Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

Before the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Thursday, July 2, 2020
10:10 a.m.
State Capitol, Auditorium

On the following measure:
H.B. 2502, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, RELATING TO HEALTH

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

My name is Colin Hayashida, and I am the Insurance Commissioner of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' (Department) Insurance Division. The Department appreciates the intent of and offers comments on this bill.

The purposes of this bill are to: (1) authorize the director of health, upon consultation with and authorization from the governor, to screen, test, and monitor travelers; (2) provide for penalties for noncompliance; (3) amend and add definitions and procedural and administrative provisions in Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) chapter 325; (4) establish a travelers screening special fund; (5) repeal the statutory prohibitions on the use of telephone services as part of telehealth coverage, under certain conditions; and (6) provide an appropriation.

The Department appreciates the intent of this bill and notes that sections 9, 10, and 11 of S.D. 1 amend the definition of “telehealth” in HRS sections 431:10A-116.3,
432:1-601.5, and 432D-23.5, respectively. Specifically, S.D. 1 removes telephone contacts from the list of communications that do not constitute telehealth: “[Standard telephone contacts, facsimile] Facsimile transmissions, or e-mail text, in combination or by itself, does not constitute a telehealth service for the purposes of this chapter.”

Although broadening telehealth services is generally accepted as a good health policy, the Department notes this expansion may pose a fiscal impact.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.
July 1, 2020

TO: The Honorable Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
   Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: HB2502 HD1 SD1 – RELATING TO HEALTH

Hearing: July 2, 2020, 10:10 a.m.
Auditorium, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT’S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) appreciates the intent of the measure, provides comments, and requests an amendment.

PURPOSE: Authorizes the Director of Health, upon consultation with and authorization from the Governor, to screen, test, and monitor travelers. Provides for penalties for noncompliance. Amends and adds definitions and procedural and administrative provisions in chapter 325, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Establishes a travelers screening special fund. Repeals the statutory prohibitions on the use of telephone services as part of telehealth coverage, under certain conditions. Provides an appropriation. Effective 7/1/2050. Sunsets certain provisions on 6/30/2025. (SD1)

DHS provides testimony on Part VI of the bill and defers to the Department of Health on all other parts. Part VI of the bill, particularly the amendment at page 35, line 9, would permanently include standard telephone contacts in the definition of mandated telehealth coverage of the State's Medicaid program administered by DHS Med-QUEST division. As drafted, this provision would allow for telehealth visits consisting of audio-only phone calls and may hinder DHS and managed care plans from implementing policies that would incentivize in-person or video-conferencing visits when clinically advisable.
DHS promoted the use of telehealth services prior to the pandemic, and has expanded telehealth, including the use of audio-only phone visits, to ensure beneficiaries receive care during the public health emergency. However, DHS had not covered audio-only telehealth visits before the pandemic. DHS recognizes it is vitally important to maintain access to care during the public health emergency, and audio-only phone visits are one vehicle to accomplish that access. Beyond the public health emergency, DHS believes that telehealth, including audio-only visits, creates opportunities for better health equity in our program and greater access to care in general. DHS is presently working to see how we can maintain support for different telehealth modalities into the future beyond the public health emergency, including coverage of audio-only visits.

While DHS is interested in including audio-only visits as a reimbursable service in the long term, we are still assessing what rules and guidelines would best govern the program going forward. Audio-only visits may not be clinically appropriate in all circumstances. It is harder to oversee and monitor audio-only visits, increasing the risk of overutilization and potentially fraud. As we gain experience, in collaboration with health care community, DHS will be able to determine the best way to incorporate audio-only visits into our program on a permanent, non-emergency basis.

Unfortunately, as drafted, the proposed changes in Part VI may have the effect of giving blanket approval for the use of audio-only visits on par with in-person visits, like other telehealth visits. Those telehealth policies were designed with other modalities in mind, not audio-only visits. Those policies may make it difficult for DHS to put effective rules and policies in place to safely monitor and oversee telephonic coverage. DHS may be challenged to ensure that beneficiaries received the best care.

For these reasons, DHS suggests an amendment to remove Part VI of this bill. DHS suggests that the Legislature may want to take this issue up in the next session when these issues can be worked through during a regular legislative process.

If the Legislature prefers to keep Part VI of the bill, then DHS suggests that standard telephone contacts be part of telehealth definition at the discretion of DHS and not be tied to the other telehealth provisions surrounding payment and scope of coverage.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.
ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:
H.B. NO. 2502, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, RELATING TO HEALTH.

BEFORE THE:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

DATE: Thursday, July 2, 2020       TIME: 10:10 a.m.
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(For more information, contact Diane K. Taira,
Deputy Attorney General, at 587-3050)

Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General provides the following comments.

This bill authorizes the Director of the Department of Health, after consultation
with the Governor, to declare a public health emergency when, in the Director’s
judgment, there is a potential for an epidemic or serious outbreak of communicable or
dangerous disease. This bill authorizes the Director to implement various preventative
measures, including among other things the screening of travelers. This bill also
amends portions of chapter 325, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes (HRS), providing for
definitions and procedural and administrative provision applicable to the chapter and
establishes a travelers screening fund. Lastly, the bill repeals the statutory prohibitions
on the use of telephone services as part of telehealth coverage, under certain
conditions.

We note that there are eight different parts to chapter 325, HRS, and while it may
appear obvious that the proposed new provisions contained in section 3 of the bill
should be placed in part I of the chapter, we recommend clarifying wording to ensure
the placement of these provisions so that section 3 on page 11, lines 5 through 7, reads
as follows:
Chapter 325, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes, is amended by adding to part I, four new sections to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

We also note, for awareness, the current effective date of the measure is July 1, 2050.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.
Aloha Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

As an individual member of the Kaua‘i County Council, I have concerns that the language in HB 2502, HD1, SD1, represents an overreach of authority. I do support the need for legislation that provides a clear pathway for managing infectious diseases. I respectfully ask that amendments are made to not place such unquestionable authority to a non-elected official, even with the Governor’s approval, for such extensive and intrusive intervention into the health and well-being of the citizens (Part II, Sec. 2).

The summary description of the Bill sounds fine, however, the broad wording in this proposal creates the policy environment for intrusion on civil liberties. There is too much authority being given to the unelected Director of Health and the State to rescind so much personal freedoms. The Bill gives this director police powers to separate families, confinement against individual will for undetermined length, and vaguely defined powers such as “take other actions” and phrases like “wherever necessary.” The ninety-day (90) window could be repeatedly extended. There is too much convenience in having this level of control. There is no defined numerical thresholds of communicable or dangerous diseases (Part III section 3). These policies impact the poor the most significantly as they are financially responsible for their isolation and are unable to obtain legal counsel from confinement.

We must balance the interests of individual freedoms with health concerns. Many citizens have alerted me with alarm. Much of the broad authority in this bill needs careful consideration for our islands whose governance is based on the rights of a free society. The interim rules sidestep Hawai‘i Revised Statutes Chapters 91 & 201M for two (2) years, which eliminates public testimony.
The safety of the public in our present time of the COVID-19 pandemic threat raises the need for a reasonable requirement for greater public health oversight. However, the reach of this Bill can create civil injustices such that happened to our Hawaiian Community with Hansen’s Disease. We must be careful to never again leave a policy foundation that can target a group of individuals for harm as happened in World War II and earlier.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on HB 2502, Proposed SD1. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Council Services Staff at (808) 241-4188.

Sincerely,

FELICIA COWDEN
Councilmember, Kaua‘i County Council

CNT:ks
Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Thursday, July 2, 2020; 10:10 a.m.
State Capitol, Auditorium

RE: HOUSE BILL NO. 2502, SENATE DRAFT 1, RELATING TO HEALTH.

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA) is a 501(c)(3) organization established to advocate for, expand access to, and sustain high quality care through the statewide network of Community Health Centers throughout the State of Hawaii. The HPCA SUPPORTS PART VI of House Bill No. 2502, Senate Draft 1, RELATING TO HEALTH

By way of background, the HPCA represents Hawaii Federally-Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). FQHCs provide desperately needed medical services at the frontlines in rural and underserved communities. Long considered champions for creating a more sustainable, integrated, and wellness-oriented system of health, FQHCs provide a more efficient, more effective and more comprehensive system of healthcare.

The bill, as received by your Committee, would, among other things:

(1) Authorize the Department of Health to screen, test, and monitor travelers, establish penalties for noncompliance, and create a funding mechanism to implement this program; and

(2) Repeal the statutory prohibitions on the use of telephone services as part of telehealth coverage, under certain conditions.

At the outset, the HPCA supports provisions related to the screening, testing and monitoring of travelers to the extent that it would establish the infrastructure necessary to protect our citizenry from the spread of COVID-19 and other diseases resulting from trans-Pacific travel to our State. This will be a vital component for the safe opening of our borders during this unprecedented crisis.

Be that as it may, the HPCA wishes to focus its testimony on a problem that has recently surfaced concerning the State’s efforts to protect its most vulnerable populations during the COVID crisis.
Following efforts on the federal level to relax regulations on telehealth in both Medicare and Medicaid, the Governor suspended various statutes that specifically prohibited the use of telephone services from telehealth coverage. Government agencies found that for many of the elderly -- especially in rural areas -- they do not have adequate access to computers, smart phones, and broadband connection to make traditional telehealth methods feasible. Also, because of geographic isolation, many find their land line telephone as their only link to health care providers. With the suspension of these statutes, the Department of Human Services has been able to establish procedures that allow for telephone services to be incorporated into the provision of health care services in Medicaid.

However, in recent weeks, two law suits have been filed seeking injunctive relief to stop the Governor's emergency declaration. Because part of the argument the plaintiffs are making questions whether the State continues to experience an emergency warranting the need for emergency powers, if successful, the Courts could conceivably stop emergency actions in their entirety. Should that happen, the suspension on the statutory provision prohibiting telephonic services under telehealth would cease and the Department of Human Services would no longer be able to allow Medicaid coverage for telehealth services provided by telephone. Furthermore, should this occur after Adjournment Sine Die of the Hawaii State Legislature, nothing could be done until the Legislature reconvenes again in January. Patients who rely on their land line telephone as their only means of obtaining health care services would be cut off entirely until the law could be amended next year.

On Tuesday, June 23, 2020, the United States Department of Justice filed an amicus brief opining that the Governor's Emergency Declaration violates, among other things, the Equal Protection Clause of the U.S. Constitution in the State's enforcement of the 14-day quarantine for resident and non-resident travelers. While the HPCA does not take any legal position on this, we note that the common law on this area is gray in light of the U.S. Supreme Court's recent decision in South Bay United Pentecostal Church v. Gavin Newsom, (Slip Op. No. 19A1044, May 29, 2020), in which the Court determined on a 5 to 4 basis, that:

"Our Constitution principally entrusts 'the safety and the health of the people' to the politically accountable officials of the States 'to guard and protect'. When those officials 'undertake to act in areas fraught with medical and scientific uncertainties,' their latitude 'must be especially broad.' Where those broad limits are not exceeded, they should not be subject to second-guessing by an 'unelected federal judiciary', which lacks the background, competence, and expertise to assess public health and is not accountable to the people."

Arguably, the Hawaii Supreme Court is not bound to hold likewise in the pending litigation.
Because of this, the HPCA requests your favorable consideration of PART VI of this bill which would codify the suspension of the statutes that prohibit the use of telephone services under telehealth. This would ensure that if the Emergency Declaration is stopped by injunctive or administrative action, the Department of Human Services would continue to have the statutory flexibility to allow telephonic services as part of telehealth coverage until such time as those statutes could be amended by the Legislature next year.

The HPCA is not asking for an expansion or change to what is currently allowed under the Telehealth Law during the public health emergency. We are merely asking that the Department be given the statutory flexibility to continue to do what it already does even if the Courts decide differently.

It should be noted that the State of Colorado took similar action to repeal statutory prohibitions on the use of telephone services as part of telehealth coverage just two weeks ago, and that the federal government has made various representations that they are considering whether to continue the use of telephonic services as part of telehealth after the conclusion of the public health emergency.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Public Affairs and Policy Director Erik K. Abe at 536-8442, or eabe@hawaiipca.net.
To: The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair  
The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair  
Members, Committee on Ways and Means

From: Matthew A. Koenig, MD, FNCS, Medical Director of Telehealth, The Queen's Health Systems  
Bowena Buffett Timms, Executive Vice President & Chief Administrative Officer, The Queen’s  
Health Systems

Date: July 2, 2020

Hrg: Senate Committee on Ways and Means Decision Making; Thursday, July 2, 2020 at 10:10 A.M. in Auditorium

Re: Support the intent with comments on HB2502 HD1 SD1, Relating to Health

The Queen’s Health Systems (Queen’s) is a nonprofit corporation that provides expanded health care capabilities to the people of Hawai‘i and the Pacific Basin. Since the founding of the first Queen’s hospital in 1859 by Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV, it has been our mission to provide quality health care services in perpetuity for Native Hawaiians and all of the people of Hawai‘i. Over the years, the organization has grown to four hospitals and more than 1,500 physicians statewide. As the preeminent health care system in Hawai‘i, Queen’s strives to provide superior patient care that is constantly advancing through education and research.

Queen’s appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony supporting the intent with comments on HB2502 HD1 SD1, which among other things would allow the Department of Health (DOH) to screen, test, and monitor travelers; establishes a traveler screening special fund; and repeal prohibitions on the use of telephone services as part of telehealth coverage.

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Queen’s has made substantial strides in shifting to telehealth as a modality of quality care for patients. In all of 2019, Queen’s had approximately 1,700 telehealth visits. At the peak of COVID, we had over 1,600 telehealth visits per week. Patients continued to feel comforted and supported, and we were able to demonstrate the effectiveness of telehealth as way to extend care, especially in rural communities.

While Queen’s supports and continues to advocate for increased access to health care services, we are concerned that a blanket adoption of audio-only as a modality equivalent to in-person care for telehealth would have unintended consequences on the quality and level of care provided to our community. We would request that the statute on telehealth not be amended so that clinician and stakeholders have time to discuss and develop the appropriate conditions for which audio-only services could be rendered while simultaneously ensuring the health and well-being of our patients.

We appreciate your consideration of our request.

The mission of The Queen’s Health Systems is to fulfill the intent of Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV to provide in perpetuity quality health care services to improve the well-being of Native Hawaiians and all of the people of Hawai‘i.

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Logan Silsley | Testifying for Conscious Riddims Records | Oppose | No
SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS, Confer broad powers upon the Department of Health to order screening; quarantine, or business closures.

BILL NUMBER: HB 2502, SD-1

INTRODUCED BY: Senate Committee On Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Authorizes the DOH, with authorization of the Governor, to screen, test, and monitor travelers. Penalizes noncompliance. Establishes a travelers screening special fund. We have concerns regarding separation of powers, infringement of constitutionally guaranteed personal liberties, and improper delegation of legislative authority to an unelected official. In addition, we have policy concerns regarding the special fund proposed.

SYNOPSIS: The Foundation’s comments are limited to Part II of the bill, which adds a new part to chapter 325, HRS, entitled Detection, Prevention, and Control of Disease Transmission. This part gives the Director of Health broad powers to declare a public health emergency by written declaration, to require persons deemed by the department to be at risk for spreading infection to be isolated or quarantined, to order the temporary closure of schools, businesses, and operations, and to order the public to implement safeguards designed to prevent infections upon pain of being convicted of a misdemeanor and fined up to $5,000.

The bill also establishes a travelers screening special fund into which penalties for violation of these powers are to be deposited.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/1/2050.

STAFF COMMENTS: The Foundation’s comments are limited to Part II of the bill.

The Foundation does not claim to have expertise in public health regulation. It does, however, wish to bring to the Legislature’s attention a case, Wisconsin Legislature v. Palm, 2020 WI 42. In that case, the Wisconsin Secretary of Health Services, an unelected Cabinet official, was given powers similar to those proposed to be given to the Director of Health here. The Wisconsin Supreme Court largely invalidated the Department of Health Services’ Emergency Order #28, which generally required all individuals within the State of Wisconsin to stay at home or at their place of residence and directs all “non-essential” nonprofit and for-profit businesses to cease operations at facilities located in Wisconsin.

The court held that the order was a “rule” within the purview of the State’s Administrative Procedures Act and was not validly adopted under that Act. The court also emphasized that subjecting the emergency authority to legislative oversight and rulemaking procedures avoids “serious constitutional questions” that might otherwise arise, in part because the order imposed criminal penalties. Concurring Justices raised concerns relating to abuse of power, separation of
powers, and the nondelegation doctrine (a court doctrine based on constitutional separation of powers).

In addition, to the extent that it is contemplated that fines and/or user fees on air travelers would feed the proposed special fund, care needs to be taken to ensure that any fines, fees, or charges are not preempted by federal law, specifically the Airline Deregulation Act of 1978, 49 U.S.C. §41713, and the Anti-Head Tax Act, 49 U.S.C. §40116. (Because of the latter act, the U.S. Supreme Court felled the Hawaii Public Service Company Tax in 1983 as it applied to income from air transportation of passengers and cargo.) Generally, for a charge on air travelers to be legally imposed, it would have to be (1) imposed by the airport operator, in this case the State; (2) wholly used for airport or aeronautical purposes; and (3) reasonable, nondiscriminatory, and not unreasonably burdensome to interstate commerce.

Finally, with regard to special funds in general: The 1989 Tax Review Commission noted that use of special fund financing is a “departure from Hawaii’s sound fiscal policies and should be avoided.” It also noted that special funds are appropriate where the revenues to the funds maintain some direct connection between a public service and the beneficiary of that service. The Commission found that special funds which merely set aside general funds cannot be justified as such actions restrict budget flexibility, create inefficiencies, and lessen accountability. It recommended that such programs can be given priority under the normal budget process without having to resort to this type of financing.

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Comments:

We oppose this bill
June 30, 2020

The Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

**House Bill 2502, HD1, SD1 – Relating to Health**

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Association of Health Plans (HAHP) appreciates the opportunity to testify on HB 2502, HD1, SD1, which authorizes the Director of Health, upon consultation with and authorization from the Governor, to screen, test, and monitor travelers. Provides for penalties for noncompliance. Amends and adds definitions and procedural and administrative provisions in chapter 325, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Establishes a travelers screening special fund. Repeals the statutory prohibitions on the use of telephone services as part of telehealth coverage, under certain conditions. Provides an appropriation. Effective 7/1/2050. Sunsets certain provisions on 6/30/2025.

HAHP would like to express concerns on Part VI of this legislation as it removes “standard telephone contacts” as an exclusion from telehealth service. While we understand that there are situations where the flexibility to offer standard telephone contacts may be advantageous especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, we are uncomfortable with a blanket adoption of reimbursing standard telephone contacts on par with in-person and real-time video conferencing-based communication on a permanent basis. Standard telephone contacts are audio-only and do not allow for a full patient assessment or examination of the patient and may not be appropriate for all patient encounters.

It is also important to note that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) have released guidance on expanded parameters for audio-only telehealth encounters on a temporary basis during the COVID-19 pandemic. CMS plans to revisit this issue when the public health emergency declaration comes to an end. Therefore, at this time we do not believe it is necessary to amend state law and respectfully request that Part VI be removed from this measure.

Thank you for allowing us to testify expressing concerns on HB 2502, HD1, SD1.

Sincerely,

HAHP Public Policy Committee
June 30, 2020

re: Tyranny of HB2502 HD1 SD1

Aloha Public Servants of Hawaii,

Upon first reading of HB2502, I started laughing since it was so outrageously tyrannical and abusive that it had to be a joke. Certainly, no caring Governor or Legislator would dare insult the intelligence and freedoms of our Ohana in this way.

This bill gives an unelected official in the Governors Office the right to direct all the Police in Hawaii to take your children away from you, or do anything they deem necessary to protect the public health as they see fit.

This is the same Governors Office that just quarantined our Ohana and destroyed our economy based on the disproven and wildly inaccurate assumptions from Neil Ferguson of the Imperial College of London model, and the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) model - which were both funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Whomever is willing to trust the lives of our children and all of our Ohana in the hands of the Governor, and all future Governors and their Health Directors, is somehow believing that they will never abuse their power for profit or ulterior motives, nor ever act incompetently.

Please act responsibly and throw out HB2502 and never let such dictatorial powers be considered in Hawaii, again.

Sincerely,

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June 30, 2020

The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Re: HB 2502, HD1, SD1 – Relating to Health

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify on HB 2502, HD1, SD1, which authorizes the Director of Health, upon consultation with and authorization from the Governor, to screen, test, and monitor travelers. Provides for penalties for noncompliance. Amends and adds definitions and procedural and administrative provisions in chapter 325, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Establishes a travelers screening special fund. Repeals the statutory prohibitions on the use of telephone services as part of telehealth coverage, under certain conditions. Provides an appropriation. Effective 7/1/2050. Sunsets certain provisions on 6/30/2025.

We would like to express concerns on Part VI of this legislation as it removes “standard telephone contacts” as an exclusion from telehealth service from Sections 346-59.1, 431:10A-116.3, 432:1-601.5, and 432D-23.5 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes. Standard telephone contacts are useful in the overall management of the patient; however, they are audio only and do not allow for a full patient assessment or examination which is foundational to the proper practice of medicine. Proper documentation and a defined scope would be required to determine in which cases it would be efficacious and appropriate to utilize. We further do not believe that it is appropriate to always reimburse standard telephone contacts the same as face-to-face contact or real-time video conferencing-based communication as the existing law would require if this measure were to pass as written.

HMSA is following guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on telehealth coverage for all lines of business (commercial, QUEST, and Medicare Advantage). We are committed to reimbursing standard telephone contacts temporarily through the end of calendar year 2020 and plan to reassess then depending on further CMS guidance, the need of our members, and the current state of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In this current pandemic and the extenuating circumstances it creates for our members and their need to access care, following CMS guidance in temporarily reimbursing standard telephone contacts makes sense; however, a more nuanced discussion is necessary before making these changes permanent. Therefore, for the reasons stated above we do not believe that Part VI of this measure is necessary at this time and respectfully request its removal.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this measure.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Pono Chong
Vice President, Government Relations
July 2, 2020
10:10 a.m.
Hawaii State Capitol
Auditorium

To: Senate Committee on Ways and Means
   Sen. Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
   Sen. Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

From: Grassroot Institute of Hawaii
       Joe Kent, Executive vice president

Re: HB2502, SD1 — RELATING TO HEALTH

Comments Only

Dear Chair and Committee members:

The Grassroot Institute of Hawaii continues to have grave concerns about HB2502, SD1.

The bill would empower the state director of health, upon approval from the governor, to declare a public health emergency and give the director broad powers in that emergency, including requiring screening, testing, quarantine and contact tracing; closing schools and businesses; releasing confidential information; requiring detailed personal information from travelers; and taking other, unspecified actions the director might deem necessary for the public health.

The powers contemplated in this bill are so sweeping and broad as to raise significant questions about privacy, civil liberties and constitutionality.

Of particular concern is the bill’s broad permissions regarding screening/tracking technology and how collection, sharing and disclosure of personal information will be handled.

Likewise, the power to close businesses for months at a time is not one that should be given to an administrative agency without greater oversight and a more effective system of checks and balances on the exercise of the state’s police powers.

It must be stressed that HB2502 is a “gut and replace” bill. Such sweeping legislation should not be contemplated without full opportunity for public testimony and comment, something that is not possible during this truncated legislative session.
While it may be useful to open public debate on how and whether public health emergencies should be treated differently than other emergencies, this particular bill is premature. The state’s emergency management statute (H.R.S. § 127A-11) already allows the governor to delegate powers to other individuals — including the director of health — in order to address an emergency, so there is no pressing need to move on this issue at this time.

We strongly urge you to defer this measure. Hawaii’s citizens and policymakers need more time to evaluate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the state response before enacting legislation that addresses the state’s police powers during a future crisis.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our testimony.

Sincerely,

Joe Kent
Executive vice president
Grassroot Institute of Hawaii
Dear members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means,

Thank you for considering our testimony in strong opposition to HB2502 SD1.

HB2502 SD1 is a fast-tracked, “gut & replace” bill introduced during a declared health emergency, and a truncated Legislative session. Emotions are high, the public has been denied their right to (more impactful) in-person testimony or private legislator meetings, and most members of the House will not have opportunity to weigh in. We implore our legislators to avoid rash decision making on this highly controversial bill of questionable constitutionality, and defer this measure until more information can be gathered, with proper evaluation and broader input.

HB2502 SD1 raises serious questions about a power hungry DOH’s desire to brazenly disregard individual liberties, economic freedom, and accountability to the people of Hawaii. Under the veil of a declared “public health emergency” (HRS325-A proposed) OR merely for any “diseases deemed a public health and safety risk by the department” (HRS325-B thru L, proposed), the DOH seeks to regularly interfere with our freedom of movement protected under United States law, and governed primarily by the Privileges and Immunities Clause of the United States Constitution.
It would allow the Director of the Department of Health (DOH) authority to declare a public health emergency, after consultation and approval by the Governor, however still grants sweeping powers to an unelected official. The director would be able to extend declaration of emergencies for unlimited successive 90-day periods, without legislative oversight, definitive burdens of proof, independent, professional verification, or public input. The 2020 Board of Health positions remain unfilled…why?

Hawaii is still suffering from the devastation caused by Governor Ige’s current, unlawfully extended shut down; Chapter 127 is also in desperate need of an overhaul. We have 18 reported “Covid-related” deaths, all in elderly with co-morbidities. Out of approximately 1.4 million people, the chance of dying in Hawaii right now from COVID-19 is 0.0013% - basically zero. Further, it is probable the 18 deaths have been overstated:

According to a May 2020 article in the Maui News, Tracy Dallarda, Maui Health System spokeswoman, stated that “COVID-19 positive people around the country, no matter their actual cause of death, are classified as COVID-19 related fatalities. For example, 4 of the 6 (Maui hospital) deaths reported were due to the illnesses for which the patients were admitted. But because they tested positive for the coronavirus- while not showing any symptoms- those deaths are included in the state count.”

The CDC reported an infection fatality rate (IFR) of .06%-.26% across the US, and most importantly all cause mortality has NOT elevated. We devastated our thriving Hawai’i economy and crippled families, socially and emotionally, especially children…. all due to a “potential” for an outbreak. Safeguards must be put into place so this never happens again.

Most disturbing are new sections HRS 325-B through L, which appear to allow for the same violations of a traveller’s personal liberties, without an emergency declaration. Are we America “land of the free”, or Communist China? This boarders on a police state with medical martial law.

The verbiage of the bill is vague, and calls for further modification by the DOH via interim “administrative rule-making” - EXEMPT from HRS Chapters 91 and 201M until June 2022. Allowing the DOH to further define bill
language - however they see fit - without legislative oversight, small business or public input, is reckless and dangerous. HB2502 SD1 may require DOH screening, testing, tracking, sharing of otherwise confidential personal data, quarantine, isolation, “treatment” or “other actions deemed necessary” for any individuals or groups “deemed by the department to be infected, at higher risk of infection, or at risk for spreading infection” - including ALL travelers inter-island, foreign and domestic.

**How will the aforementioned be defined via administrative rule?**

1. Will screening involve testing via forcible blood draws or tissue samples taken in an airport?

2. Will monitoring involve some sort of ankle bracelet or geolocation app?

3. What is treatment and will it be recommended or forced?

4. How will they define HRS 325-A (5): “other actions as deemed necessary”? This line should be stricken due to the wide range for possible abuse.

5. Will they be able to “isolate” children who test positive, without their parents? What happens to children when their parents test positive?

6. What and where are “isolation facilities”?

7. How will quarantine decisions be qualified and quantified to determine individuals or groups “who otherwise have or create a potential risk of transmitting a communicable or dangerous disease to others”?

In response to the proposed definition of “quarantine” under HRS325-I: Will individuals or entire groups of people be quarantined and discriminated against due to choosing “alternative” treatments or preventative measures other than a fast-tracked, experimental vaccine? If so, how eerily reminiscent of WWII. Quarantine should be for the sick - NOT the maybe sick.
8. How would the mandatory presentation of personal health demographic information be properly secured, and guaranteed protection from undisclosed use?

9. Could police officers or the national guard invade your home on an assumption you are sick? Could they board you up in your home like they did in China?

10. If visitors’ trips are forced to be cancelled, will monies already paid for their vacations be refunded and by whom?

11. Would entire planeloads of passengers be quarantined, at their own expense, because someone on board develops a fever mid-flight?

12. Will essential healthcare workers, airline employees, military, or possibly state legislators be allowed to freely travel exempt from the same screening, testing, tracking, quarantine or other travel protocols required of the general public? If so, doesn’t this conflict with the bill’s intention of “containing and mitigating the spread of disease” by ALL travelers?

13. Isn’t the “Traveler’s Screening Special Fund” and the heavy-handed threat of an excessive $5000 fine just an underhanded way of stealing from tourists? This is shameful and will ultimately destroy the tourism industry rather than revive it.

14. Lab tests suffer from frequent false positives, especially the rapid tests. Will multiple tests be allowed to confirm results?

Original language in HRS 325-8 (e) requiring a written court-ordered ex parte, prior to quarantine or isolation, should not be stricken. These are valid protections in a Constitutional Republic that enshrines our beloved freedom, equal protection, and due process. Instead proposed HRS 325-J “Right to contest” (attempts to provide a consolation) allows a “guilty before proven innocent” scenario with the soonest a potentially healthy, innocent person could obtain a court hearing to contest being locked up…..to be 10 days!

The DOH cannot be allowed to have absolute power over the people, their health, travel, school entry, employment or any other program that will be
tied with the proposed rules and requirements of HB2502 SD1. This bill will neither “ensure a positive visitor experience” nor restart tourism, rather it will further erode our economy, discourage travel to and from our State, and potentially crush Hawaii residents’ Constitutional Rights, every day of the year. Legislators and tourism industry experts should seriously consider the legal ramifications, as well as all undefined language and potential scenarios proposed above, before eagerly welcoming this draconian, liberty-crushing monster.

HFIC STRONGLY OPPOSES HB2502 SD1.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kimberly Haine and Maly Gella, RN
Founding members
Hawai‘i for Informed Consent
Comments:

I oppose this bill and feel that it is more overreach of the government. As you read thru the bill it lays out rules and fines and it is one sided in favor of the state and not its people. There are fines for the offenders but no fines or penalties for government officials who are found abusing these powers. Why is it that this state only ever wants to impose more rules and more fines on its people? Why aren't the people allowed to make their own decisions? Allow the people freedom of choice. The choices the state has made for its people over the last 3-4 months have shown how ridiculous the state can be. Closing its beaches, parks, hiking trails, places where viruses are known to quickly die off and social distancing was and has always been practiced not because there was a virus but because it's something that we already did. When is the last time that you went to the beach and sat with in 6 feet of some stranger? I can definately tell you that I can recall multiple times when there was a stranger within an inch of me while standing in line at Costco or Walmart. And allowing protests but not graduations? Hmmmm... I don't feel that the state needs more power, i fell it needs less, and the people need more. How can the people trust the state when so many bad decisions and mistake have been made; Rail, Missile Alert, Homeless, Mental Health. At this time there is too much corruption in this state and by allowing these actions the powers to be can claim an outbreak anytime it sees fit to allow control over its people. I do not support this and would not support this until I saw in plain english in these bills that went into depth about the recourse the people could take to reseat any govenment offical found abusing its power. You want something from us, we want something from you. I do not support.
Comments:

Aloha,

SD1 version of HB2502 is NOTHING at all like the original bill. PLEASE read carefully what is being proposed. It is clearly a gut and replace bill. It is hard to believe and very sad that Hawaii legislators stand for this kind of politics. Please consider the financial impact this bill will have on the economy and the state as well as the infringement of human rights, not to mention the fact that it is unconstitutional.

Please oppose and kill this bill now.

Mahalo,

Sacred Healing Arts
To the Committee on Ways and Means:

The National Coalition for a Civil Right to Counsel is hereby submitting testimony on HB 2502, HD1, SD1 (attached to this e-mail as a .pdf). The Committee is scheduled for a hearing on this measure on July 2, 2020 at 10:10am. Please let us know if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

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July 1, 2020

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz
Chair, Comm. on Ways and Means

Hearing: July 2, 2020, 10:10am
Auditorium, State Capitol
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Re: Testimony In Opposition to HB 2502, HD1, SD1, Relating to Health

Dear Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on HB 2502. The National Coalition for a Civil Right to Counsel (NCCRC) opposes HB 2502 in its current form. Among other provisions, this bill would amend Haw. Rev. Stat. § 325-8 so as to eliminate the mandatory appointment of counsel for individuals and groups of individuals subject to quarantine. Instead, courts would have discretion as to whether to appoint counsel.

The NCCRC is an association of individuals and organizations that works to establish the right to counsel for low-income people in civil cases that involve basic human needs, such as shelter. The NCCRC has over 300 participants and 200 partners in 40 states, including Hawai‘i. Among our efforts, we were instrumental in the American Bar Association’s introduction and adoption of ABA Resolution 112A (2006), which called for jurisdictions to support a right to counsel in civil cases involving basic human needs, including health. Moreover, we were the primary authors of ABA Resolution 114 (2018), which calls for a right to counsel whenever physical liberty is at stake (as it is for quarantine matters). We also have conducted research on the status of the right to counsel for all civil matters in all 50 states, including quarantine.

Current Hawai‘i law meets the dictates of due process by requiring the appointment of counsel when a person is or will be quarantined. The Supreme Court of the United States has explained that it is an indigent litigant’s interest in physical liberty and personal freedom that triggers a federal due process right to appointed counsel. Lassiter v. Dep’t of Soc. Servs., 452 U.S. 18 (1981). While Hawai‘i’s current right to counsel for quarantine proceedings is statutory in nature, it is highly likely the state high court would find this is a due process right as well. In fact, the Supreme Court of Hawai‘i has been even more protective of the right to counsel than the U.S. Supreme Court, as the Supreme Court of Hawai‘i has recognized a right to counsel in certain civil matters even when physical liberty is not at stake. See e.g. In re T.M., 319 P.3d 338 (Haw. 2014) (finding state constitutional right to counsel for parents in child welfare proceedings).

In addition, it is notable that this proposed removal of the right to counsel does not meet the recommendations of the National Center for State Courts and State Justice Institute’s Preparing for a Pandemic: Emergency Response Benchbook and Operational Guidebook for State Court Judges and Administrators, which states that “In order to comply with due
process requirements, individuals subjected to isolation or quarantine should be provided the right to counsel.”

The version of HB 2502 before your Committee means that courts will now decide whether a particular individual has the assistance of counsel as they contest the state’s deprivation of their physical liberty. It is unclear how courts will know ahead of time which cases might necessitate the presence of counsel, and pro se litigants are highly unlikely to make an effective argument as to why they in particular should be provided counsel. Rather than subjecting litigants and courts to a case-by-case approach that necessarily deprives some, but not others, of a fair process to contest a significant deprivation of liberty by the state, the better and more constitutionally sound approach is to retain what is already the law in Hawai‘i and mandate the appointment of counsel upon request.

We urge the Committee to reject the revisions related to discretionary appointment of counsel and let the mandatory appointment of counsel, as already provided by Haw. Rev. Stat. § 325-8, stand. We thank you again for the opportunity to provide testimony and would be happy to answer any questions your Committee might have.

Sincerely,

John Pollock
Coordinator, National Coalition for a Civil Right to Counsel
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Comments:

Our Association board opposes this Bill/Act.

This measure has repeated definitions and information. So rushed, sloppy, vague with unfettered discretion given to the DOH director an unelected official. It is ripe with civil liberty violations. We do not need this law. Where there is a pandemic, our governor establishes a state of emergency and should create (legal) proclamations. This process works well. We strongly oppose HB2502 HD1 SD1

How does the legislature justify passing measures when the vast overriding majority of testimony is opposed? Where has our democracy gone?

Mahalo, Aloha & Blessing for your 'ohana's health!
My Name is Greg Bentley and I am the director of the Berean Beacon a 501c3 non profit. I am a resident of Princeville Hawaii and a deligate for my political party. I am writing on behalf of our 6000 plus constituents to voice our opposition to HB2502 HD1 SD1. In particular we are extremely concerned about the following clauses in this bill.

Section §325-A (c) transfers police powers to the DOH is in complete violation to our moral principles and in opposition to the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the Sate of Hawaii! We object!

§325-A (c) Every police officer or state law enforcement officer and the Hawaii emergency management agency shall aid and assist the department in the enforcement of a declaration of a public health emergency.

We object to §325-A (d) giving indefinite emergency powers to the DOH! This is in opposition to the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the Sate of Hawaii! We object!

(d) The director’s declaration of a public health emergency shall be posted on the department’s website and shall terminate automatically ninety days after the declaration, unless earlier terminated or extended or revoked by the director or the governor. Any extension shall terminate automatically after ninety days, unless further extended by the director or the governor.

Section §325-B (4) (5) do not provide language for the length of the Quarantine and or Isolation clauses. It does not specify the place of Quarantine and or Isolation. This is in opposition to the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the Sate of Hawaii! We object!

§325-B (4) Quarantine "Quarantine" means the physical separation, including the restriction of movement or confinement of individuals or groups believed to have been exposed to a communicable or dangerous disease, or who otherwise have or create a potential risk of transmitting a communicable or dangerous disease to others from individuals who are believed not to have been exposed or infected, by order of the
director, the governor, or a court of competent jurisdiction, based on information collected and reviewed by the department.

(5) Isolate "Isolation" means the physical separation, including the restriction of movement or confinement of individuals or groups confirmed by the department to have been infected with a communicable or dangerous disease, from individuals who are believed not to have been exposed or infected, by order of the director, the governor, or a court of competent jurisdiction. Conditions of isolation may be more restrictive than as for quarantine.

We object to any measure that would force people to pay for their own forced quarantine. This is in opposition to the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of Hawaii! We object!

§325-C. If the department deems it necessary for the public health, treatment, quarantine, and isolation may be required, at the expense of the person entering the State.

§325-20 (d) Gives immunity from prosecution to those who are responsible to administer health care and treatment for quarantine and or Isolation individuals. This is in opposition to the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of Hawaii! We object!

All individuals who pass and enforce this bill will be held accountable to “We the People” supported by the Constitution of the United States.

§325-20
(d) Except in cases of wilful misconduct, the following persons shall not be liable for the death of or injury to any person who is provided care pursuant to this section or for damage to property when resulting from any act or omission in the performance of such services:
   (1) The State or any political subdivision;
   (2) A health care facility or health care provider acting at the direction of the department under an agreement as provided in this section; and
   (3) Persons engaged in disease prevention and control functions pursuant to this section or sections 325-8 and 325-9, including volunteers whose services are accepted by any authorized person."

We plead with you legislators to be true to your oath of office just as many of us former and current members of the Military and law enforcement are. We will all be held accountable to the oaths that we have made.

Sincerely,
Greg Bentley
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Comments:

I am writing this letter in STRONG OPPOSITION to HB2502 as it creates a danger to the citizens of Hawai'i and provides ample room for the State to violate the citizens 4th Amendment Rights under the US Constitution.

Below is a list of concerns:

1. Section 1 clearly sets the context to travelers, traveler households, traveler companions, and as such many believe the context is limited to travelers, traveler households, traveler companions. However, Section 2 states, "Chapter 325, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new part to be appropriately designated..." When this section is inserted into HRS 325, it will lose the context of travelers and will apply to all citizens, including families that did not travel.
2. When reading further "(1) Require provider reporting, screening, testing, contact tracing, quarantine, and isolation of persons deemed by the department to be infected, at higher risk of infection, or at risk for spreading infection;"
   1. This means that any person (or group of people) that is deemed by the department to be at higher risk of infection (ie unvaccinated) could by placed in quarantine or quarantine facility. In it's present form, this bill could be abused to remand entire groups of people to quarantine camps like the Japanese internment camps of WWII solely on the presumption that an individual could be at a higher risk. This is an obvious violation of the 4th Amendment of the US Constitution.
   2. Testing – appears to be compulsory testing. No limitations have been set for non-invasive versus invasive procedures. Likewise, no right to refusal is protected within the language of the bill. What sovereignty will an individual have? Can an individual be forcibly subjected to a blood draw? Can they be forcibly subjected to having tissue samples taken? What else could be allowed because of the vague language of the bill?
3. The Bill does not provide for any burden of proof by the State or Department of Health to demonstrate that a person is truly a threat before removing their personal freedoms. (4th Amendment Violation)
4. Section 2, Part II, 325-A 5(b): "(b) Quarantine and isolation pursuant to this section shall not be subject to the requirements pursuant to section 325-8(a).". The definition of "Quarantine" in 325-8(a) does not contain "or who otherwise
have or create a potential risk of transmitting a communicable or dangerous disease to others from individuals" as is found in the new definition of "Quarantine" from HB2502. This makes it even more clear that unvaccinated individuals could be targeted to be placed in quarantine facilities. Is that the intent? Please remember that to date, $4.4 BILLION has been paid out of VAERS because vaccines are NOT safe for everyone. Where there is risk, there must be choice.

5. There is no limit specified in the bill for the length of time a person could be held in quarantine.

6. There is no cap for the amount of money a person could be charged in room, board, and treatment. Why should a person who is forcibly remanded to a quarantine facility pay room and board? Do prisoners pay room and board?

7. There are no protections specified for medical autonomy should a person (or group of people) be remanded to quarantine. Will persons in quarantine be forced to receive medications/vaccinations/etc? How will medical autonomy be protected?

8. While there are no protections in the bill for medical autonomy and medical treatments could be mandated by the Directors rules, liability is also removed if someone is injured or killed by actions of the healthcare worker or facility. How sad to think a person could be killed by a medical procedure that is forced on them and there would be no recourse.

9. The bill sidesteps 91 and 201M for 2 years! – when the Dept of Health "adopts interim rules", they will not be subjected to chapter 91 (allow for oral and written testimony, create task force, community involvement) and 201M (allows for input from small business regulatory review board). Without these safeguards, there are no checks and balances. The Department of Health will operate in a vacuum with very broad powers to be able to remove personal freedoms protected by the United States Constitution.

10. "Take other action as deemed necessary by the director". The vagueness of allowing the director of health, an unelected official, to "take other actions" without input from any other groups based on what S/He may "deem necessary" gives too much power over personal freedoms to an unelected official who doesn't have to answer to the people.

11. Health Emergencies automatically set to 90 days, and can be repeatedly extended with no limit set by the bill. We could be in an indefinite state of health emergency subjected to rules written by the Director of Health. That is too much power vested in a single authority.

