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HAWAII FAMILY FORUM

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

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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 awaiting hearing by the Senate Health Committee. If it's heard and passed in the Senate Health Committee, it will then move to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

As we stated in our earlier alert, the bill passed 3rd reading with Representative(s) Abinsay, Arakaki, Cabanilla, Carroll, Ching, Finnegan, Kahikina, Magaoay, Meyer, Moses, Pine, Sonson, Stonebraker voting no (13) and Representative(s) Evans excused (1) ([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. 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.](#)
2. Urge your family and friends to do the same.
3. LET US KNOW THAT YOU HAVE MADE YOUR PHONE CALLS. It helps us to do our job at the capitol.

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