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HAWAII FAMILY FORUM

LEGISLATIVE ALERT

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ABORTION BILL (HB 1242 HD1) SCHEDULED FOR HEARING

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HB 1242 HD1, the bill that prohibits the State from denying or interfering with a female's right to choose or obtain an abortion of a nonviable fetus or an abortion necessary to protect the female's life or health, has passed the House and is **SCHEDULED FOR HEARING ON FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2006 @ 2:30 p.m. in room # 016**. If it's heard and passed in the Senate Health Committee, it will then move to the Senate Judiciary Committee. ([Click here for current status of bill](#)).

The bill is still problematic because the House did NOT scale back the language allowing all abortions to be done in a clinic or office rather than in the hospital. Case law has held that it is unconstitutional to require certain abortions be performed in hospitals. It does not REQUIRE states to allow ALL abortions AT ANY STAGE be done in a clinic or office. THIS LANGUAGE GOES TOO FAR AND ENDANGERS THE SAFETY OF THE MOTHER. Abortions have complications requiring emergency medical care not always available in an outpatient setting.

The bill removes the residency requirement because it is unconstitutional. While we don't like that it is unconstitutional, proponents are correct that it is unconstitutional. Removal of this provision will have no practical impact - now or in the future.

ACTION:

1. Submit testimony to testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov no later than Thursday, March 16, 2006 @ 2:30 p.m, or you can fax testimony to 586-6659 (Oahu) or 1-800-586-6659 (Neighbor Islands). When faxing, please make sure you indicate the date and time of the hearing, to whom the testimony is being submitted, and the required number of copies (20 copies).
2. Call your own Senator and urge them to oppose the controversial and divisive HB 1242 HD 1 and to focus instead on Hawaii's pressing priorities like homelessness and affordable housing. [If you do not know who your Senator is, click here](#). Remember, in all our contacts with legislators, please communicate with civility and graciousness.
3. Come to the hearing to show your opposition to this bill.
4. Urge your family and friends to do the same.
5. LET US KNOW THAT YOU SUBMITTED TESTIMONY. It helps us to do our job at the capitol.

REPLY: UNSUBSCRIBE TO BE REMOVED FROM E-MAIL LIST.