For all of these reasons, I urge you to reject the bill and continue with the current legislative process to deal with any state of emergency. This process has already served the State of Hawaii effectively and this new bill is unnecessary.

Sincerely,

Misty Cluett
For Our Rights
July 2, 2020

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RE: DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES' TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2502, SENATE DRAFT 1, RELATING TO HEALTH.


This respectfully requests your favorable consideration of Part VI of House Bill No. 2502, Senate Draft 1, for which decision making was scheduled today at 10:10 a.m. in the Auditorium.

We reviewed the testimony submitted by the Department of Human Services (DHS) on this measure and would support the insertion of a "drop-dead" provision for Part VI that would occur on June 30, 2021. This would ensure that the larger issue on how best to allow for telephonic services in telehealth after the conclusion of the Public Health Emergency will be reexamined by the Legislature during the 2021 Regular Session.

As noted in our testimony, from a black letter reading of the Telehealth Law, DHS is specifically prohibited from using telephonic services as part of telehealth. It is only because the Governor suspended these particular statutes that DHS has been able to allow for Medicaid coverage under limited
situations in accordance with what is allowable under the federal Emergency Declaration that eased similar federal restrictions on telephone services in telehealth.

Our concern is that pending litigation could stop the Governor's suspension of the statute. If the suspension is stopped by injunctive relief after Adjournment Sine Die, as we read the current statute, DHS would be barred from continuing the limited telephonic services in telehealth until next year when the Legislature reconvenes. Should that happen, people could effectively be cut off from health care until such time as this statute gets resolved.

It was never HPCA's intention to get into many of the substantive issues raised at this time. From our vantage, it would be better for the parties to come together to work out how best to operate under the "new normal" of post-COVID. Also, given the short timeframe for the remainder of the 2020 session, all we wanted was to ensure that DHS could continue to allow telephonic services in telehealth while the parties work this out, regardless of whether or not the litigation prevails.

DHS raises questions on how telephonic services should work moving forward, and we understand that in order for this to continue, DHS and the parties will need to work this out. But given the circumstances and efforts done to date to increase access to very vulnerable populations, HPCA is trying to ensure that DHS has the flexibility to continue these efforts while a solution can be found.

Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very Truly Yours,

ROBERT HIROKAWA
Chief Executive Officer
Hawaii Primary Care Association

c: President, Hawaii State Senate
Speaker, Hawaii State House of Representatives
Representative Bert Kobayashi
HPCA Board of Directors
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I strongly oppose hb2502
This entire bill is an infringement on our rights and is unconstitutional, you can talk about quarantine and isolation of children and families being separated and what exactly does treatment mean. Would you be forced to take medication or injection that you do not consent to? It infringes on bodily autonomy.
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Comments:
My name is Duane Sosa. I am a resident of Waiau, HI on the island of Oahu. I am messaging you folks at the State Capitol to voice my staunch OPPOSITION to HB 2502. I do so because HB2502 starts out by addressing travel related concerns, but that is just an introduction. The proposed Section 2 is to be implemented into HRS 325, independent of the bill, and would apply to ALL people in Hawaii, both residents and visitors. Based on the content of the bill, ANY PERSON suspected of being at a “higher risk of spreading infection” would be subject to quarantine, removal to a quarantine facility by police force, with no limitation on how long s/he can be held in quarantine, and no cap on the amount of money the individual can be charged for room, board, and treatment. There are no guarantees that families would be kept together and no safeguards for bodily autonomy. Healthcare providers and facilities would be free from liability if a person were to be injured or even die during “care” as long as the Healthcare provider/facility followed the protocols established by the Department of Health. This is a complete and total disregard for the civil liberties established in the United States Constitution for any person merely suspected of being at a greater risk based on a presumed threat without any requirement for the State or Director of Health to meet the burden of proof before removing civil liberties.

This equates to the introduction of MEDICAL MARTIAL LAW. And I for one cannot allow that to happen. A person cannot and should not be detained or quarantined against there consent by mere SUSPICION that s/he is "infected" with a communicable disease. That is a violation of civil liberties. This cannot be allowed.

Again...I, Duane Sosa, stand vehemently OPPOSED to HB 2502. And I hope THIS TIME the Legislature of our great Aloha State will listen to ALL the voices of it's residents who are OPPOSED to it's passing.
Stay Safe...Stay Vigilant. PEACE n ALOHA!!!
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Comments:
Dear Senate Committee on Ways and Means,

I am writing in STRONG OPPOSITION to HB 2502 HD1 SD1.

This bill is overreaching and infringes very heavily on people’s civil liberties. You all act like we have the plague upon us, but the numbers show that this is not the case. Not in Hawaii, and not nation wide.

I prefer freedom and accept this may come with some risks, over falsely perceived "safety" procedures that are only ushering in an ever more distopian totalitarian society.

Renee Dieperink
I oppose HB 2502
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STRONGLY OPPOSE
Comments:

I do not consent to giving unelected DOH members such power over our individual health rights. The wording of this bill is too vague, "other actions deemed necessary," leaves the door open to any manner of unnecessary and unwanted health interventions. This is a free country and informed consent is essential to preventing tyrannical mandates, by removing consent, you are removing the power of free will and free speech. This bill does not represent the interest of the people.
Comments:

Aloha Committee chair, members, and representatives.

My name is Emi Svrcina and I'm a resident of Mililani for 21 years, and naturalized citizen of USA for 25+ years.

I strongly oppose this bill HB2502, because it strongly reminds me the communist tyranny I had to escape from 32 years ago. Then also unelected bureaucrats were deciding our life, liberty and pursuit of happiness. This is America and bills like this can be promoted only by un-American, ignoring they own oath of office by disregarding our God given rights, ignoring our constitution, dismissing our election rights, and on top of this using this BILL (as example of medical fascism) to force people to be screened, quarantined, and to declare their health status (clear HIPAA violation) or to be punished by fines.

Unconscionable.

Please make no mistake about it. Communism makes everybody equally poor and miserable and has always bad ending even for the useful idiots promoting it. My experience.

God bless you and your right decissions.
I oppose this bill because it is very unconstitutional.
Comments:

For the reply to the introduction of this bill, I oppose this bill as it is oppressive to our liberties and rights as healthy citizens who value their health and well being. This bill proposes to impose unnecessary restrictions on healthy citizens who depend on travel for business and sustainability. It also implies that healthy people are to be treated as sick.
I, Diane Kitahara, of 95-146 Kipapa Dr. #9 Mililani, HI 96789 STRONGLY OPPOSE HB2502!!

This bill is too vague, gives way too much power to unelected officials and is very scary. America should not be a dictatorship. This is not China.

DO NOT LET SB2502 PASS!!!
I strongly oppose this bill.
**Submitted By** | **Organization** | **Testifier Position** | **Present at Hearing**
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Clare Saffery | Individual | Oppose | No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

Signed,

Clare Saffery
**HB-2502-SD-1**  
Submitted on: 6/30/2020 1:59:37 PM  
Testimony for WAM on 7/2/2020 10:10:00 AM

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<td>Sarah A Schroeder</td>
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Comments:

STRONGLY OPPOSE
Comments:

I, Shane Kitahara, of 95-146 Kipapa Dr. #9 Mililani, HI 96789 STRONGLY OPPOSE HB2502!!

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Comments:

To whom it may concern:

I strongly oppose HB2502 and ask that you do NOT pass it into law.
**Submitted on:** 6/30/2020 10:41:40 AM  
**Testimony for WAM on:** 7/2/2020 10:10:00 AM

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Comments:
Submitted By
Sandra L Terp M.D.
Organization
Individual
Testifier Position
Oppose
Present at Hearing
No

Comments:

this is wrong, the governor already has the authority, NO ONE else need it. keep it out of the hands of the DOH. they are unelected, and you will be too if you show you work for them and not the people who put you where you are today.

this is a violation of civil liberties and bodily autonomy
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<td>tiare phillips</td>
<td>Individual</td>
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Nicole Belrose | Individual | Oppose | No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill! It is against our constitutional rights.
**HB-2502-SD-1**
Submitted on: 6/30/2020 10:42:51 AM
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<td>Marilee Lyons</td>
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Comments:

I oppose HB2502 HD1 SD1 for this regulates my freedom and transfers too much power to the Health Director, non-elected position.
**HB-2502-SD-1**
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<td>Andi Nora</td>
<td>Individual</td>
<td>Oppose</td>
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Comments:

STRONGLY OPPOSE!
Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill which is a complete infringement on our rights and unconstitutional!
I am writing to STRONGLY OPPOSE HB2502.

Dangerously vague language with all authority handed over to the unelected bureaucrats at the Department of Health? This is a slippery slope.
Comments:

This is absolutely a disgrace. You should be ashamed for even allowing this bill a hearing after the public outcry of over 97% in opposition. Our state is turning from the land of aloha to a land of tyranny. Ige clearly has abused his power through emergency proclamation and when challenged by a lawsuit the DOH (Sarah Park) tries to usurp power by creating this bill with loose language that she then gets to interpret and define at a later date. Chapter 91 and 201m will go out the window and the unelected DOH will do as they please. They have shown before they like to change our laws through rule making and that will give them the same authority with no oversight this time.

What happens if a family was on a plane with someone who tested positive for Covid but the results were not known till after the flight, or it was a false positive? Will they be quarantined, isolated, given treatment against their will? These are all parts of the loose language that gets determined later. A mother could be separated from her child, medical procedures and medications could be administered without consent.

Everything in this bill screams the loss of privacy, bodily autonomy, and civil liberties. In times of emergency we should not be slapsticking and pushing together lousy legislation, we need to be taking advice from experts in all fields (not the lying, wrong, backtracking, can't get their story straight CDC) related to medicine, health, crisis management, school etc; to gather the best possible plan. Putting it in the hands of unelected officials via the Governor's approval (because his authority would no longer be as great) is not the way to handle this situation or any one like it.

Please act the official we thought we elected, you are suppose to work for US! The Governor's emergency proclamation is all we need, if the emergency does not exist after 60 days, then lift it, if there is still a need for it, justify the need. DO NOT give it to the DOH and make a shadow government.
Aloha,

My family and I are submitting opposition to HB2502. The Department of Health was not elected by the people to make such decisions regarding our personal freedoms. The vague language in HB2502 allows the DOH to further define laws without oversight. Mandated testing, tracking, quarantine, isolation, treatment, etc should not be exempt from informed consent and absolutely should not infringe on our constitutional rights as human beings and citizens of the United States.

Thank you. Be pono.
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<td>Nalani Enos</td>
<td>Individual</td>
<td>Oppose</td>
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Comments:
I strongly oppose!
I strongly oppose HB2502. I am appalled that this has even been proposed.
Aloha,

As a citizen and a very concerned parent, I highly oppose this bill. It violates our consituational rights. Not only does the updates CDC reports show that the extreme rate they thought this virus to be is wrong and death rate is very very rare. But more people are dying of flu each year. Which goes to show viruses will be around just as it was for years and years. Mask doesn't protect us from it. Which also goes to show a vaccine for COVID will do nothing just as a flu vaccine is out there and the flu is still around, mandating a COVID vaccine is unnecessary! Please oppose this bill! I am a concern mother and citizen and I am FOR MEDICAL FREEDOM! Thank you for your time!
I strongly oppose this bill, it is completely against our constitutional rights and is not in the best interest of protecting our families or communities.
Aloha, It seems to me most of you have lost the meaning of Aloha. That is Tragic. Aloha means among many other things, Truth, or the search for Truth. You are NOT doing that on so many important issues. For whatever reasons, you are destroying Hawai‘i. Truth on any given subject is not found by only listening to part of the story. Why you are doing this is irrelevant to some degree. THAT you are doing it is the EPIC FAIL. You are DESTROYING Hawai‘i. You are Killing People and if you continue down the path you are on, you will kill more people. You will KILL Keiki, which is probably the Greatest Crime on Earth. Killing the Bodies, the bright smiles, the Shear Joy, that are healthy Children. Good people for a long time have been attempting to get thru to you, to get you to do your job, and on and on you go down the same path that brought us to this VERY DANGEROUS TIME. Is it that you are lost in Fear? Are you lost in that trap of "I am Right"? Is it Money? You are KILLING HAWAI‘I! Einstein said in a butchered quote by me, " to keep doing that brought you to the problem you have is the definition of Insanity. You are acting INSANE. Will you wake up from your delusion before you kill most of us? I offer again powerful information that could help. *** https://freedomplatform.londonreal.tv/andrew-wakefield-1986-the-act-what-the-government-dont-want-you-to-know-about-mandatory-vaccines/?fbclid=IwAR3JbOu8WYHCzr_BY3EdrPj8bGk-aAyZf4E4Rz_46bz-2gb4ckGVbIn7lDE
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<td>Meleana Taufoou</td>
<td>Individual</td>
<td>Oppose</td>
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Comments:

I strongly oppose this Bill and the responsibility should lie in the hands of an elected official not our department of health. The language used in the bill is written very loosely and gives broad overreaching power. We have a governor that can make these decisions and that’s where the power needs to stay.
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<td>taneil</td>
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Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. Unconstitutional, you are stripping us of our freedom.
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<td>Nysa Barboza</td>
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Chabrielle Quezon  Individual  Oppose  No

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I strongly oppose this bill!
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<td>Sean Williams</td>
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Comments:

I do not support this and will never support this.
Comments:

I strongly oppose.
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<td>Barrington Kane</td>
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Comments:

I strongly oppose.
I strongly oppose this bill, as a United States Citizen, due to the nature and degree of privacy violations and the open door created for bypassing the necessary and intentional process of check and balances in the United States Government and Constitution. Even in the event of a pandemic, or emergency, the United States Constitution and the rights afforded US Citizens do not cease to exist, rather they exist for this exact reason, to protect the citizens from government overreach and to ensure legislative due process is upheld.
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<td>Tanya Fessenden</td>
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Comments:

I do not support this 1%
**Submitted By** | **Organization** | **Testifier Position** | **Present at Hearing**
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Lianne Blas | Individual | Oppose | No

**Comments:**

I strongly oppose bill!!!
Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing
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Sanford Williams | Individual | Oppose | No

Comments:

I do not Support!!!!!!
I STRONGLY oppose bill HB2502 HD1 SD1. This is a violation of our human rights and leaves the door open to too much control without any voter input. We demand the right to vote on issues like this, even in a time of "emergency".

We will not comply with forced vaccination or "treatment" or "isolation' or "quarantine" as you see fit.
Deirdre Madrid  Individual  Oppose  No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill because I believe it infringes on my God given rights protected by the US Constitution.
Geneve Chong
Individual
Oppose
No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. These are draconian measures for a virus with a 99% survival rate. It separates family and invades our privacy -- this is not what America stands for! Our lives should not be left in the hands of unelected officials of the Department of Health. This is a nightmare and a slap in the face to our God-given rights. Think about the future of your children and grandchildren, and allow them the chance to experience a life of freedom as you have! Please do not pass this tyrannical bill!

Thank you!
I strongly oppose HB2502.

Mahalo Nui Loa.
**Submitted By** | **Organization** | **Testifier Position** | **Present at Hearing**
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Frank Silsley | Individual | Oppose | No

Comments:
Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. I disagree with the vague language allowing DOH to violate my rights "if deemed necessary." I'm very upset that our state is allowing this to happened, it's unacceptable.
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<td>Erica Cuasito</td>
<td>Individual</td>
<td>Oppose</td>
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Comments:
I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB2502 HD1 SD1! Please do not infringe on the people's rights. Please do not allow one person, the head of DOH, who is not an elected official to make these decisions for the people of Hawaii. Please do what is right and unanimously oppose HB2502 HD1 SD1!
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Comments:

This is so uncalled for. DO NOT PASS THIS.
Aloha,

This Bill is in direct violation to our constitutional right and bodily autonomy. We demand clarifications on "treatment" in relation to medical interventions without consent and quarantine with children. How do you propose to separate families/familiar units who do not have the ability to self-isolate? This needs to be rectified immediately.

Mahalo,

Brittney Hedlund
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<td>talisa keohuloa</td>
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Comments:

I as a mother and person in community I do not agree with this bill. I do not agree with mandatory isolation, testing, quarantine & treatment. Covid-19 testing has a 80% false positive. If there isn't a 100% guaranteed test how can you approve a treatment (most likely a vaccine). I also DO NOT believe vaccines should be necessary if it's not 100% guaranteed to protect you. This is absolutely ridiculous! I OPPOSE BILL HB2502 SD1!
Comments:

I OPPOSE THIS BILL. It's not right to give power over this to the unelected. You are taking away our rights as citizens. Do the RIGHT AND MORAL thing as a human beings and parents and the safety of our children. I oppose this bill!!
Comments:

This is beyond unnecessary. This puts the DOH in charge of everyone entering the state of Hawaii, a department with unelected bureaucrats. The covid tests are not even accurate, as stated by Dr. Birx and many doctors across the world. False positives would cause the unnecessary quarantine/isolation, contact tracing, "treatment" and unconstitutional government control. This is overreach of the government. This will greatly affect the tourism industry as well. The death rate of this virus is less than 1% and there are cures available! A vaccine is not necessary, especially if the antibodies don't last or the virus continues to mutate, as does the seasonal flu. Why are these draconian rules being proposed for an illness with a 99.9% survival rate? It is up to individuals to stay healthy as a virus thrives within a host with ideal conditions, but not in a truly healthy body. The human body is comprised of 90% non human cells (bacteria and viruses) and only 10% human cells. Bacteria and viruses have existed for zillions of years. Keeping us quarantined or isolated or masked and afraid of one virus (until a poorly tested vaccine with no proven success and huge risk for harm) that healthy individuals can overcome or be treated with the available cures is poor science and medical malpractice. Members of Senate need to use better critical thinking before passing these proposed new rules. These are completely out of control and unnecessary. If you want to improve our health and chance of survival, this is not the way. DO BETTER AT YOUR JOB OF PROTECTING OUR GOD GIVEN INDIVIDUAL CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS.
**Submitted By** | **Organization** | **Testifier Position** | **Present at Hearing**
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Travis | Individual | Oppose | No

Comments:

I don’t believe an unappointed person should have so much power over the people
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<td>Brea Caley</td>
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Comments:

This bill is knowingly ripping our freedom away from us. It's appalling. I strongly oppose this unconstitutional bill!!!
**HB-2502-SD-1**
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<td>ashlyn</td>
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Comments:

i strongly oppose HB2502!! its a big violation of our constitutional rights!! i believe in medical freedom!! we the people should not be forced to do anything we do not want to do! Also the DOH!! shouldnt be given full power on any decisions and laws to be made on public health! they should have no power! they arent elected officials to hold any power!
Aloha,

I strongly OPPOSE HB2502. It is tyranny to make testing, tracing, quarantine, and treatment mandatory. I DO NOT consent! This oversteps our constitutional rights. Especially with a death rate of .26% per CDC death rate including asymptomatic carriers. Please do not pass this bill and force upon the people medical treatment that goes against the Nuremberg code. I take care of my body and my health. No one needs to make the decisions for me in a free country. My body, my choice.

Mahalo,

Amber Furchess
I strongly oppose HB2502 HD1 SD1.

"This Act serves to enhance the tools available to the State in its effort to contain or mitigate the spread of communicable or dangerous diseases, to enable the use of these tools without a governor's emergency proclamation, and to make the containment or mitigation effort more efficient and flexible in protecting the public health and safety."

I oppose the expansion of powers beyond the current powers held by the governor in regards to containment strategy. Potential abuse of such powers is highly likely.

"(2) Require declarations of health status, travel history, and intended lodging or residence plans from travelers;"

Opposed due to intrusion into privacy.

"(d) The director's declaration of a public health emergency shall be posted on the department's website and shall terminate automatically ninety days after the declaration, unless earlier terminated or extended or revoked by the governor or director in consultation with and authorization from the governor. Any extension shall terminate automatically after ninety days, unless further extended by the governor or director in consultation with and authorization from the governor."

Opposed due to no other means of opposing such directives. Also allows for indefinite extensions which can harm many people.

"(1) Screen interisland, domestic, or international travelers for evidence of communicable or dangerous diseases by using a screening method approved by the department;"

There are many problems with current Covid tests. I have done PCR technique myself (which the RNA form of this technique is utilized for supposed Covid detection). There are many who have reported on the multiple problems with false positives in addition to other issues. We should strongly reconsider what is considered as "positive" for Covid.
"If the department deems it necessary for the public health, treatment, quarantine, and isolation may be required, at the expense of the person entering the State."

The wording in this section is too vague in regards to proposed treatment. I cannot support any legislation that allows for treatment that overrides the person's rights to refuse said treatments. I have eczema that has been successfully treated through cleansing techniques. I first exhibited eczema symptoms after working with pesticides in college. Conventional treatments do not address root cause of my condition. I would never force my choice for treatment on someone else nor do I wish others to do so with me especially at my own expense which given our current system is very expensive.

I strongly oppose HB2502.
HB-2502-SD-1
Submitted on: 6/30/2020 11:24:05 AM
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Comments:

This should not be allowed.
Leilani Diga

Individual

Oppose

No

Comments:

This is a violation of our rights!
**HB-2502-SD-1**
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Comments:

This is a violation of our rights!
Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE! Not only for myself but for my child who has been vaccine injured as well. She still deserves to be educated without being bullied into being vaccinated. Mahalo!
Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.
Marichris Diga-Lazo | Individual | Oppose | Yes

Comments:

This is a violation of our constitutional rights. I am fighting for my freedom because if we don't fight for our freedom, we will have nothing to fight for anymore.
HB-2502-SD-1
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Comments:
I OPPOSE this bill and urge you to do the same. Unelected parties such as the DOH should not hold the authority meant to be held by elected officials with public oversight. This bill is way too vague to be responsible and is a grave insult to our consitutional rights.
Comments:

I strongly oppose the wording of HB2502, as a resident of the state of Hawaii, as to the broad measures that are not clearly identified in regards to isolation and quarantine. These restrictions will directly impact civil and constitutional rights of the citizens of the state of Hawaii, and United States of America.
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I highly oppose this bill. One size does not fit all. The government should never or the DOH have authority over what's best for me or my family. This is very unconstitutional and will have many issues down the road. Some people cannot have immunizations due to health reasons. The state has already made it impossible to have a religious exemption or medical exemption. Enough is enough! This someday if it is passed will come back to bite all of you in the ass that are trying to pass this and someday will affect you and your family. You won't always be exempt! We The People you work for us.
**HB-2502-SD-1**  
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Comments:
I oppose this bill! You are infringing on my rights and this is unconstitutional! Not to mention your saying in this bill that your able to come into our homes and separate children from their parents or elderly from their love ones! This is insane! Do you realize the trauma you will cause in our families! Then your choosing to be vague on what treatment you will use on us?!? Will this be forced on us even if we are healthy and show no signs. We have a right to say what we will or will not do with our own bodies and you have no right to take that away from us & use it against us! Not to mention this quarantine/isolation has gotten out of hand! The government said to "stay put" for 14 days and here we are looking at 4 months and the flu season is done! Shame on you for doing this to your own people, to your own families using fear tactics to paralyze us & making us afraid of one another!!!
HB-2502-SD-1
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<td>Jenny Caban</td>
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Comments:

I strongly oppose HB2505 HD1 SD1 for several reasons.

The first being that the bill would grant an appointed director discretion to declare public health emergencies on diseases the Director deems dangerous. This means that if the Director determined the common cold a dangerous communicable disease, the Director would be able to declare a public health emergency and implement necessary actions to mitigate the spread of the infection. As we know, the common cold isn't a deadly disease but this bill would allow the Director full discretion and authority. It's important to note that Covid-19 is similar to the common cold with a high infection rate but low mortality rate.

Second, the bill would further provide the Director sweeping powers to implement measures to detect, prevent, mitigate, recover from the transmission of communicable or dangerous diseases. If the Director determined that shutting down businesses due to the common cold is necessary, the Director would have the ability to do so under this bill without care of infringement to an individual's constitutional rights.

Lastly, the bill provides the Director leeway to extend his/her public health emergencies indefinitely. This is concerning considering the first two reasons mentioned earlier.

For these reasons, I oppose, oppose, oppose! To allow a person with so much power and leeway, one that does not even need a medical license to make health decisions for the State of Hawaii is reckless and dangerous.
**Comments:**

I am Cynthia Cowan and reside in the County of Maui, Hawaii, at 61 Piina Place, Lahaina HI, 96761. I STRONGLY OPPOSE this bill.

This bill is an infringement on our rights and unconstitutional. To quarantine, isolate and separate family and children? What exactly is does "treatment" mean? Would we be forced to take medication that we do not consent to? It infringes upon bodily autonomy just to start with. So many things wrong with this bill!
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Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill as it is against our constitutional rights.
I STRONGLY OPPOSE HB2502 SD1. Follow the Constitution, don't jeopardize our freedom.
I strongly oppose HB2502. It is unconstitutional to mandate such laws and should be immediately dismissed. I do not agree with tracking individuals, mandating testing, penalizing and quarantining individuals whatsoever. This power should not be in the hands of unelected officials. Furthermore, this virus has a death rate of .26% and to proceed with such harsh guidelines is ridiculous and clearly driven by other motives. You cannot take our rights from us and you cannot attempt to turn our state into a dictatorship and/or communist. I hope you really hear and listen to the people of the state because absolutely no one agrees with this.
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Comments:
I, Rosie Santos, oppose HB 2502 introduced by Ryan Mizuno, of the democratic party. The director of department of health should NOT be given full authority in making decisions for the citizens of Hawai‘i. This person does not have higher authority than the current LT Governor, Dr. Josh Green. I also do not give full authority to our Democratic Governor Ige. All these important decisions affecting the people of Hawai‘i should be collaborated with each other. Where is our civil right to make decisions for bodies for ourselves? God gave us free will.
Please ask yourself the following questions and ponder them carefully:

1) How will I face my creator knowing I was responsible for the destruction of our economy and the lives of thousands of men, women, and children, because I refused to study the facts and listen to science?

2). Why would I choose to vote for this bill? Why am I such a coward that I would allow my vote to be bought and paid for KNOWING it is not based in any reality, fact, or actual danger? Even the corrupt CDC says the mortality rate is .26% and YOU want to destroy peoples lives because of THAT?

3). Please describe the evil you are possessed by that could warrant you being front and center with turning this state into a communist realm while it burns people in the incinerators already sitting at the top of Aiea Heights.

4). What will you do when you realize that when "they" decide to come after your OWN CHILDREN, or your GRANDCHILDREN and take them away from their PARENTS, that YOU are responsible???

5). Please look at yourself in the mirror and ask yourself if you can live with yourself if you pass this bill. Even the DOJ doesn't support these measures!!!

6). Please define "dangerous!"

7). Please be prepared to take full liability when the rage of a million people come down upon you when this bill is flipped around and used against you.

You are probably a good person, and you love your family. Please be brave and stand up to these corrupt individuals who are perpetrating crimes against humanity. Please do your research and know that this very vague language will be the end of Aloha, in Hawaii.
I strongly oppose HB2502.
Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing
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nick manwill | Individual | Oppose | No

Comments:

I 100% oppose this bill and will fight it by any means necessary. No organization or official should ever have the right to negate the constitution and our freedoms to fight viruses or "threats". The health of the people, the health of an individual is the sole responsibility of that person. The health of a family is the responsibility of the parents or heads of household. YOU DO NOT GET TO TELL ME HOW OR WHAT I NEED TO DO TO "stay safe" OR "healthy". You have already crossed the line, infringining on American's rights to happiness and freedom and the people will not stand for any further action. I will not stand for it. Your bill is vague and clearly shows that you have no respect or care for the people you are claiming to care for.
Good afternoon,

My name is Sarah Ezcurra and I am a resident of the State of Hawaii in the County of Maui, in Kihei, 96753. After reading HB2501 and current testimony, I am writing my testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION to HB2502 related to Health.

The bill removes numerous personal freedoms, which are guaranteed by the United States Constitution, without meeting the burden of proof that the removal of such highly regarded and well protected freedoms would be necessary. According to the bill, an apparently healthy individual can be removed from their home and remanded to a quarantine facility, solely on suspicion, if they are “deemed by the department to be … at higher risk of infection, or at risk for spreading infection.” However, it is not defined how the department would determine if an individual or group of people would be at a “higher risk of spreading infection” and the Bill does not provide for any burden of proof by the State or Department of Health to demonstrate that a person is truly a threat before removing their personal freedoms.

Comments:
State of Hawaii House of Representatives
Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce
HB 2502 Relating to Health
TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION

TESTIFIER: Sarah Ezcurra
DATE: Tuesday, June 30, 2020
Another significant point of concern is the potential for exposure and infection within the quarantine facility. The bill would allow for a perfectly healthy person to be remanded to a quarantine facility solely on suspicion of having a greater (undefined) risk of spreading infection, even though the person is not presently infected. This person could be placed in a facility with other individuals who may actually be carrying an infectious disease, and thereby contract the very infectious disease from which the state was supposed to protect them. There are also no safeguards specified in the bill to protect individuals once they are remanded to the quarantine facility.

Additionally, there appears to be no limit set on how long an individual can be held in quarantine or isolation without the burden of proof that the individual is actually a threat to the community.

The act states that “Each individual quarantined shall be responsible for the costs of food, lodging, and medical care, except for those costs covered and paid by the individual’s health plan.” With this Bill, the state could hold a person or family against their will without providing any proof that they are actually a threat, without any limitation as to how long they could be held, and charge the individual an uncapped and undisclosed amount of money to do so. This hardly seems in accordance with the Constitution of the United States which expressly guarantees an individual’s right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

According to the bill, “the court may order the consolidation of claims where: (1) The number of individuals involved or to be affected by an order of quarantine or isolation is so large as to render individual participation impractical”. This undermines the United States Constitutional protection of individual liberties. A person may have extenuating circumstances, but the court could decide to ignore the individual complaints and require an individual to be part of a group without the individual’s express consent.

I am also deeply concerned by, and expressly object to, the invasion of privacy in mandating medical disclosure forms at both arrival and departure points that would then be shared with private entities. Health privacy has long been protected by HIPPA and should remain so. Text from the Bill, “Collection, receipt, and use of the information may include the sharing of the information between or among the department, other governmental agencies, and private entities under contract with the department.”
I also expressly object to the use of funds collected under the bill for purposes other than public health. Per the Bill,

“(2) $1,500,000 shall be allocated to the Turtle Bay conservation easement special fund beginning July 1, 2015, for the reimbursement to the state general fund of debt service on reimbursable general obligation bonds, including ongoing expenses related to the issuance of the bonds, the proceeds of which were used to acquire the conservation easement and other real property interests in Turtle Bay, Oahu, for the protection, preservation, and enhancement of natural resources important to the State, until the bonds are fully amortized;

(3) $16,500,000 shall be allocated to the convention center enterprise special fund established under section 201B—8;

(4) $79,000,000 shall be allocated to the tourism special fund established under section 2018—11;

(A) Beginning on July 1, 2012, and ending on June 30, 2015, $2,000,000 shall be expended from the tourism special fund for development and implementation of initiatives to take advantage of expanded Visa programs and increased travel opportunities for international visitors to Hawaii;

(B) Of the $79,000,000 allocated: (i) $1,000,000 shall be allocated for the operation of a Hawaiian center and the museum of Hawaiian music and dance; and (ii) 0.5 per cent of the $79,000,000 shall be transferred to a sub—account in the tourism special fund to provide funding for a safety”

Thank you for hearing my testimony AGAINST HB 2502.

Sincerely,

Sarah Ezcurra
HB-2502-SD-1
Submitted on: 6/30/2020 3:19:42 PM
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I oppose HB 2502 SD1 giving the Department of Health Director the power to declare a public health emergency, implant measures & restrictions in response to CoVid 19 quarantines, testing mandates, & penalties to comply. I believe it should remain under the power of the Governor who was elected by the people of Hawaii.
**HB-2502-SD-1**  
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Comments:

Dear legislator,

I oppose HB2502 SD1. This bill takes the rights as citizens away, it goes against spiritual and religious beliefs, as well as put our community at risk. The vaccine that is being created has not been tested to the extent that should be required, I believe the coming of this unknown vaccine will cause another form of illness that will infect this island.

we must keep our ohana safe and healthy to continue to thrive.

please do not pass this bill.
Comments:

I strongly oppose such tyrannical laws as HB2502.

IT IS NOT THE GOVERNMENTS JOB TO PROTECT OUR HEALTH. IT IS THE GOVERNMENTS JOB TO PROTECT OUR RIGHTS. IT IS MY JOB TO PROTECT MY HEALTH.

WHEN YOU TRADE LIBERTY FOR SAFETY YOU END UP LOOSING BOTH.

When ever were we supposed and forced to wear mask for all the viruses is the past. Think about it please.

Aloha Martina, Maui.
Comments:

This Bill infringes on our rights in the Constitution. This is a complete and total disregard for the civil liberties established in the United States Constitution for any person merely suspected of being at a greater risk based on a presumed threat without any requirement for the State or Director of Health to meet the burden of proof before removing civil liberties. Please do not pass this bill, it will endanger our families and endanger all who come to Hawaii. The long term affects of this bill will be devastating on our families and our economy.

Thank you for your attention.

Aloha,
I strongly oppose this law as it's against my constitutional right
Comments:

My ohana and I do not wish to give up our liberties to obtain a little temporary safety...

Mahalo nui loa
**Submitted By** | **Organization** | **Testifier Position** | **Present at Hearing**
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Amanda Peralta | Individual | Oppose | No

Comments:
Comments:

This bill goes against the constitution. I feel that I am the only one who should make major choices for my family/children. We should be allowed exemptions because we are in a free country with freedom of speech and choice. Legislation works for the people and we are saying no. I STRONGLY oppose this bill.
Comments:

I strongly disagree, as it directly violates my rights as a US citizen.
As a born and raised lifetime Hawaii resident of Japanese, Hawaiian ancestry, I strongly oppose this bill as it does not protect the constitutional rights or the democratic process of individuals who are to be subjected to the effects of enactment. There is no due process or check and balance of power or authority, as well as no individual options to decline "screenings" which is not specified or outlined as to the intrusiveness of said "screenings". This individual who would be granted power to decide, dictate and limit the lives of residents has not been given the consent to do so by the voting public. They were not elected to govern the population this way, thus should not be in control of the population's livelihoods. This is wrong and goes against a basic democratic process. Furthermore, giving the definitions at the end of the document, such as "Isolation", those given definitions are not satisfactory and leave large loopholes as to what constitutes specifics of given terminology used in this proposal. Where is the accountability, transparency and individual rights preserved? This is a gross attempt to leverage a crisis to the government's advantage to circumvent due process and discussion, taking into evidence factual science and studies which would lead to such actions taking place. There is no blanket solution when it comes to the protection, preservation and treatment of INDIVIDUAL health. EVERY single person is unique and different with numerous variables to consider when talking about health and safety. To treat an entire population under one type of treatment, medication, and system is devoid of intelligence. I propose that every single sponsor submit transparency statements that includes but is not limited to monetary endorsements from any and all agencies, companies and individuals, as well as listing the entire contractual competitors, proceedings, brokered deals, and personal or professional relationships. Transparency is paramount to ensuring a clean and honest process. Thank you for your attention to an individual who you have sworn to protect the constitutional rights of.
I oppose this bill as it provides too much unchecked authority to non-elected officials. Thank you for considering my testimony.
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Comments:

**HB2502 - A disgusting, oppressive power grab made by political opportunists during a waning “pandemic”**.

Viruses are nothing new. Diseases and pestilence are as old as mankind itself... what is new is the aggressive push of our local government to use viruses as a tool to strip their constituents of our rights.

It has become painfully clear that the coronavirus “threat” was blown up by the media (in collusion with certain individuals in the government) for mostly political purposes to the detriment of it’s citizens.

The CDC is now estimating the coronavirus has a death rate of .2%. Literally twice the death rate of the annual flu....


All of this destruction, pain, and suffering for a virus that has a mortality rate 2x the flu.

Isn’t it painfully obvious that the “cure” was worse than the disease?

The mask mandate alone, is enough to remove any doubt in my mind that YOU (our elected officials) will impose tyrannical rules upon us in the name of *SCIENCE* when no such science can be produced. If you wish to rebut this fact: Please have Governor Ige do a press release where he cites the name of the study that proves cloth masks prevent asymptomatic spread.

Seeing as no such study exists, I will instead attach a study from the New England Journal of Medicine that says cloth masks are completely ineffective:

If that wasn’t bad enough, here is a study showing wearing cloth masks can actually harm your health! https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2015/04/150422121724.htm

Based on the current and prior behavior of our elected officials, it can be assumed that this proposed legislation will 100% be abused and used as a tool of oppression on the citizens of Hawaii…

This legislation gives an unelected official (department of health) the power to enact woefully vague “rules” without ANY PUBLIC INPUT. Kind of like what you all did with HAR-1157. You KNEW the public would not consent, so you found a way to circumvent the legislative process and ensure the outcome you desired. That process, and how you all handled it really, really, eroded my faith and trust in my elected officials. Many of us feel deeply betrayed by how you handled HAR-1157 and this has MUCH wider implications.

This legislation will effectively strip the rights local individuals who are “uncooperative or seek to evade the screening process” to travel within their own STATE. Tell me where else in the “free” United States of America, citizens and residents have to submit to privacy decimating “health checks” and invasive “tracking and monitoring” to travel WITHIN THEIR OWN STATE?

Under these new rules, if I refuse to comply with your testing, treatment, and ongoing monitoring... am I even allowed to leave? Am I even allowed to flee from my orewllian government?

It was reported that the first presentation of this bill received over 1000+ testimonies. The ratio of those testimonies was 990 against and 10 for…. And yet you march on.

NO. WE HAVE HAD ENOUGH. What will it take to be heard?
I strongly oppose HB2502.

There should never be a situation, epidemic or pandemic, when the Director of Health should be able to issue an emergency proclamation ever. The Director of Health serves at the pleasure of the Governor. The Governor serves at the pleasure of the people. The people want the Governor to be the only office to declare an emergency, health-related or otherwise. The Governor in conjunction with his trusted advisors should make these important decisions based on the facts at hand. Under no circumstances should a director of any department declare an emergency. That is the job of the Governor. Giving that power to a director of any department creates a precedent no one should have to follow.

Mahalo.
Comments:

I strongly object to this bill and stand in opposition to HD2502 SD1. I am in opposition to the original and amended bill proposal.
This bill is an infringement on our constitutional rights. Through quarantine and isolation, families may be separated. What would then happen to mothers/children? What exactly does the "treatment" plan even mean?

Would we be forced to take medication that we do not consent to? This bill infringes upon bodily autonomy and it leaves much at question, without proper explanation of what this truly would mean for families that travel, even when it means visiting loved ones across state lines. This allows the DOH to proceed with my body, any member of my family who is healthy and do as they wish.

A bill like this basically allowing the DOH to use our bodies as an experiment. Will a common cold, result in quarantine and isolation? Where do we really draw the line?
Aloha Chair Dela Cruz and WAM Committee Members,

I am opposed to HB 2502, SD1 because it is unconstitutional. It invests decision making authority and regulatory enforcement in a single, unelected administrative director and agency. SD 1 gives the Department of Heath and its Director the power to proclaim, implement, and then enforce law upon the people of Hawaii. That authority constitutionally falls only within the purview of the legislative branch (State Legislature) and the executive branch (the Governor). No agency or director should be given this level of law-making power. This power should be wielded only by elected officials.

I strongly urge you to reconsider the level of authority explicitly and unconstitutionally granted a state agency in this measure and vote against HB2502 SD1.
**HB-2502-SD-1**  
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<td>Kara Kearns</td>
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**Comments:**

I highly oppose this bill! This is not a one size fits all and at no pint should the government or DOH say what is best for me and my family! Not only is this unconstitutional rolling a plan out like this will hit some major roadblocks with conflicting health issues and people that are not able to get immunizations. This is America! Power of the people - we get to decide what happens to our body!
### HB-2502-SD-1
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<td>arielle</td>
<td>Individual</td>
<td>Oppose</td>
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Comments:
I STRONGLY oppose this bill. It is unconstitutional and gives enormous power to the health department, who are not elected, but acting as a shadow government.
Comments:

I am totally opposed to Bill HB #2502 because if you like freedom this is not a bill for the United States! If you are for turning Hawaii into a Chinese model then this would be the bill to accomplish that. This bill takes our constitutional freedoms away such as freedom to travel, medical freedom and medical privacy. This bill gives the Governor the power to shut down our economy for any amount of time unlike our current 60 day restriction. Covid-19 has proven to be no more deadly than the seasonal flu and for that we are making major changes to the way Americans live and function. Anyone voting for this bill must not remember the oath they took to protect our constitution! Oppose this bill or people will be making sure you do not get elected next time!!
Comments:

I would like to submit testimony in strong opposition to HB2502.

Though the early detection of communicable disease has emerged as something that is important to stopping an initial spread of illness, it raises many questions of civil rights violations.

Our civil rights, especially the ones relating to the integrity of our own bodies, our medical choices, vaccination, testing, being tracked, isolated, held against ones will, and put into quarantine house arrest, are very important issues that should not be taken lightly.

I believe that this issue will eventually be decided by the United States Supreme Court which just upheld Roe v Wade, essentially confirming that "it's my body, it's my choice". The court will have to decide if forced immunizations will ever be considered legal in the United States as they violate our most fundamental right of no harm being done against us.

PART III of the proposed Bill. $325-J Right to Contest: This section would appear to lead on our legal system instructing them to do just as you direct, rather than allowing for a fair hearing and due course. Surely it is not your intent to lead on the judge and rather than spelling everything out as you did, a simple " An individual has the right to contest and appear in court within 10 days to be heard by a judge, so as to guarantee due course" would be a more appropriate wording, because isn’t it the judge’s prerogative to make a legal decision?

