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# HAWAII FAMILY FORUM

## LEGISLATIVE ALERT

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**URGENT!**

### BILL TO LEGALIZE LATE TERM ABORTIONS OF 'VIABLE' UNBORN CHILDREN UP FOR HEARING ON THURSDAY

A bill to approve LATE TERM ABORTION OF VIABLE BABIES until birth – for any reason - will receive a public hearing in the House Judiciary Committee on (Thursday) February 23, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 325.

[HB 1242 \(from 2005\)](#) (click bill number to read bill text) amends the current Hawaii statute (HRS 453-16), which excludes 'termination of a pregnancy of a **viable** fetus' from the definition of abortion. **Essentially, this would change Hawaii's abortion statute to approve abortion at any time for any reason up to the point of 'producing a live birth.'**

**THIS EXTREME POSITION MUST BE OPPOSED! Viable babies, by their definition, can live outside the womb on their own.**

Current Hawaii law only allows the destruction of **nonviable** fetuses through abortion. And while it is true that under current constitutional case law, late term abortions must be allowed to preserve the health and life of the mother, **Hawaii certainly is not required to have a statute approving abortion on demand until birth. That is precisely what HB 1242 does in paragraph (b) of Section 2.**

**Be warned:** the purpose statement of HB 1242 says its only intent is to "clarify or eliminate outdated statutory language while not expanding those rights currently protected under state and federal law." It also claims the current definition of abortion is "outdated." **BUT THE ACTUAL LANGUAGE OF THE BILL IS NOT LIMITED TO THOSE PURPOSES.**

#### FOR ACTION

1. **Call members of the House Judiciary Committee, House Leadership and your own Representative and urge them to oppose HB1242's EXTREME EXPANSION OF ABORTION TO INCLUDE LATE TERM ABORTIONS OF VIABLE BABIES.**

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2. **SUBMIT TESTIMONY** by faxing (no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22) to the House Sgt.-at-Arms office at: 1-808-586-6501 (Oahu) or 1-800-535-3859 (neighbor islands). When faxing, please indicate to whom the testimony is being submitted (House Judiciary), the date and time of the hearing (February 23, 2006 at 4:00 p.m.), and the required no. of copies (35) that is needed for submittal.
3. **COME TO THE HEARING – WE NEED TO SEE AND HEAR FROM THE FACES AND THE VOICES OF THE COMMUNITY!!!!**
4. **PRAY** for HB1242 to be rejected.

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