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HAWAII FAMILY FORUM

HB 1242 HD1 RATIONALE

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[ABORTION BILL \(HB 1242 HD1\)](#)

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FURTHER RATIONALE:

Some in the pro-life community are making arguments against deleting the residency requirement. While we may not like the legal reality, unfortunately, the residency requirement is unconstitutional and hasn't been enforced for decades. Additionally, legislators have pointed out the practical reality that we live in an island state. People don't drive across U.S. state lines to come here for abortions. Anyone coming from the U.S. mainland could stop in California or any other number of states to circumvent stricter state laws.

We have resisted our urge to ask people not to make that argument, recognizing that everyone must speak from their conscience and that their concerns relate to a post Roe v. Wade environment. We still understand that. But, people should realize this Legislature is overwhelmingly pro-choice and supports the goal of keeping the status quo even in a post Roe v. Wade world. So, that argument serves only to strengthen their support of the bill.

During the Senate Health Committee hearing, many pro-life testifiers were providing factually inaccurate and unpersuasive testimony. As a result, we are compelled to urge you to focus your opposition on the [key point below](#). We know from Legislators that emphasizing the residency requirement only makes them view 'our side' as uninformed and unpersuasive, further strengthening their resolve to move the bill ahead. Thanks to all who have taken the time to get involved and have spoken from your hearts. We appreciate your efforts and hope you will hone your arguments as suggested.

KEY POINT:

The best argument we can make to stop this bill is that it **[GOES FURTHER THAN CURRENT CONSTITUTIONAL CASE LAW REQUIRES, ALLOWING LATE 2ND AND 3RD TRIMESTER ABORTIONS IN CLINICS - NOT HOSPITALS.](#)** *Allowing such later term abortions in an outpatient setting endangers women's health.*