I believe that a violation of our civil rights is unacceptable under the US Constitution, and for good reason. We can not possibly be ready to create such a bill without carefully looking at every aspect of such a proposal and exploring all possible human consequences. Your duty as our State representatives and senators is to serve your communities and protect the people of Hawaii, and this includes holding our civil rights sacred. There are huge potential consequences here that must be explored at length. Consider if this is really the world you want to leave behind for your children and grandchildren to live in…
Having an emergency system ready to act if necessary is a good idea, but it must surely work within civil rights perimeters otherwise we’re changing the course of our country to becoming a police state where citizens have lost their most precious commodities, which are valued in the United States above all else. Please consider this carefully with our Independence Day holiday approaching...
Submitted By: Sayuri Van
Organization: Individual
Testifier Position: Oppose
Present at Hearing: No

Comments:

Strongly oppose this bill as test is not accurate and against humanity
Comments:

I do not want my family and I to be traced by any of you! This covid has been blown out of proportion by the WHO!
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I strongly oppose BD2502 HD1.
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This is a highly unethical bill that will take away the rights of the people of Hawaii. It is unacceptable to move forward with these unreasonable expectations. There is no reason this much power, which belongs to the people, should be given to an unelected official. Covid 19 does not pose the risks to health that this bill is indicating. This is an unacceptable abuse of power.
**HB-2502-SD-1**
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<td>elsa wark</td>
<td>Individual</td>
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Comments:
I completely oppose Bill HB 2502 SD1. It gives to much power to DOH. Furthermore it is completely illegal. The entire mandate on mask regulating social-distancing, and Igles entire emergency Proclamation is all illegal under Title 21 Federal Rules and regualtion. It also violates my constitutional rights. I assure you if this Bill passes there will be law suits. You work for the people and the majority of people oppose yhis bill 100%. You cannot lie or use deceptive practices to show otherwise. God sees all and the wicked will be punished! DO NOT PASS THIS BILL!!
Comments:

I strongly oppose the wording of HB2502, as a resident of the state of Hawaii, as to the broad measures that are not clearly identified in regards to isolation and quarantine. These restrictions will directly impact civil and constitutional rights of the citizens of the state of Hawaii, and United States of America.
Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and other members of the Ways & Means committee,

I urge you to vote against this measure (HB 2502, SD1) for a number of reasons but mostly because it hands too much authority to an agency whose director nor its members are elected or accountable to the voters. It is a convenient way to shift blame from you the elected legislators when things don't go smoothly or when they take on extra-constitutional powers. These powers should only be in the hands of ELECTED legislators.

Having the DOH write the rules, regulations, etc., "but under the authorization of the Governor" is shibai and a poor attempt to make it seem ok since the Governor will authorize whatever they should come up with.

This overreach is similar to giving the DOE taxation powers. NO agency should ever be given this type of regulatory and enforcement responsibilities.

Sincerely,

Michelle Kerr
**HB-2502-SD-1**
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<td>kimberly Wark</td>
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I strongly oppose Bill HB2502 SD1 which violates my constitutional rights.
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<td>roger Wark</td>
<td>Individual</td>
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While creating a mandate to "keep" Hawaii and it's tourists "healthy" seems all good an well in theory, there are many reasons why this is an overreach of government.

First - the tests are not gold standard. They do not measure the virus. They are only measuring an immune response. Tests without any human DNA on them are testing positive. There is a clear FLAW in the testing. To mandate testing, and place restrictions on individuals extending that to their traveling party is just wrong.

Second - an individual's health should be their responsibility. Not the government or any division, branch, arm, service, appointee, committee, etc., of the government.

Third - studies are showing that it is extremely RARE to spread an illness when you are asymptomatic. This is being published mainstream and available on pubmed.

This is a slippery slope.

First - it was "Just 2 weeks to slow the spread"

Then - "30 Days to slow the spread" "Non-essential businesses close" "Just to keep from overwhelming the hospitals" - Spread slowed. Small businesses will not recover. Hospitals are CLOSED FOREVER because they slowed so much.

Now - "Just a mask"

What is next? "Just until we get a cure"

The death rates are already way down. WAY down! We did not cure the flu with a vaccine - and the coronavirus vaccines in the past made the rate of infections, and severity of the infection worse in test subjects when the virus was reintroduced.

Rushing a vaccine is very worrisome to MOST people! I have been watching posts where people who regularly get their flu shot are saying they will not get this vaccine when it comes out. Most people are educated enough to know that true safety trials take years. I'm sure you all do too.
My heart is aching for those of you in positions right now, that have to make these decisions. Please understand that the consensus among many people I speak to is that they do not want to be tracked, masked, isolated or quarantined.

I understand that you are in a place where perhaps you feel that people want you to take action, but it needs to be less invasive. I would like to travel to the states and visit family, I do not want to subject my three young children to being tested twice or more. I understand getting a temperature reading, but the rest just feels like such a violation of our freedom.

Please consider that these measures are extreme, and invasive for a virus with a 99.8% SURVIVAL RATE!!
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<td>kiani johnson</td>
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I strongly oppose HB2505 SD1
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<td>Jennifer Shelton</td>
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Comments:

I OPPOSE THIS BILL!
Aloha to whom it may concern:

EA O KA AINA!

EA O KE KINO!

Seek truth and see the light.

We all have rights to our bodies, our privacy, our health freedoms.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE HB2502 SD1 and urge you to do research and listen to Dr. Birx’s recent public release that for TESTING:

- "50% of the time a positive is a real positive, 50% it won't be" = FALSE positives

This means that the forced requirements this law is proposing will subject people not just to unconstitutional testing - but to the ramifications due to the FALSE results that would WRONGLY accuse and subject people to isolation camps.

RESEARCH Hawaiian History - "An Act to Prevent the Spread of Leprosy 1865" - my MA thesis is on this and the resulting historical trauma.

Draconian, tyrannical quarantine camps inflict permanent damage on children, families and society - all b/c of a flu? - recognized by Dr Fauci on March 26, 2020 as less fatal (less than 0.1%) than previous models proposed by the WHO (3.4%). And yet the lock-downs and masks prevail?

Please free yourselves from this tyranny and insanity. Testing, tracking, tracing - will apply to YOU, YOUR FAMILY, and LOVE ONES too.

Pray for the collapse of the establishment that seeks to enslave and fight for the FREEDOM that is the birthright of every child, every KĀ• naka Hawai‘i, every person in Hawai‘i and every person and being worldwide.

Mahalo,
Meghan Leialoha Au, B.S., M.A.
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<td>Rita Kama-Kimura</td>
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Comments:

I strongly oppose the passing of this bill!
Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly oppose HB2502. This was a "gut and replace" bill and has been rushed and not thought out at all. This bill creates a power struggle between the Governor and the Department of Health, the language of the bill is vague, there is no legislative oversight over its content and the emergency time period is far too long. Giving unlimited extensions to emergency periods will only stand to completely destroy Hawaii’s economy. Is this bill about the Turtle Bay easement fund or Public Health? How is this even ethical to combine these two issues? Try again.

Mahalo,

Eric Day

Kihei, HI
**HB-2502-SD-1**  
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Comments:

This is unconstitutional. This bill does not serve the people of this country and I oppose it! Vaccines are not to be forced, nor mandated, and it goes against my rights! Not only has the vaccine not been tested, but it's also not safe and is filled with harmful chemicals. This is a disgrace for our state and I stand against!
Submitted on: 6/30/2020 5:44:37 PM
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Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing
---|---|---|---
Jessica Brown | Individual | Oppose | Yes

Comments:

I oppose bill HB2502!! it is unconstitutional and the DOH should have zero authority in declaring an emergency, that power belongs to the governor and should stay with the governor. The language in this bill is too vague and it opens doors for the department of health to overreach its power. Hear us out and we do not want this. I said it earlier, read the research please. It's pathetic already how you guys have become so emotionally manipulated and cannot read the research and data properly. The CDC said this virus is that of an acute flu! do we instill all these new regulations for the flu every year? NO! viruses do not disappear, herd immunity needs to happen. read the research from Sweden and their approach! Please do the right thing and oppose this bill. Do what you were sworn into office for and that was to hear the people pleas and to listen to their concerns. It takes a moral conscious as well as educating yourselves more on the research of this virus. Its proving to be no more deadly than the acute flu. You'd really implement these measures and waste state tax money into a virus with a 99.05% survival rate!?

Again, don’t you guys work for us? the people and citizens of this state because the fact that this bill already had over 2,000 oppositions to this bill HB2502 and many of you still voted to push this bill through is disgusting. Its blatantly obvious you guys are not here for us and those of you who voted to move forward with this bill, expect to be voted out of office. Please do whats right and listen to the people
I strongly oppose this bill.

I am writing to express my strong OPPOSITION to this bill. It does not protect our citizens and or visitors but bring fear and shame upon our people. Please vote to oppose the previous mentioned bill and preserve the aloha and trust and health of Hawaii. Instead of false fear (99+recovery rate) Isolation, Quarantine, Mandates, and other actions deemed necessary, please consider focusing on the fact that the virus is dying out and extreme measures are no warranted. We are looking for leaders that will inspire and encourage our community rather than rule over.

As fellow citizens and residents of our great Aloha state I trust that you and your team can learn from other experts in the medical field and science who speak the truth. We are not in a pandemic, stop treating us like we are in one. You are economically and relationally hindering the Aloha of this state.
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Unethical and against unbiased scientific research of proper study, method, measures, procedures and ethics.
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<td>shazlynn simer</td>
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<td>Chelle Galarza</td>
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Comments:

I strongly oppose the bill HB2502 HD1 SD1. I am a Maui resident and this bill is a complete violation of civil liberties. This bill does not provide any safeguards for bodily autonomy. This bill places all the power in the hands of the state and DOH in determining the fate of locals and travelers. The language is very vague and leaves way too much up for interpretation of who is sick. It will be abused by those in power at will to quarantine and not be held liable for the ways citizens and visitors are treated. It is 100% unconstitutional and we have civil liberties that protect us from such tyranny!

Sincerely,

Michelle Galarza Haiku, HI
Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing
---|---|---|---
Lindsey Baldrige | Individual | Oppose | No

Comments:

This is tyrannical! You can not take our rights away! Everyone is in charge of what they put into their bodies! It's our freedom! My body my choice! This is turning into nazi Germany! Evil!!
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I oppose this bill due to it being a huge infringement on human rights. This is complete tyranny and has no place here in Hawaii.
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I oppose as it’s unconstitional and violate the citizen’s rights.
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<td>Lenore Tsukamoto</td>
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I strongly oppose any law which would put the medical freedom of myself or my family in jeopardy or penalize us for refusing medical treatment we believe will do us harm. There are better ways to control a pandemic than what this bill calls for.
Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. I believe it infringes on my God given rights protected by the constitution. Government officials should be held accountable. This bill would remove that liability.
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I strongly oppose this unconstitutional bill!
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Comments:

I strongly oppose HB 2502 HD1 SD1.

please, DO NOT pass this bad bill!

Bobbi Cuttance

14-266 Papaya Farms Road, Pahoa, Hawaii 96778
Comments:

Absolutely oppose this bill.
HB-2502-SD-1
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Comments:

I oppose this bill HB2502 HD1 SD1. No one should have that type of power period.
**Comments:**

I STRONGLY OPPOSE HB2502 which would seek to amend Hawaii Revised Statutes Division 1. § 325 on infectious and communicable diseases.
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Comments:

I strongly oppose Bill HB2502 SD1. This draconian bill violates our constitutional rights and is an attempt at medical martial law. The ambiguous language in much of this bill grants power to individuals that can easily abuse that power, which will have devastating effects on American citizens. This is unacceptable for any situation, but especially for a virus that has well over a 99% recovery rate. Each individual deserves the right to make informed decisions regarding their own health, never should they be forced to deal with medical tyranny like that set forth in this bill. I ask you to uphold your oath of office and protect individual rights by saying 'no' to bill HB2502 SD1.
As a born and raised lifetime resident of Filipino, Hawaiian ancestry, I strongly oppose this bill as it does not protect the constitutional rights or the democratic process of individuals who are to be subjected to the effects of enactment. There is no due process or check and balance of power or authority, as well as no individual options to decline "screenings" which is not specified or outlined as to the intrusiveness of said "screenings". Even giving the definitions at the end of the document, such as "Isolation", those given definitions are not satisfactory and leave large loopholes as to what constitutes specifics of given terminology used in this proposal. Where is the accountability, transparency and individual rights preserved? This is a gross attempt to leverage a crisis to government advantage to circumvent due process and discussion, taking into evidence factual science and studies which would lead to such actions taking place. There is no blanket solution when it comes to the protection, preservation and treatment of INDIVIDUAL health. EVERY single person is unique and different with numerous variables to consider when talking about health and safety. To treat an entire population under one type of treatment, medication, and system is devoid of intelligence. I propose that every single sponsor submit transparency statements that includes but is not limited to monetary endorsements from any and all agencies, companies and individuals, as well as listing the entire contractual competitors, proceedings, brokered deals, and personal or professional relationships. Transparency is paramount to ensuring a clean and honest process. Thank you for your attention to an individual who you have sworn to protect the constitutional rights of.
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I am strongly opposing!!!
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Comments:
I oppose HB2502 HD1 SD1.

I believe in freedom of voice and freedom of choice, especially when it comes to healthcare.

My personal beliefs conflict with the measures this bill proposes.

Also, I don’t feel the government is in any position to administer vaccines without proper testing, which means reaching a consentual large enough sample size accompanied with months of data collection and data analyzing.

They don't know, so you don't know, so I don't know, so no force!
### Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE HB2502 HD1 SD1. This goes against our constitutional rights!
Comments:

Let me first apologize as we get less than 24 hours to submit on time testimony and most of us are busting our butts to keep ourselves above water. Sorry for the grammar and spelling mistakes.

This is an unnecessary bill. The Governor already has the power to declare an emergency, unelected officials do not need, nor do they deserve this power. This bill enforces tyranny and removes civil liberties.

The DOH has no right to have the power this bill would give them. The loose language allows the DOH to define what the rules would be at a later date without input from the public or small businesses. Who signs a contract handing over power only for the rules to be determined after the fact? This is absurd.

This bill does not address children, quarantine, isolation, treatment, etc. What happens if someone does not consent to the treatment “deemed necessary?” What happens to a single mother and her child should the mother need “isolation?” What happens if a tourist pays for their entire vacation and can no longer travel because they tested positive, who will refund them?

This bill will kill our already crippled economy. Our people are suffering, they are out of work, small businesses will not recover. Government assistance will run out.

On a scale of 1 – 100 of how much this bill suck, you are at 1984! Tell the DOH to stay in their lane so maybe you can be re-elected? You guys have awoken a sleeping giant amongst voters in Hawaii, and believe me when I say we are paying attention! If you show you are not for the people, you will be gone! For heaven’s sake, the Governor already has this authority and there is a time limit on it for a reason. Getting his permission to give authority to the DOH to declare an emergency is hardly a compromise (Roz Baker) and yes this could turn into a mandatory vaccination bill the way it is worded. We don’t want fast tracked vaccine! Wake Up, Step Up FOR THE OVER 90% of people who think this is wrong.
Comments:

I don't agree that the director of the DOH should have the power to make mandates to declare a public health emergency. I also don't agree that the director should be able to mandate required screening, monitoring, quarantine/isolation, and the release of confidential information if deemed necessary of all travelers whether interisland or out of state. I believe that this power and responsibility should be in the hands of an elected official.
Aloha!

I am writing this testimony because I strongly oppose this bill! As a parent, I will do anything to protect my children and advocate for them as well. I believe this bill being passed will be a danger to my child's health and well-being. I hope and pray that the safety our children is priority to the ones who are reading these testimonies and have the power to veto this bill! Mahalo for your consideration! Please do what is right!

Mahalo,

Pili
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Comments:

I strongly DO NOT support bill HB2502 HD1 SD1. It is in violation of our civil rights and liberties as individuals in a free country and should not be passed. Mahalo.
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Comments:

it's a no for me. with what they've done already, our economy and people's livelihoods has greatly declined, and it seems with this, it'll give the government more power, for a longer period of time, using more extreme measures. if we continue down this path, hawaii will be in ruins.
I STRONGLY OPPOSE OF HB2502
I am writing this letter in STRONG OPPOSITION to HB2502_SD1 as it creates a danger to the citizens of Hawai‘i and provides ample room for the State to violate the citizens' 4th Amendment Rights under the US Constitution.

Below is a list of concerns:

1. Section 1 clearly sets the context to travelers, traveler households, traveler companions, and as such many believe the context is limited to travelers, traveler households, traveler companions. However, Section 2 states, "Chapter 325, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new part to be appropriately designated..." When this section is inserted into HRS 325, it will lose the context of travelers and will apply to all citizens, including families that did not travel.

2. When reading further "(1) Require provider reporting, screening, testing, contact tracing, quarantine, and isolation of persons deemed by the department to be infected, at higher risk of infection, or at risk for spreading infection;"
   1. This means that any person (or group of people) that is deemed by the department to be at higher risk of infection (ie unvaccinated) could be placed in quarantine or quarantine facility. In it's present form, this bill could be abused to remand entire groups of people to quarantine camps like the Japanese internment camps of WWII solely on the presumption that an individual could be at a higher risk. This is an obvious violation of the 4th Amendment of the US Constitution.

3. The Bill does not provide for any burden of proof by the State or Department of Health to demonstrate that a person is truly a threat before removing their personal freedoms. (4th Amendment Violation)

4. Section 2, Part II, 325-A 5(b): "(b) Quarantine and isolation pursuant to this section shall not be subject to the requirements pursuant to section 325-8(a).". The definition of "Quarantine" in 325-8(a) does not contain "or who otherwise have or create a potential risk of transmitting a communicable or dangerous
disease to others from individuals” as is found in the new definition of "Quarantine" from HB2502. This makes it even more clear that unvaccinated individuals could be targeted to be placed in quarantine facilities. Is that the intent? Please remember that to date, $4.4 BILLION has been paid out of VAERS because vaccines are NOT safe for everyone. Where there is risk, there must be choice.

5. There is no limit specified in the bill for the length of time a person could be held in quarantine.

6. There is no cap for the amount of money a person could be charged in room, board, and treatment. Why should a person who is forcibly remanded to a quarantine facility pay room and board? Do prisoners pay room and board?

7. There are no protections specified for medical autonomy should a person (or group of people) be remanded to quarantine. Will persons in quarantine be forced to receive medications/vaccinations/etc? How will medical autonomy be protected?

8. While there are no protections in the bill for medical autonomy and medical treatments could be mandated by the Directors rules, liability is also removed if someone is injured or killed by actions of the healthcare worker or facility. How sad to think a person could be killed by a medical procedure that is forced on them and there would be no recourse.

9. The bill sidesteps 91 and 201M for 2 years! – when the Dept of Health "adopts interim rules", they will not be subjected to chapter 91 (allow for oral and written testimony, create task force, community involvement) and 201M (allows for input from small business regulatory review board). Without these safeguards, there are no checks and balances. The Department of Health will operate in a vacuum with very broad powers to be able to remove personal freedoms protected by the United States Constitution.

10. "Take other action as deemed necessary by the director". The vagueness of allowing the director of health, an unelected official, to "take other actions" without input from any other groups based on what S/He may "deem necessary" gives too much power over personal freedoms to an unelected official who doesn't have to answer to the people.

11. Health Emergencies automatically set to 90 days, and can be repeatedly extended with no limit set by the bill. We could be in an indefinite state of health emergency subjected to rules written by the Director of Health. That is too much power vested in a single authority.

For all of these reasons, I urge you to reject the bill and continue with the current legislative process to deal with any state of emergency. This process has already served the State of Hawaii effectively and this new bill is unnecessary.
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Comments:

You are at this point trading lives, not saving them if you support this bill.

May the weight of the life savings lost, the suicides, the loss of livelihood weigh heavy on your souls if you support this bill and it will, I assure you.

We the people know too much about our health, how the immune systems work and how corrupt anyone has to be in order to pass this bill that does not support the people who pay your salaries.

Here is some real science: https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32513410/ They exposed 455 people to an asymptomatic covid carrier and 0 people were infected.

Studies proving humidity kills the virus: https://www.greenmedinfo.com/blog/masks-dont-work-review-science-relevant-covid-19-social-policy-0?fbclid=IwAR3Y8cne_rY4UEsd2dle1pX3l5iFemY6-omty-X2WnjQ0GzDcLavf_xbv9k

Here is some more corruption that I wouldn't be surprised is happening here just basd on this bill you are trying to pass: https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/florida-scientist-said-she-was-fired-for-refusing-to-manipulate-covid-19-data/ar-BB14jG4Y

WE THE PEOPLE STRONGLY OPPOSE HB2502_SD1 which would seek to amend Hawaii Revised Statutes Division 1. § 325 on infectious and communicable diseases. HB2502_SD1 would grant broad powers to the Director of the Department of Health, an un-elected official, allowing the Director to declare a public health emergency with agreement from the Governor. Once the emergency is declared, the Director would be the sole person in charge of the emergency, responsible for the rules, and dictating health requirements to be followed by all people in Hawaii'i. That is too much power for an individual, particularly one who does not answer to the people. Additionally, no clear criteria are established in the bill to define a public health emergency, and any emergency could be extended indefinitely in 90-day increments. The phrase “potential for an epidemic” makes clear that no concrete EVIDENCE of an outbreak is even necessary in order to declare an emergency. “Take other action as deemed necessary by the director” is vague language found in the bill that could be abused and cause great harm to the people of Hawaii'i. What kind of action? I believe that future responses to outbreaks can be effectively managed, as has been done in our current situation,
under the current legislation and HB2502_SD1 should be rejected by the Senate as it creates too much potential for harm.

Though written with a preface to travel concerns, Section 2 is written to be implemented into HRS 325 and would apply to ALL people in Hawai‘i, both residents and visitors alike. Based on the content of the bill, ANY PERSON suspected of being at a “higher risk of spreading infection” would be subject to quarantine, removal to a quarantine facility by police force, with no limitation on how long s/he can be held in quarantine, and no cap on the amount of money the individual can be charged for room, board, and treatment. There are no guarantees that families would be kept together and no safeguards for bodily autonomy. This is a complete and total disregard for the civil liberties established in the United States Constitution for any person that would be suspected of being at a greater risk based on a presumed threat without any requirement for the State or Director of Health to meet the burden of proof before removing civil liberties.

Page 5, line 5 reads: “Take other action as deemed necessary… ” This wording is far too vague and would suggest that the Department of Health director will have authority to enforce absolutely anything, including a vaccine, invasive testing or medical treatment, if in his/her opinion if it is “deemed necessary” and without any public input or legislative process. We do not agree with the Department’s ability to adopt interim rules without the requirements of chapter 91 and chapter 201M. This exemption removes the right for the public and small business owners to influence rulemaking. Business owners will be denied the ability to oppose rules that will have an impact on their business, such as in the case of mandated closure of businesses.

We do not agree to the forced closure of schools and businesses as proposed on page 4, line 14, as this practice has proven to have no bearing on the overall numbers of deaths in relation to COVID-19, when you compare statistics with other states that did not impose a “lockdown” mandate yet still maintained a low death toll. Closure of a business is in effect an illegal seizure of property and the amount of despair and disruption to society it causes must be taken into consideration. You cannot justify mitigation tactics meant to save lives, when those tactics are destroying lives in the process.

Page 5, Line 9: “(b) Quarantine and isolation pursuant to this section shall not be subject to the requirements pursuant to section 325—8(a).” This seems to suggest that definitions of the terms “communicable disease”, “dangerous disease” and “quarantine” can be altered or modified as needed in order to declare a public health emergency and subsequently enforce quarantine on individuals without the need for clear definition. This in turn will also relieve the state from the burden of proof if in such cases the quarantine order is challenged by the individual. The redefinition of “Quarantine” from 325-8(a) to the new proposed definition by adding “or who otherwise have or create a potential risk of transmitting a communicable or dangerous disease to others from individuals” brings up the question that unvaccinated individuals could be targeted to be placed in quarantine facilities.
The addition to Chapter 325 of the definition of the term “isolation” and the distinct difference to the term “quarantine”, with ISOLATION being more restrictive, seems to mean that some individuals may be removed from their homes or other more comfortable setting and placed within an isolation facility. Forced separation from family members due to infection without due process of law is cruel and therefore unconstitutional under the 4th amendment.

This bill intends to amend Chapter 325-8(e) to remove the individual’s right to due process. The State will NOT be required to obtain a written ex parte order prior to enforcing isolation or quarantine. The individual will be allowed a right to contest, but with a time frame of 10 days until a hearing is scheduled, the individual will be subjected to quarantine or isolation no matter what. They will be considered guilty until proven innocent. On page 21, Line 14 it reads: “The individual is reasonably believed to have been exposed to or known to have been infected with a communicable or dangerous disease;” This appears to change the standard to detain, arrest and hold from “probable cause” to “reasonably believed” which is again a violation of the 4th amendment.

This is why we urge you to shred this bill and allow the people of Hawai’i to return to the lives we once lived. This bill makes an opening statement which declares that such legislation is acting to sustain the State’s tourism industry, when in actuality it can only serve to do the exact opposite. How can the forced screening, testing, monitoring, tracking and possible incarceration of those looking to enjoy a Hawai’i vacation be considered a “positive visitor experience”?

In truth

Jennifer Bell
Senate Committee of Ways and Means  
Chair Senator Donavan Dela Cruz, and Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair  
Hearing on HB 2502, HD1, SD1  
10:10 am, Thursday, July 2, 2020  
Auditorium  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  

TESTIMONY STRONGLY OPPOSING HB2502, HD1, SD1

Dear Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair, and Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair,  

Please accept this testimony STRONGLY OPPOSING HB 2502, HD1, SD for the following reasons:

1. There is no evidence that any legislator, city and county administrators, and other government officials will be subjected to these draconian testing requirements even though they travel more than the average citizen thus making members of the public true second-class citizens in this state.

2. Allowing essential healthcare workers to freely travel without subjecting them to screening, testing or other protocols when they have the greatest contact with patients is illogical when compared to the intent of HB2502, HD1, SD1, which is to reduce public exposure to a communicable disease.

3. Allowing the military and possibly their family members to freely travel without subjecting them to screening, testing, or other protocols as required for all travelers per HB2502, HD1, SD1 also defeats the purpose of this bill.

   All essential personnel, including healthcare providers, military, legislators and all government officials, must be screened or tracked as required of all travelers and returning residents if the intent of this bill is to truly suppress the transmission of a communicable disease of potential imminent danger on the islands.

4. Giving the Director of Health the authority to declare a public health emergency, with the approval of the Governor, with minimal governmental oversight can lead to an unintended power struggles between the Governor, the Director and potentially the
legislature. This bill conflicts with the Governor’s current authority already authorized in Ch. 127A-13.

It is odd that this bill is even in consideration when the Governor can already mandate the majority of the things stated in the proposed Part II, sections 325A, 325B and 325C which emphasizes the possibility of a power struggle going on during this emergency period.

5. The Director should not have the authorization to release confidential information as per page 5, line 1, to “protect the public health, safety, and welfare from imminent harm” when there are NO provisions or consequences to protect an individual’s confidential information as per the HIPAA Privacy Rule under 45CFR§Part 160 and Part 164, Subparts A and E as well as from incidental or purposeful disclosure and notification described by the HIPAA Breach Notification Rule, under 45CFR§164.400-414. These Rules should be included in this bill.

6. There is no definition of “Imminent harm” as stated on page 5, line 4 and should be included in this bill. According to Dr. Josh Green, Hawaii has 900 COVID-19 cases to date, with 18 confirmed deaths. Out of approximately 1.4 million people, the chance of death from COVID-19 is 0.0013% which is basically zero. Further, it is probable the 18 deaths have been overstated and the death rate is even lower.

According a May 2020 article in the Maui News, Tracy Dallarda, Maui Health System spokeswoman stated that “COVID-19 positive people around the country, no matter their actual cause of death, are classified as COVID-19 related fatalities. For example, 4 of the 6 deaths reported were due to the illnesses for which the patients were admitted. But because they tested positive for the coronavirus- while not showing any symptoms- those deaths are included in the state count.”

Granted the death rate could have been higher but probably not by much since 17 deaths had not changed for about three months until the recent death raising it to 18.

The sweeping rules in HB2502, HD1, SD1 are barely justified, for a disease that has a 0.0013% death rate in Hawaii. There should be greater compelling data, information and other evidence offered before drastically removing people’s freedoms and rights to travel freely, while forcing them to succumb by threat of a misdemeanor for not freely consenting to these mandatory tests that could erroneously land them into quarantine.

7. The excessive and unsupervised authority of the Director of Health is more broadly stated on page 5, line 5, where he can “take other action as deemed necessary to prevent, prepare for, respond to, mitigate and recover from a serious outbreak of communicable or dangerous disease.” “Other action” can literally mean ANYTHING the

Director decides. The current director is not even a medical doctor and is an unelected official who will do what he is told to do without regard to public opinion.

8. The mandatory testing, contact tracing, quarantine, screening, testing, and isolation of all travelers to the islands violate an individual’s US Constitutional rights including the right to freely travel throughout the United States without being threatened with excessive fines and the individual privacy rights stated in Hawaii’s Constitution.

9. The mandatory presentation of personal health demographic information can be misused, improperly secured, improperly disposed or entered into a DOH or CDC database without an individual’s knowledge or consent, for unknown reasons, kept for any length of time, and used for undisclosed purposes.

10. The length of the emergency, even with a 90-day time limit, can be continuously extended beyond the 90 days, essentially holding all people in Hawaii captive as already experienced by the governors 9th supplemental proclamation.

11. The adoption of the proposed section 325-A in HB 2502, HD1, SD1 as interim rules and making these rules EXEMPT from the requirements of Chapter 91 and Chapter 201M effectively prevents and removes the rights of all citizens of Hawaii from testifying and participating in the rule making process.

12. The suspension of Chapter 201M purposefully excludes businesses from providing their input, comment, and concerns from the adoption or amendments of these interim rules until June 30, 2022 after the interim rule becomes an administrative rule. Small businesses especially, heavily rely on international travelers to stay alive and this bill will most likely kill many of such businesses when bureaucrats make decisions for businesses without understanding the true impact of their rules. This closely resembles the DOH’s abuse of power when they excluded small businesses from participating in the discussion of HAR 11-157, which financially impacted preschools and other small private schools.

13. The DOH’s authority will be too broad and unrestrained. This bill allows the DOH to unilaterally amend the interim rules without allowing the public to participate or testify as required by Chapter 91 and Chapter 201M. This will allow the DOH to make any rule and or change any rule whenever it pleases, while the people and small businesses will have no voice in the process. The DOH cannot be allowed to have absolute power over the people, their health, travel, school entry, employment or any other program that will be tied with the proposed rules and requirements of HB 2502, HD1, SD1.

14. The $5000 penalty for violating any part of these rules are excessive and unfair compared to fines for other misdemeanors.
15. The Traveler’s Screening special fund and the $5000 fine is an underhanded way of stealing from tourists by having them pay for the costs of implementing this program under the proposed rules of HB 2502, HD1, SD1. This is shameful and will ultimately destroy the tourism industry rather than bring it back.

16. While HB 2502, HD1, SD1 states that all information will be confidential, but can be shared with various government and other contracted entities, the bill does not specifically include any fines or penalties for the DOH or its downstream contracted entities which act like business associates as per the HIPAA Privacy Rule, and HIPAA Breach Notification Rule. This bill should include fines and penalties for DOH’s government and contract entities to promote greater compliance and protection of confidential information.

17. The definition of “Quarantine,” page 12, line 18, is too broad and can lead to erroneously detaining a traveler “believed to have been exposed to a communicable or dangerous disease or who otherwise have or create a potential risk of transmitting a communicable disease.”

For example, if someone begins to exhibit symptoms on a plane coming into Honolulu, that would mean everyone, including the crew, on the same plane, could be subjected to quarantine even though they may have been cleared before departure. Would quarantine be a practical solution for all of the passengers? What would the State do and how long would it take to resolve for hundreds of passengers?

18. On page 13, line 13, under section, “Right to Contest” all travelers should be notified of their right to contest quarantine or isolation, in their native language. They should receive guidance and information on this process so that they are aware of their rights before they get on the plane.

19. Under this same section, beginning on page 14, line 10, section (b), the bill should include “that the individual has the right to contest the results of the screening test” if conducted at a Hawaii airport, especially since these tests have a reported error rate ranging from 30 to 80 percent, depending on the type used.

If an individual is wrongfully or erroneously quarantined or isolated by the State, at their own expense, all expenses and court costs should be reimbursed to the traveler by the State of Hawaii.

One of the biggest problems with this bill is that if an international traveler is quarantined or isolated, will he or she be able to stay in a four- or five-star hotel if he or she chooses? Will any hotel have the ability to refuse a traveler who wants to be quarantined in their hotel? Will the traveler be housed in an Air-B’N’B or in an airport hangar? What will the hotel employees say or do? If Ch. 201M is suspended, the hotels may not have any say in this matter.
This bill will not restart tourism but will further erode it because it is not tourist-friendly. It also allows the state to further stomp on any traveler’s rights with little recourse for the traveler. There is no consideration given to the potential thousands of dollars lost if a traveler is unexpectedly forced into quarantine, or if a traveler tests positive or false positive just days before departure to Hawaii. The tourism industry experts should seriously consider all the potential scenarios before so eagerly welcoming this bill.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE HB 2502, HD1, SD1.

Sincerely,

Teresa Ocampo
I OPPOSE this terrible bill. It is a gross violation of our Constitutional rights as US citizens. This plan is hardly thought out and by exempting the bill from Ch201M and Ch 91 the public and businesses will literally be prevented from providing input on a rule that will negatively affect their business.

This is a shameful abuse of power.
**HB-2502-SD-1**  
Submitted on: 6/30/2020 7:59:34 PM  
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<td>Shawna LaClef</td>
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Comments:

I oppose this bill or measure. I do not think it is fair nor smart. I feel this will invade my privacy and right as a us citizen!!
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It is unconstitutional to have any sort of mandate on any American citizen. People should have a choice that is free of consequences. I do not consent to having my medical freedom stripped from me at the hands of the government with what they believe is best when the science is always evolving and ever changing. Please do not make living in Hawaii harder than it already is with this bill. Many will suffer, especially those with compromised immune systems or elderly. This is NOT aloha, this is a medical invasion of our human rights. Keep us free!
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**Comments:**

This is an overreach if power by the health department. We do not support this bill. There are better alternative measures for protecting the people without removing their rights and mandating unnecessary procedures that have not been fully explored or considers the rights of the individual.
Comments:

This bill completely violates my rights
HB-2502-SD-1
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HB2502 is the far MOST COMMUNIST BILL in HAWAII HISTORY!!!!!

Hawaii has socialist Behavior but this takes the cake. Please don't pass this Communist Bill. I'm a reistered Voter and will let everyone know if this bill is passed don't vote for the Communist Perpratradors. They don't represent Hawaii. More like China, North Korea.

We are ranked the Most Unfree state #1 If this past we have to vote Republican. There for the People. Hawaii will be in the Dumps like California and Chicago... THEY SUCK BIG TIME!!!!!
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kristen cosmi | Individual   | Oppose            | No               

Comments:
I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS BILL.
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Krislynn | Individual | Oppose | No

Comments:
My name is Kathryn Johnson and I am a resident and voter in the State of Hawaii, as well as a mental health provider in private practice in the County of Kauai. I am writing to you to express my STRONG OPPOSITION to HB2502 HD1 SD1 related to Health.

After reading HB2502 HD1 SD1, I am greatly concerned by the degree to which multiple personal freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States are impinged upon by this bill. As a health care provider, I am absolutely alarmed by some of the strategies proposed by this bill as they violate the universal medical standards of "do no harm," "bodily autonomy," "HIPAA" and "informed consent."

I find it very troubling that travelers are mandated to disclose personal health information at all points of entry and departure in the State of Hawaii in order to travel within the state. This appears to be a clear violation of an American citizen’s right to travel freely within the United States of America.

As a mental health provider, I am deeply aware of the importance of safeguarding an individual’s protected health information, as it is a critical, daily task in my profession.
Health care providers adhere to strict guidelines that regulate how we may store (password protected and under lock and key), transmit (end to end encryption only) or release (only to specific individuals with the signed consent of the patient) protected health care information. In fact, should a health care provider do this critical task without adhering to these strict guidelines, they would have a HIPAA violation and I imagine that their license to practice would be suspended or revoked. Therefore, I find it deeply disturbing that per HB2502 HD1 SD1, "Collection, receipt, and use of the information may include the sharing of the information between or among the department, other governmental agencies, and private entities under contract with the department." This is essentially legislating a clear violation of HIPAA by not only allowing the Health Department to authorize non-medical professionals to collect and use protected health information, but also by allowing the free sharing of this protected information between any other entities (governmental or private) that the Health Department sees fit. This is highly problematic and a clear invasion of an individual’s right to privacy.

Furthermore, I find it extremely troubling that the bill calls to give the director of health the authority to declare a public health emergency “when in the judgment of the director there is a potential for an epidemic or serious outbreak.” This terminology is extremely vague and it gives an inordinate amount of power to the director (with the governor's approval) based on no substantial evidence of an epidemic, merely just the "potential" for one, based on one to two individuals' viewpoint. It is particularly concerning since once the director declares a public health emergency, an individual's right to numerous freedoms will be removed for an unlimited amount of time.

Of extreme concern is the right given to the Department of Health to “isolate interisland, domestic, or international travelers after their arrival as determined by the department to be necessary to detect, prevent, prepare for, respond to, mitigate, or recover from the transmission of a communicable or dangerous disease.” This is such an extreme abuse of power that I have trouble understanding the rationale behind it. Giving the Department of Health the authority to require the isolation of an individual for any of these reasons is extremely inappropriate, and certainly not to merely “detect, prevent, prepare for...a communicable or dangerous disease.” Should a traveler be so ill that they require isolation, they should be admitted to the hospital of their own free will. Informed consent is a legally protected and necessary component of all medical services. Furthermore, the fact that the bill can force an individual to undergo medical "treatment" is highly concerning. In the United States, a health care provider can not provide treatment to an individual without their written consent. We do not force individuals to undergo medical treatment, regardless of whether the provider feels it would be in their best interest. This, in fact, would be considered malpractice and could cause one to lose their license to practice and be
open to malpractice lawsuits. The fact that this bill disregards a patient’s right to informed consent and bodily autonomy is absolutely alarming.

Additionally, of immense concern is the right to “Take other action as deemed necessary by the director to prevent, prepare for, respond to, mitigate, and recover from a serious outbreak of communicable or dangerous disease.” This essentially gives the director unbridled power to take any action they see fit without any concern for the input of legislators or the rights of the residents and visitors of Hawaii. I can not think of any rationale for constructing a system that allows the director of health to have such broad power over the people of Hawaii. In doing so, this bill gives unfettered power to the director of health which circumvents the constitutional checks and balances of the executive, legislative and judicial branches of our government.

As a mental health provider who serves children and families, I am deeply concerned about the broad powers this bill gives to the DOH to quarantine/isolate our residents. Of particular concern, is the ability to remove people from their homes through the use of police force and the potential to separate children from their parents for an unknown period of time. This type of forced separation could absolutely induce Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. PTSD is a serious and long lasting mental health disorder. To knowingly enact legislation that has the potential to inflict this type of long term suffering on a person is unconscionable. Furthermore, the forced removal of children and adults to a facility, and the subsequent possibility for PTSD, will unfairly target families from lower socio-economic groups and/or families of certain ethnic groups as both groups are more apt to live in smaller or multi-generational homes that may not be able to provide a separate bedroom and bathroom for each individual to meet DOH’s requirements for quarantine/isolation. This bill then becomes a social justice issue due to the consequences of this legislation not being equitable, as the wealthy may be able to quarantine or isolate in their own homes and the rest of the population will be required to relocate to a facility.

In Part I of the bill it states that one of the purposes of this bill is “to ensure a positive visitor experience, which is critical to sustain the State’s tourism industry.” I found this statement extremely confusing as I believe this bill, and the broad powers it gives to the director of health, will be a huge deterrent to visitors. Basically, this bill states that at any time in the future, should the director of Health believe there is even the potential for a serious outbreak of any communicable disease, they may declare a public emergency. As a result of this declaration and without any warning, a visitor will be mandated to provide personal health information (that may be disseminated to governmental or private entities as the dept sees fit), subjected to testing, contract tracing, and the potential for quarantine and/or isolation from their family/traveling
companions (both at their own cost) and any other action that the director deems necessary. I find it highly unlikely that a visitor would risk thousands of dollars months in advance to plan a vacation to Hawaii under these circumstances, when there are many other beautiful and warm destinations that do not pose such a risk. And there are other visitors who will refuse to return to Hawaii merely on principle, because they will no longer feel comfortable visiting a place that has such vast disregard for an individual’s personal freedom.

My livelihood is not tied to tourism, so I have no personal stake in opening up the economy or welcoming back visitors. In fact, I have found Kauai to be exceptionally beautiful and peaceful these past few months. However, as a mental health provider, I have been given a front row seat to the great emotional turmoil and financial stress that our families are experiencing. As you all know, many, many families in Hawaii are dependent on the tourism industry. With the crashing of the industry, came great economic stress which is a precursor not only for anxiety and depression, but also for domestic violence, child abuse, addiction and suicide. The mental health costs of this pandemic have been astronomical. I believe if this bill is passed, giving these broad powers to the director of Health, our tourism industry will be irreparably damaged, as will our families.

Thank you for your time and attention. I appreciate you hearing my testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION to HB2502 HD1 SD1 related to Health. I humbly urge you all to please vote no on HB2502 HD1 SD1. However, should you choose to pass this bill, I strongly urge you to look carefully at the numerous violations of medical standards that I have outlined and please make amendments that allow for individuals to maintain their rights to: health care information privacy, informed consent and bodily autonomy. Furthermore, please make amendments that support the rights of children and parents to remain together regardless of their testing results, as their forced separation may very likely result in serious and long lasting mental health issues.

Mahalo nui loa,

Kathryn Johnson, LCSW, DCSW
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<td>Rene Connolly</td>
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Comments:

As a member of the mental healthcare community, as a resident of Hawai'i, as a mother and as an individual who strongly believes in body sovereignty, I strongly oppose this bill.
Comments:

I oppose giving so much power to the Director of Health and/or the Dept of Health. They have too much power as it stands in this moment. The director and the department are NOT elected by the people of Hawaii and have shown over and over that they do not care to hear or consider the opinions of the people of Hawaii. Their main phones lines are shut off. Any comments to emails submitted online (if a reply is given at all) are dismissive, don't answer specific questions and/or concerns, and are perceived as artificial and condescending by many residents. We are tired of being ignored and belittled by the Dept of Health--only to have our own government introduce this bill to give them more power. This is wrong on many levels. It’s time that the Dept of Health and our current legislators have some accountability--they need to actually start listening to the people of Hawaii. And we are asking you--in majority numbers!--to please not pass this bill.

