



HAWAII MEDICAL CENTER

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

**Re: Hawaii Medical Center does not support SB1110 "Relating to Health"
(Emergency Contraception)**

Hawaii Medical Center opposes SB1110, which requires hospitals to provide emergency contraception to sexual assault victims when requested.

As a condition of the sale and lease of the land under the two former St. Francis Medical Centers, Hawaii Medical Center has agreed to comply with the Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services. Because of the religious tenets, Hawaii Medical Center does not provide birth control or abortion services, and requests an exemption for religiously affiliated hospitals.

Hawaii Medical Center urges this committee to amend SB1110 to consider our commitment and obligation to the Catholic doctrines.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Danelo Canete'.

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