to be able to receive health services regarding pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases without parental consent. This bill also allows these young people to get an abortion without parental consent. Parents need to be involved in the lives of their children and can make decisions in their own families regarding these issues.

I urge you to vote NO on this bill. Thank you for your consideration.

Joy Dillon

Hilo Resident

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 1:11:05 PM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Noela von Wiegandt	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose SB3125 strongly!

This bill is dangerous and undermines Parental Authority with their children. Children 18 and under are not capable of making medical decisions such as this. Many do not even know how to read and comprehend basic issues. This bill also encourages children to have sexual relations at very young ages. This is a bad bill and should be tabled. Let children be children, I am surprised that the legislature doesn't understand this, everyone in Hawai'i says "We have to protect our aina, our kupuna, our Keiki, yet this bill does exactly the opposite, to exclude parents from knowing about their child's health situation. Imagine for a moment, if this was YOUR child, wouldn't you want to know what's going on in their life especially with their health. The Governor has children, wouldn't he want to know about his kids too? Thank you very much.

Noela von Wiegandt

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 1:12:22 PM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shani Hough	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I say NO to this bill that would allow 14yr. olds to consent for medical care without parental consent! That is totally NOT right, how could anyone authorize this type of Bill from the start. If you give a 14yr old the right to consent to medical desicions, then they should also be legal to buy tobacco, liquor and fight for our country! Please be considerate for the future of our youth.

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Submitted on: 3/19/2024 1:25:09 PM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill, stop trying to take away parental rights. If you choose to let your child make those types of decisions, you had a choice to do so as a parent. There shouldn't be any law that takes that choice away from you making with YOUR child. Shameful!!

Aloha Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Sayama, 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: 3/19/2024 1:31:10 PM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cheryl Rzonca	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. This bill voids parental rights which should not ever be ok.

LATE

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 2:00:13 PM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha, committee members,

I am writing in strong support of SB3125. I support this bill because I have worked very closely with people living with HIV and AIDS. Having worked in various capacities in HIV care and prevention for nearly a decade, I want this committee to know that this bill will protect youth even when adults cannot or will not.

I have listened to sensationalist voices call this bill a violation of parental rights. But I have not yet heard these people talk about parental responsibility—namely the responsibility of parents to keep their children safe. It behooves us all to remember that not all parents will take that responsibility seriously. Let us not mistake parental rights for a parental desire for control.

I have been the person to deliver HIV positive test results on many occasions. I have also been the person to help clients disclose their HIV status to parents, friends, boyfriends, girlfriends, and other loved ones. I have seen parents cry uncontrollably, I have educated curious friends, and I have even blocked an abusive man from attacking his partner after testing positive. I have talked parents down from the ledge, I have reassured them that their child wasn't going to die, but I have also been the one to lecture them about what a lifelong commitment to treatment looks like.

To every parent who wants this bill NOT to pass, I ask you: are you ready to have these conversations with me?

Please vote in favor of SB3125

Mahalo.

LATE

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 2:09:26 PM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Josh Lockhart	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in strong opposition of this measure.

LATE

SB-3125-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 3:16:37 PM

Testimony for CPC on 3/20/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Laurie Langton	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I can't even start this testimony with the salutation of Aloha. This legislature and the Hawai'i Supreme Court has perverted Aloha. With the exception of a few of you, it has not been earned.

That said, I STRONGLY oppose this bill SB3125. This bill allows minors to initiate medical care and treatment with no notification or authorization from their parents. This is yet another step in the efforts for the state to take over the role of the parent and override their authority.

I am sure you are all aware that there are numerous tasks that we do not entrust to children because they lack the discernment and or big picture logic to safely perform them. Driving a car, operating machinery, even holding a checking account. There is 100% biological evidence that before the age of 25, the brain isn't even fully formed. Certainly, we know that a 14 has years to go before being able to make decisions affecting their live or the lives of others.

I'm aware that the argument for those supporting the bill is that some children are not safe to share this information with their parent. That is sadly a fact. However, we do not throw out the baby with the bath water. A phrase I use specifically because these children would be throwing out babies. If or when this type of situation arose, these specific children, who need intervention, should be provided that counsel and care. But to allow every child the ability to make serious medical decisions, any medical decision, on their own is criminal. There will be deaths, physical and mental damages which will be lifelong. These will be YOUR responsibility.

Senator Favella attempted to use the "we will get sued" argument for not planting food trees. How likely do you think it will be that when kids make these decisions, the state will be sued?

100% guarantee it will happen.

Once again, I must close with this reminder. You work for us. The people of Hawai'i. The adults that pay taxes which pay your exorbitant salaries. As your employer, WE THE PEOPLE say no. We do not want this. Vote accordingly.

Mahalo,

Laurie Langton

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SB-3125-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Thaddea H Pitts	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Parents are responsible for their children until they become adults. I'm surprised the governor, being a doctor , would even consider this. Should complications occur the parents may be the last to know. Taking the responsibility from the parent and putting it on a child makes no sense.

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Abby Simmons	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and esteemed 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 support SB3125 so that our young people have every tool available to support themselves and be healthy.

Mahalo nui loa,

Abby Simmons