Furthermore, Roz Baker’s recent comments from overwhelming opposition to this bill leave residents to believe that she is not listening to what is being said, is dismissive of the very people she is elected to represent, and gives no consideration or care to the opinions of the people of Hawaii. Again, it’s time that our government officials and offices be held accountable for their dismissive, undiplomatic behavior and choices, not given more power to make decisions without the input or consent of the very people they represent.
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<td>Darrell Gella</td>
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Comments:

I still Strongly Oppose this bill. The weak amendments to the previous bill do not change how bad this bill is! The blanket power this bill gives without public input is downright unconstitutional. I cannot believe such a bill would even be presented let alone move forward in a "Democratic", "Free" country! I think our elected officials have forgotten who they work for. Please do not allow this bill to move forward.
I do not consent to this bill being passed. This bill goes against my constitutional rights and will cripple Hawaiis economy.
I oppose this bill because it takes away the rights of individuals. It's unconstitutional for the government to tell me what's good for me and my family and to mandate something like this. This is supposed to be a free country and you cannot force immunization on people if they don't want it. Some people can't due to medical or religious reasons. I for one will not be able to tolerate it as it will make me very sick. That's why I don't do the flu vaccine it makes me very ill. I believe this bill will not be good for all the people. Maybe some but not all. Please STOP trying to control people it's not for the government to decide these things.
I do not agree with this imposition. The law is to be innocent until proven guilty and by imposing these harsh restrictions on us it would mean we are guilty until proven innocent.

I have worked hard to maintain my health based on diet, exercise, and mental health wellness. To be treated as if my health doesn't matter to me is devastating and unfair.

I, like many Hawaii residents, travel frequently for work so to have to go through these harsh new guidelines you are suggesting would make it nearly impossible to travel.

Please don't do this to us.
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<td>starla lane</td>
<td>Individual</td>
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Comments:

This bill would ruin our economy by putting extreme limitations on tourism, eliminating many jobs for locals. It would be a shame if this bill makes it through.
Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing
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Natalie Pitre | Individual | Oppose | Yes

Comments:
I oppose bill HB2502 SD1.
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Patricia Buckman | Individual | Oppose | Yes

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I am writing as a mother and a teacher on Kauai. I strongly oppose this bill. I am shocked that it has even made it this far. I am deeply troubled that any Hawaii politician supports this bill. This bill gives sweeping powers to the director of health with regards to so many personal aspects of our lives. It even says that the DOH can do any of these extremely restrictive measures "without an emergency proclamation". We have seen what can be done to our lives in Hawaii even with an emergency declaration from the governor which, by the way, is unfounded in the first place. Why are we even considering such extremes? Hawaii has a population of over 1.4 million people and 17 have allegedly died from Covid (Dr Birx and the CDC have both stated that a death will be listed as covid even if they did not die FROM Covid). So even with the questionable number of 17 deaths, that is a death rate of .000012% in Hawaii. That death rate is 0% for children and we were forced to close schools. None of this makes sense unless there is another agenda. And no, we do not owe our low death rates to closing the state to travellers. The death rates are low all over the country because most deaths were of older people and people in nursing homes. I understand that there was alarm when this mystery illness first became known but we now understand it a lot better and it's time to adjust accordingly. This bill gives the DOH the ability to be "flexible" when dealing with a health emergency. What does that mean? The penalties if you are "uncooperative" with testing, tracing, isolating, quarantining, and treating based on what the DOH deems necessary, are OUTRAGEOUS. $5,000?!! This is an abuse of power and pure corruption at its finest. This bill also gives the DOH the right to close schools again and even extend the order longer than 90 days. It also says that upon arrival to Hawaii, you must submit to a "screening". What is that?! No one has the right to take DNA from my body for any reason. That's unconstitutional as shown by the fact that the police are not allowed to do that to you even if you are suspected of a crime. This "health emergency" does not suspend all of our personal rights and civil liberties. The data they would be allowed to collect violates many privacy laws as well. What about HIPAA? I don't have to disclose my personal health conditions to anyone. Even if you have a communicable disease such as HIV, no employer or school has the right to force you to take a test or disclose your diagnosis. The same applies to Covid. This bill is an example of too much power in the wrong hands. I STRONGLY OPPOSE.
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<td>Lisa Kerman</td>
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Comments:
HB2502 HD1 SD1 is in direct violation to our constitutional rights. I do not approve of the DOH making these life altering choices for me and my family. They are not elected officials. We need clarification on “treatment” in relation to medical interventions without consent. We need clarification on quarantine and isolation protocols in suspected cases. Do you propose to separate families who do not have the ability to self-isolate? I strongly oppose this bill.
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Comments:

I strongly oppose this!!!
Comments:

I strongly oppose!
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This bill represents appalling government overreach and a frightening violation of our rights.
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<td>Marites Bumanglag</td>
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Comments:
I strongly oppose HB2502.
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James Halog | Individual | Oppose | No

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<td>Sarah Sevillo</td>
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Comments:
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No more emergency powers! Especially not by unelected officials. Especially with no time restrictions. Stop invading our privacy and crushing freedom! Shame on you!
This bill is a clear violation of civil and human rights and privacy and must be stopped! The vague language allows a dictatorship by doh snd takes freedom away from the people. With no accountability or oversight at where its needed most - in governement! I oppose this bill and affirm other testimonies demanding the cease and desist of this tyrannical legislation!
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<td>jemaa k</td>
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Comments:

I am OPPOSED to this bill.

Thank you,

Jemaa Kealoha
**Submitted By**  | **Organization**  | **Testifier Position**  | **Present at Hearing**  
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Sarah Man  | Testifying for Hawaii Autism Foundation  | Oppose  | No  

Comments:
Aloha Senator Delacruz,
I am a concerned Hawaii resident. I oppose bill HB2502 SD1 because it infringes on our constitutional rights as Hawaii citizens and US citizens. The details of this bill have not been thought through both from the perspective of an international traveler who could potentially face massive unexpected expenses upon arrival, but also the further destruction of our economy where smaller businesses will not be able to survive on the lower daily volume of tourists and higher expenses created by these rules. Please oppose this bill.
Mahalo,
Natasha Sky
Keaau, HI
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<td>ChunMi Araki</td>
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Comments:
WE THE PEOPLE STRONGLY OPPOSE HB2502_SD1 which would seek to amend Hawaii Revised Statutes Division 1. § 325 on infectious and communicable diseases. HB2502_SD1 would grant broad powers to the Director of the Department of Health, an unelected official, allowing the Director to declare a public health emergency with agreement from the Governor. Once the emergency is declared, the Director would be the sole person in charge of the emergency, responsible for the rules, and dictating health requirements to be followed by all people in Hawai‘i. That is too much power for an individual, particularly one who does not answer to the people. Additionally, no clear criteria are established in the bill to define a public health emergency, and any emergency could be extended indefinitely in 90-day increments. The phrase “potential for an epidemic” makes clear that no concrete EVIDENCE of an outbreak is even necessary in order to declare an emergency. “Take other action as deemed necessary by the director” is vague language found in the bill that could be abused and cause great harm to the people of Hawai‘i. What kind of action? I believe that future responses to outbreaks can be effectively managed, as has been done in our current situation, under the current legislation and HB2502_SD1 should be rejected by the Senate as it creates too much potential for harm.

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Comments:

There is a lot of vague language that I am uncomfortable with. It seems this bill is intentionally written this way to make it easier for the government to over step it's bounds and trample on the liberties of the individual. I strongly oppose this bill. It is unjust for the government or any related entity to forcefully quarantine individuals, separate them from their families, as well as charge them for the cost.
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Comments:

I am very much against this it is a violation of the constitution only leaves us more vulnerable to unconstitutional violations! Please no
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Katherine Guzman | Individual | Oppose | No

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Comments:
I strongly oppose of the passing of HB2502.
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Edward Clark | Individual | Oppose | No

Comments:
Aloha,

I understand the state and frankly the world's concern for people's safety and health however, this virus has a high percentage of recovery level so I do not understand why the need for a "vaccine" must be required for children and adults to attend school or be in public. Consider other options before taking advantage of authority and power over the people.
Comments:

Please consider the following notes as points of opposition on HB2502 HD1 SD1.

In reference to the portion of Section 1 which reads: "This screening process will also authorize the department of health to take certain actions upon completion of traveler screening, including testing, investigating, monitoring, quarantining, and isolating travelers, as determined necessary by the director of health...". This language is extremely vague and has the potential for misuse by the State of Hawai‘i.

In reference to: Section 2(c), which reads: "(c) Every police officer or state law enforcement officer and the Hawaii emergency management agency shall aid and assist the department in the enforcement of a declaration of a public health emergency." Continuing this over-expansion of police officer duties, especially during a time of a mass call to defund and abolish policing systems, is reminiscent of a police-state.

If the state were to "monitor interisland, domestic, and international travelers after their arrival" is an invasion of privacy. Although there are items written into this bill to ensure reasonable accommodations, I believe this line has to potential to be misused by the Hawaii State Department of Health.
Keanuenue Roldan  Individual  Oppose  No

Comments:
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Dear Committee Members:

This bill is dangerously vague and allows unelected officials to use their own discretion about how to implement the bill and without oversight. It's a startling overreach of power, particularly for the Director of the DOH. This is unacceptable in a democracy.

Sincerely,

Tatyana Cerullo

Honolulu, Hawaii
Good afternoon,

My name is Michael Sendrey and I am a resident of the State of Hawaii in the County of Honolulu. My physical address is 45-423 Pua Inia St Kaneohe Hawaii 96744. After reading HB2502 and current testimony, I am writing my testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION to HB2502 related to Health.

The bill removes numerous personal freedoms, which are guaranteed by the United States Constitution, without meeting the burden of proof that the removal of such highly regarded and well protected freedoms would be necessary. According to the bill, an apparently healthy individual can be removed from their home and remanded to a quarantine facility, solely on suspicion, if they are “deemed by the department to be … at higher risk of infection, or at risk for spreading infection.” However, it is not defined how the department would determine if an individual or group of people would be at a “higher risk of spreading infection” and the Bill does not provide for any burden of proof.
by the State or Department of Health to demonstrate that a person is truly a threat before removing their personal freedoms.

Another significant point of concern is the potential for exposure and infection within the quarantine facility. The bill would allow for a perfectly healthy person to be remanded to a quarantine facility solely on suspicion of having a greater risk of spreading infection, even though the person is not presently infected. This person could be placed in a facility with other individuals who may actually be carrying an infectious disease, and thereby contract the very infectious disease from which the state was supposed to protect them. There are also no safeguards specified in the bill to protect individuals once they are remanded to the quarantine facility.

Additionally, there appears to be no limit set on how long an individual can be held in quarantine or isolation without the burden of proof that the individual is actually a threat to the community.

The act states that “Each individual quarantined shall be responsible for the costs of food, lodging, and medical care, except for those costs covered and paid by the individual’s health plan.” With this Bill, the state could hold a person or family against their will without providing any proof that they are actually a threat, without any limitation as to how long they could be held, and charge the individual an uncapped and undisclosed amount of money to do so. This hardly seems in accordance with the Constitution of the United States which expressly guarantees an individual’s right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

According to the bill, “the court may order the consolidation of claims where: (1) The number of individuals involved or to be affected by an order of quarantine or isolation is so large as to render individual participation impractical”. This undermines the United States Constitutional protection of individual liberties. A person may have extenuating circumstances, but the court could decide to ignore the individual complaints and require an individual to be part of a group without the individual’s express consent.

I am also deeply concerned by, and expressly object to, the invasion of privacy in mandating medical disclosure forms at both arrival and departure points that would then be shared with private entities. Health privacy has long been protected by HIPPA and should remain so. Text from the Bill, “Collection, receipt, and use of the information may include the sharing of the information between or among the department, other governmental agencies, and private entities under contract with the department.”
I also expressly object to the use of funds collected under the bill for purposes other than public health. Per the Bill,

“(2) $1,500,000 shall be allocated to the Turtle Bay conservation easement special fund beginning July 1, 2015, for the reimbursement to the state general fund of debt service on reimbursable general obligation bonds, including ongoing expenses related to the issuance of the bonds, the proceeds of which were used to acquire the conservation easement and other real property interests in Turtle Bay, Oahu, for the protection, preservation, and enhancement of natural resources important to the State, until the bonds are fully amortized;

(3) $16,500,000 shall be allocated to the convention center enterprise special fund established under section 201B—8;

(4) $79,000,000 shall be allocated to the tourism special fund established under section 2018—11;

(A) Beginning on July 1, 2012, and ending on June 30, 2015, $2,000,000 shall be expended from the tourism special fund for development and implementation of initiatives to take advantage of expanded Visa programs and increased travel opportunities for international visitors to Hawaii;

(B) Of the $79,000,000 allocated: (i) $1,000,000 shall be allocated for the operation of a Hawaiian center and the museum of Hawaiian music and dance; and (ii) 0.5 per cent of the $79,000,000 shall be transferred to a sub—account in the tourism special fund to provide funding for a safety”

Thank you for hearing my testimony AGAINST HB 2502.
# Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. Stop trying to take our freedoms away. We live in America not China.
Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing
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Samantha Cook | Individual   | Oppose             | No               

Comments:

The language in the bill regarding the Health Authority and the use of police force is much too vague and leaves room for abuse of power and restricted freedoms. Testing individuals coming into the state makes sense and is the best way to go about the prevention of spread of COVID-19.
Comments:

- I do not consent

I am free

I am sovereign

Sarah Parker is not my Creator

Big pharma is not my God

The Medical church is not my place of worship

Not today Satan

Yes to medical freedom! Yes to body sovereignty. No to HB2502!
I oppose HB2502. The vague language used on this bill leaves alarming loopholes that can potentially infringe on our privacy as well as constitutional rights and freedoms. Our governor has successfully made emergency proclamations that have led to the state of Hawaii having some of the lowest numbers of cases in the nation. The power to make such proclamations should remain with an elected official.
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I oppose HB2502 HD1 SD1.
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I oppose HB 2502 due to the bill violating one’s civil liberties, bodily autonomy and an intrusion of privacy. I do not give up my rights to DOH (a non-elected position) to determine the well being of myself and my family. This bill violates HIPAA laws as well. The bill relies on COVID-19 testing which in itself is flawed, which will then negatively impact the people of Hawai‘i. The wording of this bill is too vague.
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Mahalo
Comments:

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This bill violates our constitutional rights. It is intentionally vague, giving undue powers to the Dept. of Health. There are no checks and balances for power, including keeping families together, protections for bodily autonomy, and safeguards for religious rights.
I, Mei Lyn Brown, strongly oppose Bill, HB2502 HD1 SD1.

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This is why we urge you to shred this bill and allow the people of Hawai’i to return to the lives we once lived. This bill makes an opening statement which declares that such legislation is acting to sustain the State’s tourism industry, when in actuality it can only serve to do the exact opposite. How can the forced screening, testing, monitoring, tracking and possible incarceration of those looking to enjoy a Hawai’i vacation be considered a “positive visitor experience”?

And how can Forced Testing, Tracking, Isolation and Quarantine away from the comfort our own safe, homes, as well as possible forced vaccinations or the removal of our health freedom and our rights to choose for our own bodies and that of our children, be considered not only a healthy, non threatening living experience, yet one where our civil liberties and human rights are preserved, respected and honored?

It is not.

On behalf of humanity.

Peace be with you as you choose to do the right thing for the Highest Good of the People you Serve and On God.

Thank you,

Mei Lyn Brown
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Comments:

This bill grants sweeping powers to the department of health without necessary accountability to the populace. The potential for harm inflicted upon the people of Hawaii and visitors to the state from the passing of this bill is far greater than the potential for harm from that which the bill seeks to protect us from.
**Submitted By**  
- kristin stanley

**Organization**  
- Individual

**Testifier Position**  
- Oppose

**Present at Hearing**  
- No

**Comments:**

I strongly oppose
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Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS BILL! I believe we should have the right to choose what we decide to do with our bodies and our children’s bodies. It should not be a up to the government for that is unconstitutional. Our country stands on freedom and it's sickening to see that being strip away for profitable purposes.
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Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE any avenue that will lead to mandatory vaccines for employees and/or children/students. The covid-19 is too loose and too many unanswered coincidences, to base this HB upon.
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Comments:

This bill violates my constitutional rights. I oppose.
I, Maria Caps, STRONGLY OPPOSE this bill and am appalled that it has been proposed.

This bill gives an unelected official the power to declare medical martial law at his/her discretion. A healthy person can lose bodily autonomy and be imprisoned based on mere suspicion of exposure. The State and involved institutions and staff are NOT LIABLE for death or damages due to this bill??This is an ABUSE OF POWER, an outrageous INFRINGEMENT ON OUR PERSONAL LIBERTIES and is UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

The U.S. Constitution's BILL OF RIGHTS includes:

ARTICLE I free expression of religion and freedom to peaceably assemble

ARTICLE IV right to be SECURE AGAINST UNREASONABLE SEARCH AND SEIZURE

ARTICLE VIII protects against EXCESSIVE FINES ($5000)

ARTICLE IX do not deny or disparage other rights retained by the people

My parents fled communism and made huge sacrifices to live in the land of freedom, and now this bill attempts to impose TYRANNY. Please HONOR YOUR OATHS OF OFFICE.

This bill defines terms such as "epidemic" and "deadly disease". Hawaii has several genuine epidemics - type 2 diabetes, metabolic syndrome, and end-stage renal disease are examples of deadly diseases that plague the state. But the health of the people of Hawaii is not really the issue, is it? This bill uses a virus - with a mortality rate similar to that of a bad seasonal flu - as an excuse for a huge power grab. ENOUGH.

Please KILL THIS BILL and allow the people of Hawaii to get back to working, learning, and caring for each other with aloha.
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Regarding HB2502

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My Testimony

I would like to submit testimony in strong opposition to HB2502.

Though the early detection of communicable disease has emerged as something that is important to stopping an initial spread of illness, it raises many questions of civil rights violations.

Our civil rights, especially the ones relating to the integrity of our own bodies, our medical choices, vaccination, testing, being tracked, isolated, held against ones will, and put into quarantine house arrest, are very important issues that should not be taken lightly.

I believe that this issue will eventually be decided by the United States Supreme Court which just upheld Roe v Wade, essentially confirming that "it's my body, it's my choice". The court will have to decide if forced immunizations will ever be considered legal in the United States as they violate our most fundamental right of no harm being done against us.

PART III of the proposed Bill, §325-I Right to Contest: This section would appear to lead on our legal system instructing them to do just as you direct, rather than allowing for a fair hearing and due course. Surely it is not your intent to lead on the judge and rather than spelling everything out as you did, a simple "An individual has the right to contest and appear in court within 10 days to be heard by a judge, so as to guarantee due course" would be a more appropriate wording, because isn't it the judge's prerogative to make a legal decision?

I believe that a violation of our civil rights is unacceptable under the US Constitution, and for good reason. We can not possibly be ready to create such a bill without carefully looking at every aspect of such a proposal and exploring all possible human consequences. Your duty as our State representatives and
senators is to serve your communities and protect the people of Hawaii, and this includes holding our civil rights sacred. There are huge potential consequences here that must be explored at length. Consider if this is really the world you want to leave behind for your children and grandchildren to live in...

Having an emergency system ready to act if necessary is a good idea, but it must surely work within civil rights perimeters otherwise we’re changing the course of our country to becoming a police state where citizens have lost their most precious commodities, which are valued in the United States above all else. Please consider this carefully with our Independence Day holiday approaching...
I am opposing this bill because it is much too vague. There is no budget set. Also, it does not address what constitutes "treatment" clearly enough. It places the monetary burden of treatments, quarantine, and isolation on individuals. It will also deter travelers, negatively affecting our tourism industry. I am also uncomfortable with anyone having more power than the governor in this matter. This bill needs to be revised for further clarification or all together abandoned.
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This is a violation of constitutional rights
I strongly oppose HB2502 HD1 SD1. It would allow the Director of the Dept. of Health, an unelected position, the power to declare public health emergencies with the power to extend the declaration every 90 days as the Director sees fit as well as to enforce temporary closures (Sec. 325-A, 3). Having no clear and legitimate end date or term for such declaration and extensions could put the state's residents, visitors, and economy at risk.

Section 325-B does not specify the methods and tools potentially needed to conduct screenings. This section also does not guarantee the rights, safety, and dignity of an individual will be protected. How will you ensure people with certain medical conditions or disabilities aren't targeted? How will you prevent ethnic or racial bias when it comes to screenings? How will you ensure your screening methods and tools do not inflict physical/mental harm, immediate or gradual, upon individuals? Also, there is no statement regarding review and inspection from other departments or agencies to ensure the Dept. of Health is enforcing this Bill in an ethical manner.

It is also unclear to what the extent of the special funds appropriated for this Bill will cover expenses for individuals before placing the remaining financial burden onto the individuals or individuals' health insurance. Section 325-C seems to be in conflict with 325-G; to what percentage of the expenses will be covered by the fund and the individual traveler? These additional costs will likely deter individuals from traveling to Hawaii, which does not help to stabilize the tourist industry as this Bill claims to accomplish. I cannot fathom how a fund with a blank budget strengthens the validity and necessity of this Bill and to expect the people of this state/country to accept that is inexcusable.

Lastly, Part V does not specify the terms of quarantine and how long an individual or group must remain under quarantine. Not only do you expect travelers to comply with a mandated and indefinite quarantine, you expect them to cover the cost as well.

This is unacceptable. Giving an unelected official the power to make indefinite emergency declarations and forcing closures of businesses and facilities is unacceptable. Creating a bottomless fund while expecting individuals to burden the cost of expenses inflicted on them by a mandated quarantine/isolation/treatment is
unacceptable. All with no oversight from outside departments or agencies. This is unacceptable.
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I highly oppose HB 2502. The bill that is introduced is extremely unclear. It goes against our constitutional rights! There is no way you are coming into my home, and taking my family members to isolation over a virus that is trending similar to the flu. If you guys are concerned about the public’s wellbeing, you should actually look into the effects of vaccines and all the damage they have done. This bill is not about public safety, and is not for the public. Listen to your people and do what is right!
Submitted by Sharlyn Maciel, an individual, to oppose the bill, and not present at the hearing.

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I fully oppose this bill. This is an infringement on our freedoms and everything America stands for. We the people do not agree to this.
Aloha,

My name is Lisa Gibson and I am a long time resident in the state of Hawaii. I am very concerned about certain parts of this bill. There was a strong opposition last week to this bill from the public. It seems like you are not willing to listen to your constituents, the ones who voted you in. Please do not ignore us.

In particular, my concerns are about the vague wording in many areas of this bill and the lack of details in other parts of this bill.

No clear criteria are established in the bill to define a public health emergency, and any emergency could be extended indefinitely in 90-day increments. The phrase “potential for an epidemic” makes clear that no concrete EVIDENCE of an outbreak is even necessary in order to declare an emergency. “Take other action as deemed necessary by the director” is vague language found in the bill that could be abused and is not appropriate language if you truly care about the great people of Hawai‘i. I believe that future responses to outbreaks can be effectively managed, as has been done in our current situation, under the current legislation and HB2502_SD1 should be rejected by the Senate as it creates too much potential for harm.

Based on the content of the bill, ANY PERSON suspected of being at a “higher risk of spreading infection” would be subject to quarantine, removal to a quarantine facility by police force, with no limitation on how long s/he can be held in quarantine, and no cap on the amount of money the individual can be charged for room, board, and treatment. There are no guarantees that families would be kept together and no safeguards for bodily autonomy. This is a complete and total disregard for the civil liberties established in the United States Constitution for any person that would be suspected of being at a greater risk based on a presumed threat without any requirement for the State or Director of Health to meet the burden of proof before removing civil liberties.

Page 5, line 5 reads: “Take other action as deemed necessary...” This wording is far too vague and would suggest that the Department of Health director will have authority to enforce absolutely anything, including a vaccine, invasive testing or medical treatment, if in his/her opinion if it is “deemed necessary” and without any public input.
or legislative process. I do not agree with the Department’s ability to adopt interim rules without the requirements of chapter 91 and chapter 201M. This exemption removes the right for the public and small business owners to influence rulemaking. Business owners will be denied the ability to oppose rules that will have an impact on their business, such as in the case of mandated closure of businesses.

I do not agree to the forced closure of schools and businesses as proposed on page 4, line 14, as this practice has proven to have no bearing on the overall numbers of deaths in relation to COVID-19, when you compare statistics with other states that did not impose a “lockdown” mandate yet still maintained a low death toll. Closure of a business is in effect an illegal seizure of property and the amount of despair and disruption to society it causes must be taken into consideration. You cannot justify mitigation tactics meant to save lives, when those tactics are destroying lives in the process.

Page 5, Line 9: “(b) Quarantine and isolation pursuant to this section shall not be subject to the requirements pursuant to section 325—8(a).” This seems to suggest that definitions of the terms “communicable disease”, “dangerous disease” and “quarantine” can be altered or modified as needed in order to declare a public health emergency and subsequently enforce quarantine on individuals without the need for clear definition. This in turn will also relieve the state from the burden of proof if in such cases the quarantine order is challenged by the individual. The redefinition of “Quarantine” from 325-8(a) to the new proposed definition by adding “or who otherwise have or create a potential risk of transmitting a communicable or dangerous disease to others from individuals” brings up the question that unvaccinated individuals could be targeted to be placed in quarantine facilities.

The addition to Chapter 325 of the definition of the term “isolation” and the distinct difference to the term “quarantine”, with ISOLATION being more restrictive, seems to mean that some individuals may be removed from their homes or other more comfortable setting and placed within an isolation facility. Forced separation from family members due to infection without due process of law is cruel and therefore unconstitutional under the 4th amendment.

This bill intends to amend Chapter 325-8(e) to remove the individual’s right to due process. The State will NOT be required to obtain a written ex parte order prior to enforcing isolation or quarantine. The individual will be allowed a right to contest, but with a time frame of 10 days until a hearing is scheduled, the individual will be subjected to quarantine or isolation no matter what. They will be considered guilty until proven innocent. On page 21, Line 14 it reads: “The individual is reasonably believed to have been exposed to or known to have been infected with a communicable or dangerous disease;” This appears to change the standard to detain, arrest and hold from “probable cause” to “reasonably believed” which is again a violation of the 4th amendment.

In closing, you are our elected officials and we count on you to listen to your constituents when passing bills. Isn’t that the point of public hearings? There was a
large online turnout last week who OPPOSED this bill and would like to see it rewritten so it doesn't infringe on any of our constitutional rights. Please do not ignore us.

Mahalo.
Good afternoon,

My name is Amy Sharp and I am a resident of the State of Hawaii in the County of Maui.

After reading HB2502 and current testimony, I am writing my testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION to HB2502 related to Health.

The bill removes numerous personal freedoms, which are guaranteed by the United States Constitution, without meeting the burden of proof that the removal of such highly regarded and well protected freedoms would be necessary. According to the bill, an apparently healthy individual can be removed from their home and remanded to a quarantine facility, solely on suspicion, if they are “deemed by the department to be … at higher risk of infection, or at risk for spreading infection.” However, it is not defined how the department would determine if an individual or group of people would be at a “higher risk of spreading infection” and the Bill does not provide for any burden of proof by the State or Department of Health to demonstrate that a person is truly a threat before removing their personal freedoms.
Another significant point of concern is the potential for exposure and infection within the quarantine facility. The bill would allow for a perfectly healthy person to be remanded to a quarantine facility solely on suspicion of having a greater (undefined) risk of spreading infection, even though the person is not presently infected. This person could be placed in a facility with other individuals who may actually be carrying an infectious disease, and thereby contract the very infectious disease from which the state was supposed to protect them. There are also no safeguards specified in the bill to protect individuals once they are remanded to the quarantine facility.

Additionally, there appears to be no limit set on how long an individual can be held in quarantine or isolation without the burden of proof that the individual is actually a threat to the community.

The act states that “Each individual quarantined shall be responsible for the costs of food, lodging, and medical care, except for those costs covered and paid by the individual’s health plan.” With this Bill, the state could hold a person or family against their will without providing any proof that they are actually a threat, without any limitation as to how long they could be held, and charge the individual an uncapped and undisclosed amount of money to do so. This hardly seems in accordance with the Constitution of the United States which expressly guarantees an individual’s right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

According to the bill, “the court may order the consolidation of claims where: (1) The number of individuals involved or to be affected by an order of quarantine or isolation is so large as to render individual participation impractical”. This undermines the United States Constitutional protection of individual liberties. A person may have extenuating circumstances, but the court could decide to ignore the individual complaints and require an individual to be part of a group without the individual’s express consent.

I am also deeply concerned by, and expressly object to, the invasion of privacy in mandating medical disclosure forms at both arrival and departure points that would then be shared with private entities. Health privacy has long been protected by HIPPA and should remain so. Text from the Bill, “Collection, receipt, and use of the information may include the sharing of the information between or among the department, other governmental agencies, and private entities under contract with the department.”
I also expressly object to the use of funds collected under the bill for purposes other than public health. Per the Bill,

“(2) $1,500,000 shall be allocated to the Turtle Bay conservation easement special fund beginning July 1, 2015, for the reimbursement to the state general fund of debt service on reimbursable general obligation bonds, including ongoing expenses related to the issuance of the bonds, the proceeds of which were used to acquire the conservation easement and other real property interests in Turtle Bay, Oahu, for the protection, preservation, and enhancement of natural resources important to the State, until the bonds are fully amortized;

(3) $16,500,000 shall be allocated to the convention center enterprise special fund established under section 201B—8;

(4) $79,000,000 shall be allocated to the tourism special fund established under section 2018—11;

(A) Beginning on July 1, 2012, and ending on June 30, 2015, $2,000,000 shall be expended from the tourism special fund for development and implementation of initiatives to take advantage of expanded Visa programs and increased travel opportunities for international visitors to Hawaii;

(B) Of the $79,000,000 allocated: (i) $1,000,000 shall be allocated for the operation of a Hawaiian center and the museum of Hawaiian music and dance; and (ii) 0.5 per cent of the $79,000,000 shall be transferred to a sub—account in the tourism special fund to provide funding for a safety

Thank you for hearing my testimony AGAINST HB 2502.

Aloha,

Amy Sharp
Comments:

This bill violates our constitutional freedom to live and work where we will. The constitution which is supposed to protect us citizens in the good and bad times, must NOT be overstepped by the state government to use this very limited emergency power. It only allows the suspension of the ordinary judicial process in the event of war, invasion, or rebellion. Covid is neither of these things. The state must obey the ordinary constitutional restrictions on their powers and not abuse them for the sake of being "safe". Unintended consequences, or seemingly in this case- intended, will be exponentially worse than the so-called problem itself. We must hold you accountable in your actions to attempt to control our freedom to live and travel where we want. You must hold yourself accountable especially in your positions of power, please do not overreach.

Our 14th Amendment, Section 1 states: "No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

A dear friend and business owner took his own life at the beginning of the shut down, finding the weight of the financial burden of not being able to operate too hard to bear. I have personally been negatively affected by the quarantine mandates in regard to my business- floral event planning. My sister will not be able to get married with these tyrannical travel quarantine measures that are already in place. If we are to only re-open our travel borders under the guise of safety, when will anything ever be 100% safe? Never. Please take the time to hear and understand what the people opposing this bill are saying as if you were not guaranteed a paycheck by the government, drafting legislation that oversteps clearly stated bounds by the constitution. Mandating testing, tracking, sharing of private medical records, quarantine, isolation, and possible vaccine mandates have NO place in the hands of an unelected, non-physician, DOH director Bruce Anderson. Please be reminded that its your duty and kuleana to listen and respect the people you serve.

I strongly oppose this bill.
Comments:

I TOTALLY OPPOSE this! First of all DO NOT TAKE AWAY MY CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS. This is ILLEGAL!! You have NO RIGHT to FORCE my Family and I to Participate or agree to any decision you come up with pertaining to our Health. Last time I checked We were American Citizens. STOP trying to bully your ways and thoughts into our lives. WE HAVE RIGHTS AS AMERICAN CITIZENS. Be Expecting Lawsuits on your hands.
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I strongly oppose this bill.
Kristi Yamanaka
Individual
Oppose
No

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I strongly oppose this bill.
I oppose. Please do not pass. Individuals should be allowed to make the best decision for their families. Thank you.
Dear Senate Committee,

I have carefully reviewed the updated version of HB2502SD1. I am suprised that our Senate would think the citizens of Hawaii would bow and accept such an outrageous bill. We know how to take care of our own health, and our hospitals and healthcare providers are standing by to help when we need them as they always have. We do not need any new persons, departments or organizations questioning us, herding us, tracking us or monitoring us like cattle. The unconstitutional issues in this bill are rampant and it is clear that our government is not dealing with Hawaii’s citizens in good faith. It is very disappointing to learn that we have an elected government so out of touch with the law.

The draconian policies in this bill are straight from the pages of Agenda 21. And this New World Order garbage has no place in American society. No person or organization should ever have the power to play God with our lives the way this bill proposes. HB 2502 is NOT a bill that upholds our constitutional rights and freedoms. Rather it is a bill that eliminates them. I hold my constitutional rights dear and will never sell them out by supporting such a bill.

People of Hawaii never needed any of the extreme measures described in this bill before and we do not need them now. I understand that Covid19 is a dangerous pathogen, very similar to the seasonal Influenza in transmission and mortality rates. But we’ve dealt with much deadlier pathogens in the past and have done so with dignity, and with out shutting down our state, with out asking healthy people to wear face masks and with out completely crushing our local economy.

So I respectfully ask again that you reject bill HB 2502 SD 1 and help us get back to living a free and normal life passing only the bills that uphold our constitutional rights and that do not discourage people from traveling as this one surely would.

Thank you for your consideration.
Brian DeCook
808-870-7873
Comments:

I am against anything that will grant someone, whatbseems to be absolute power, especially without oversight or checks and balances. Please do not give up our freedoms or right to choose for security and safety. It is better to inform us with CORRECT inform and let us choose, rather than take away our free agency. It only takes one law like this to start taking away more freedoms, for our "security ". Please strike this bill down.
I oppose HB2502_SD1. It infringes on the rights of the citizens and gives too much power to certain people in government. Please reject this bill.

Allan P. Talbert
The last committee ignored or didn't read over 1000 opposing testimonies. Will you do this also?

It is very simple. The Dept of Health Director is an unelected official that should never be given the power to do ANYTHING, without the prior approval of an elected official. The Dept of Health has not protected Hawaiian students from herbicides and pesticides on campuses. Why would they be trusted with anyone's health???? Obviously whoever drafted this bill wants some corrupt process into be legalized. End this bill!
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I am in strong opposition to HB2502 HD1 SD1 which is another example of tyranny over public health that is often used during questionable pandemics or communicable disease outbreaks. For example, the lethality of COVID-19 is now estimated at about .07 to .2%. This makes it much less deadly than originally predicted, yet health and government officials, along with mainstream media continue with elaborate deception and created frenzy from fear and paranoia. It is becoming obvious to the public, that the lack of current health emergency during this coronavirus scare is historically similar to the alarm of the swine flu, Ebola, West Nile virus, SARS, anthrax, bird flu and others.

Policies and tools to "screen, test, mitigate or treat" the spread of disease appear to control a population. This undesirable agenda leads to violations to civil, constitutional, healthcare, religious and personal freedoms and rights. Unjust travel restrictions with unreasonable penalties, lockdowns, business/church/event closures and unhealthy masking start to diminish the Aloha spirit.

In this legislative bill, it is very disconcerting that a director of a state's health department in consultation and approval of the Governor will have the authority and power to require "reporting, screening, testing, contact tracing, quarantine and isolation of persons deemed by the department of health to be infected, at higher risk of infection, or at risk for spreading infections." Many of the other requirements, rules, penalties and fines are also draconian and are not deemed necessary. We live in a world full of viruses and bacteria and these requirements for a specific hyped virus are grievous. Instead focusing on building our natural immunity and internal environment would be preferred.

Finally, similar to other bills in Hawaii's legislature that are introduced, this bill with its various drafts has morphed into something very different from the original bill. This legislative process is a disappointment to Hawaii and does not appear to be trustworthy. Please OPPOSE HB2502 HD1 SD1 and do not let it pass your Committee.

Mahalo,

Cheryl Toyofuku
**HB-2502-SD-1**
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The verbiage of the bill is vague and SHOULD be amended to protect the rights of the people of Hawaii. This bill allows DOH significant amount of control. DOH should NOT be exempt from HRS Chapter 91 and 201M.
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It give DOH too much power to abuse citizens freedom due to inaccurate test and the bill didn't define "treatment". Also the COVID 19 vaccine date maybe indefinitely. So are we going still lock down for our whole life. Or that jus a hoax excuse for government enslaved us again!!!
# Comments:

I strongly oppose HB2502. I find the wording too vague with too much left to interpretation. I find it extremely unconstitutional and dangerous to basic human rights and person freedom.
Comments:

My family oppose strongly against HB2502 HD1 SD1. The DOH should never have more power over our governor. What is happening to our government and to our State?
June 30, 2020

Levana Lomma
5354 Makaloa Street
Kapa’a, Hi. 96746

RE: STRONGLY OPPOSED TO HB2502_SD1

To: WAM Committee Chair, Senator Donovan Dela Cruz

I ask that you please consider my testimony before passing this legislation.

I believe that future responses to outbreaks can be effectively managed, as has been proven for our present situation, under the current legislation found in HRS 325 and that HB2502_SD1 should be rejected by the Senate due to its potential to cause great harm to the people of Hawai’i. Giving sole authority to the Director of the Department of Health (upon approval of the Governor) places far too much power in the hands of an unelected official who does not answer to the people.

Although introduced with the intent to monitor and control disease outbreak at ports of entry to the state, Section 2 is written to be implemented into HRS 325 and would then apply to ALL people in Hawai’i, both residents and visitors alike. Based on the content of the bill, ANY PERSON suspected of being at a “higher risk of spreading infection” would be subject to quarantine with no limitations on time or cost.

The wording in this bill is far too vague and would suggest that the Department of Health director will have authority to “take other action” which could mean to enforce absolutely anything, including a vaccine, invasive testing or medical treatment, if in his/her opinion if it is “deemed necessary” and without any public input or legislative process. The phrase “potential for an epidemic” makes clear that no concrete EVIDENCE of an outbreak is even necessary for an emergency to be declared.

Under the declared emergency the adoption of interim rules being exempt from the requirements of Chapters 91 and 201M removes the right of the people and business owners to provide input and opposition to rule making. Again this puts far too much power in the hands of an individual who does not represent the people.

I do not agree to the forced closure of schools and businesses as proposed on page 4, line 14, as this practice is not backed by any scientific proof as being effective in reducing the
spread of infection and instead has only proven to have a very tangible detrimental effect on the lives of the people who live and work in Hawai‘i.

The removal of the requirements pursuant to section 325-8(a) seems to suggest that definitions may be altered as needed in order to declare a public health emergency and subsequently enforce quarantine or isolation on individuals without the need for clear definition. This in turn will also relieve the state from the burden of proof if in such cases the quarantine order is challenged by the individual. The redefinition of “Quarantine” from 325-8(a) to the new proposed definition by adding “or who otherwise have or create a potential risk of transmitting a communicable or dangerous disease to others” brings up the question that unvaccinated individuals could be targeted to be placed in quarantine facilities.

The amendment to Chapter 325-8(e) will remove the individual’s right to due process as the State will NOT be required to obtain a written ex parte order prior to enforcing isolation or quarantine. The individual will be allowed to contest, but with a time frame of 10 days until a hearing is scheduled, the individual will be considered guilty until proven innocent. The standard to detain, arrest and hold an individual has been changed from “probable cause” to “reasonably believed” which is again a violation of the 4th amendment and our right to due process.

Please DO NOT allow this bill to be passed. It is an abomination to the Constitution and goes far beyond anything we could ever imagine would be needed in order to protect the people from disease. Let us remember that security without liberty is called PRISON.

Sincerely,

Levana Lomma
Aloha,

1. My name is Warren Gibson and I am a long time resident in the state of Hawaii. I am very concerned about certain parts of this bill. There was a strong opposition last week to this bill from the public. It seems like you are not willing to listen to your constituents, the ones who voted you in. Please do not ignore us.

In particular, my concerns are about the vague wording in many areas of this bill and the lack of details in other parts of this bill.

No clear criteria are established in the bill to define a public health emergency, and any emergency could be extended indefinitely in 90-day increments. The phrase “potential for an epidemic” makes clear that no concrete EVIDENCE of an outbreak is even necessary in order to declare an emergency. “Take other action as deemed necessary by the director” is vague language found in the bill that could be abused and is not appropriate language if you truly care about the great people of Hawai‘i. I believe that future responses to outbreaks can be effectively managed, as has been done in our current situation, under the current legislation and HB2502_SD1 should be rejected by the Senate as it creates too much potential for harm.

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In closing, you are our elected officials and we count on you to listen to your constituents when passing bills. Isn’t that the point of public hearings? There was a
large online turnout last week who OPPOSED this bill and would like to see it rewritten so it doesn't infringe on any of our constitutional rights. Please do not ignore us.

Mahalo.
Comments:

Honorable Committee Members of WAM,

I strongly oppose HB2502 SD1. It has potential for abuse and bills that hold such potential usually express it. History has shown this repeatedly. It is not in the interest of health but in the interest of control. It is not for the safety/security of the people but in the interest of control. It is not in the interest of the well being of the people but in the control. I oppose HB2502 SD1.

Susan Higa

Wailuku, Maui
I strongly Oppose HB2502 HD1 SD1. This bill gives unwarranted power into the hands of unelected officials, putting our basic human rights in danger. This bill is vague and leaves it open for some very harmful legislation without any public oversight. This bill is draconian. Mandated testing with a test that has such a high false positive/negative rate is cause for alarm and could and will cause much harm to our state, especially financially.
I STRONGLY OPPOSE HB2502 SD1.

The Hawaii Department of Health members are not elected and have no incentive to consider the concerns of the constituents that you represent. As seen with the hearings for HAR 11-157, not one single DOH member attended any of the hearings. The audio recordings were obviously transcribed with voice recognition software that was unedited and therefore full of incorrect words and very difficult to understand. Amendments were made after the hearings, with no public knowledge of what was being sent to the Governor to sign, and therefore no opportunity for the public to support or oppose important health requirements that could cause severe adverse effects for Hawaii residents.

Since DOH members cannot be voted out, I am EXTREMELY CONCERNED about DOH’s potential MISUSE OF AUTHORITY provided by HB2502 SD1. The opportunities for conflicts of interest, devastating errors, and violations of privacy and Constitutional rights should concern all legislators.

The DOH complies with the CDC recommendations with unjustified trust. The CDC delayed testing with defective test kits, which DOH decided to use anyway. The CDC sent test kits to the wrong address (which delayed Hawaii’s testing even more than other states that were not receiving flights from China). The CDC failed to protect Hawaii by failing to provide test kits at the beginning of the pandemic and failed to prioritize test kit distribution to the states with the most exposure.

The CDC distributed test kits that were contaminated with Covid19. The CDC has also manipulated statistics by not requiring testing confirmation for Covid19 deaths, which has been increasing the death count. The CDC has double counted the positive diagnostic tests with antibody blood tests, which is inaccurately increasing the number of cases. We cannot blindly follow everything the CDC recommends when they have made so many mistakes that endangered public health safety for Hawaii residents.

False positives can occur with both the diagnostic tests and the antibody tests. What happens to the people who are unjustly quarantined and separated from their
families based on a false positive test? Will children be unethically separated from their parents and put in the care of strangers based on false positives? Hawaii already has concerning issues with missing children in foster care. This bill is vague about what will happen to the children of Hawaii. Please consider these serious concerns and the potentially devastating consequences of HB2502 SD1.

I have hope that Hawaii legislators can find better ways to implement public safety measures that protect Hawaii residents from infectious diseases, while also protecting Constitutional rights and privacy. You were elected to represent the people of Hawaii, unlike DOH. Please consider the serious concerns with giving more authority to unelected officials that many residents do not trust.

PLEASE VOTE NO ON HB2502 SD1.

Mahalo,

Christina Jung

Concerned Hawaii Resident, Mother, and Teacher.
Comments:

I absolutely oppose this bill as it is too vague. It also infringes on peoples rights to choose and decide and should be thrown out.
I oppose this bill. Our state is not controlled by health officials but by elected officials to act in our states interests.
Aloha,

This is not the way of the Hawaiian people and with this the state of Hawaii will truly be in jeopardy. Your proposal goes completely opposite of the aloha spirit by forcing segregation in families. If something like this is passed, the people will rebel against the government. Hawaiians will not tolerate their homes getting split up. No matter how pretty you make it look. I am completely against this and do not think this is in the best interest of anyone and will not help resolve any current issues.

mahalo,

Jasmine
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I oppose this bill because this legislation infringes on the constitutional rights of Hawaiian citizens and US citizens. The details of this bill have not been thought through both from the perspective of an international traveler who could potentially face massive unexpected expenses upon arrival, but also the further destruction of our economy where smaller businesses will not be able to survive on the lower daily volume of tourists and higher expenses created by these rules. Tourism, the main source of revenue for Hawaii, will fall exponentially and have devastating effects on the economy. No tourist will want to risk the extreme consequences this legislation proposes.

in addition, the constitutionally protected individual freedoms that set the US apart from every other country in the world are violated on many levels in this legislation. America is the home of the FREE.
As a relative of a resident of Hawaii, I am appalled by the restrictive, harsh measures suggested in this bill. I believe many of these measures will impact both residents and visitors and make it nearly impossible for me to see my family without harassment and a violation of my civil liberties. We still live in the United States of America which is a free country, with citizens protected by the Constitution and I believe we need to hold on to our freedoms, which many have died for in countless wars. Many of the measures being suggested are due to the current climate of fear which is stoked daily with unsupported “best guess” scenarios, which have frequently been wrong. Please remember that the survival rate for Covid-19 is in the 99% or so and does not necessitate these restrictive measures. When fear is the driver of bill like these, which is a hodge-podge of restriction, you need to step back and support the Constitution of the United States, our civil liberties and our freedom and not follow your fear. I enthusiastically oppose this bill.
Comments:

My family and I are world travelers and have had plans to visit Hawaii before the pandemic. This bill has taken away any desire to travel to Hawaii in the future. I cannot imagine going through such extensive screening measures and putting my children through this in order to enjoy a vacation in the United States! Your tourism industry is bound to suffer greatly from this. And the amount of power given to the department of health in this bill should be alarming to anyone with common sense!
Comments:

Aloha,

I STRONGLY oppose this bill. It gives too much power to an unelected position, and also, some of the measures to be implemented are not backed by science.

This doesn't feel safe. This doesn’t feel democratic. This doesn’t feel like a free country.

What is

the point

of the legislature

if you

AREN'T LISTENING

when we say we do not want this?

If you pass this, you are not following the will of your constituents.

Stop acting out of fear. Fear losing liberties, more than getting sick.

I HAD A FAMILY MEMBER DIE FROM COVID, and yet I still find these measures draconian, and with no place in a free society.

Thanks for listening to my STRONG OPPOSITION to this bill.

Victoria Ng
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Comments:
July 1, 2020

Aloha Committee Members,

This is the second time I am writing to say I DISSENT to this tyranny. You are using COVID which has now been scientifically proven NOT to be a pandemic in any way shape or form to take freedoms which are not yours to take. Again, if one gets it which is a big IF, one still has a 99.98% survival rate. Stop claiming other false statistics. Those odds are not worth destroying our economy. And, nothing is worth giving up freedom for Communist rule which is exactly what is in this bill. Roughly 600 people in our state die from the flu annually. Why the sudden rush to trample Constitutional rights?

You have killed and cratered our entire economy under the guise of safety. Come November, there will be a reckoning for everyone that votes for this bill. Hundreds of thousands of people are now permanently out of work and businesses have been and continue to be permanently closed because of your reckless, heartless “lawmaking”. Every suicide from desperation because someone lost everything they worked for or because UI didn’t come on time is blood on your hands. Every child that had a hungry belly because their parent(s) couldn’t feed them is on you. Every person that never had to ask for anything and now has to decide between food, rent, a car payment, or utility bills is on you. Every single bad decision made once it was known that COVID was not what the forecasting models said it would be is owned by all of you. You could have stopped Governor Ige but instead you “no make waves” and went along. How can you look in a mirror? You are either clueless or evil.

Not one single registered voter in the state of Hawai‘i, voted for Bruce Anderson or Sarah Park. This bill lets either one of them, an UNELECTED official, decide anyone’s fate at any time. To top it off, it is on the resident’s or non-resident’s own dime and if they die or are injured in a facility that no one knows where this facility is, there is no legal recourse. Unreal. How convenient that Sunshine Laws are suspended and the public cannot come and testify in person. You have no shame. One has to wonder if money has been exchanged for votes on this bill. Because what lawmaker in their right mind, in Hawai‘i, would think anyone would want to vacation here with the possibility of an “isolation vacation”?? Is this your idea of alona aina goals? Do you want the majority of the population to go bankrupt and leave so you can “remake” Hawai‘i for your elite cronies? Is that who you serve?

History and the people of this state will remember every single one of you. Will you choose the right side of history? Do you believe in freedom or communism? Do you deserve to represent us? No, you don’t, if you support this bill in any way shape or form. Your vote will tell us everything: what you stand for and who you serve.

KILL THIS BILL. Please vote NO on HB 2502 SD1.

Mahalo,

Leslie Ragan
Comments:

This is a violation of our constitutional rights, privacy rights, and human rights, and it is a misuse of power.
Aloha Committee Members,

I cannot believe that after the roaring opposition to this tyrannical bill last week, you have the audacity to try to still pass it. 2400 out of 2500 were OPPOSED to this! No real changes were made! Who died and made Sarah Park—an UNELECTED official—Queen? The fact that a lawmaker DID NOT write this bill, but instead it was written by AG Clare Connors at the request of the DOH is alarming in and of itself. Not one member of the public voted for Bruce Anderson (who is NOT a medical professional of any sort) or for Sarah Park who serves the CDC (a for profit NGO that pretends to be a government agency) not the public of Hawai’i. If she had the best interest of the people of this state she would not want to hide behind this bill full of Constitutional rights violations. We DO NOT CONSENT to her or Bruce Anderson’s rule.

We have the RIGHT already to bodily autonomy and are free from illegal arrests because one of them decides we are “sick”. We do not need to request these rights from you since we are in a free country. We are not under Communist Rule like China where we have no rights. We have not given you control. It would serve you well to remember who you serve.

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KILL THIS BILL. Please vote NO on HB 2502 SD1.

Mahalo,

John Ragan
WE THE PEOPLE STRONGLY OPPOSE HB2502_SD1 which would seek to amend Hawaii Revised Statutes Division 1. § 325 on infectious and communicable diseases. HB2502_SD1 would grant broad powers to the Director of the Department of Health, an un-elected official, allowing the Director to declare a public health emergency with agreement from the Governor. Once the emergency is declared, the Director would be the sole person in charge of the emergency, responsible for the rules, and dictating health requirements to be followed by all people in Hawai’i. That is too much power for an individual, particularly one who does not answer to the people. Additionally, no clear criteria are established in the bill to define a public health emergency, and any emergency could be extended indefinitely in 90-day increments. The phrase “potential for an epidemic” makes clear that no concrete EVIDENCE of an outbreak is even necessary in order to declare an emergency. “Take other action as deemed necessary by the director” is vague language found in the bill that could be abused and cause great harm to the people of Hawai’i. What kind of action? I believe that future responses to outbreaks can be effectively managed, as has been done in our current situation, under the current legislation and HB2502_SD1 should be rejected by the Senate as it creates too much potential for harm.

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This is why we urge you to shred this bill and allow the people of Hawai‘i to return to the lives we once lived. This bill makes an opening statement which declares that such legislation is acting to sustain the State’s tourism industry, when in actuality it can only serve to do the exact opposite. How can the forced screening, testing, monitoring, tracking and possible incarceration of those looking to enjoy a Hawai‘i vacation be considered a “positive visitor experience”?

In addition
I do not consent to any forced vaccinations
I do not consent to invasion of my privacy
I do not consent to any forced testing
I do not consent to censorship of my free speech as per constitutional rights
I do not consent my constitutional right of assembly being taken away from me
I do not consent to any revocation of my personal freedoms and rights as per United States constitution
I do not consent to manipulation of data by centrally owned media
I do not consent to forced face covering as the Dr Fauci and President Trump both stated that masks are optional and or “symbolic” as per Dr. Fauci.
I do not consent my and my children’s health being damaged by mandatory masks, which have 0 data or research
I do not consent to any unelected official being able to strip me of my constitutional rights under the excuse of manipulated data
I oppose this Bill (HB2502 SD1) as it is a restriction of Constitutional Rights of an United States Citizen traveling within the United States. You are violating the rights of all U.S. Citizens from Free Travel. I disagree with suggested use of; Tracking, Tracing, forced Testing to enter into the state of Hawaii, Masking and all other forms of citizen monitoring and restrictions of our Freedoms. This is a burden financially as well as the impact that it would have on the citizens of Hawaii.

I oppose this Bill and hope that you will see it for the Tyranny that it is and do not pass this!

Thank you,

Tamazeen Barber
**HB-2502-SD-1**
Submitted on: 7/1/2020 4:16:27 AM
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Comments:
I oppose the wild and completely overreaching measures proposed in this bill. If Hawaii proceeds to implement lockdowns, quarantines, forcible incarceration and unlimited charges against visitors, tourists, and travelers, tourism to your state will crumble. These are police state measures, all for fear of a virus which has a 99% recovery rate. It is an insane draconian tactic, and I will not vacation in Hawaii with such measures in place. We are all still Americans - with Constitutional freedoms that are being trampled, and this will not stand. Thank you.
Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members:

I find this bill deeply concerning in that it grants the DOH Director, an unelected official, an alarming amount of authority to make sweeping decisions concerning the citizens of Hawaii that would affect our health, privacy, personal choices and economy. The DOH Director was not chosen or authorized by the people to make these kinds of decisions and would not be held accountable by us to do so in a way that truly protects our health, personal life and livelihood.

The verbiage of this bill is very vague, allowing for a wide variety of dangerous interpretations. Requiring testing, tracking, the sharing of our private medical records, and “other actions deemed necessary” opens the door to mandating any type of requirement that could be costly, invasive, unfair and unfounded. This is a complete and total disregard for the civil liberties established in the United States Constitution for any person merely suspected of being at a greater risk based on a presumed threat without any requirement for the State or DOH to meet the burden of proof before removing civil liberties.

This bill would make the already costly travel through our state even more difficult for people to visit family or the different islands, in addition to plunging our economy lower by burdening and discouraging tourists from visiting our beautiful home.

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This bill’s attempt to keep at bay the possible threat of an infectious disease appears to have created an even greater threat: an overstepping of our rights guaranteed us by the U.S. Constitution and a passing of power to unelected officials. Please vote NO on this bill.

Thank you for your time and for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

Anuhea Maeda
Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing
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Yvette Guerrero | Individual | Oppose | No

Comments:
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You should not have the rights to impose this on people. Freedom of choice needs to be just that. Different ideas and opinions need to be allowed to be freely voiced and that means freely without imposing what only some think.
### Comments:

Oppose this bill as it violates our human right to privacy and freedoms.
I strongly oppose this bill. It is clear this is not about health and safety, it is about control! It has always been clear that this administration does not have the best interests of the people in mind, and will do whatever it can to assert its control on the people to move forward with their immoral agenda. I OPPOSE!
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Thank you,

Marie LeBoeuf/ Kihei
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Comments:

I oppose this bill, our Keiki shouldn't be forced to a vaccine in order to attend school. This is a man made pandemic go and read the World Health Organization Training guide, they stated they will conduct a training in two parts a pandemic to begin in September 2019 and another one to follow.

why do you think Fauci keeps saying there is going to be another wave of COVID, stop letting fear impact your decisions.

This goes against my rights as a human and citizen of the United States. I Oppose this Bill!
Comments:
I strongly oppose the contents of HB2502. This is an outrageous attempt to circumvent the legislative process and our representation by transferring emergency authority from elected representatives---to a "hired" person who can do your "dirty work" and then hide behind him. The power so broadly written here are extremely excessive that without doubt our liberties will be harmed.
Submitted By | Organization  | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing
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Karen Tan, ND, MAcOM, LAc | Individual | Oppose | No

Comments:
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I strongly oppose HB2502 HD1 SD1
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Comments:

The freedom of travel, either within the state, or those wishing to enter the state are being stripped away with this bill. There will be exponential lose of commerce, as we have already seen with covid, if this bill passes. The future of Hawaii is in your hands.

DO NOT PASS THIS BILL.
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Comments:

Please OPPOSE this horrible idea, truly
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Submitted By: zeena fontanilla
Organization: Individual
Testifier Position: Oppose
Present at Hearing: No

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Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS BILL!
Comments:

I am a proud resident of Hawaii and I strongly oppose giving power to the department of health to declare emergencies, take any action to prevent disease, release confidential medical info, use officers or law enforcement to enforce emergency declarations. I believe there should be a process that will give the best interest of the community rather than give 100% power to the health department or director to do as please as long as it declares emergency action. Our constitutional rights are being stripped away with this bill.
Comments:

This bill is unconstitutional in giving excessive authority to unelected bodies (DOH) who inherently have bias and conflicts of interest, and are not accountable to voters. Any and all future pandemic-related policies must include choice for people as is protected by constitutional rights such as freedom of assembly and freedom of religion. Many religions do not believe in modern healthcare, and legal precedent has been set to allow this freedom to override any medically based mandates. This proposed bill is unconstitutional and will inflict unnecessary costs on the state of Hawaii and tax payers.
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Comments:
Aloha,

I find it incredibly disappointing that despite overwhelming opposition, HB 2502 barely changed it's language from the last version.

FDR once said, "the only thing we have to fear, is fear itself". I truly believe that is what we see happening in our society now and the cost of that fear is a complete erosion of our personal liberties.

My specific concerns which I have seen recently which HB 2502 will allow in the future are:

1) the shuttering of "non essential businesses. Our goverment is punishing small businesses while allowing large businesses to thrive

2) the closing of public lands such as parks and beaches. Despite overwhelming evidence that Covid 19 doesn't spread outdoors, our local goverment took the draconian measure of closing outdoor parks.

Much of our society and the US constitution once believed that we had god given rights. Bills like HB 2502 are now suggesting that we have to turn to the goverment to get our rights.

For me, bills like this are extremly concerning and I think we should take major pause and look at bills like this with respect to our individual liberties.

Lastly, I am increasingly concerned that we continue to pursue failed policies just because California did them. Hawai'i is a unique place that should pursue solutions that work for us. In summary, I am strongly opposed to HB 2502 in its current form and am very concerned with its ability to suspend our civil liberties for long periods of time.

Mahalo,

Joe Glenn
Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing
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annette zapata | Individual | Oppose | No

Comments:

I am opposed to this bill giving power to the head of Health Dept. To be able to declare emergencies and to be able to change or rewrite laws bypassing the legislative process. This is unconstitutional. It gives them too much power to tell us citizens what we can and cannot do that they feel deemed is for the best of my or my family's health. They will destroy Hawaii's only economy, that is tourism. Tourist will not want to come to Hawaii if they are to stay in a hotel room, can't get out. It defeats the whole idea of coming here to view our beautiful island(s). Also, if they choose to put rules for bus riders, They have no clue as to what happens on buses. I have seen fights break out over wearing a mask. They have no clue as to what it is to teach in a special needs classroom with out having masks, let alone adding to stress of having students wear masks. No one will be able to testify against anything they change. They are not elected officials, and have no power for a reason.
Fiscal Implications: Approximately $42,000,000 is required to establish and operate a statewide airport COVID screening program for 18 months:

- July – December 2020: $5,296,418
- January – June 2021: $18,159,326
- Fiscal Year 21-22: $23,455,744
- July – December 2021: $18,159,326
- 18-Month Total: $41,615,070

Department Testimony: The Department of Health supports HB2502 SD1 if and only if sufficient funding is provided.

The purpose of HB2502 SD1 is to temporarily establish emergency authority and infrastructure for enhanced disease surveillance applicable to travelers at State ports of entry when there is a potential for epidemic or serious outbreak of communicable or dangerous disease.

The World Health Organization has made six formal declarations of Public Health Emergency of International Concern ("pandemics") since 2009, the most recent and far reaching being COVID on January 30, 2020. Factors such as rapid population rise, increasing urbanization and migration, climate change, and faster more affordable regional and global transportation may set the stage for more frequent pandemics. COVID has demonstrated that a swift and robust public
health response is critical to life safety, as proven by jurisdictions like New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, and of course Hawaii.

The authorities established by HB2502 SD1 enable the Director of Health to implement protocols similar to those in effect as of June 2020 for the COVID pandemic that are credited with flattening Hawaii’s epidemic curve such as physical distancing in public places, hygiene procedures, wearing of facial coverings, mandatory quarantine, and contact tracing.

The department acknowledges that the proposed public health emergency authority protocols may disrupt routine life, including economic and social activity, but are an important tool when widespread community health and life safety is the highest priority.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.
**HB-2502-SD-1**  
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Comments:

HB2502 is an infringement on all human rights and must not be passed!
We do not live in a totalitarian society. This bill would give too much power to the DOH (unelected officials) to mandate what to do with our bodies, including possibly mandating the COVID vaccine when it comes out.

For example, this bill makes DOH exempt from Chapter 91: This means they could mandate a COVID-19 vaccine for all school kids WITHOUT public input or going thru legislature, as long as an emergency is declared. This is a huge infringement upon our rights as parents to decide what is right for our keiki. Many parents would absolutely refuse this vaccine for their kids for many reasons - 1) it is being rushed to be produced, without undergoing the normal safety studies that takes many years; 2) vaccines in general carry a risk of great harm AND there is no guarantee that they work; 3) this vaccine in particular is very risky due to the fact that it is a new type of vaccine (an mRNA vaccine), and some doctors are saying it can potentially alter the recipient’s DNA; 4) our pediatrician told us kids are not carriers of SARS-CoV-2, COVID-19 rarely affects kids, and even if it does complications or death are extremely rare.

I think it’s important to remember that allowing people to opt out of a vaccine doesn’t take away anyone else’s rights -- those who want the vaccine CAN STILL GET IT IF THEY WANT IT. If a vaccine is truly safe and effective, you wouldn’t have to mandate it.
Comments:

Aloha,

We strongly oppose this bill. It is a human right and health violation.

- The Strubhar Family

Maui, Hawaii
I do not support this bill! I do not agree in DOH having that kind of authority over the people.
**Submitted By** | **Organization** | **Testifier Position** | **Present at Hearing**
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Gilbert solano | Individual | Oppose | No

Comments:

We live in the United States of America, were we are suppose to be free. Do not inslave us with this absurd bill. Do not trying to control us and hold free over our families head. Let us be free and have control over our owen families and kids. Don't be corrupt like the rest of the world.
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Comments:

I oppose this bill that violates my right as a parent and myself to decide what is best for myself and my children.
This bill is unconstitutional and violates our rights as free people. Gov Ige is overreaching his boundaries in the lives of the people of Hawaii and has already devastated our economy and the livelihood of citizens in this once great island.
**HB-2502-SD-1**
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<td>Victor Napoleon</td>
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Comments:

I oppose this bill that violates my right to choose what is the best choice for myself and my children.
Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill and ask that our rights as individuals be protected here in Hawaii. The power to enact sweeping changes and policies should not lie in the hands of the DOH, who are not elected officials. I oppose Contact tracing, mandatory vaccinations and vague languaging around enforced quarantine. The tests for Covid have proved to be immaculate much of the time and mandatory testing to travel is not an appropriate way to handle this.

Please take to heart the voices of the community you represent and oppose this bill.
Comments:

An appointed official should not have this much power. This is reserved for elected officials how the DOH can advise.
This bill, HD 2502 HD1 SD1, continues gross overreach here in Hawaii and now beyond!!

I fear these deeply unconstitutional procedures that could now be heavily effected by unelected officials will prevent me from seeing my family and friends. Mainland travelers will be less likely to travel with such harsh restrictions put in place. As if the lockdown wasn’t enough to hinder social well-being, a human right and need, now we are putting a huge roadblock in the way for those that live here and have most of their loved ones elsewhere... There is far too much vague language in the bill about what can be done to a traveler either to or off the island in case of ‘emergency’ We all know now that Governor Ige has past his 90 day emergency period and yet the lockdown is still seemingly happening with so much restriction on daily life that slowly just keeps going, with more and more infringement on rights. How can we trust that this is any different, if not worse!?

We need clearly defined roles and regulations that are come to not only by a few within but a panel of people with outside research and aim to protect the human people and the way we function ie mental health, protection and citizens god given rights around this issue.Far too much fear is being used when this is simply, Factually, no far more serious than the average, yearly Flu at this point.

Please consider, when this passes, after the election, most likely that you who pass this on without serious thought as to what this will mean for our society-- it will be you who is responsible. Do you really want to create such a circumstance for people to live and possibly suffer by? Isn’t it enough already?!

I strongly oppose this bill and hope you can resondiser the terms on which this is propelling into a state of true unknown and unrest to follow for us, the people of Hawaii,

Jacqueline
"Those who make peaceful revolution impossible, will make violent revolution inevitable"!

A wise phrase spoken by a wise man.

I oppose HB2502_SD1 with every fiber of my being. Please reject this bill, not because I am asking, not because thousands of us are opposing it, but because we are all humans that must share the same fate that this life brings and its the correct choice for the collective!

Mahalo
Ms Bryon Sales
Comments:

Aloha!

Please don't let this pass

It will diminish all American Freedom and give way to socialistic tyranny!

Respectfully

Anna Kazennova Morozov
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<td>Nicole Mosk</td>
<td>Individual</td>
<td>Oppose</td>
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Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS BILL.. ..
E Stolte | Testifying for Aloha Aina Adaptogenics | Oppose | No

Comments:

This bill gives vague language and too many rights to DOH in determining a health emergency. Mandatory testing for travelers, quarantine, and monitoring residents is a violation of our rights.
Comments:

I oppose this bill as these stipulations cause me to be separated from family and feel unable to visit due to the gov overreach in testing and tracking! This is a violation of my Constitutional rights.
Comments:

I oppose this measure for the sake of medical and individual freedom and our human rights to choose what is best for our individual bodies and the bodies of our children.
To Whom It May Concern,

I strongly oppose SB2502. This bill has the potential to violate our God given, inalienable rights. An unelected health official can bypass the governor and declare emergency, which opens the door to vaccine mandates, new normal CDC guidelines, and the digital passport ID Covi-pass that violates our medical freedom. This is too much freedom and can be abused without the public’s input. If the majority of the public knew about this, they would be opposed as well.

According to the CDC, COVID-19 deaths and hospitalizations have been steadily declining since it peaked in April. Positive case numbers have been on the rise because more testing is being done. It’s estimated than nearly 80% of the population will test positive. This doesn’t show that we’re at risk, it shows us that we’re adapting to an ever mutating virus. This is what humans have done for millennia - adapt. Even though positive case numbers have increased, those numbers are false, because both the antibody and PCR test results are included in the total, according to the CDC. There are many stories on social media from people around the country saying they didn’t take the test, yet they’ve received letters saying they tested positive, or they tested positive and took the test again and it came back negative. The CDC, on its website, said if you had the “common cold” you may test positive for COVID-19. [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/serology-overview.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/serology-overview.html). These inconsistencies and false positives make people not want to take the test. To put faith in these tests would be absurd. Peoples lives will be falsely disrupted.

The science shows that even if you test positive, there’s a 99% chance that you'll survive with minimal symptoms. It’s nothing worse than the common cold or the flu. Why can’t the immunocompromised and the elderly stay at home, social distance and wear masks. This is what medical authorities and experts around the world have been advising for decades. We didn’t shut down the world for the flu that’s responsible for
60,000-80,000 deaths in the U.S. each year. We even have a vaccine for the flu, and people still get sick and die. When the Coronavirus vaccine comes out, who’s to say it’ll eradicate COVID-19, which scientists say has mutated into at least known 14 new strains? The vaccine is experimental, being an RNA vaccine that alters DNA proteins. Animal trials were skipped and it’s being fast tracked; it usually takes 20 yrs to properly produce a vaccine, yet we are planning to give it to the entire world in less than 1-2 yrs. Pro-vaccine doctors, like Dr. Peter Offit have been sounding the alarm about the risky new Coronavirus vaccine.

The science shows that masks don’t work. Denis Rancourt, PhD, a former full professor of physics and researcher with the Ottowa Civil Liberties Association did a thorough analysis of all meta-analysis and randomized controlled trial (RCT) studies and concluded face masks don’t work in stopping the spread of viruses and infection. https://www.rcreader.com/sites/default/files/Denis%20G.%20Rancourt%20PhD%20April%202020%20Masks%20Don%27t%20Work%20A%20review%20of%20science%20relevant%20to%20COVID-19%20social%20policy%22.pdf. Even the prominent New England Journal of Medicine published an article saying masks are ineffective and the mask mandates are based on fear, rather than science https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp2006372. Viral particles are minuscule, almost 10x smaller than bacteria, which collect on face masks and get recirculated back into the lungs, which can lead to infection. These viral particles are in the atmosphere, not droplets, which are too big. In China, everyone wore masks and COVID still spread. The virus is able to survive colder temperatures, not hotter temperatures like in the summer. The Department of Homeland Security studied COVID and found the virus dies in direct sunlight in less than a minute. This could be why Hawaii didn’t see an outbreak like in states with colder temperatures.

Masks lower oxygen levels. Many people have been passing out, some have died. In April, two students wearing masks died during gym class in China. In May, a man jogging while wearing a mask collapsed and developed a severe lung infection. He’s still in critical condition. In April, a man crashed his car while wearing a N95 mask in New Jersey. The police report says the mask probably caused a drop in oxygen levels and an increase in carbon dioxide. In May, Orange County in CA rescinded a mask mandate after two people wearing masks passed out and fell, almost cracking their heads open. The Colorado fire department has been responding to a number of unconscious people who were wearing face coverings. These masks are a liability and lower our immune system.

Please don’t make your decision on this bill based on fear, but rather logic and science. I urge you to oppose SB2502.
Sincerely,

Cynthia Paliracio
HB-2502-SD-1
Submitted on: 7/1/2020 7:36:06 AM
Testimony for WAM on 7/2/2020 10:10:00 AM

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Too vague. I oppose this bill. Can be written more clearly. I also strongly disagree on the facial recognition system for the airport!
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I strongly oppose HB2502 HD1 SD1.
HB-2502-SD-1
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Comments:

I oppose/strongly oppose HB2502 SD1
Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing
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chelsea | Individual | Oppose | No

Comments:
I strongly oppose this bill!
submitted on: 7/1/2020 7:47:21 AM
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Comments:

We do not consent. This bill is tyranny. There is no pandemic here. OPPOSE!!!
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<td>Megan everett</td>
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Comments:

These huge state decisions should not be given to the Department of health to make they need to be voted on by residents
Comments:

Aloha Committee,

My name is Adam Dirks, husband of Bethany Hamilton, I'm writing you on behalf of us as a family and as the "Executive Advisor" of our company Soul Surfer & Co.

Upon reading this bill that is being introduced I was greatly concerned. Our business and way of work requires us to travel often not only for surf competitions but also for speaking to and inspiring audiences of all ages across the world. We travel often for these events and choose to do so as a family with our 5 year old and 2 year old boys because we value family and staying together. We are a stronger family unit because of this. However this bill gives the power to the DOH to rip our family apart. I can't support mandates that isolate individuals from their families, from their communities, and loved ones. People need family, Ohana, community. Forced isolation can put individuals in a dark place. Take a look at the jump in suicide rates in our state, in our country, over the past few months, it's absolutely devastating. This bill does not fix or prevent any problems. This bill creates division.

I also noticed that our civil liberties would be infringed upon if this bill were to be passed. I understand, the bill is seeking to be of the greater good for the people, but as soon as we take freedoms away from the population by accessing information, tracking, tracing, unnecessarily shutting down businesses through a state of emergency order, these things destroy our freedoms, they destroy our privacy, and they destroy our businesses and livelihoods.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Aloha,

Adam, Bethany, Tobias, & Wesley
**Submitted By** | **Organization** | **Testifier Position** | **Present at Hearing**
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Tiana C.N. Dole | Individual | Oppose | No

Comments:
I strongly oppose bill Hb2502 SD1 because I feel of this bill passed we will be in a situation where DOH has dictatorship and be given same power as our Governor. The vague language allows the DOH to further define laws be a rule making through 6/2022 anyway they want with zero oversight. This van avalanche into something that in turn will not allow people to move as they please. If this bill is passed it can open up to the senatio or mandated medicine. Especially covid vaccinations which once they create one it will not be highly tested and nobody will know the health risks so intern we will be one big medical experiment, and this is not OK with me. Again I STRONGLY oppose this Bill!
I oppose this bill because it violates my rights to make my choice of what's best for me.
Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill due to how vague it is and i believe it will open the door to more serious and blantent disregarding of my rights not only as a Hawaiian but as an American citizen
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<td>michelle andrews</td>
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Comments:

I strongly disagree because the future of the public’s health should not be in complete control of the unelected department of health.
Comments:

I stand opposed to HB2502 due to its proposed measures which are unconstitutional. The content of this Bill is NOT in the best interest of Hawai‘i residents.

There are better ways to keep our state healthy, some of which should be left up to our choices, not government mandating!

Mahalo nui,

Mrs Lissa Cockett
Good afternoon,

My name is Tori Daguio, and I am a resident of the State of Hawaii in the County of Honolulu. My physical address is 95-166 Kipapa Dr. #35 Mililani, HI 96789. After reading HB2502 and current testimony, I am writing my testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION to HB2502 related to Health.

The bill removes numerous personal freedoms, which are guaranteed by the United States Constitution, without meeting the burden of proof that the removal of such highly regarded and well protected freedoms would be necessary. According to the bill, an apparently healthy individual can be removed from their home and remanded to a quarantine facility, solely on suspicion, if they are “deemed by the department to be … at higher risk of infection, or at risk for spreading infection.” However, it is not defined how the department would determine if an individual or group of people would be at a “higher risk of spreading infection” and the Bill does not provide for any burden of proof by the State or Department of Health to demonstrate that a person is truly a threat before removing their personal freedoms.

Another significant point of concern is the potential for exposure and infection within the quarantine facility. The bill would allow for a perfectly healthy person to be remanded to a quarantine facility solely on suspicion of having a greater (undefined) risk of spreading infection, even though the person is not presently infected. This person could be placed in a facility with other individuals who may actually be carrying an infectious disease, and thereby contract the very infectious disease from which the state was supposed to protect them. There are also no safeguards specified in the bill to protect individuals once they are remanded to the quarantine facility.
Additionally, there appears to be no limit set on how long an individual can be held in quarantine or isolation without the burden of proof that the individual is actually a threat to the community.

The act states that “Each individual quarantined shall be responsible for the costs of food, lodging, and medical care, except for those costs covered and paid by the individual's health plan.” With this Bill, the state could hold a person or family against their will without providing any proof that they are actually a threat, without any limitation as to how long they could be held, and charge the individual an uncapped and undisclosed amount of money to do so. This hardly seems in accordance with the Constitution of the United States which expressly guarantees an individual's right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

According to the bill, “the court may order the consolidation of claims where: (1) The number of individuals involved or to be affected by an order of quarantine or isolation is so large as to render individual participation impractical”. This undermines the United States Constitutional protection of individual liberties. A person may have extenuating circumstances, but the court could decide to ignore the individual complaints and require an individual to be part of a group without the individual's express consent.

I am also deeply concerned by, and expressly object to, the invasion of privacy in mandating medical disclosure forms at both arrival and departure points that would then be shared with private entities. Health privacy has long been protected by HIPPA and should remain so. Text from the Bill, “Collection, receipt, and use of the information may include the sharing of the information between or among the department, other governmental agencies, and private entities under contract with the department.”

I also expressly object to the use of funds collected under the bill for purposes other than public health. Per the Bill,

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(3) $16,500,000 shall be allocated to the convention center enterprise special fund established under section 201B—8;
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Thank you for hearing my testimony AGAINST HB 2502.
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<td>fehren</td>
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Comments:

I do not consent any forced vaccination on my body and my future keikis body... these are one of the few reason why I am afraid to birth children into this world. Mahalo for your time.
Micaela Coberly
Individual
Oppose
No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. I do not want some bureaucrat dictating my health or medical needs. This is America, not Cuba!
Comments:

I am a proud resident of Hawaii and I strongly oppose giving power to the department of health to declare emergencies, take any action to prevent disease, release confidential medical info, use officers or law enforcement to enforce emergency declarations.

I believe there should be a process that will give the best interest of the community rather than give 100% power to the health department or director to do as please as long as it declares emergency action. Our constitutional rights are being stripped away with this bill.
I oppose bill HB 2502 on the grounds that it puts too much authority in the hands of one agency and may allow for infringing on the people's rights and privacy.
Senator Kim,

Please oppose HB2502! While I agree measures are needed for COVID, we entrust this type of power to our elected officials and NOT appointed officials.

Thank you,

Jared
I oppose this bill as it is unconstitutional by state and federal law. It authorized an unelected official to make laws over the citizens of the state.
I most strongly oppose HB 2502 HD1 SD1. It establishes Hawaii as a totalitarian state. It invades our privacy and unwarrantedly restricts our liberties. There should never be a presumption of illness. Forcing testing is wrong. When the current pandemic began, some of the test kits were contaminated with the virus. Many of the testing kits provided false positives. Forced testing would expose the public to more disease, not less. Forced testing could impose restrictions on people who were not really sick. Some of the positives only confirm that the person has "a" version of the virus and some of those similar viruses are similar to the common cold and not seriously contagious. We would be locking healthy citizens in their home under quarantine when they were perfectly healthy which could negatively impact their livelihood and subsequently, their mental health. Suicides, domestic abuse, alcohol and drug abuse have been on the increase since the lockdowns began. Government's imposed "cure" is worse than the disease. Contact tracing is something communist states do and should not be implemented in Hawaii. The current "protective" measures for this current "pandemic" which has only been as deadly as the annual flu are too over-reaching. Face masks can be unhealthy, especially if they are not washed all the time. We are actually exposed to more disease by wearing them and it restricts our intake of clean air. It also aids the criminal element of society allowing them to blend into the crowd as they commit their crimes. Criminal violations are also a "public safety" issue and this type of mandate degrades our personal safety. The lockdowns and selective business closures mostly affected our small business community - a direct financial hit on our middle class. The selective nature of the shutdowns clearly shows government is picking winners and losers in this economy and using a virus as the mechanism to do so. This is un-American and in my opinion violates our Constitutional and God-given rights. Under no circumstance should the Governor’s responsibility be delegated to any other entity - such as the Department of Health. The ramifications of declaring a pandemic are monumental and the Governor alone should hold that responsibility. Citizens need to be able to hold leadership accountable at the ballot box. The measures our "progressive" government is considering in this bill reminds me of the actions took to quell the leprosy pandemic in Hawaii's past. The capture and isolations that were imposed on the island of Molokai were eventually deemed inappropriate, yet, in 2020 we are again considering measures that are similarly outrageous. It seems that the government has learned nothing from that poor treatment of its citizens. The same unacceptable invasions on our medical privacy and
restrictions on our liberty are being considered in this bill. Please learn from the past and DO NOT PASS this bill.
I strongly oppose all parts of HB2502 HD1 SD1.
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<td>Richard Foster</td>
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Comments:
I oppose this. It goes against my beliefs and freedom. Please take into consideration how our residents feel when we submit testimony. Thank you.
Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill! The DOH should not have authority, even in cases of emergency.
I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS BILL!

As a United States Citizen, due to the degree of privacy violations and the open door created for bypassing the necessary and intentional process of checks and balances in the United States Government and Constitution.

Even in the event of a pandemic, or state of emergency, the United States Constitution and the rights provided as a US Citizens do not cease to exist, rather they exist for this exact reason, to protect the citizens from government over use of power and to ensure due legislative process is sustained.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS BILL.

A PROUD citizen of the United States of America

Kianna Roosevelt
**HB-2502-SD-1**  
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Comments:

I absolutely oppose this bill and any bill pertaining to this one. The people of Hawaii DO NOT need anyone of these 'lawmakers' to make these decisions for us at ANYTIME. Any decision made pertaining to any type of 'emergency' should be made by the PEOPLE of Hawaii and not by government officials under any circumstances.
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Thank you for hearing my testimony AGAINST HB 2502.
Comments:

I strongly oppose HB2502 HD1 SD1! As it strips away our constitutional rights and privacy. I don't believe these steps are necessary to prevent the spread of Covid-19 and protect the people of Hawai'i.
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Comments:

Once again, this is very much against our constitutional rights. As a mother, partner, and human being myself, I know the importance of not having government involved with our healthcare so we can make those decisions ourselves. Those who are passing this bill know in their hearts this bill is not good for Hawaii’s citizens health and well being. Now is the time to do what's right and stop this bill in its path.
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<td>Oppose</td>
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Comments:

I strongly oppose HB2502-SD1 on the basis of its gross violation of my constitutional rights.
HB-2502-SD-1
Submitted on: 7/1/2020 8:45:50 AM
Testimony for WAM on 7/2/2020 10:10:00 AM

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<td>Rachell MacDougall</td>
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<td>Oppose</td>
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Comments:

I strongly oppose HB2502 SD1 for many different reasons! We shouldn't be forced to put anything into our bodies if we don't want to!
Dear Honored Members of the Ways and Means Committee,

Please preserve our civil liberties and oppose this bill. Your people can be trusted better than this.

Thank you,

Sara DiGrazia
Comments:

HB2502 is far too vague and should NOT be passed. This bill gives the DOH the power to deny citizens their rights, while neither putting limits on the DOH's power nor the rights that can be taken away. This is reactionary legislation that has not been properly vetted nor adequately discussed with the local community. Keep in mind that this poorly written and dangerous legislation will be around far after the COVID-19 crisis has passed. Please do NOT pass HB2502.
Comments:

Strongly disapprove this bill.
Good morning,

My name is Anita Green and I am a resident of the State of Hawaii in the County of Kauai. My physical address is ************* (redacted for privacy), Kapaa, HI 96746. After reading HB2501 and current testimony, I am writing my testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION to HB2502 related to Health.

The bill removes numerous personal freedoms, which are guaranteed by the United States Constitution, without meeting the burden of proof that the removal of such highly regarded and well protected freedoms would be necessary. According to the bill, an apparently healthy individual can be removed from their home and remanded to a quarantine facility, solely on suspicion, if they are “deemed by the department to be … at higher risk of infection, or at risk for spreading infection.” However, it is not defined how the department would determine if an individual or group of people would be at a “higher risk of spreading infection” and the Bill does not provide for any burden of proof by the State or Department of Health to demonstrate that a person is truly a threat before removing their personal freedoms.
Another significant point of concern is the potential for exposure and infection within the quarantine facility. The bill would allow for a perfectly healthy person to be remanded to a quarantine facility solely on suspicion of having a greater (undefined) risk of spreading infection, even though the person is not presently infected. This person could be placed in a facility with other individuals who may actually be carrying an infectious disease, and thereby contract the very infectious disease from which the state was supposed to protect them. There are also no safeguards specified in the bill to protect individuals once they are remanded to the quarantine facility.

Additionally, there appears to be no limit set on how long an individual can be held in quarantine or isolation without the burden of proof that the individual is actually a threat to the community.

The act states that “Each individual quarantined shall be responsible for the costs of food, lodging, and medical care, except for those costs covered and paid by the individual’s health plan.” With this Bill, the state could hold a person or family against their will without providing any proof that they are actually a threat, without any limitation as to how long they could be held, and charge the individual an uncapped and undisclosed amount of money to do so. This hardly seems in accordance with the Constitution of the United States which expressly guarantees an individual’s right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

According to the bill, “the court may order the consolidation of claims where: (1) The number of individuals involved or to be affected by an order of quarantine or isolation is so large as to render individual participation impractical”. This undermines the United States Constitutional protection of individual liberties. A person may have extenuating circumstances, but the court could decide to ignore the individual complaints and require an individual to be part of a group without the individual’s express consent.

I am also deeply concerned by, and expressly object to, the invasion of privacy in mandating medical disclosure forms at both arrival and departure points that would then be shared with private entities. Health privacy has long been protected by HIPPA and should remain so. Text from the Bill, “Collection, receipt, and use of the information may include the sharing of the information between or among the department, other governmental agencies, and private entities under contract with the department.”

I also expressly object to the use of funds collected under the bill for purposes other than public health. Per the Bill,

“(2) $1,500,000 shall be allocated to the Turtle Bay conservation easement special fund beginning July 1, 2015, for the reimbursement to the state general fund of debt service
on reimbursable general obligation bonds, including ongoing expenses related to the issuance of the bonds, the proceeds of which were used to acquire the conservation easement and other real property interests in Turtle Bay, Oahu, for the protection, preservation, and enhancement of natural resources important to the State, until the bonds are fully amortized;

(3) $16,500,000 shall be allocated to the convention center enterprise special fund established under section 201B—8;

(4) $79,000,000 shall be allocated to the tourism special fund established under section 2018—11;

(A) Beginning on July 1, 2012, and ending on June 30, 2015, $2,000,000 shall be expended from the tourism special fund for development and implementation of initiatives to take advantage of expanded Visa programs and increased travel opportunities for international visitors to Hawaii;

(B) Of the $79,000,000 allocated: (i) $1,000,000 shall be allocated for the operation of a Hawaiian center and the museum of Hawaiian music and dance; and (ii) 0.5 per cent of the $79,000,000 shall be transferred to a sub—account in the tourism special fund to provide funding for a safety

Thank you for hearing my testimony AGAINST HB 2502.
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<td>Nick Norasinh</td>
<td>Individual</td>
<td>Oppose</td>
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Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE this bill.

Please vote in opposition!
Comments:

I oppose this bill because it infringes on our constitutional rights as Hawaiian citizens and US citizens. The details of this bill have not been thought through both from the perspective of an international traveler who could potentially face massive unexpected expenses upon arrival, but also the further destruction of our economy where smaller businesses will not be able to survive on the lower daily volume of tourists and higher expenses created by these unjust rules. Can one person please stop and think rationally through the decisions being made and the repercussions to all hard working citizens of the United States of America.

Sincerely,

Stacy Huerta
HB-2502-SD-1
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<td>Leslie J.</td>
<td>Individual</td>
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Comments:

Defer this measure, thank you.
I strongly oppose this bill, it jeopardizes our human rights and our children's. I am responsible for my own health. I workout, I eat healthy, I support the farmer's of Hawaii, I take my vitamins, I refuse to be mandatory vaccinated, I deserve to have a choice and a voice over what comes into my body. I deserve to have the right to travel. COVID19 tests are proving to be inaccurate. I do not allow the DOH to come into my home and test me and have the option to remove me based off a biased inaccurate test or for any reason. This is criminal! I do not support this bill in any shape. My body, My Choice, My freedom!
**Submitted By**: Mabelle Bastien  
**Organization**: Testifying for True Pilates Maui  
**Testifier Position**: Oppose  
**Present at Hearing**: No

**Comments:**
As a full time Maui County resident and community member I do not support HB2502 HD1 SD1. This bill is too vague and does not have an appropriate balancing system in place. There is too much power given to the Director of Health and Governor regarding my health and safety.
### Testimony for WAM on 7/2/2020 10:10:00 AM

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<td>Tara Rojas</td>
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<td>Albert Blas</td>
<td>Individual</td>
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Comments:

Strongly oppose this bill!!
Comments:

I **OPPOSE** this draconian despicable bill! This bill is so vague and loosely worded that it leaves the door wide open to directly infringe upon the rights of US citizens, especially citizens of Hawaii. These rules are tyrannical and have the potential to destroy Hawaii's tourist industry and families. There is nothing positive about this bill, it is **UNACCEPTABLE** and displays a shocking level of disregard for the Constitutional rights of people.

Sincerely,

Nicole Yokoyama, Hawaii resident.
Comments:

ALOHA. Supporting this bill is unconstitutional and will certainly get those that do support it to be voted out next time they are up for election. You are there to represent your constituents not to align with "dictator like behave" which is blantengoin on. Supporting this measure shows blantant ignorance or shows you to be a representative of the people who has been bought and sold.
As of today, there are 917 cases reported statewide with 181 active cases and 18 deaths to date. With a statewide population over 1.4 million, how does this constitute an emergency? In Hawaii every year we have much bigger numbers of seasonal influenza, including this year, by far.

You folks may have already predetermined the outcome on this vote, but let the record show public opposition submitted is overwhelmingly against it. With just a few supporting, you will have on record thousands against this bill which you may consider an insignificant figure while simultaneously using a figure of less than one thousand infected as justification for the bill. Perhaps you should consider that.

I oppose this bill for many reasons, the primary being it is a gross violation of my Constitutional rights. You've all taken an oath to defend our rights, please reflect and honor that. Thank you.
**HB-2502-SD-1**  
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<td>Ann</td>
<td>Individual</td>
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Comments:

Bill # HB2502 SD1  
I OPPOSE THIS BILL
Comments:

This bill is unconstitutional and takes away human rights! It’s as if you’re committing a crime by being challenged in your body with a virus!!! I oppose!!!!! I do not consent and I do not agree to this at all!!!!!
HB2502 is a blatant overreach of government control and is an insult to democracy and the very idea of representing the people. Before I address why HB2502 ought to be turned down, I want to make one thing clear. No one is against slowing the spread of COVID-19, or other potential future diseases. However, this does not justify the overstepping of, amending, or removal of preexisting laws or norms, especially those that tie in some way to the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Once any sort of legislation proposes, whether explicitly or inherently, a restriction of the Bill of Rights or a new power designated to the government beyond the confines of the Constitution, it ought to be opposed. With this in mind, I have three responses.

1. HB2502 explicitly states that response will include testing, tracking, quarantine, and “other actions deemed necessary.” This quoted clause is unnecessarily vague, essentially granting government any future power they desire without the express consent of the people. For a motion this serious, involving a great deal of power to be bestowed upon government, it must be clear and refrain from granting government more power than it explicitly states. Without rectifying this flaw, HB2502 ought not be considered.

2. HB 2502 allows the DOH to circumvent due process and the express consent of the governor and the people when future actions are considered. The due process of law exists to prevent illegitimate regulation and legislation from taking place, and HB2502’s attempt to ignore the foundation of responsible governance disqualifies it from legitimate legislation. HB2502 breaks down the fundamentals of democracy and due process. Without rectifying this flaw, HB2502 ought not be considered.

3. The very process in which HB2502 is being reviewed shows a blatant disregard for the will of the people. This hearing’s purpose is to debate controversial legislation that, if enacted, will have serious and long-lasting effects on the daily lives of residents and visitors alike. Decisions like this require careful thought and recognition of the voices which it will impact. The last hearing had no audience and no in-person testimony is allowed at this time, however, rendering this process completely illegitimate. This extends to this hearing as well, as the government is actively discouraging citizens to stay at home instead of coming to debate heavily influential legislation. HB2502 can be debated in the future, but as
of now it is not facing the full brunt of public opinion, and thus cannot be recognized as high-quality or fully legitimate legislation. The people deserve a voice, and without live testimony, that voice is wrongfully cut off.

I hope this testimony finds its way to discussion, and I hope that it adequately shows a few of the many glaring flaws in HB2502.
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<td>Kaâ€™imi Brede</td>
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Comments:
I strongly oppose this proposed bill.
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<td>S. Garcia</td>
<td>Individual</td>
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Comments:
I oppose this bill because it's is not constitutional. I do not want the government mandating something that's going to relinquish control over my own body. We should get to choose if we want to get immunization and I certainly do not want my child taken from me and put into a foster home because my wife and I happen to test positive one day. I'm having a baby in 2 months and I totally oppose this bill. It takes away from our freedom.
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<td>Leah</td>
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Comments:

My family has been affected by the shut down of the tourist industry... I do not feel that this bill is in the best interest of family or our state.
**HB-2502-SD-1**  
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<td>hanna blumenfeld</td>
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Comments:

First off I would like to thank you for hearing my testimony and thoughts on this bill. I oppose this bill, first reason being that in the past I have had a bad experience with the DOH with mine and my sons medical information and personal information not being confidential. It was quite uncomfortable situation that I would never want to be apart of again. That being said I do not trust them much and now we are giving them more power to handle our medical and person info! Secondly the isolation part of this bill is quite frightening first off where would this isolation be how would it be implemented it sounds like by force! With how this last covid situation went down I do not have faith in our medical establishment half our cases here on Maui were in the hospital! Again thank you very much.
**HB-2502-SD-1**  
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<td>Kit Scholefield</td>
<td>Individual</td>
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Comments:

I'm oppose this bill.
I OPPOSE!!!! This is straight up tyranny! Who died and made DOH Director king?! This is wrong! I firmly OPPOSE!!
**Comments:**

I strongly oppose this bill. As a lifelong resident of Hawaii, it makes me sad to think that I may need to flee my home to escape tyranny. A refugee within my own country. A refugee within my own state. That is how I feel about this bill and any other that imposes on my rights to freely choose what happens to my body and my family. Please vote No on HB2502 HD1 SD1.

Sincerely,

Emi Ayau

84-643 A Manuku St., Waianae, HI 96792
The governing officials of Hawaii have already gutted Hawaii’s once flourishing economy and destroyed the livelihoods of tens of thousands of hard working citizens. The horrific governing lead by fear and not science, will have fallout for years to come. The mandates and lockdowns are unconstitutional and a violation of our rights. Under the veil of "emergency" this bill is a threat to Hawaii both the citizens and its visitors. The verbiage of the bill is ambiguous and a recipe for disaster for a democratic republic, which we are. DOH needs legislative oversight, not more freedom to run this state in tyrannical measures giving dictatorial authority to unelected, unaccountable officials.
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<td>Godfrey Akaka</td>
<td>Testifying for Native Hawaiian Gathering Rights Association</td>
<td>Oppose</td>
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Comments:

I oppose HB 2502 because it takes away our constitutional rights and gives government too much power creating a democratic imbalance and destroys the purpose the constitution of the United States was created. This bill is driven by the lust for power and the use of fear. We the people are losing trust in our government leaders to discharge their duties according to the constitution and are disappointed that a bill such as this would be considered.

Respectfully,

Godfrey Akaka Jr.

President NHGRA
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<td>Pa Chi</td>
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Comments:

I strongly oppose Hb 2502.
Aloha,

I oppose bill HB2502. It appears non-elected officials can dictate our health policies without any checks and balances. This bill, if enforced improperly would be too invasive and violate our freedoms. Please do not pass this bill.

Mahalo,

Neal Wong
Comments:

My family has been severely impacted by the shut down of our state. I do not agree with what this bill is trying to mandate.
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<td>Shawna Pereira</td>
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Comments:
I oppose. This bill is pushing boundaries of our human rights and freedom. It is written very vague and gives the government authority to do basically whatever they want now and in the future.
Aloha,

My name is John R. Kennedy, Jr. and I am a long time resident in the state of Hawaii. I am very concerned about certain parts of this bill. There was a strong opposition last week to this bill from the public. It seems like you are not willing to listen to your constituents, the ones who voted you in. Please do not ignore us.

In particular, my concerns are about the vague wording in many areas of this bill and the lack of details in other parts of this bill. No clear criteria are established in the bill to define a public health emergency, and any emergency could be extended indefinitely in 90-day increments. The phrase “potential for an epidemic” makes clear that no concrete EVIDENCE of an outbreak is even necessary in order to declare an emergency. “Take other action as deemed necessary by the director” is vague language found in the bill that could be abused and is not appropriate language if you truly care about the great people of Hawai’i. I believe that future responses to outbreaks can be effectively managed, as has been done in our current situation, under the current legislation and HB2502_SD1 should be rejected by the Senate as it creates too much potential for harm.

Based on the content of the bill, ANY PERSON suspected of being at a “higher risk of spreading infection” would be subject to quarantine, removal to a quarantine facility by police force, with no limitation on how long s/he can be held in quarantine, and no cap on the amount of money the individual can be charged for room, board, and treatment. There are no guarantees that families would be kept together and no safeguards for bodily autonomy. This is a complete and total disregard for the civil liberties established in the United States Constitution for any person that would be suspected of being at a greater risk based on a presumed threat without any requirement for the State or Director of Health to meet the burden of proof before removing civil liberties.

Page 5, line 5 reads: “Take other action as deemed necessary… ” This wording is far too vague and would suggest that the Department of Health director will have authority to enforce absolutely anything, including a vaccine, invasive testing or medical treatment, if in his/her opinion if it is “deemed necessary” and without any public input or legislative process. I do not agree with the Department’s ability to adopt interim rules
without the requirements of chapter 91 and chapter 201M. This exemption removes the right for the public and small business owners to influence rulemaking. Business owners will be denied the ability to oppose rules that will have an impact on their business, such as in the case of mandated closure of businesses.

I do not agree to the forced closure of schools and businesses as proposed on page 4, line 14, as this practice has proven to have no bearing on the overall numbers of deaths in relation to COVID-19, when you compare statistics with other states that did not impose a “lockdown” mandate yet still maintained a low death toll. Closure of a business is in effect an illegal seizure of property and the amount of despair and disruption to society it causes must be taken into consideration. You cannot justify mitigation tactics meant to save lives, when those tactics are destroying lives in the process.

Page 5, Line 9: “(b) Quarantine and isolation pursuant to this section shall not be subject to the requirements pursuant to section 325—8(a).” This seems to suggest that definitions of the terms “communicable disease”, “dangerous disease” and “quarantine” can be altered or modified as needed in order to declare a public health emergency and subsequently enforce quarantine on individuals without the need for clear definition. This in turn will also relieve the state from the burden of proof if in such cases the quarantine order is challenged by the individual. The redefinition of “Quarantine” from 325-8(a) to the new proposed definition by adding “or who otherwise have or create a potential risk of transmitting a communicable or dangerous disease to others from individuals” brings up the question that unvaccinated individuals could be targeted to be placed in quarantine facilities.

The addition to Chapter 325 of the definition of the term “isolation” and the distinct difference to the term “quarantine”, with ISOLATION being more restrictive, seems to mean that some individuals may be removed from their homes or other more comfortable setting and placed within an isolation facility. Forced separation from family members due to infection without due process of law is cruel and therefore unconstitutional under the 4th amendment.

This bill intends to amend Chapter 325-8(e) to remove the individual’s right to due process. The State will NOT be required to obtain a written ex parte order prior to enforcing isolation or quarantine. The individual will be allowed a right to contest, but with a time frame of 10 days until a hearing is scheduled, the individual will be subjected to quarantine or isolation no matter what. They will be considered guilty until proven innocent. On page 21, Line 14 it reads: “The individual is reasonably believed to have been exposed to or known to have been infected with a communicable or dangerous disease;” This appears to change the standard to detain, arrest and hold from “probable cause” to “reasonably believed” which is again a violation of the 4th amendment.

In closing, you are our elected officials and we count on you to listen to your constituents when passing bills. Isn't that the point of public hearings? There was a
large online turnout last week who OPPOSED this bill and would like to see it rewritten so it doesn't infringe on any of our constitutional rights. Please do not ignore us!

Mahalo.

John R. Kennedy, Jr.

Lahaina, Maui
My name is Amber Rose and I am a resident of Oahu. I submit my testimony DEEPLY, ADAMANTLY, and STRONGLY in opposition to HB 2502. This bill does not simply "leave the door open for abuse of power". Abuse of power is the singular goal of HB 2502 sd1.

In the previous “public hearing” ZERO testimony was read out loud as it would have been if people were allowed into the courtroom. The fact that we are not is unconstitutional in itself.

The majority of previous testimony was instantaneously dismissed as being written by those who had “clearly not read the bill” as their testimony mentioned concerns over mandated vaccine. We are painfully aware that the loose and purposely VAGUE “flexible” measures that will be allowed by this bill ARE IN FACT leaving the door wide open for vaccine to be mandated “if deemed necessary”. What I heard in the previous session was that the bill would be amended to leave the power to enact a state of emergency solely with the Governor and NOT to grant sweeping and unchecked power to the DOH. Yet upon reading what was actually amended, the DOH is STILL being given this power. This process is a joke. Testimony of over 1700 residents was completely disregarded and this disgusting bill has stayed pretty much the same. The 90 day limit for state of emergency is a joke as well as it can be easily extended if done so within the 90 day window. Hawaii economy is already crushed because of a perpetually extended tourism quarantine. The amended travel screening is also going to condemn much of the state to eviction and starvation as no tourists are going to fly to Hawaii and spend many times non refundable money on a vacation that can easily result in forced quarantine, isolation, fines or fees, and mandatory covid testing. The tourism industry here continues to be slaughtered by Hawaii government and yet emergency eviction protection and grace periods issued by utility companies are all expiring in July. A large portion of Hawaii is going to end up on the streets or be forced to find a new life in the mainland.
I also am in opposition to the fact that the “interim rules” will be exempt from the requirements of Chapter 91 and Chapter 201m. This is a very slimy slippery slope you are all trying to lead us down and I am not going.

The definition of Isolation is criminally vague and nondescript. The only thing we are being told is that it will be more restrictive than a quarantine.

THERE IS STILL NO SPECIFICATIONS WITH REGARD TO THE ISSUE OF MINOR CHILDREN BEING SEPARATED FROM THEIR PARENTS. This is everyone’s main grievance here and it has still not been addressed even vaguely. Children should be able to be released into the care of a relative or friend of family whenever possible NOT taken into custody by DCFS.

All of the HIPPA privacy violations are still present in the amended version of this bill.

EVERY word of this bill is absolutely tyrannical. The bill removes many of our freedoms and is a direct violation of several constitutional rights - beginning and ending with violating our First amendment right to Religious Freedom with regard to mandating ANY vaccines for ANY reason.

The horrific and purposely vague language of this bill affords too much power to the DOH Director and bypasses any legislative or public oversight. The DOH director is neither a Medical Doctor nor an elected official and therefore is nothing more than a glorified puppet and or prostitute.

This bill states that the DOH can "take other action as deemed necessary by the director to prevent, prepare for, respond to, mitigate, and recover from a serious outbreak of dangerous disease." There are far too many verbs in that sentence enabling virtually any and every violation of our human rights. For example the 4th amendment which states "the right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated". The broad and nonspecific language used in this bill allows for zero accountability, zero transparency, and perpetually extendable expiration dates.
The vague and ridiculously loose language used here will also open the door to the discouragement and most likely removal of parents' right to homeschool their own children in an attempt to force vaccine compliance because it has been "deemed necessary". This as well would be unconstitutional.

The "Covid19" vaccine has been fast tracked and will undoubtedly be the least safe vaccine in recent history. This bill is the gateway to mandating a dangerous but highly profitable experiment and endangers billions of innocent lives.

As I write this, my innocent baby boy is sleeping next to me and this repressive disgusting police state WILL NOT be his future. I wish I could include a photo of his sleeping face but I do not need to because you are all parents as well. This is NOT why you had children so that they could grow up with no hopes or dreams and be the literal property of the DOH. I am raising my children to be adventurous, innovative, unconventional, truth seeking and ENTREPRENEURIAL. "Covid19" has already all but decimated the middle class (as planned). Businesses and homes have been lost. And for what? Control, power and TYRANNY. Is this the world that you want for your babies? Do you want them to have the freedom to shape their own destiny, or should their destiny be decided by the DOH?

The separation of parents from their children in an attempt to quarantine one or the other is absolutely unacceptable. The emotional trauma of separating a child from its parents is much greater than the risk of infection by a virus with a lower mortality rate than the common flu. This is unconscionable and repulsive. The bill does not address any specifics with regard to the safety and treatment of those in forced isolation. Most importantly it fails to address the issue of children in isolation and parents' specific rights and restrictions during this time. Absolute tyrannical insanity.

I find it blatantly hypocritical that the very same HIPPA privacy laws that allow the TRACE ACT to operate with ZERO burden of proof with regards to substantiating government claims of an individual's exposure are tossed aside left and right within this bill. The requirement of personal medical disclosures upon arrival and departures which can then be shared with private entities violates HIPPA. Yet HIPPA is the saving grace for contact tracing and thus for the de facto incarceration of innocent humans.

Nowhere in this bill is it specified as to how long an individual can be held in isolation or quarantine. Also the issue of each quarantined individual being responsible for the cost
of their own food, lodging, and medical care with the exception of what is covered by health insurance appears to be setting us up for a situation where "isolation" turns to LABOR CAMP as those isolated will be unable to attend work or run their businesses during this time. Welcome to NAZI Germany. The entire concept of forced quarantine is in direct violation of our unalienable rights to Life, Liberty and the PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS.

The allocation of ANY more tax money to the tracking, testing, or brainwashing COVID propaganda is a shameful travesty. "COVID19" is a blatantly obvious Trojan Horse aimed at complete government control under the guise of protecting public health. Furthermore, I am also vehemently opposed to the use and allocation of funds collected under the bill for uses not related to public health i.e. the monies allocated for use by Turtle Bay Resort, HI Convention Center, and new tourism initiatives with the goal of generating more revenue for the corrupt government of Hawaii which is currently FAILING its people.

The bill will also (as intended) further destroy our fragile economy by alienating both prospective and future visitors to Hawaii by violating their constitutional rights and robbing them via fines and fees designed to fund this nauseating attempt at communism.

The most telling fact here is the date that this bill was introduced and passed in its first reading in January. January 23, 2020. Long before such Draconian insanity could have ever been "deemed necessary" as the first case of Covid in the US was reported only 3 days before. I find it also very interesting that at the same time this is going on, there is a simultaneous attack on our rights to bear arms and large capacity magazines. It is almost as if we are being systematically stripped of our rights & disarmed at the same time. How coincidental.

I DO NOT CONSENT to the mandate of any vaccine, testing, medication, or biological for me or my family or my children.

"The success and wellness of our human family, including yours, is bound together."
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What are you thinking you are suppose to be for the people. I am totally on to you and you will not be voted in in the next election

Sincerely Kathie Flynn
I, Kaui, STRONGLY OPPOSE HB2502 as it will strip citizens of their civil liberties by allowing the DOH to make decisions regarding our bodies and our health. I STRONGLY OPPOSE HB2502.
Senator Dela Cruz and Senator Keith-Agaran,

As a concerned citizen I strongly oppose HB2502 HD1 SD1.

This bill is still giving a very broad range of power to the Department of Health which in my opinion is not wise. I see that the bill has been re-written to include phrasing "upon consultation and authorization with the Governor" however this bill is still giving the Department of Health the ability to make almost any decision it thinks will be necessary in the name of "safety". The checks and balances are not in the interest of the people. This bill is removing many freedoms from the citizens of Hawaii. Senators I ask that you reconsider and vote against this bill. Please uphold the constitutional freedoms we have been given and pass these freedoms down to all of our future generations. Thank you for your consideration and time.

Respectfully,

Cassie Ito-Almarez
Submitted By
Brendorcha Keliikipi

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I oppose this bill.
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I oppose this bill because it infringes on our constitutional rights as Hawaii citizens and US citizens. The details of this bill have not been thought through both from the perspective of an international traveler who could potentially face massive unexpected expenses upon arrival, but also the further destruction of our economy where smaller businesses will not be able to survive on the lower daily volume of tourists and higher expenses created by these rules.
Please Vote No on HB2502 HD1 SD1. I strongly oppose this bill. No one should have the kind of authority being granted to the Director of Health through this bill. It is unconstitutional. Our government was founded with checks and balances to prevent tyranny. This bill seeks to destroy that balance. It is evil for you politicians to do this to your constituents. I am deeply saddened that our government has taken such a drastic turn toward communism. I cannot support this kind of actions. I will likely leave the state if it continues down this path, and I will also join any group that files a law suit against you for these unconstitutional actions.
Dear WAM committee,

As a resident of Hawaii, I strongly oppose this bill.

It violates our constitutional privacy rights and gives practically unrestricted authoritarian powers to shut down our society to an unelected official, the Director of the DOH. On top of which is seems completely unnecessary. The Director of DOH obviously had the ear of the Governor during the Covid situation. There is no reason for him/her to need to have these awesome powers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lauren Paer
My name is Alexandra Marshall and I am a resident of the State of Hawaii in the County of Honolulu. My physical address is on Fort Shafter, Honolulu, HI 96819. After reading HB2502 its revisions, I am writing my testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION to HB2502 related to Health.

The bill removes numerous personal freedoms, which are guaranteed by the United States Constitution, without meeting the burden of proof that the removal of such highly regarded and well protected freedoms would be necessary. According to the bill, an apparently healthy individual can be removed from their home and remanded to a quarantine facility, solely on suspicion, if they are "deemed by the department to be … at higher risk of infection, or at risk for spreading infection." However, it is not defined how the department would determine if an individual or group of people would be at a “higher risk of spreading infection” and the Bill does not provide for any burden of proof by the State or Department of Health to demonstrate that a person is truly a threat before removing their personal freedoms. Additionally, I am deeply concerned about families (parents and children) being separated because the state deems someone in the house "high risk."

Another significant point of concern is the potential for exposure and infection within the quarantine facility. The bill would allow for a perfectly healthy person to be remanded to a quarantine facility solely on suspicion of having a greater (undefined) risk of spreading infection, even though the person is not presently infected. This person could be placed in a facility with other individuals who may actually be carrying an infectious disease,
and thereby contract the very infectious disease from which the state was supposed to protect them. There are also no safeguards specified in the bill to protect individuals once they are remanded to the quarantine facility.

Additionally, there appears to be no limit set on how long an individual can be held in quarantine or isolation without the burden of proof that the individual is actually a threat to the community.

The act states that “Each individual quarantined shall be responsible for the costs of food, lodging, and medical care, except for those costs covered and paid by the individual's health plan.” With this Bill, the state could hold a person or family against their will without providing any proof that they are actually a threat, without any limitation as to how long they could be held, and charge the individual an uncapped and undisclosed amount of money to do so. This hardly seems in accordance with the Constitution of the United States which expressly guarantees an individual's right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

According to the bill, “the court may order the consolidation of claims where: (1) The number of individuals involved or to be affected by an order of quarantine or isolation is so large as to render individual participation impractical”. This undermines the United States Constitutional protection of individual liberties. A person may have extenuating circumstances, but the court could decide to ignore the individual complaints and require an individual to be part of a group without the individual’s express consent.

I am also deeply concerned by, and expressly object to, the invasion of privacy in mandating medical disclosure forms at both arrival and departure points that would then be shared with private entities. Health privacy has long been protected by HIPPA and should remain so. Text from the Bill, “Collection, receipt, and use of the information may include the sharing of the information between or among the department, other governmental agencies, and private entities under contract with the department.”

I also expressly object to the use of funds collected under the bill for purposes other than public health. Per the Bill,
“(2) $1,500,000 shall be allocated to the Turtle Bay conservation easement special fund beginning July 1, 2015, for the reimbursement to the state general fund of debt service on reimbursable general obligation bonds, including ongoing expenses related to the issuance of the bonds, the proceeds of which were used to acquire the conservation easement and other real property interests in Turtle Bay, Oahu, for the protection, preservation, and enhancement of natural resources important to the State, until the bonds are fully amortized;

(3) $16,500,000 shall be allocated to the convention center enterprise special fund established under section 201B—8;

(4) $79,000,000 shall be allocated to the tourism special fund established under section 2018—11;

(A) Beginning on July 1, 2012, and ending on June 30, 2015, $2,000,000 shall be expended from the tourism special fund for development and implementation of initiatives to take advantage of expanded Visa programs and increased travel opportunities for international visitors to Hawaii;

(B) Of the $79,000,000 allocated: (i) $1,000,000 shall be allocated for the operation of a Hawaiian center and the museum of Hawaiian music and dance; and (ii) 0.5 per cent of the $79,000,000 shall be transferred to a sub—account in the tourism special fund to provide funding for a safety”

Thank you for hearing my testimony AGAINST HB 2502.
This is a power grab, Tyranny by a corrupt government. I say “No” to this bill as a mother, wife, and nurse. Covid is not a threat and is falsely being used to control us and I would like this to be stopped. Please say “no” to this. I will not give up my constitutional rights for a false made up medical safety. I do not look to the Government to protect my health or any healthcare needs. It is a private discussion between my family and physician. I will not have my religious rights only be “considered”, as stated in this bill. I would like this to end now.

Testing is inaccurate, directly taken from the CDC website, “a positive test result shows you may have antibodies from an infection with the virus that causes COVID-19. However there is a chance a positive result means that you have antibodies from an infection with a virus from the same family of viruses (called corona viruses), such as the one that causes the common cold.” So you are altering and attempting to control our travel, child’s education, community health, and economy over a test that could show positive because we have antibodies from a common cold. Also stated in the whitehouse. In the government website it states “No test is ever perfect. All tests occasionally result in false positive results (the test result should be negative because you DO NOT have COVID-19 but comes back positive) or false negative results (the test result should be positive because you DO have COVID-19, but comes back negative). Sometimes the results are not definitive (the result is unclear, and you don’t know if it is positive or negative).”

Please vote “no” against the altering and abruption of the Hawaiian community, economy, and families over inaccurate testing’s and false information. What our community needs is more protection from people abducting our children! Review those statistics they are much worse than our COVID statistics.


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OPPOSE  
HB2502_SD1 would grant broad powers to the Director of the Department of Health, an un-elected official, allowing the Director to declare a public health emergency with agreement from the Governor. Once the emergency is declared, the Director would be the sole person in charge of the emergency, responsible for the rules, and dictating health requirements to be followed by all people in Hawai‘i. That is too much power for an individual, particularly one who does not answer to the people. Additionally, no clear criteria are established in the bill to define a public health emergency, and any emergency could be extended indefinitely in 90-day increments. The phrase “potential for an epidemic” makes clear that no concrete EVIDENCE of an outbreak is even necessary in order to declare an emergency. “Take other action as deemed necessary by the director” is vague language found in the bill that could be abused and cause great harm to the people of Hawai‘i. What kind of action? I believe that future responses to outbreaks can be effectively managed, as has been done in our current situation, under the current legislation and HB2502_SD1 should be rejected by the Senate as it creates too much potential for harm.

Though written with a preface to travel concerns, Section 2 is written to be implemented into HRS 325 and would apply to ALL people in Hawai‘i, both residents and visitors alike. Based on the content of the bill, ANY PERSON suspected of being at a “higher risk of spreading infection” would be subject to quarantine, removal to a quarantine facility by police force, with no limitation on how long s/he can be held in quarantine, and no cap on the amount of money the individual can be charged for room, board, and treatment. There are no guarantees that families would be kept together and no safeguards for bodily autonomy. This is a complete and total disregard for the civil liberties established in the United States Constitution for any person that would be suspected of being at a greater risk based on a presumed threat without any requirement for the State or Director of Health to meet the burden of proof before removing civil liberties.

Page 5, line 5 reads: “*Take other action as deemed necessary…*” This wording is far too vague and would suggest that the Department of Health director will have authority to enforce absolutely anything, including a vaccine, invasive testing or medical treatment, if in his/her opinion it is “deemed necessary” and without any public input or legislative process. We do not agree with the Department’s ability to adopt interim
rules without the requirements of chapter 91 and chapter 201M. This exemption removes the right for the public and small business owners to influence rulemaking. Business owners will be denied the ability to oppose rules that will have an impact on their business, such as in the case of mandated closure of businesses.

We do not agree to the forced closure of schools and businesses as proposed on page 4, line 14, as this practice has proven to have no bearing on the overall numbers of deaths in relation to COVID-19, when you compare statistics with other states that did not impose a “lockdown” mandate yet still maintained a low death toll. Closure of a business is in effect an illegal seizure of property and the amount of despair and disruption to society it causes must be taken into consideration. You cannot justify mitigation tactics meant to save lives, when those tactics are destroying lives in the process.

Page 5, Line 9: “(b) Quarantine and isolation pursuant to this section shall not be subject to the requirements pursuant to section 325—8(a).” This seems to suggest that definitions of the terms “communicable disease”, “dangerous disease” and “quarantine” can be altered or modified as needed in order to declare a public health emergency and subsequently enforce quarantine on individuals without the need for clear definition. This in turn will also relieve the state from the burden of proof if in such cases the quarantine order is challenged by the individual. The redefinition of “Quarantine” from 325-8(a) to the new proposed definition by adding “or who otherwise have or create a potential risk of transmitting a communicable or dangerous disease to others from individuals” brings up the question that unvaccinated individuals could be targeted to be placed in quarantine facilities.

This bill does not address parental rights in the event a child is quarantined. If I was traveling to a state with my family this would be of grave concern to me!

The addition to Chapter 325 of the definition of the term “isolation” and the distinct difference to the term “quarantine”, with ISOLATION being more restrictive, seems to mean that some individuals may be removed from their homes or other more comfortable setting and placed within an isolation facility. Forced separation from family members due to infection without due process of law is cruel and therefore unconstitutional under the 4th amendment.

This bill intends to amend Chapter 325-8(e) to remove the individual’s right to due process. The State will NOT be required to obtain a written ex parte order prior to enforcing isolation or quarantine. The individual will be allowed a right to contest, but with a time frame of 10 days until a hearing is scheduled, the individual will be subjected to quarantine or isolation no matter what. They will be considered guilty until proven innocent. On page 21, Line 14 it reads: “The individual is reasonably believed to have been exposed to or known to have been infected with a communicable or dangerous disease;” This appears to change the standard to detain, arrest and hold
from “probable cause” to “reasonably believed” which is again a violation of the 4th amendment.

This is why we urge you to shred this bill and allow the people of Hawai‘i to return to the lives we once lived. This bill makes an opening statement which declares that such legislation is acting to sustain the State’s tourism industry, when in actuality it can only serve to do the exact opposite. How can the forced screening, testing, monitoring, tracking and possible incarceration of those looking to enjoy a Hawai‘i vacation be considered a “positive visitor experience”?
DATE July 1, 2020

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Senator Donovan M. Dela-Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

RE: HB2502 HD1 SD1

Position: OPPOSE

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Committee Members:

I find this bill deeply concerning in that it grants the DOH Director, un unelected official, an alarming amount of authority to make sweeping decisions concerning the citizens of Hawaii that would affect our health, privacy, personal choices and economy. The DOH Director was not chosen or authorized by the people to make these kinds of decision and would not be held accountable by us to do so in a way that truly protects our health, personal life and livelihood.

The verbiage of this bill is very vague, allowing for a wide variety of dangerous interpretations. Requiring testing, tracking, the sharing of our private medical records, and “other actions deemed necessary” opens the door to mandating any type of requirement that could be costly, intrusive, unfair and unfounded. This is a complete and total disregard for the civil liberties established in the United States Constitution for any person merely suspected of being at a greater risk based on a presumed threat without any requirement for the State or DOH to meet the burden of proof before removing civil liberties.

This bill would make the already costly travel through our state even more difficult for people to visit family or the different islands, in addition to plunging our economy lower by burdening and discouraging tourists from visiting our island home.

In regards to COVID-19, it’s important to note that in a state of nearly 1.5 million people 18 deaths is rather remarkable and seems to not provide the substantial threat that is the basis of this bill. More people have died from traffic fatalities this year.

This bill’s attempt to keep at bay the possible threat of an infectious disease appears to have created an even greater threat: an overstepping of our rights guaranteed us by the U. S. Constitution and a passing of power to unelected officials. Please vote NO on this bill.

Thank you for your time and for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

Donna K. Miller
Comments:

I oppose this bill because I feel like it violates my constitutional rights. I am reading a book about the Bill of Rights so I will be more aware of things like this. This is why we have a constitution!!
I. The Cost in Lives of Reaching Herd Immunity

In mid-February, when I realized that the COVID-19 case-doubling rate was around 4 days, I made a will, got my estate plans in place, and immediately scheduled my elective surgeries. With no government action, the Hawaii health-care system would have been overwhelmed by late April. Fortunately, governments did take actions, and slowed the pandemic. By my calculation, we have delayed 50 thousand cases in Hawaii, 50 million cases in the US, and over 150 million cases globally, as of June 2020.

I say “delayed” because, as long as SARS-COV-2 is anywhere in the world, no-where is truly safe, and we have not stopped the pandemic. Thus, I am quite concerned about both the “Reopen Hawaii Now” protests and the tourism industry plan to brand Hawaii as the “safest place in the world.” For it to be safe to re-open Hawaii, at least one of three things must happen: 1) the world must coordinate a global lockdown long enough to wipe out the virus, or 2) a safe and effective vaccine be universally distributed, or 3) we must have achieved “herd” immunity by having had 60%–80% of our population infected.

Option 1) would be the safest and least-disruptive. A global lockdown, followed by diligent monitoring and contact tracing, could wipe the virus out with a few months. Unfortunately, we have too many world leaders seeking to cast or to avoid blame to enable the required cooperation.

Option 2) is not guaranteed. There is no assurance that a safe, effective vaccine will be deliverable within a year or two.

To “reopen Hawaii” quickly, that leaves option 3): herd immunity [1], preferably via controlled metering of infections. Before considering this, we must honestly recognize the human cost. COVID-19 in Hawaii has a fatality rate of 2.3%. At that rate, since 60% of the state population equals about 1 million people, about 23,000 would die of the disease. For comparison, Hawaii’s annual mortality rate in 2017 and 2018 from all causes was approximately 11,500 people (health.hawaii.gov). Even if COVID-19 has been undercounted, so that the true mortality rate is closer to the 1.3 % reported for
New Zealand, we can expect 13,000 of our fellow citizens to die on the way to herd immunity – more than a year’s worth of casualties from all other causes.

These numbers assume a case rate that the health care system can handle: an overwhelmed system will result in even more deaths. In Hawaii so far, about 12% of COVID-19 cases require hospitalization – that would be 120,000 to achieve herd immunity. Optimistically assuming that new drug therapies can reduce the average hospital stay to 11 days, this amounts to 1,320,00 bed-days of hospitalization. To handle this in one year requires over 3,600 beds just for COVID-19 patients – far in excess of the current capacity of our health care system. With the current capacity of about 800 beds (Honolulu Star-Advertiser March 18, 2020), we could get to herd immunity in about 4 ½ years, accepting an average of 600 new cases and two deaths per day, and keeping the transmission rate at around 1. With such a strategy, there is little room for error. (Sweden is trying it, with success to be determined.)

Thus, to make Hawaii safe via a controlled rate of infection, we will kill 13,000 of our fellow citizens while pushing the health care system to its limits for over 4 years. This is the very best case, assuming perfect planning and execution in our public-health system.

II. Measuring the Cost of a Lockdown in Lives, NOT Dollars: Depressions Save Lives

Advocates of a fast re-opening should make their arguments in terms of public health, such as avoidance of deaths of despair (suicide, drugs, heart attacks, etc.), rather than in dollars. So far, the “open the economy now” advocates have not made a lives-to-lives comparison, and with good reason: keeping the economy locked down will likely save far more lives than it costs.

There is a well-established (and perhaps unexpected) relationship between mortality and economic activity: the more the economy booms, the faster people die. Working-class and minorities suffer the most. The trend applies most in developed nations: for the 23 OECD nations, death rates go down 0.4% for every 1% increase in unemployment. Suicides go up a little, but motor and industrial accidents go down more [2]. Further, death rates from natural causes (heart disease, liver failure, flu, pneumonia) also go down as unemployment goes up [3]. Even during the four years of the Great Depression (1930-1933), mortality rates went down.

The long-term effects on lifespan were also striking: life expectancy at birth went up during the Great Depression [4]. People born into the Great Depression (1930-1933) lived longer than those born during the immediately preceding or following economic expansions. White men and women gained an average of four years more life, while minorities gained seven years – huge effects for a public-health intervention.
We can expect the mortality and life-expectancy effects to be amplified with COVID-19: the occupations most at risk, such as bus driver, home health aide, store clerk, etc., are disproportionately held by minorities.

III. Go Slow and Save Lives

Thus, a continued lockdown, even one that leads to a Great-Depression level of economic pain, will save lives. Rather than rush to re-open the economy, it makes more life-and-death sense to be patient and wait for effective vaccines and curative treatments, while providing continued economic support for the communities most impacted. We are the richest nation in the world – we can afford it.

I suspect that the people in the biggest hurry to re-open the economy harbor Delusions of Insulating Privilege (DIP). They may think that because they are wealthy [5], or because they have no (known) underlying health risks, that the Grim Reaper will pass them by. DIP is not a sound basis for public-health policy. I recommend we go slowly, and be prepared for a few years of hardship. Our grandparents and great-grandparents made it through the Great Depression – we can make it through this pandemic without killing our fellow citizens in the name of commerce.

Thus, I urge you to pass this bill, and slow down the importation of deadly disease into Hawaii!

IV. Endnotes

1. I acknowledge that the term “herd immunity,” when applied to people, is very offensive. People are not cattle to be treated as just so many fungible production units.


5. In the crassest, bluntest expression: “I’m rich and I’m white, so I’ll be all right!”
Comments:

Being that there are 3 types of "disease" definitions, and not specifying "Covid19" causes the public to be concerned about the measures needing to be taken to control the disease at the worst case scenario. Also, at this time..... When many new updated forms of cell towers are being installed that could very well contribute to the negative health impacts of the public without their consent is of question to the overall reasoning for mass contact tracing, data sharing and enforced actions due to sickness. Our new understanding of "electro smog" and jumping into the convenience of this going forward technology is alarming to the public when we are being told to stay healthy, when possibly in fact we will be exposed to environmental electro smog that contributes to cancer and mental diseases. Which is relevant to this bill because this cell tower issue looks like it fits into one of the 3 definitions of "disease". Using this technology upon the public to protect the public is very misleading when there is enforced impact on our lives and privacy.
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This is over use of oppressive power. It is martial law that will ruin life as we know it. We have gotten through worse without the proposed regulations. Mahalo, Liberty
Aloha WAM Committee Members:

In general,

I strongly oppose HB2502 HD1 SD1 because it grants sweeping and poorly-restricted authority to the Director of the Hawai‘i State Department of Health—an unelected public official without direct accountability to Hawai‘i voters. The Director could strip people of their civil liberties based on the vague definitions and provisions of this bill.

Furthermore, a stated purpose of this bill in the introduction on Page 2 Line 4 is “to ensure a positive visitor experience, which is critical to sustaining the State’s tourism industry.” The proposed new law likely would do the opposite of ensuring a positive experience for tourists, given the Hawai‘i Government’s trend toward a “new [ab]normal” response to COVID-19. If Hawai‘i-bound travelers were informed of the perils posed to them by this bill, they would avoid coming here — our once-beloved vacation paradise now is morphing into a potential legal, financial and physical pitfall beyond the typical travel expense.
Some specific reasons for concern over this bill:

This unnecessary, overreaching bill is a gateway to tyranny. It violates the checks-and-balances system of representative government we require to avoid the “slippery slope” toward authoritarianism. Current law which would be modified by this enacted bill purposely grants the elected governor and mayors sole authority to declare emergencies—not in conjunction with unelected officials or departments. The Director of the Hawai‘i Department of Health is not an elected, directly accountable public official. The vagueness of this bill, paired with lack of independent oversight creates potential for unrestricted abuse of power, akin to a dictatorship with insufficient recourse for individuals to challenge it. HB2502 HD1 SD1 poses a threat to the American tradition of reverence for civil liberties and minimally restrictive government. Please do not turn Hawai‘i into a place our nation’s veterans would be ashamed to have sacrificed their lives for.

IN THE CASE OF CURRENT COVID-19 CRISIS MANAGEMENT, DOH FAILS TO OFFER TRANSPARENCY:

- on testing of individuals for presence of illness and/or antibodies
  - DOH needs to present its scientific rationale for PCR testing on nasal swabs as an indicator of disease causation—this has been challenged by experts as a dubious practice. Are tests for viral load not better indicators than PCR?
  - The public requires information on test manufacturers, test accuracy, and case severity (as opposed to mere daily tallies of “cases” which unnecessarily may engender fear)
- in public discussion of viable therapeutics to help allay people’s mortal fear of viral particle exposure
- in declarations of health status [P4L11]
  - Why does DOH require response to a question on flu shot status within the past year on its current travel questionnaire? Is it true that some flu shots contain coronaviruses which could contribute to false-positive COVID-19 tests?
- in this statement in the bill [Page5Line5]: “Take other action as deemed necessary by the director to prevent, prepare for, respond to, mitigate, and recover from a serious outbreak of communicable or dangerous disease”
  - The vagueness of this statement could lead to DOH exercising dictatorial, unrestricted authority—it must be stricken and re-written with more specific limitations
- Future rule changes—no public hearing required
The public got a horrible taste of the process of DOH’s rule changes during the modification of HAR 11-157 [requiring several additional vaccines for school eligibility]
- Statewide hearings were granted only after public outcry
- DOH decision-makers did not take the opportunity nor were they compelled to listen to the voices of the several hundreds of impassioned testimonies—either in person or recorded. The public was given the impression by DOH’s apparent willful deafness to their testimonies that the rule modification process merely was a speed bump in DOH’s goal to mandate several new vaccines for school eligibility in Hawai’i [for vaccines which arguably the state has no compelling interest to require].
- Despite the turnout of hundreds of rule change opponents across the state to testify both in person and in writing, DOH merely had testimonies *summarized* for its review, watering down their voices, with no verification of having been heard.

- The section of this bill on unrestricted sharing of information, particularly with undefined entities, without express permission of the individual is too vague.
- The section of this bill relating to health care-associated infection reporting ought to be altered to enablesubpoena, discovery, or introduction into evidence in any civil or criminal proceeding—not prohibit it.

*Travelers to and within Hawai’i must be clearly informed in advance that they risk being separated from their families or co-travelers at their own expense on top of their travel expenses, for as long as the Director deems them infectious or a menace to safety, and that individuals have no effective, timely recourse to challenge or evade a forced quarantine or isolation.*

HB2502 HD1 SD1 declares implementers of quarantine and isolation “liability-free” in cases of death, injury or property damage, except for willful misconduct. No recourse for the aggrieved? How will that entice tourists? Who in their right minds would risk travel across an ocean or two to face possible incarceration and family separation, and possible forced “prophylaxis” or a “treatment” of DOH’s choosing? The Nuremberg Code must be respected for individuals seeking to avoid imposed treatment. Could this include an inadequately tested vaccine, against the will of the individual? Or an exorbitantly priced, brand new, minimally tested drug, like Remdesivir, with all costs borne by the forced recipient? Not pono, not embodying the cherished “Aloha Spirit” travelers to Hawai’i pay dearly to experience.
The Director has at his or her disposal the entire law enforcement apparatus, as mandated by this bill. Whom does that leave in law enforcement to defend an aggrieved individual challenging the terms of quarantine or isolation? The ability of individuals to appeal declarations and decisions of the Director of DOH is severely restricted and ridiculous, as detailed under Section 325-J Right to contest. The time period of ten days to get a court hearing practically renders the appeal moot, considering the minimum duration of quarantine or isolation. The appointment of a guardian ad litem to represent an isolated or quarantined individual also is of great concern as a violation of the spirit of habeas corpus and due process.

The unrestricted 90-day emergency declaration period at the sole discretion of the DOH director is unacceptable. 90 days is too long, and successive 90-day periods without challenge by any entity or individual is egregious.

An independent oversight board, akin to a Board of Health, comprised of Hawai'i residents, to include representatives from the legal profession and local health care professions and laypeople without corporate conflict-of-interest ought to be created to advocate for individuals’ civil liberties. This oversight board ought to be able to hold regular public hearings compelling the governor, mayors, Director and Department of Health staff, and/or Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency to appear and answer questions throughout any declared emergency—especially on the topic of possible extension by proclamation of any emergency period, for the public to express and exert it’s opinion as to the validity of the declared imminent danger or threat.

Some people in Hawai'i agree that while the Governor may have had cause to issue an initial 60-day emergency, subsequent proclamations extending the period for another 60-days were not based on imminent danger or threat, due to the low number of deaths attributed to COVID-19. The publicly reported deaths were not verified by any independent entity we in the public are aware of; as admitted by Hawai'i public officials, some if not most of the reported deaths had co-morbidities with unverified influence of COVID-19 in cause of death.

Hawai'i’s current DOH Director Bruce Anderson is not a medical doctor or any type of physician [which itself is odd]. Isn’t he unqualified through his lack of both medical credentials and clinical competency to be declaring any disease “communicable” or cases of a disease “an outbreak” or “epidemic” or individuals “infectious”? His de
facto reliance on DOH staff to assist him make these decisions burdens the people of Hawai‘i with yet another layer of unaccountability.

The public deserves more time to digest these potentially liberty-crushing bill provisions, as well as better opportunities to be heard by legislators. It is so unfair to the public to push through such an impactful bill as this one, without offering the public the customary opportunity to testify in-person. Furthermore, it is unfair for the public to have so little time between announcement of a bill hearing and both the deadline for submission of testimony and the hearing itself. This process does not at all favor public participation in the process of governance. The passage through the legislature of “gut-and-replace” bills like this one is reprehensible.
Submitted By: Anna Musico
Organization: Individual
Testifier Position: Oppose
Present at Hearing: No

Comments:
Submitted By: Francesca Woolger  
Organization: Individual  
Testifier Position: Oppose  
Present at Hearing: No

Comments:

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MASK WEARING IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. 20 MINS WEARING A MASK REDUCES YOUR OXYGEN BY 15-20%. PEOPLE ARE BECOMING ILL AND SOME HAVE DIED.

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Comments:  
Strongly oppose!!!
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Ethan Ayau | Individual | Oppose | No

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB2502 HD1 SD1. Please Vote No.
I strongly oppose this bill. It is unconstitutional to enforce travel restrictions, masks, quarantine, medical testing, and business closures. We are a free country. In life there are risks, and each individual is responsible for mitigating their daily risks. That could include car accidents, death, injuries and countless other potential health issues in daily life. We can't stop travel and life any longer for a virus with a 99 percent recovery rate. The numbers are false and completely skewed. Any positive Covid test could be simply a common cold. The tests are completely inaccurate and only test for genetic material, not the actual Covid virus. That means these shut downs could merely have been over positives from a cold or different strain of Coronavirus. The death count is also false as all people WITH covid were counted as deaths BY covid. That is scientifically and morally atrocious to falsify data and statistics that essentially ruined the lives of millions of people. Enough is enough! Mistakes were made, but that does not justify furthering the horrible measures any longer. Give the people their freedom back. I can assure you that every time a democratic party member suggests bills such as these, you are losing thousands of party members. If this bill passes I will officially leave my party to support the party that protects our constitutional rights, which is what this country was founded on.
Hello, I am submitting testimony of opposition again, and I did read the bill. At the very least, I am very concerned that the head of the DOH would be given this much power. The head of the DOH is not an elected position. A non-elected official should not have that much power. Please do not allow this bill to pass.

Thank you,

Aletheia Hatori
Why are we giving them that type of POWER?!! No. Our freedom and the lives of our ohana are at stake. Some of these vaccines can kill us and we cannot refuse to get vaccinated. We should always be given a choice!!!
I DO NOT SUPPORT giving an UNELECTED, revolving door group of people the RIGHT TO MANDATE EXTREME MEASURES of any kind, anytime upon our citizens. That is YOUR APPOINTED DUTY and honestly brings me to question the confidence you have in yourselves to get the job done. You have access to top advisors in every aspect of governance and THIS ACTION SUGGESTS YOU'RE NOT QUALIFIED TO OBTAIN, DECIPHER AND DISTILL PERINENT INFORMATION TO MAKE DECISIONS in the best interest of the people who trusted you to do just that. ASSIGNING BLAME EARLY to others is what this does, you are effectively washing your hands of making these decisions. GROW UP, STAND FOR SOMETHING. RESPECTFULLY, JK
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Comments:

Puts too much power in the hands of unelected officials; will further cripple Hawai‘i’s economy.
Submitted By: Ronald Williams
Organization: Individual
Testifier Position: Oppose
Present at Hearing: No

Comments:
The system works fine as is
I strongly oppose HB 2502 SD1! I find it very unconstitutional in the way it is presented and how it concentrates power with the Director of Health in a way that does not retain the rights of the citizens here in Hawaii. I do not agree with sweeping removal of our human rights and the punitive threats of this bill.
**HB-2502-SD-1**
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Comments:

Shame on you folks for trying to sneak this one by and pass it!

Vote NO!

This is a big step in the wrong direction - no mandatory vaccinations, no mandatory testings, no lock-down enforcement, and travel restrictions imposed by the DOH!!! Very vague language that gives too much flexible power to DOH.
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Comments:

Absolutely not - vote NO!

This is an attempt to give power to a nonelected official (DOH), with vague authorities. Shame on you folks for continuing to try and pass this.
**Comments:**

I oppose Bill 2502
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Comments:
HB2502 is a violation of basic human rights. It allows unelected DOH staff to make medical and personal liberty decisions without oversight. The DOH should be working on protocol for Senior Centers, Health Care establishments instead of attacking private citizens.

These decisions should not be in the hands of DOH, even if they had proven themselves trustworthy. To further amplify why these unelected officials should not be making broad decisions to violate private citizens medical autonomy, the DOH has proven themselves incapable of even tracking the 900 cases here in Hawaii. They continue to publish erroneous information. For instance, they show no cases in Waimanalo. There are positive covid 19 cases in Waimanalo since at least March 17th (known to Dr. Miscovich and Lt. Gov Green even). Those with positive cases have offered to submit their CDC letters (showing positive and address), public health nurses have offered the information to correct the records, and yet months later, DOH is still putting out incorrect info. This leads to communities mistakenly believing they have reduced risk and has lead to ongoing gatherings, parties and even bounce house parties throughout the lockdown timeframe.

The DOH is wasting time and energy elsewhere while not creating protocol for areas of high risk - hospitals, respiratory care treatment centers and gatherings where known spread has occurred - funerals, parties, church services.

I, in conjunction with my doctors and health care professionals, make my health care decisions, not the legislature or DOH officials.

Please oppose HB2502.

Thank you
Comments:

This bill is a violation of our constitutional and sovereign rights as free individuals, our 4th amendment right to unlawful search and seaizures, stated as which, in the US constitution and Hawaii state constitution. As stated in the Declaration of Independence, governments are only insituted to secure the rights of the people (NOT to protect public health) and may only govern with the consent of the governed. The government does not have the authority, or shall never claim, to make health decisions or forced medical interventions for individuals. This bill destroys our freedoms, violates our rights to bodily sovereignty and changes the nature of our democratic government, which serves the people; to a dictatorial one, which seeks to control the people. The evidence overwhelmingly shows, the state of Hawaii over-reacted and overstepped it's authority to the Covid-19 pandemic. The government of Hawaii and Governor Ige's lockdown restrictions, unlawful closures and quarantines, have led to irreversible damages, unprecedented unemployment, financial losses, restricted access to physical and psychological care, suicides, child abuse, domestic violence, poverty, depression and it goes on. The voting of this bill will be a betrayal of your oath of office and the people's freedom and human rights, that so many in our great country have fought and died to protect. Do the right thing. Mahalo.
Comments:

Although I agree with some (very few) of the statements in this bill, there are too many areas that are dangerous to right of privacy and freedom for individual citizen and their children to make this bill worthy of passing. It is an extreme overreach for conditions that are potentially out of their control anyway. There is no guarantee that this power will not be abused for political or personal gain. Bad bill. Please vote "NO".
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Comments:

This bill gives the governor and unelected unaccountable officials tyrannical, dictatorial authority and powers. This bill is completely against our constitutional rights.
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<td>Novia Wegner</td>
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Comments:
I strongly oppose!
I feel this bill is gives too much authority to unelected individuals without community input and removes checks and balances to personal freedoms and the safety of our keiki.
I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS BILL WITH MY MAXIMUM ABILITY TO OPPOSE.

Even in the event of a pandemic, or state of emergency, the United States Constitution and the rights provided as a US Citizen do not cease to exist, rather they exist for this exact reason, to protect the citizens from government overuse of power and to ensure due legislative process is sustained.

As a United States Citizen, due to the degree of privacy violations and the open door created for bypassing the necessary and intentional process of checks and balances in the United States Government and Constitution.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS BILL.

A PROUD citizen of the United States of America

Jennifer Cotsonas
I highly oppose this bill. It is absolutely horrific what the department of health wants money for and what it wants to be in charge of. Tracking, quarantine and isolation? That is crazy. You cannot be allowed to do this, shut down our state and force vaccinations. We shouldn't have to live in this kind of society, please give us the opportunity to live without these crazy restraints. We the people do not want this bill passed.
The verbiage of bill HB2502 is vague and calls for further modification by the DOH via "administrative rule-making," to be EXEMPT from HRS Chapters 91 and 201M. This means DOH can further define bill language however they want, without any legislative oversight, small business or public input. This measure allows DOH to declare individuals a "threat" to public safety with the ability to remove and isolate people/children from their families, provide treatment without your consent, as well as shut down our economy indefinitely. It is TYRANNICAL to give this DICTATORIAL authority to UNELECTED, UNACCOUNTABLE officials! The current law gives this emergency declaration power solely to the ELECTED, (presumably) ACCOUNTABLE governor. Governor Ige has already demostrated in past legislative matters that when it comes to health, he is influenced not by the peoples best interest, but by Dr. Park.
Comments:

This violates constitutional rights and places power in hands of individuals at the expense of the PEOPLE. Mandates should not be placed on a free state. When there are risks, there needs to be choice.
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Comments:

This cannot pass. Please think of your own family. Do not do this to the people if Hawaii we are all ohana here. Please for our future safety, shut down this bill.
Comments:

I am opposed to this bill. I feel that this will totally infringe on my freedom.
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Comments:
OPPOSE!!!! I strongly oppose HB2502_SD1. This bill would give powers to unelected and unaccountable government officials! This is Wrong! We have suffered enough for a very small demographic, yes there has been a spike in positive tests, but not hospitalizations or deaths. If anything our poorly managed Maui hospital was responsible for about half our Covid cases. This bill would give authority to the Department of Health that cause more problems than they solve. I OPPOSE!!!!
Comments:

This bill is unconstitutional. It discriminates against both Hawaii residents and out-of-state residents with respect to ‘the Privileges and Immunities of Citizens in the several States’; basically, this bill takes away the right of Hawaii residents, and persons from other states, to travel freely within the United States which has judicially been recognized as a fundamental Constitutional right. Furthermore, this bill is an invasion of privacy especially in the area of physically tracking US citizens as well as medical privacy which all US citizens are afforded. The Privacy Rule, a federal law, protects all "individually identifiable health information" held or transmitted by a covered entity or its business associate, in any form or media, whether electronic, paper, or oral. The Privacy Rule calls this information ‘protected health information’. I am also concerned about this bill because I see the term ‘isolation’ along with ‘quarantine’, which implies a facility or camp will be used to house people who either have COVID, break quarantine, or possibly just putting new arrivals into Hawaii in the facility to quarantine rather than allowing them to go to a hotel or home. Mandatory testing also concerns me as US citizens should have the right to say no to taking a medical test and the phrase ‘other actions deemed necessary’, makes it sound like the state can do whatever it justifies to an individual without due process. I am very much opposed to this bill and I am shocked it would be considered in Hawaii.
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Comments:
I oppose bill HB2502 Sd1. This bill goes against the US constitution, and violates the forth amendment. The US constitution is what our founding fathers created to protect the people of the USA. America is a country of freedom, we you have choice in your medical health! This bill is against any oath you have taken to protect the American people.

Please vote no to bill hb2502 sd1 and stand with the power of the people!
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Comments:
I, JENNA SCANLAN, STRONGLY OPPOSE the passing of this bill HB2502 as it will strip citizens of their civil liberties. It is unconstitutional to control and take away the power to make decisions on ones own body. A person should have the freedom to choose what is done to their body and the bodies of their children. Furthermore, I do not support the unlawful separation of a person from their family and being placed into a quarantine facility due to their health condition. The DOH should NOT have the liberty to make emergency decisions for people as their officials were not elected but hired for the position. I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS BILL, HB2502.
Comments:

This is wrong and frankly tyranny, stop it. I'm in hopes YOU still work for the people and we are asking that this bill be rejected. I'm smart enough to be careful if I travel and I do travel to the mainland as we own a business there. I shouldn't have to be subject to this government overreach every time I'm flying, it's not ok and infringes on my right to free travel. It's clearly a power issue for no reason as the people have followed the guidelines and took responsibility for our families and communities safety, we showed respect.
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<td>heather culp</td>
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I oppose HB 2502 because it is an invasion of our privacy and Constitutional rights by imposing overreaching government control over our bodies. The government is limited by the Constitution which protects the citizens rights over government's abuse of power. You do not have the right to my body and my health. I am responsible for my health and well being not the government.
Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing
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cybil moran | Individual | Oppose | No

Comments:
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<td>Laura</td>
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Comments:
I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS BILL.

I AM APPALLED AT THE WAY THE 1700 SUBMITTED WRITTEN TESTIMONIES WERE DISMISSED BY THE CHAIR AT THE LAST HEARING ON JUNE 25TH. I DO NOT BELIEVE ANY OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THIS HEARING READ ANY OF THE TESTIMONY.

THERE IS NO PANDEMIC EVEN BASED ON CDC FIGURES WHICH HAWAII PURPORTS TO FOLLOW.

THERE IS NO NEED FOR TESTING.

THERE IS NO NEED FOR TRACING.

THOSE WHO CONTINUE TO PASS LAWS BASED ON FALSE FIGURES & NON-SCIENTIFIC STATEMENTS MADE BY ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE BEING MANIPULATED BY THOSE WITH VESTED FINANCIAL INTERESTS WILL STAND TRIAL IN THE FUTURE.

THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE MUST NOT BE IGNORED. YOU ARE IGNORING THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE.

AGAIN, THE TRUTH IS ALREADY COMING OUT. "COVID19" IS NOT A VIRUS.

WHEN THE TRUTH DOES COME OUT FOR ALL TO SEE, THOSE IN POWER INCLUDING AT STATE LEVEL, ESPECIALLY AT STATE LEVEL WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR ENDANGERING LIVES, DECEPTION AND FRAUD.
Precious Reynolds

Individual

Oppose

No

Hello,

I strongly oppose HB2502 HD1 SD1. This is a violation of the constitutional rights of the United States. Furthermore, it puts decisions in the hands of unelected officials which is unacceptable.
Submitted By Kylee Johnson
Organization Individual
Testifier Position Oppose
Present at Hearing No

Comments:
This bill is way too open ended and doesn't protect our rights. Gives elected officials too much authority, including Gov Ige. I oppose.
**HB-2502-SD-1**  
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<td>danielle stanzione</td>
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Comments:

This is completely imposing on our freedoms! There is no reason for this kind of behavior. We do not barely even have the virus in Hawaii anymore so there is absolutely no need for measures like this. And even if it was here, this is wildly overstepping my privacy and ability to feel safe and free in my own country! I strongly disagree with this and if there needs to be more people available in person, I am more than willing to do that and can bring many supporters!
Kimberly Jenkins
Individual
Oppose
No

This bill is deeply disturbing and what I feel is an infringement on my rights as a free citizen of the United States. This feels like a dictatorial solution to a current health crisis.
I absolutely OPPOSE bill HB2502 HD1 SD1. All of the measures stated within the bill do not uphold our constitutional rights or parental rights. This is a complete infringement on privacy which is completely unnecessary based on the factual statistics showing that CV19 does not pose a threat to society as a whole with it's 99% recovery rate. The state of HI is inflating "new case" numbers and reports by various measures all to push for government control of the states residents, visitors, businesses, and over all economy. It every individual's personal responsibility to take care of their health. It is the government's job to take care of our rights. This bill is a direct infringement and removal of our god given and constitutional rights. I oppose this Bill due to the concern for my children and family. As a parent, i have cared or arranged for care when i have been so sick in the past with the regular flu! Parents are responsible for arranging for proper care of their children to an entrusted family member or friend. These measures in this bill have nothing to do with safety and everything to do with government over reach, control, and money that the state would attain from federal CV bailouts and funding. I OPPOSE BILL HB2502 HD1 SD1.
**HB-2502-SD-1**

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Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill because it goes against my constitutional rights.
Comments:

The language of this bill is broad and undefined, and give the Director of Health the ability to do almost anything that they deem necessary, without any checks and balances. This position should not have this much power. This should be reserved for elected officials to be decided in committee.

This bill makes the director of health more powerful than they should ever be.
**HB-2502-SD-1**
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<td>Lenn H</td>
<td>Individual</td>
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Comments:

I do not support and feel it is a violation of my rights.
I oppose HB2502. As an individual citizen, I have every right to be angry, every right to oppose. As an individual citizen and on behalf of many others, we deserve the right to "choose." We should in no way be mandated to abide to something that we do not believe is right and goes against our God-given rights.
I opposed this bill last week as it was first appearing, due to the ambiguous nature of its languaging and the potential for keeping crisis legislation in place outside of times of crisis, and after the way the oppositions were treated, saying that 'people were talking about vaccines, but this doesn't mention vaccines, so lets ignore the opposition,' I feel concern about how public opinion is being taken in.

These are delicate times, and I feel that the change of power away from the governor, the exemption from Chapter 91, and the penalization of non-compliance to an ambiguous screening feels like it has the potential to be misused. We've already seen so much misuse of power in these changing times by authorities, and people are responding in places all around the world through protest. I feel like this is another opportunity for the potential misuse of power and would prefer something with a more clearly defined outline of what the screening process is, and with space to empower peoples’ sovereignty through unpenalized choice.

mahalo,

Cole T. Runyan
Comments:

I strongly oppose this Bill!!!
Comments:

Aloha hope this message finds you well to whom it may reading it . This bill is in complete violation on the civil liberties and the peoples constitutional rights . AG Bill Barr has stated even during the covid pandemic our civil rights along with constitution has not been suspended , this Bill itself will strip the citizens of Hawaii of any of their civil rights in which they were once protected under the false alarm even though Hawaii as a state has one of the lowest infection cases including mortality rates . Plz understand this has already been brought into attention on the Federal level as well as a petition has been created on whitehouse.gov , under no circumstance should the people of Hawaii should be threatened or intimidated by any governing body or public health officials including law enforcement to be forcibly removed from their homes and their families and relocated to a quarantine center and also forced to be tested and vaccinated under the guise of public safety . This is a direct attack on the peoples rights and our rights or not to be tampered with . This will be reported at the highest level of government all the way up to the white houses . Mahalo
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janelle ragusa | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments:

Please reconsider. The government control into our families wellness has gone way too far. We the people have rights to choose how to care for ourselves. Please spend the time and effort on the research and how to enhance the opportunity for holistic healthy lifestyles. We are people, with minds, hearts, and souls. We are not numbers. God bless
Emilia Wentworth
Individual
Oppose
No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this Bill because it infringes on individual civil liberties. Thank you for your time.
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Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.
Hello,

I vehemently oppose HB2502 HD1 SD1. This is a violation of the foundational freedoms of the United States.

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<td>Maly Gella</td>
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Comments:

I Strongly Oppose HB 2502 SD1. As a citizen of these Islands, born and raised here, I am deeply concerned at the dire consequences this bill could have on our beautiful State. We are already witnessing the destruction of our economy in just a few short months. Giving the Department of Health the power to declare emergencies and all that it would entail is extremely troubling to me. We have not elected the few who run the DOH! We do not have a Board of Health any longer to make sure there are checks and balances. We have no voice as citizens of this state when it comes to dealing with the DOH. We have witnessed the power struggle between our elected officials dealing with this current situation and this would only worsen if the DOH were given added decision making power.

I have many concerns about the language in this bill and I will address just one more. The language is vague and leaves so much leeway it is frightening! We are only seeing the tip of the iceberg as to how our life can be radically changed by our government officials. Our ability to visit family (both on and off Island), our ability to worship, our ability to freely move about our state, all have been dictated to us by our elected officials. This is not right, this is not what your role is, we are free individuals, living in a constitutional republic. Yes you are responsible for making difficult decisions in a state of emergency but we are not in a state of emergency and thankfully as a State we never were regarding Covid 19. The difficulty that this bill will put on those trying to visit our Islands and even us Locals who try to take a vacation will further cripple our economy.

The crisis and state of emergency that Has Been Created is the destruction of our economy, the countless individuals who have not received adequate healthcare, the suicide rate, the increased homelessness, unemployment, the MISSING CHILDREN, etc. This is the state of emergency that we need to address! Please do not pass this bill out of committee!
Comments:

Due to the lack of accurate information in regards to Covid-19 and its operating procedures for the public, it is not right to force the majority to show proof that they are free of Covid-19 and worst of all implement punishment for those who refuse. I do not approve!! My government/health departments should not be allowed to determine or dictate every move I make because they think I am sick with a virus that has such an incredibly low death percentage. I understand the Virus is real and people are in-fact suffering from it but I can't help but feel a lot of this is propaganda created to control the masses. To be kept isolated in a "facility" until determined safe?? Necessary proof of Vaccine despite its lethality on your body especially if you don't need it? It's been four months since this began and the things happening on ground level are an absolute joke. NO WAY is it okay to go along with such vague policies that are now trying to be passed as laws with consequences to follow? What laws are inplace to protect those for being falsely listed as someone having Covid-19? I am the one who determines my safety and health. If i need any help I am the one who chooses how to protect myself based on the resources provided for me which I pay for with my tax dollars. Creating new ways for those who may be more vulnerable to travel or shop is simple, designated shopping hours, separate aircraft, etc. There are many other ways to combat this virus and it certainly does not begin with the level of control that's being sought out. I do not support this in any way shape or form.
Comments:

Please vote no and stop this bill. I oppose HB2502.
Dear Sirs:

This kind of measures belong in communist China. It is absolute insanity to have a bill so broad and vague that attacks our liberties as Americans as this. Never in history have we seen healthy individuals put away for the sake of "safety". This is about control and the fact that there are multiple corporations working on vaccine shots for this Corona virus fast tracking them, not testing them even on animals, and that this corporations are not liable if they kill or injure people should give us all pause but instead this bill is pushing for a potential imposition of such shots. You work for the People not for this corporations. Unfortunately so many people are being scared into giving away their liberties because they don't know any better. This is a travesti. Something of such magnitude and the potential abuses of this legislation need to be exposed and frankly explained to the people.

There is no consensus about the dangers of a virus like Corona and in fact there is thousands of doctors and scientists decrying the mistake it was to lockdown the World for this virus. The death rate is at worst as the flu's and there is so many incoherences such as the fact they are assigning cases to COVID for the mere suspicion, a person can be counted as multiple cases whenever they test positive until they test negative, there is numerous reports of fake positives.

HB2502_SD-1 would grant broad powers to the Director of the Department of Health, an un-elected official, allowing the Director to declare a public health emergency with agreement from the Governor. Once the emergency is declared, the Director would be the sole person in charge of the emergency, responsible for the rules, and dictating health requirements to be followed by all people in Hawai‘i. That is too much power for an individual, particularly one who does not answer to the people.

• The bill says, any person "who otherwise have or create a potential risk of transmitting a communicable or dangerous disease to others from individuals" could be confined to quarantine.
• The bill allows for removal to a quarantine facility by police force

• The bill has:
  o no limitation on how long a person can be held in quarantine
  o no cap on the amount of money the individual can be charged for room, board, and treatment.
  o no guarantees that families would be kept together
  o no safeguards for bodily autonomy. Treatment could be forced
  o “Except in cases of willful misconduct, the following persons shall not be liable for the death of or injury to any person who is provided care pursuant to this section or for damage to property when resulting from any act or omission in the performance of such service”

This is Nazi Germany material. The USA has a tragic history related to interning Japanese American folks and this is a slap on the face of this families survivors.

Enough is enough. I firmly oppose this attack to our civil liberties and our Constitutional rights.

Sincerely,

Joanna Wheeler

Registed Voter

Kauai
I am not in favor of this bill. It's power us limited to a sole individual and this has not fair to do. Power can easily be abused. We need fair checks and balances.
Invading our privacy and Constitutional rights by imposing Government control over our own bodies is offensive and degrading. You as a Government are limited by the Constitution which protects its citizens’ rights over the Government’s abuse of power. We have the freedom to say NO to the Government’s “strong arming tactics”. You do not have the right to my body and my health. It is disgusting and flagrant to think that this Socialist “Hitler” Communism can happen here in Hawaii. By all accounts, the numerous risks we face each day is a freedom by God’s Grace, that as Americans you, the Government shall not dictate the degree in which these risks are measured, at the risk of losing our freedoms.
To Whom This May Concern:

I stand in firm opposition to HB2502 HD1SD1. This bill allows the Director of Health to declare a health emergency. This position should continue to remain at the sole discretion of our governor who is the head of our state. This also allows the DOH to have too great of sweeping power without checks and balances to shut down all businesses, schools, and churches, share personal information, contact trace, require testing and quarantine all by mere suspicion of epidemic with will set a dangerous precedent. It also violates our freedoms as American citizens. Mandating vaccinations for our keiki without public input or the input of legislature, as well as a $5000 fine for noncompliance, is not something that should be taken lightly as it may open the doors to possibly side-dooring other vaccinations. As parents, we should be involved in the process of any medical health treatments, including vaccinations, that are to be done on our keiki.

Sincerely, Suzanne Mexia
Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE this bill.

I do not support mandatory testing, tracking, monitoring, quarantine, or other unidentified actions during a health emergency.

I do not support giving this power to the DOH (who is not directly elected by the people).

And I do not support penalties for refusal to comply.

I do not support ANY mandatory vaccinations including any under an emergency declaration.

And this particular virus, that has greater than a 99% recovery rate, especially does not warrant all these gross infringements on our inalienable and constitutional rights!

Though a US citizen for many years, I come from a country that was communist. I HIGHLY value the personal freedom and privacy we have in this country. And the tremendous value of small government. These freedoms are under attack by this bill that is being proposed.

I am outraged that you are not listening to the people. Look at all the opposition you have received. We want to keep our rights and privacy! We do not need you to force us into complying with whatever you deem necessary. Unbelievable.

Please do your job and remember you work for the people, and the people are speaking out against this.

And lastly, in the words of Sir Patrick Henry, that capture the heart behind the birth of this country:

“Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!”
The people of Unites States of America cannot stay free if this push towards big government continues.
### HB-2502-SD-1

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Comments:

Infringes on freedom too much
I strongly oppose HB2502. It is a violation of my constitutional rights and personal sovereignty.
**HB-2502-SD-1**

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Comments:

As a physician in Hawaii, I strongly oppose this bill. Please vote NO and STOP HB2502.
**HB-2502-SD-1**  
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Comments:

KILL THIS BILL! I am strongly opposed to it, as it is a huge overreach of government.
Comments:

I am writing in **Strong** OPPOSITION to HB2502 HD1 SD1, related to Health, as a resident of the State of Hawai’i in the City and County of Honolulu.

The Bill removes numerous personal freedoms, which are guaranteed by the United States Constitution, without meeting the burden of proof that the removal of such highly regarded and well-protected freedoms would necessitate. According to the Bill, an apparently healthy individual can be remanded to a quarantine facility or put in “isolation,” solely on suspicion, if they are “deemed by the department to be … at higher risk of infection, or at risk for spreading infection.” However, it is not defined how the department would determine if an individual or group of people would be at a “higher risk of spreading infection,” it does does ensure that children will remain with their families, and the Bill does not provide for any burden of proof by the State or the Department of Health to demonstrate that a person is truly a threat before removing their personal freedoms.

This language and lack of a burden of proof by the State reminds me all too much of an unjust history that my family has already endured in this country—that of Internment. It was ‘deemed necessary’ to ‘isolate’ American Citizens of Japanese descent during WWII. This Bill before the Hawai‘i State Legislature makes my soul weep for my family and the injustice they endured and for which they are still are impacted by to this day. Please do not use the lure of “safety” to wreck havoc on the lives of those less powerful than you.

Another significant point of concern is the potential for exposure and infection within the quarantine facility. The bill would allow for a perfectly healthy person to be remanded to a quarantine facility solely on suspicion of having a greater (undefined) risk of spreading infection, even though the person is not presently infected. This person could be placed in a facility with other individuals who may actually be carrying an infectious disease, and thereby contract the very infectious disease from which the State was supposedly protecting them. There are also no safeguards specified in the bill to protect individuals once they are remanded to the quarantine facility. This is deeply concerning.

Additionally, there appears to be no limit set on how long an individual can be held in quarantine or isolation without the burden of proof that the individual is actually a threat to the community.
The Bill states, “Each individual quarantined shall be responsible for the costs of food, lodging, and medical care, except for those costs covered and paid by the individual's health plan.” **With this Bill, the State could hold a person or family against their will without providing any proof that they are actually a threat, without any limitation as to how long they could be held, and charge the individual an uncapped and undisclosed amount of money to do so.** This hardly seems in accordance with the Constitution of the United States, which expressly guarantees an individual’s right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

According to the Bill, “the court may order the consolidation of claims where: (1) The number of individuals involved or to be affected by an order of quarantine or isolation is so large as to render individual participation impractical.” This undermines the United States Constitutional protection of individual liberties. A person may have extenuating circumstances, but the court could decide to ignore the individual complaints and require an individual to be part of a group without the individual’s express consent.

I am also deeply concerned by, and expressly object to, the invasion of privacy in mandating medical disclosure forms at both arrival and departure points that would then be shared with private entities, and that the Bill allows for the release of otherwise confidential information. Health privacy has long been protected by HIPPA and should remain so.

I firmly oppose the section of the Bill that exempts the Department of Health from going to the required public proceedings when developing and adopting administrative rules. Transparency and civic engagement are essential aspects of our government, and this is not the time to exempt the Department of Health or any part of the State of Hawai‘i from the requirements that uphold these values and processes. In the same vein, procurement codes are in place for very necessary reasons in the State, and should be adhered to in order to ensure equal opportunity.

I am also very disturbed by the manner in which this Bill criminalizes average citizens with no apparent cause or burden of proof on behalf of the State. Penalties of $5,000 are extremely harsh and unnecessary, and since they will help pay for the initiatives in this Bill, there seems to be an incentive built in to fine innocent travelers who may oppose the violation of their privacy and constitutional rights. In addition, HB2502 HD1 SD1 requires police to do jobs for which they are not properly trained. Health care workers or social workers would be much more appropriate professionals to employ for this situation.

Overall, this Bill is deeply flawed as written and is tainted with government overreach throughout. Please reject this HB2502 HD1 SD1.

Mahalo for reading my testimony in OPPOSITION to HB2502 HD1 SD1.
Comments:

This is absolutely ridiculous. Where is the JUSTICE for the children that are HARMED because of these exact vaccines?
**Comments:**

This bill infringes on our civil liberties and gives too much power to the Dir. of DOH, who is not an elected official.

The powers given to the govt. and DOH are also too vague and could be easily abused.

Please protect the God given constitutional rights of your constituents and kill this bill.
Kekapala Dye

I strongly OPPOSE HB2502. Please stop this bill and vote NO.
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Comments:

The department of health is made up of unelected bureaucrats and they should NOT have the power that is normally held by the governor or the highest official elected into office. The vague language in this bill allows the DOH to further define laws via rule making through 6/2022 with ZERO OVERSIGHT.

With Covid tests being of poor accuracy this could lead to healthy people being forced to quarantine. This bill does not address the issue of children, will they be removed from our care and isolated?

If a covid vaccine becomes available and it's added to the school schedule our children are now no longer eligible without it? This is looking more a communist agenda. We just saw this with 5 new vaccines added via a RULE making with HAR 11-157. All DOH has to do is define "treatment". My body, my choice! No DOH dictatorship will block our civil liberties.

All that is in this HB2502 SD1 is a overreach of power over the people. We are not dealing with Leprosy we are dealing with a bad influenza virus. Which if anyone bothered to use common sense and educate themselves with real data from doctors and virologist that are not paid by big Pharma or these fraudulent humanitarian organizations that are well connected to push the next big drugs or vaccines they would see that we deal with hundreds of coronaviruses every flu season. And as in the past it will die down as it normally does with herd immunity.

I deeply oppose HB2502 HD1 SD1.

Mrs. Kaopio
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Comments:

This bill gives too much authority to the governor and unelected, unofficial people in government. It has NO pertinence to public safety! And it is a direct violation of our constitutional rights. The bill is too open ended and is DANGEROUS to public health and safety!
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Comments:

I STRONGLY oppose. This is absolute TYRANNY. What an absolutely offensive attempt to strip away citizens rights. This is not about safety. This is about power. I think it's dispicible.
Comments:

Aloha WAM Committee Chairman and members,

I OPPOSE this bill as it gives the DOH power to define emergency, authorizes the sharing of medical records, mandates testing, isolation, quarantine, provide treatment that the DOH deem necessary. This applies to all ppl who travel from mainland and us locals who are coming back from mainland. I am not in favor of giving my healthcare over to any government official and believe it is an individual's decision.

The verbiage in this bill is vague and allows the DOH to make up the rules as we go! The DOH will be allowed to declare who is a "threat" and remove them from family and friends and the Governor will go along with their recommendations. You cannot give the DOH unchecked power!

Remember Kalaupapa? no more!

Mahalo, Lois Young
Comments:

To Whom It May Concern,

Our entire family is in opposition of HB2502 SD1. It is unconstitutional to even consider such a bill. These types of decisions should and need to ALWAYS be left to the family/parents guardians.

WE OPPOSE THIS BILL

Thank you
I oppose this bill because it infringes on our constitutional rights as Hawaii citizens and US citizens. The details of this bill have not been thought through both from the perspective of an international traveler who could potentially face massive unexpected expenses upon arrival, but also the further destruction of our economy where smaller businesses will not be able to survive on the lower daily volume of tourists and higher expenses created by these rules.
Dear Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Senate WAM Committee:

I strongly OPPOSE HB2502 SD1

This bill appears to be in response to the three lawsuits currently faced by Hawaii’s Governor for the absurd, never ending, unconstitutional lockdowns. The intention now of HB2502 SD1, another last minute "gut and replace" monster that prevents true government by the people, is to grant Executive Branch like powers to the unelected, Director of DOH. It would allow the Director to disrupt peoples lives indefinitely, every 90 days. This draconian move has nothing to do with "preparation and flexibility" and everything to do with approaching an oppressive dictatorship over a free people.

These powers would be broad, vague, and arbitrary. American citizens and others could be quarantined and have their lives severely disrupted if they "might pose" a risk, or completely "isolated" if they test positive, by new tests that are highly inaccurate! "Isolated" where? Targeted as a "group"? Possibly forced to recieve treatment? Forced testing or treatment is a human rights violation of bodily sovereignty. Tracking people like animals, and distribution of private health data and geolocation to anyone they please? Finally, to "take other actions as deemed necessary" is frightening (what exactly are "other actions"?) - This language must stricken.

A $5000 fine is unreasonable and discriminates against the poor.

Allowing DOH to be exempt from Chapter 91, Administrative Rule-making procedure, is another way to keep the public from self-governing. It is a blatant abuse of power and would allow the state to add more vaccine mandates on a whim, with zero oversight. Allowing exemption from Ch 201M would prevent all small businesses from having input, thus resulting in a repeat of our devastating, never ending Covid19 lockdown and its expansive economic destruction.

This bill will NOT encourage tourists. Who would want to get stuck on “vacation” for 14 days at their own expense, and then have to fly back home? This bill is the very definition of Anti-Aloha.
HB2502 SD1 is merely a launching pad for vaccine travel mandates, an attempt at medical martial law, and the entire thing is illustrative of the de-evolution of the human beings running this state government. This is a war on freedom, human dignity, and logic...not a virus that has a .26% mortality rate. It is a blatant violation of our Constitutional rights. This is not China, we are The United States of America. Please uphold your oath of office, act accordingly, and protect this sacred "land of the free".

With Aloha,

Dr. Kimberly Haine
Hello,

I am opposed to basing HB 2502 SD-1 on testing alone based on the following research articles and examples which show a record of inaccuracy in testing:


https://www.washingtonpost.com/investigations/cdc-coronavirus-test-kits-were-likely-contaminated-federal-review-confirms/2020/06/20/1ceb4e16-b2ef-11ea-8f56-63f38c990077_story.html

https://peckford42.wordpress.com/2020/04/16/thousands-of-chinese-test-kits-contaminated-at-moncton-hospital/


Perhaps one of the most important was the recent Korean CDC claim:


and an article that shows that “dead” virus particles may lead to positive tests in patients have already recovered.

Inaccuracy in testing will lead to visitors, residents and contacts unnecessarily being subjected to their constitutional rights being violated.

Thank you,
Michelle Shanks
My name is Dana Bozich and I am a long time resident in the state of Hawaii. I am very concerned about certain parts of this bill. There was a strong opposition last week to this bill from the public. It seems like you are not willing to listen to your constituents, the ones who voted you in. Please do not ignore us.

In particular, my concerns are about the vague wording in many areas of this bill and the lack of details in other parts of this bill. No clear criteria are established in the bill to define a public health emergency, and any emergency could be extended indefinitely in 90-day increments. The phrase "potential for an epidemic" makes clear that no concrete EVIDENCE of an outbreak is even necessary in order to declare an emergency. “Take other action as deemed necessary by the director” is vague language found in the bill that could be abused and is not appropriate language if you truly care about the great people of Hawai‘i. I believe that future responses to outbreaks can be effectively managed, as has been done in our current situation, under the current legislation and HB2502_SD1 should be rejected by the Senate as it creates too much potential for harm.

Based on the content of the bill, ANY PERSON suspected of being at a “higher risk of spreading infection” would be subject to quarantine, removal to a quarantine facility by police force, with no limitation on how long s/he can be held in quarantine, and no cap on the amount of money the individual can be charged for room, board, and treatment. There are no guarantees that families would be kept together and no safeguards for bodily autonomy. This is a complete and total disregard for the civil liberties established in the United States Constitution for any person that would be suspected of being at a greater risk based on a presumed threat without any requirement for the State or Director of Health to meet the burden of proof before removing civil liberties.
Page 5, line 5 reads: “Take other action as deemed necessary…” This wording is far too vague and would suggest that the Department of Health director will have authority to enforce absolutely anything, including a vaccine, invasive testing or medical treatment, if in his/her opinion if it is “deemed necessary” and without any public input or legislative process. I do not agree with the Department’s ability to adopt interim rules without the requirements of chapter 91 and chapter 201M. This exemption removes the right for the public and small business owners to influence rulemaking. Business owners will be denied the ability to oppose rules that will have an impact on their business, such as in the case of mandated closure of businesses.

I do not agree to the forced closure of schools and businesses as proposed on page 4, line 14, as this practice has proven to have no bearing on the overall numbers of deaths in relation to COVID-19, when you compare statistics with other states that did not impose a “lockdown” mandate yet still maintained a low death toll. Closure of a business is in effect an illegal seizure of property and the amount of despair and disruption to society it causes must be taken into consideration. You cannot justify mitigation tactics meant to save lives, when those tactics are destroying lives in the process.

Page 5, Line 9: “(b) Quarantine and isolation pursuant to this section shall not be subject to the requirements pursuant to section 325—8(a).” This seems to suggest that definitions of the terms “communicable disease”, “dangerous disease” and “quarantine” can be altered or modified as needed in order to declare a public health emergency and subsequently enforce quarantine on individuals without the need for clear definition. This in turn will also relieve the state from the burden of proof if in such cases the quarantine order is challenged by the individual. The redefinition of “Quarantine” from 325-8(a) to the new proposed definition by adding “or who otherwise have or create a potential risk of transmitting a communicable or dangerous disease to others from individuals” brings up the question that unvaccinated individuals could be targeted to be placed in quarantine facilities.

The addition to Chapter 325 of the definition of the term “isolation” and the distinct difference to the term “quarantine”, with ISOLATION being more restrictive, seems to mean that some individuals may be removed from their homes or other more comfortable setting and placed within an isolation facility. Forced separation from family members due to infection without due process of law is cruel and therefore unconstitutional under the 4th amendment.
This bill intends to amend Chapter 325-8(e) to remove the individual’s right to due process. The State will NOT be required to obtain a written ex parte order prior to enforcing isolation or quarantine. The individual will be allowed a right to contest, but with a time frame of 10 days until a hearing is scheduled, the individual will be subjected to quarantine or isolation no matter what. They will be considered guilty until proven innocent. On page 21, Line 14 it reads: “The individual is reasonably believed to have been exposed to or known to have been infected with a communicable or dangerous disease;” This appears to change the standard to detain, arrest and hold from “probable cause” to “reasonably believed” which is again a violation of the 4th amendment.

In closing, you are our elected officials and we count on you to listen to your constituents when passing bills. Isn’t that the point of public hearings? There was a large online turnout last week who OPPOSED this bill and would like to see it rewritten so it doesn't infringe on any of our constitutional rights. Please do not ignore us.

Mahalo.
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Comments:

I am writing my testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION to HB2502 related to Health.

The bill removes numerous personal freedoms, which are guaranteed by the United States Constitution, without meeting the burden of proof that the removal of such highly regarded and well protected freedoms would be necessary. According to the bill, an apparently healthy individual can be removed from their home and remanded to a quarantine facility, solely on suspicion, if they are “deemed by the department to be … at higher risk of infection, or at risk for spreading infection.” However, it is not defined how the department would determine if an individual or group of people would be at a “higher risk of spreading infection” and the Bill does not provide for any burden of proof by the State or Department of Health to demonstrate that a person is truly a threat before removing their personal freedoms.

Another significant point of concern is the potential for exposure and infection within the quarantine facility. The bill would allow for a perfectly healthy person to be remanded to a quarantine facility solely on suspicion of having a greater (undefined) risk of spreading infection, even though the person is not presently infected. This person could be placed in a facility with other individuals who may actually be carrying an infectious disease, and thereby contract the very infectious disease from which the state was supposed to protect them. There are also no safeguards specified in the bill to protect individuals once they are remanded to the quarantine facility.

Also, there appears to be no limit set on how long an individual can be held in quarantine or isolation without the burden of proof that the individual is actually a threat to the community.

The act states that “Each individual quarantined shall be responsible for the costs of food, lodging, and medical care, except for those costs covered and paid by the individual's health plan.” With this Bill, the state could hold a person or family against their will without providing any proof that they are actually a threat, without any limitation as to how long they could be held, and charge the individual an uncapped and
undisclosed amount of money to do so. This hardly seems in accordance with the Constitution of the United States which expressly guarantees an individual's right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

According to the bill, “the court may order the consolidation of claims where: (1) The number of individuals involved or to be affected by an order of quarantine or isolation is so large as to render individual participation impractical”. This undermines the United States Constitutional protection of individual liberties. A person may have extenuating circumstances, but the court could decide to ignore the individual complaints and require an individual to be part of a group without the individual’s express consent.

I am also deeply concerned by, and expressly object to, the invasion of privacy in mandating medical disclosure forms at both arrival and departure points that would then be shared with private entities. Health privacy has long been protected by HIPPA and should remain so. Text from the Bill, “Collection, receipt, and use of the information may include the sharing of the information between or among the department, other governmental agencies, and private entities under contract with the department.”

I also expressly object to the use of funds collected under the bill for purposes other than public health. Per the Bill,

“(2) $1,500,000 shall be allocated to the Turtle Bay conservation easement special fund beginning July 1, 2015, for the reimbursement to the state general fund of debt service on reimbursable general obligation bonds, including ongoing expenses related to the issuance of the bonds, the proceeds of which were used to acquire the conservation easement and other real property interests in Turtle Bay, Oahu, for the protection, preservation, and enhancement of natural resources important to the State, until the bonds are fully amortized;

(3) $16,500,000 shall be allocated to the convention center enterprise special fund established under section 201B—8;

(4) $79,000,000 shall be allocated to the tourism special fund established under section 2018—11;

(A) Beginning on July 1, 2012, and ending on June 30, 2015, $2,000,000 shall be expended from the tourism special fund for development and implementation of initiatives to take advantage of expanded Visa programs and increased travel opportunities for international visitors to Hawaii;

(B) Of the $79,000,000 allocated: (i) $1,000,000 shall be allocated for the operation of a Hawaiian center and the museum of Hawaiian music and dance; and (ii) 0.5 per cent of
the $79,000,000 shall be transferred to a sub—account in the tourism special fund to provide funding for a safety”

Thank you for hearing my testimony AGAINST HB 2502
Comments:

The focus needs to be on how to manage communicable diseases and not completely irradicate or prevent them from entering the islands.
**Submitted By** | **Organization** | **Testifier Position** | **Present at Hearing**
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Kalani Ross | Individual | Oppose | No

Comments:

This bill gives too much authority to the governor and unelected people in government. It has NO pertinence to public safety! And it is a direct violation of my and my communities constitutional rights. The bill DANGEROUS to public health and safety!
Valerie Cordova
Individual
Oppose
No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill as it imposes on my liberties as an individual and my right to privacy regarding my freedom to make informed, voluntary healthcare choices regarding myself and my minors.
Comments:

I oppose this bill which, as I understand it, gives unilateral authority to the Director of the Department of Health to impose regulations on inbound travellers without real consideration or accountability for the financial well-being of this state. Therefore the power and authority to make the decisions referred to in this bill must remain with the governor, who is responsible and accountable for all aspects of the health and well-being of the people of this great state.

Mahalo!
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Comments:
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I am in strong opposition to all forms of this bill, including the latest amendments.

Sincerely,
Stasia Estep
July 1, 2020

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

RE: HB2502 HD1 SD1

Position: OPPOSE

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members,

While I appreciate the effort to safeguard the health of Hawaii’s residents, the bill being put forth today has no statistical evidence to support it. According to the Hawaii Department of Health website, there have been 18 COVID-19 deaths to date out of Hawaii’s population of 1.4 million. That’s a death rate percentage of 0.00001286%. Also, according to the Center for Disease Control website, deaths by COVID-19 have plummeted nationwide within the past month. The implementation of this bill is unnecessary and unfounded.

Not only is the bill unfounded, it is also an abuse of power by the Department of Health (DOH). The Director of the DOH is not an elected official so has no authority to make decisions that will affect not only our health, but our privacy and the economy. The Director of DOH will have no accountability for the effect this bill will have on Hawaii’s residents — which is a total disregard of the representative democracy and civil liberties enshrined, and guaranteed to us, by the U.S. Constitution.

During this emergency lockdown, the economy of Hawaii has been significantly negatively impacted. This bill would further negatively impact it by making it difficult for those traveling between islands, and for the tourists that travel here to spend their money which in turn helps the economy. Who wants to come to a state that will force one in quarantine for an undisclosed amount of days and/or take any other liberties that are vaguely stated in this bill?

There is no statistical evidence to support this bill. It is an infringement on our liberties and does not hold the DOH accountable for their decisions and the impact that they will have. Please vote NO on this bill.

Thank you for your time and for allowing me to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

Hi'inae Tajon
Comments:

I strongly oppose HB 2502 SD1.

This kind of blanket bill does not offer any safety to the people of Hawaii, but in fact creates a state of dis-ease around health.

No one person should have the power to decide what is in the best interest of OUR collective health in this state. It is ridiculous to even consider such action: in a state of health emergency - or any emergency for that matter - having a variety of voices can tempt mis-action that will lead to dangerous outcomes.

That this bill's end date, the open ended language and far reaching single executor plan is way too vague cover the immediate issue of COVID19 - so please to not hide behind that strawman.

vote no on HB 2502 SD1

thank you

kamuela Klemmer

kailua
Comments:

My name is Cristina. Though I live on the mainland I cannot even imagine how even more of a strain Hawaiians are being put through. A stifling strain pushed on by the so-called safe protocols that are being set by a tax funded government departments. As Dr. Fauci and the like continue to address the nation within the spirit of fear and control, their numbers and protocols that have been disproven by experts in both medicine and science world wide. Economies have been ruined and there's no turning back. The state of Hawaii is dependent of tourism and the mainland. Not only will the islands and their people suffer even more for future generations but they are being suffocated by over reach of government, the very people who are suppose to uphold and protect the CONSTITUTION not be the sole police state for everyone's health and personal health decisions. It has become scary and very concerning on how the government has over stepped their roles, are stripping the peoples constitutional rights, are suffocating the very people that are suppose to be representing, and are more concerned about government funding and control. If we in the mainland are suffering and being affected by the unethical anti-HIPAA, anti-Nuremberg Code, anti-freedom, anti-human rights, pro-socialism/communism, and the list can and will go on; how much more are Hawaiians? The data has been proven wrong from the very beginning. Experts have been waving red flags all around the world but you are refusing to listen for the love of power and money. The history of Hawaii and Hawaiians are not of what is happening to your islands. I pray that you will reconsider the greater damage and harm that you will continue to put upon your people and try to restore the honor of what Hawaii once had.
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Comments:

Please do your job. Uphold your oath of office to protect the Constitution.

AMERICA IS THE LAND OF THE FREE
I strongly oppose. Governor Ige has unnecessarily and unlawfully extended the state of emergency when no such health emergency exists in our state. I do not consent to giving state of emergency powers to a non-elected health official who does not have to answer to the people of this state. Mandating health care, lockdowns, masks etc is unconstitutional and illegal. There must be legislative oversight for any bills that affect our bodily sovereignty and no dictatorial authority should be given to unaccountable health officials.
Comments:

This bill is DANGEROUS! It does NOT protect the people, nor does it look out for the public's best interest in health and safety, in fact it does the exact opposite. It endangers the public as most people are not aware of this bill passing. The bill is also too open ended and allows too much authoritative powers into the hands of the governor as well as unelected, unaccountable officials.
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Comments:

I oppose this bill because it infringes on our constitutional rights as Hawaii citizens and US citizens. The details of this bill have not been thought through both from the perspective of an international traveler who could potentially face massive unexpected expenses upon arrival, but also the further destruction of our economy where smaller businesses will not be able to survive on the lower daily volume of tourists and higher expenses created by these rules.
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Comments:

To whom it may concern, I am writing to oppose HB2502 HD1 SD1. Aloha

- Nozomi Rebecca
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Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill!
I oppose this bill as a tourist that travels every year to Hawaii if this bill passes and gives the DOH this kind of power I will no longer travel to your state and I know many others that will also not travel. You cannot expect people to travel to the state and feel comfortable that on a whim the DOH will not extend their authority and throw people into isolation for no other reason than they deem it necessary. This is a total over reach and you will cripple your tourism economy by passing this bill.
Comments:

Please do NOT pass this overreaching, authoritarian bill which would strip the people of Hawaii of their basic rights as Americans. According to antibody testing in Santa Clara county, CA, Los Angeles county, CA, New York, and Germany, the death rate of COVID-19 is 0.3 - 0.5. That means it has a recovery rate of roughly 99.6%. Elected officials across the U.S. (and especially in Hawaii) and the media have tried to scare us into believing COVID-19 is a deadly and dangerous virus. The facts prove otherwise and do not require the extreme measures being considered.

Strongly oppose the overreaching power HB2502 HD1 SD1 would grant to the Director of the Department of Health, an un-elected official. It is too much unchecked power for an individual, particularly one who does not answer to the people.

This bill gives broad, unlimited authority to quarantine any person “who otherwise have or create a potential risk of transmitting a communicable or dangerous disease to others from individuals.”

The bill allows for removal to a quarantine facility by police force.

The bill has:

- no limitation on how long a person can be held in quarantine

- no cap on the amount of money the individual can be charged for room, board, and treatment.

- no guarantees that families would be kept together

- no safeguards for bodily autonomy. Treatment could be forced

- “Except in cases of willful misconduct, the following persons shall not be liable for the death of or injury to any person who is provided care pursuant to this section or for damage to property when resulting from any act or omission in the performance of such service”
Again I ask that you please NOT pass this overreaching, authoritarian bill which would strip the people of Hawaii of basic rights as Americans.
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Comments:

I oppose this bill as it gives unchecked, sweeping authority in the hands of our unelected DOH.
My name is Laurie Langton, I am a resident of Oahu. Again, I must express my STRONG AND ADAMENT objection to this bill.

First I will say I am disgusted by the farce of this process. This bill has been created under false bait and switch method, gutting a previous bill and completely changing the content. It has been pushed through every step without sufficient notice to the public and under the guise of covid precautions has not once allowed public comment in person. Testimonies on this bill have reached nearly 2000 in opposition and yet you continue to push this through. At the last hearing changes to the bill were recommended and agreed to in an attempt to reduce the unchecked widesweeping authority incorrectly given to the Director if DOH. This change has not been made. This bill is being rushed into place without following procedure and recommendations.

We will not stand for this. The Hawaii AG will be held accountable and the people of Hawaii will not consent to this atrocity of law.

Laws are in place to avoid precisely this type of overreach. You cannot allow unelected officials to make determinations on medical procedures, and legal consequences with zero authority and oversight.

Know that the people of Hawaii will be heard. We will not abide by these draconian measures and we will not allow those responsible to keep their positions.

very strongly in opposition

Laurie Langton
Joe Fagundes

This bill creates a position of serious consequences for an unelected, unaccountable Director of Health. Deleting the Chapter 91 requirements cuts out public information and input. This is bad legislation!
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Comments:

I am in strong opposition of hb2502 sd1. It is unconstitutional
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Comments:
Good afternoon,

My name is Daravanh Kollasch and I am a resident of the State of Hawaii in the County of Honolulu. My physical address is in Waipahu, HI 96797. After reading HB2501 and current testimony, I am writing my testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION to HB2502 related to Health.

It is very disconcerting to see that although there was very strong opposition to this bill (1000 of 1077 individuals opposed this bill) the state legislature passed this bill on June 25. How are you, as elected officials able to sleep at night, knowing that you are mandating new law that is not only opposed by the majority of individuals in this state, but additionally gives power to an unelected individuals. This bill removes many freedoms that I as a veteran fought for during my 20 years of military service. In addition, there is no research that supports any logic for this bill.

The bill removes numerous personal freedoms, which are guaranteed by the United States Constitution, without meeting the burden of proof that the removal of such highly regarded and well protected freedoms would be necessary. According to the bill, an apparently healthy individual can be removed from their home and remanded to a
quarantine facility, solely on suspicion, if they are “deemed by the department to be … at higher risk of infection, or at risk for spreading infection.” However, it is not defined how the department would determine if an individual or group of people would be at a “higher risk of spreading infection” and the Bill does not provide for any burden of proof by the State or Department of Health to demonstrate that a person is truly a threat before removing their personal freedoms.

Another significant point of concern is the potential for exposure and infection within the quarantine facility. The bill would allow for a perfectly healthy person to be remanded to a quarantine facility solely on suspicion of having a greater (undefined) risk of spreading infection, even though the person is not presently infected. This person could be placed in a facility with other individuals who may actually be carrying an infectious disease, and thereby contract the very infectious disease from which the state was supposed to protect them. There are also no safeguards specified in the bill to protect individuals once they are remanded to the quarantine facility.

Additionally, there appears to be no limit set on how long an individual can be held in quarantine or isolation without the burden of proof that the individual is actually a threat to the community.

The act states that “Each individual quarantined shall be responsible for the costs of food, lodging, and medical care, except for those costs covered and paid by the individual’s health plan.” With this Bill, the state could hold a person or family against their will without providing any proof that they are actually a threat, without any limitation as to how long they could be held, and charge the individual an uncapped and undisclosed amount of money to do so. This hardly seems in accordance with the Constitution of the United States which expressly guarantees an individual’s right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. If an individual is quarantined, how can one go to work to pay for such costs!!!

According to the bill, “the court may order the consolidation of claims where: (1) The number of individuals involved or to be affected by an order of quarantine or isolation is so large as to render individual participation impractical”. This undermines the United States Constitutional protection of individual liberties. A person may have extenuating circumstances, but the court could decide to ignore the individual complaints and require an individual to be part of a group without the individual’s express consent.
I am also deeply concerned by, and expressly object to, the invasion of privacy in mandating medical disclosure forms at both arrival and departure points that would then be shared with private entities. Health privacy has long been protected by HIPPA and should remain so. Text from the Bill, “Collection, receipt, and use of the information may include the sharing of the information between or among the department, other governmental agencies, and private entities under contract with the department.”

I also expressly object to the use of funds collected under the bill for purposes other than public health. Per the Bill,

“(2) $1,500,000 shall be allocated to the Turtle Bay conservation easement special fund beginning July 1, 2015, for the reimbursement to the state general fund of debt service on reimbursable general obligation bonds, including ongoing expenses related to the issuance of the bonds, the proceeds of which were used to acquire the conservation easement and other real property interests in Turtle Bay, Oahu, for the protection, preservation, and enhancement of natural resources important to the State, until the bonds are fully amortized;

(3) $16,500,000 shall be allocated to the convention center enterprise special fund established under section 201B—8;

(4) $79,000,000 shall be allocated to the tourism special fund established under section 2018—11;

(A) Beginning on July 1, 2012, and ending on June 30, 2015, $2,000,000 shall be expended from the tourism special fund for development and implementation of initiatives to take advantage of expanded Visa programs and increased travel opportunities for international visitors to Hawaii;

(B) Of the $79,000,000 allocated: (i) $1,000,000 shall be allocated for the operation of a Hawaiian center and the museum of Hawaiian music and dance; and (ii) 0.5 per cent of the $79,000,000 shall be transferred to a sub—account in the tourism special fund to provide funding for a safety”

Thank you for hearing my testimony AGAINST HB 2502
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Chris Wikoff | Individual | Oppose | No

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ilima smallwood | Individual | Oppose | No

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This bill is way to vague and it has all the implications of the State overstepping it's legal bounds. There has been way too much misinformation presented on Covid19. The amount of case numbers are not accurate and neither is the death rate. The top research professionals list it as a .26% mortality rate which is no different than the seasonal flu. So why is there so much misinformation being presented on it and then subsequent action towards that misinformation. If the state is going to take actions on this or anything they should be educated properly and that means the education is coming from a professional with a neutral and honest stance. There seems to be way to much agenda and special interests going on with the information on this virus. Otherwise there wouldn't be so much misinformation going on about it. Please look into heard immunity and normal protocols for viruses. None of the actions that have been taken have any scientific proof that they work. They are causing too much drama and trauma, destroying peoples live, ruining our economy and are infringing on our rights. It's the government's job to protect the our rights. It's our job to protect our health.

Thank You

Steven Forman
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Honolulu, HI 96824  

July 1, 2020  

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair  
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means  

Re: STRONG OPPOSITION for HB2502 HD 1 SD1, Thursday July 2, 2020, 10:10 AM, Auditorium``

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

I am writing to express my strong opposition for HB2502 HD1 SD1. The governor already has the power to declare an emergency. Giving the Department of Health Director the power to declare an emergency is redundant and unnecessary and sets a dangerous precedent. The DOH Director is an appointed position, not an elected one. This person is simply an administrator imposed upon the residents of the state of Hawaii.

This proposed bill gives the DOH Director the ability to quarantine without a court order pursuant to §325-8 and allows the director to bypass the administrative procedures pursuant to Chapter 91 when making or amending interim rules, including procedures regarding public hearings. This bill excludes the residents of Hawaii in the rule-making process. The participation in any rule-making process should be the right of every citizen in the U.S.

The bill also gives the DOH Director the power to, “Take other action as deemed necessary…to prevent, prepare for, respond to, mitigate, and recover from a serious outbreak of communicable or dangerous disease.” This power is far too broad and can mean just about anything. With or without the governor’s approval, this power is dangerously far-reaching.

HB2502 HD1 SD1 mandates that, “Every police officer or state law enforcement officer…shall aid and assist the department in the enforcement of a declaration of a public health emergency.” This power is also dangerously extensive.

This bill also removes the right of those who are quarantined or isolated to an appointed counsel at the state’s expense as stipulated in §325-8. Instead, the bill allows the court to refuse to provide an appointed counsel at all. The proposed bill states, “…the court may, in its discretion, appoint counsel…” in place of, “…the court shall appoint counsel…”

Also, the $5000 penalty for violating the proposed rules is excessive when compared to the penalties for other misdemeanors.

Rather than creating a balance between civil liberties and health and safety, this proposed bill appears to be leading the state towards an authoritarian government.
Please protect the rights of the people of Hawaii and oppose HB2502 HD1 SD1.

Sincerely,

Kalma Wong, PhD
I strongly oppose this bill due to the fact that this bill violates our constitutional rights as American citizens, Section 242 of title 18 and the Nuremberg code. Also, unelected persons cannot be placed in a position of making decisions for the public's best interests, only the public is capable of such.
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Hannah Ganzer | Individual | Oppose | No

Comments:

I believe this bill is taking away the rights and freedom of the people.
I Strongly oppose those the bill!
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This is INHUMANE and ILLEGAL!!!
Testimony regarding HB2502 HD1 SD1 - OPPOSE

Questions regarding testing and contact tracing:

What aspects of contact tracing and testing will be opt-in, opt-out, or mandatory?
What repercussions will there be for people who don't want to be traced or tested?
What are the standards of efficacy for contact tracing and testing?
What methods are being considered, what is the effectiveness of those methods, and how was effectiveness determined?
What happens to a person who tests positive or has been in contact with someone who has tested positive? Is retesting an option? Will quarantine be mandatory?

Who will be traced? Healthy people, people suspected of infection (if so, on what grounds?), all people who have tested positive, or only those with an active infection?

Will testing and contact tracing be limited to SARS CoV-2/COVID-19?
Will informed consent be guaranteed to all participants in all aspects of contact tracing and testing?

Why do we need more invasive contact tracing than has been used in the past, such as with H1N1, Swine Flu, and MERS?

Will there be any controls regarding how data is stored, handled, and shared?

What recourse will individuals have in the event of mishandling of data or breach of data security?

Will cellphone manufacturers, service providers, or software developers be allowed to include or modify software that will track people without their knowledge and consent?
Will all populations (minorities, homeless, mentally ill, etc.) be considered & treated equally under all applications of contact tracing and testing?

What will these programs cost? Compared to alternatives? Where is this money coming from?

When considering high-tech, privately administered contact tracing, will profit-motivation and past actions of all involved entities be considered?

Since my time is running short for the submission deadline, I will end here, but I would appreciate further discussion regarding these many concerns and several others I wasn't able to get to today.

Respectfully,

Susie Olson Corgan
Comments:

I OPPOSE HB2502-SD1

I read through the entire bill and just can't believe what is being proposed.

What is wrong with you people?? Who died and made DOH director, Bruce Anderson, king?!! This act:

1. “authorizes a screening process whenever it is determined by the director of health to be necessary…”

2. “establishes penalties to address individuals who are uncooperative or seek to evade the screening process.”

3. “authorizes the DOH to take “certain actions” upon completion of traveler screening, including TESTING, INVESTIGATING, MONITORING, QUARANTINING, AND ISOLATING travelers as determined necessary by director of health, BRUCE ANDERSON.

4. “allows Bruce Anderson to declare a public health emergency if there is a ‘POTENTIAL’ for, an epidemic or serious outbreak of communicable or dangerous disease.

This whole scamdemic lockdown was based on proven faulty data. We have been and are being lied to by known liars who have monetized our suffering. As soon as Neil Ferguson’s Coronavirus Imperial College Model of Pandemic Mortality was found to be greatly flawed, all actions/reactions to COVID should have been revised and lockdowns should have been ceased immediately! Instead you doubled down with a tyrannical bill that violates bodily autonomy if Bruce deems a traveler a health threat by using flawed screening tools. Do you people realize how testing is done, what it means, and what the death rates are?! Attached is a screenshot from the CDC explaining that a positive antibody test result could be attributed to an infection from the same family of viruses, such as the COMMON COLD. Let’s not forget that a goat and pawpaw fruit tested positive for CV19. This is just asinine!
How did America, home of the free become a fascist, communist regime- destroying lives and creating dependence so quickly? It is global totalitarianism over a “virus” that’s becoming more and more questionable to more and more people. Since the lockdown Hawaii has lost more residents to suicide and trafficking than CV but we never hear that in the media. They seek to keep everyone in a panic to further the agenda of stripping away our constitutional rights. I don’t consent to any of this nonsense and pray that evil will be exposed publicly. Do the right thing and kill this bill!
Comments:

I oppose this bill
I STRONGLY OPPOSE BILL HB2502 HD1 SD1 !!

THIS IS GOVERNMENT OVERREACH EXEMPLIFIED. I do not consent to giving UNELECTED DOH members such power over our individual health rights, traveling rights, business / work rights, social interaction rights, etc., etc.. The wording of this bill is also VERY vague, "other actions deemed necessary," leaves the door open to ANY manner of unnecessary and unwanted health interventions. THIS IS A FREE COUNTRY and informed consent is essential to preventing tyrannical mandates, by removing consent, you are removing the power of free will and free speech. This bill does not represent the interest of the people, but rather promotes the growth of a bureaucrat-run "nanny state" infringing terribly on our constitutionnal rights! KILL THIS HB2502!
**Comments:**

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Dr. Robert Abell, N.D.
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Comments:

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Thank you for your consideration in this manner,

Dr. Lisa Abell, DACM, L.Ac.
Deanne                  Individual                  Oppose                  No

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This bill, as written, constitute a gross overreach of the Department of Health Director's authority and violates individual's right to freedom.
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I ask that you oppose this legislation, it is unconstitutional. Congress did not pass a similar bill. Department of Justice is ruling these types of legislation as unconstitutional.

I ask you to oppose

V/r

Dwana Evans
Comments:

My family strongly opposes this bill. Aside from the extreme privacy violations inferred, the vague language in it is disturbing, allowing an unelected official, the Director of Health, to violate the civil and medical rights in any declared health “emergency” if deemed necessary. Even if this power should fall to the Governor himself, we are still opposed. There cannot be an unending state of “emergency” as we have already endured. This is a very slippery slope to further erosion of basic civil liberties and Constitutional rights. This bill proposes to impose unnecessary restrictions on healthy citizens who have the freedom to travel and associate out of state or out of country for business or leisure. Most concerning is the implication that healthy people are to be treated as sick, as those returning residents as well as visitors coming into the state ARE NOT going to be offered a Covid19 test ON ISLAND to prove negative for the virus and avoid a quarantine. Taking this Covid test before travel is burdensome, and in some cases, (as in International long haul flights and connections) not even logistically possible. Healthy people should NOT be quarantined, and our state does not have the money or proper resources to see this unjust policy through, or enforce the unfair penalties. Mandated testing, tracking, quarantine, isolation, child and family separation, treatments, medical privacy, etc., should not be exempt from informed consent. Even in the event of a pandemic, the United States Constitution and the rights afforded US Citizens do not cease to exist. This bill seems to be a sly bypass of the proper checks and balances we need to preserve for fair functioning of State and Federal branches of government as well as the US Constitution. You as elected officials, have sworn to uphold that cherished document. Please be Pono, vote NO. Mahalo Nui Loa.
### Testimony for WAM on 7/2/2020 10:10:00 AM

**Submitted By**
- Rayne Kauhi

**Organization**
- Individual

**Testifier Position**
- Support

**Present at Hearing**
- No

**Comments:**
Comments:

Everyone should be able to have their children attend school without forcing poison on them, medical freedom is a human right! I strongly oppose this! I will also not support anyone encouraging this lab-rat agenda on our children!!!!
**HB-2502-SD-1**  
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Organization: Individual
Testifier Position: Oppose
Present at Hearing: No

Comments:

To our esteemed Senator Kouchi and Senator Dela Cruz, and to our other members of our elected public servants in the State Senate:

I vehemently oppose this bill. Namely, because there is zero medical and scientific merit for such unprecedented draconian measures and restrictions.

You and your members are attempting to make mandatory laws that are founded on unproven and baseless narratives and projected models.

If you and your members follow the CDC and watched the daily White House press briefings, you will find that there is no credible data to support the narrative and agenda of this bill.

April 16, 2020, the CDC, Dr. Anthony Fauci: "Social distancing expires on April 30, 2020."

April 2020, CDC, Dr. Deborah Birx: "We are coding presumptive cases and people who died from underlying causes WITH CV-19 and not FROM CV-19, hence the higher mortality rates in New York State."

May 20, 2020, Dr. Fauci: " Masks are ineffective but wear them as a symbol of respect."

May 25, 2020, Dr. Fauci: "The virus does not live on surfaces as we thought so you no longer need to wipe down surfaces or groceries."

May 2020, Dr. Fauci: "Our original model was wrong and the mortality rate is lower than projected."

June 8, 2020, The WHO Director, "Assymptomatic transmission is RARE."

June 9, 2020, Dr. Fauci vehemently argued with the WHO's assertion.

June 29, 2020, the Worldometer website shows statistic graphs that as the CV-19 cases rise as the US ramps up on testing, the mortality rate is dramatically dropping.
June 29, 2020, Dr. Fauci: "Vaccines should be ready by December, January or February. The vaccine would be about 70% effective. If only 2/3rds of the American people receive the vaccine, herd immunity would not be reached." The verdict is still to be determined if vaccines will be safe and effective.

Since the inception of COVID-19, the CDC and the WHO have back tracked multiple times and were WRONG.

The greatest visual evidence that social distancing and mask wearing are unproven and baseless draconian measures is by witnessing the massive protests and riots nationwide and around the world since May 25, 2020 due to the Black Lives Matters protests and rallies, which continues at present.

Also a great visual perspective is the 10's of thousands that gathered for 3 funerals in 3 counties and in 2 states for George Floyd where again social distancing and mask wearing were obviously not observed or practiced.

On June 6, 2020, Oahu saw 10,000 people and Kauai 2,000 people attending and participating in BLM protests and rallies. Not only was social distancing and masks wearing not observed in totality, our public servants who had placed these draconian measures upon their constituents were also in attendance and not subscribing to their own draconian rules for social distancing and not gathering more than a group of 10.

Not only does this show a double standard and a double speak, it negates the media driven narrative to social distance and to wear facial masks where both of these items have ZERO medical and scientific merit to continue imposing let alone make into a punishable crime by law.

Furthermore, there is medical merit that hydroxychloroquine and zinc has been successfully used both as a preventative and as a cure against CV-19 in the US and around the world. Other countries have had success using vitamin C intravenously.

In 2005, Dr. Anthony Fauci stated: "It appears that in laboratory settings, hydroxychloroquine has shown to be effective as a prophylactic and a cure against the coronavirus."

On June 26, 2020, the White House Corona Virus Task Force, which included Dr. Fauci and Dr. Birx, announced there are successful treatments with therapeutics and named the treatments used, and medications including Remdisivir and cortisone medications.

June 2020, at the CDC website: "A positive test result shows you might have antibodies from an infection with the virus that causes COVID-19. However, there is a chance that a positive result means that you have antibodies from an infection with a virus from the same family of viruses (called coronaviruses) such as the one that causes the common cold."
Lastly, the idea of contact tracing, isolation and quarantine, thermo facial scanners, "certificates to show negative testing," along with the basesless social distancing and the wearing of facial mask is a breech of State and US Constitonal laws as it restricts the right to movement and violates an individual's right to medical autonomy and personal privacy, and forgoes any measure of an individual's due process.

This legislative body is attempting to make unprecedented laws that abolishes your constituents' civil liberties on all levels when there are proven and credible therapeutics for COVID-19 and a 99.8% recovery rate.

And certainly, and most importantly, the idea and suggestion to give sole authority to one person or one entity who will decide a blanket and a "one size fits all" mandate for an entire society's public health without the consent of your constituents, should NEVER be a consideration let alone law and especially, in the hands of an UNELECTED official of the Department of Health.

The US is a republic and elected public servants represents their voting constituents, NOT the other way around as we have seen since this entire CV-19 farce has begun. As citizens of the USA, your constituents have protected rights and civil liberties.

Under the HI State Constitution, our elected public servants took an oath to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic," and "I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same," and states under Due Process, "No person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law, nor be denied the equal protection of the laws, nor be denied the enjoyment of his civil rights or be discriminated against in the exercise thereof because of race, religion, sex or ancestry."

Instead of instituting BASELESS and harmful laws, I humbly request that all of our public servants perform their duty and obligation by adhering to and operating from their oath of office by doing their due diligence in seriously researching the factual and credible medical and scientific studies and information that are readily available, and in some cases have been REMOVED by social media and NEVER mentioned at all in mainstream news.

I humbly implore that each member educates yourselves and then educate your constituents so the "divide" and fear mongering ceases amongst our good Hawaii residents for if you all fail to do the right justice for the good of ALL of your voting constituents, the current fear based narrative and the passing of this baseless bill will further the hatred and the divide between citizens, and against tourists and visitors alike.

I thank you very much for this opportunity to voice my firm opposition, and valid and grave concerns regarding this state and federally, unconstitutional bill that is soley based on false and fear driven narratives, and has zero credible, medical and scientific merit.
With deep gratitude, appreciation and respect,

Kumiko D. Miranda
I oppose this bill.
Comments:

I am appalled by this bill, it literally takes away all of our rights. Please think of your own children and grandchildren. I am pleading to you from the bottom of my heart - DO NOT approve this draconian, anti-human and anti-American desaster bill, do not turn our beautiful islands into concentration camps!!!!!
I submit this testimony with great concern for Hawaii citizens' to retain their constitutional rights.

Please do NOT pass this overreaching, authoritarian bill which would strip the people of Hawaii of their basic rights as Americans. According to antibody testing in Santa Clara county, CA, Los Angeles county, CA, New York, and Germany, the death rate of COVID-19 is 0.3 - 0.5. That means it has a recovery rate of roughly 99.6%. Elected officials across the U.S. (and especially in Hawaii) and the media have tried to scare us into believing COVID-19 is a deadly and dangerous virus. The facts prove otherwise and do not require the extreme measures being considered.

Strongly oppose the overreaching power HB2502 HD1 SD1 would grant to the Director of the Department of Health, an unelected official. It is too much unchecked power for an individual, particularly one who does not answer to the people.

This bill gives broad, unlimited authority to quarantine any person “who otherwise have or create a potential risk of transmitting a communicable or dangerous disease to others from individuals.”

The bill allows for removal to a quarantine facility by police force.

The bill has:

- no limitation on how long a person can be held in quarantine

- no cap on the amount of money the individual can be charged for room, board, and treatment.

- no guarantees that families would be kept together

- no safeguards for bodily autonomy. Treatment could be forced

- “Except in cases of willful misconduct, the following persons shall not be liable for the death of or injury to any person who is provided care pursuant to this section or for damage to property when resulting from any act or omission in the performance of such
service”

Again I ask that you please NOT pass this overreaching, authoritarian bill which would strip the people of Hawaii of basic rights as Americans.
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The police are, in effect, any excuse to control, dominate, humiliate, degrade and clamp down a person powerless to protect him or herself. Not only are they ineffectual in any and all pragmatic matters regarding protecting the citizenship, they have been nothing but destructive and disruptive to the lives of ordinary people. Time and again so many of us have suffered at the hands of a rigid, egomaniacal, powerhungry, angry controlling male who had a bad childhood and now is sadistically trying to force everyone around him to kowtow to his ridiculous ego. This bill would give this pack of wolves more power to dominate the powerless. If you truly represent the intentions of the people, you will do anything POSSIBLE to shave away, legislation by legislation, the ridiculous amount of power bestowed upon the most unworthy, angry and unqualified amongst us to wield violence against citizens. How many of our beloved black Americans have to be LYNCHED by the police before we say enough is enough? You legislators should be PROTECTING us from the police, not giving them more domination over us. We don't need to be traumatized any more by the police.
Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing
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Holly Lewis | Individual | Oppose | No

Comments:

The purposed bill has to many vague statements that could lead to citizens rights revoked. It is leaning towards a dominant take over of our civil liberties and all we stand for in America. Please do not pass this bill.
I am very opposed to this bill being passed as I have firsthand experience regarding HPV Vaccination having negative affets on the body. This vaccination is is not in my opinion a pandemic health risk and therefore should be an individuals choice. Not something that has been mandated by government officials that I am pretty sure have not gotten the vaccination themselves.
Comment:

I strongly OPPOSE this bill! I ran away from the communist oppression and if this bill passed, I will be back in the USSR on steroids although in United States of America!!! No surveillance, no mandatory vaccination, let's have out keikies live free!!!
Comments:

This bill represents an overreach of power by the State. As an unelected official, the Director of the Dept. Of Health should not be able to shut down the economy for an undefined medical emergency, or one he/she himself defines without public input. Furthermore, the bill allows erosion of privacy, with the potential for medical records to be shared without an individual's permission. Please vote this down.
I strongly oppose.
Comments:

This bill is unconstitutional. It should never have even been considered at all.

Rebecca Miller

Anahola, HI 96703
Dear House Committee,

My name is Set Thach-Craig, a resident of Kauai. Thank you for your effort to propose bill HB2502 HD1 SD1. However, I strongly OPPOSE this bill. I don’t believe that the government has the right to mandate or impose any laws that directly affect or restrict the freedom of individuals to choose life and the pursue of happiness. I believe bill HB2502 HD1 SD1 will infringe on my constitutional rights as a citizen of this country. This bill will allow for an open ended power and authority to the state to dictate how one can and will pursue life and happiness. I cannot phantom the thought that my freedom and liberty is at the mercies of hands of the government.

I pray God will give you the wisdom you need to make the right decision as I and many others are counting on you as our elected officials to represent we the people of the state of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

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I strongly oppose this bill and find that it is unconstitutional as well as harmful to the fabric of governance in this fine State of Hawaii. Please do not pass it.
Good Morning,

My name is Lanette Harley and I am a resident of the State of Hawaii in the County of Hawaii County. My physical address is 68-3883 Lua Kula St, Waikoloa, HI 96738. After reading HB2502 and current testimony, I am writing my testimony in **STRONG OPPOSITION** to HB2502 related to Health.

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Thank you for hearing my testimony AGAINST HB 2502.

Sincerely,

Lanette Harley
Submit By: Toefofoga Tyrell
Organization: Individual
Testifier Position: Oppose
Present at Hearing: No

Comments:

I oppose this bill!
Aloha,

I respectfully ask that you oppose this harmful bill. This is too much oversight from unelected governing authorities. This is already forcing families apart, mothers from children, grown children from their parents. Please exercise extreme caution and oppose this bill for our keiki and our breathe aloha state.

Mahalo,

Melissa Scott
I, Nancy A Wood, strongly oppose HB2502. From what I have read, over 2500 people (including myself) submitted testimony opposing this bill on 6/25/2020, with about only 100 in favor of passing. Now it has been brought to my attention that you have fast tracked the bill. This seems unjust. How dare you try to pass such a poorly written bill jeopardizing the safety, health and well being of the general public. This bill is a disaster waiting to happen. Very poorly written with the possibilities of loopholes that could cause undue stress and hardship to any traveller that some random appointee decides might possibly be a health risk. I do not trust anyone but my physician to examine me and determine my health. If this passes I will not be able to visit my aging mother-possibly for the rest of her life because I will not risk traveling with these regulations in place.

This bill amounts to tyranny.

sincerely, Nancy A Wood
Comments:

It sad to hear that Hawaii Governor wants to destroy people's privacy and freedom. This bill is created to control people rather than worrying about people's health. The governor is incompetent. He doesn't care about people are commiting suicide for loosing their jobs and businesses, if he cared he would not shut down businesses for another month of july. In the hot temp virus don't survive, we all know. Flue virus is alive and infecting in winter not in summer. Please stop abusing power, do the job to serve the american people.

This bill does not make sense. its summer! There is no virus outbreak in hawaii so please stop it Thanks!
I oppose this bill! This is not right.
State of Hawaii House of Representatives  
Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce  
HB 2502 Relating to Health  
TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION

TESTIFIER: Jennifer Grace  
DATE: 07/01/2020

Good morning,  
My name is [yourname] and I am a resident of the State of Hawaii in the County of Honolulu. My physical address is ************** (redacted for privacy), Ewa Beach, 96706. After reading HB2502 SD1 and current testimony, I am writing my testimony in **STRONG OPPOSITION** to HB2502 SD1 related to Health.

The bill removes numerous personal freedoms, which are guaranteed by the United States Constitution, without meeting the burden of proof that the removal of such highly regarded and well protected freedoms would be necessary. According to the bill, an apparently healthy individual can be removed from their home and remanded to a quarantine facility, solely on suspicion, if they are "deemed by the department to be … at higher risk of infection, or at risk for spreading infection." However, it is not defined how the department would determine if an individual or group of people would be at a "higher risk of spreading infection" and the Bill does not provide for any burden of proof by the State or Department of Health to demonstrate that a person is truly a threat before removing their personal freedoms.

Another significant point of concern is the potential for exposure and infection within the quarantine facility. The bill would allow for a perfectly healthy person to be remanded to a

**LATE**
Shaina Wright

Individual

Oppose

No

Comments:
As someone who has an autoimmune disease due to vaccines, I ask you not force all children to receive the immunizations.
July 2, 2020

Rep. Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Rep. Stanley Chany, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health

Rep. Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Rep. Gilbert S.C. Keith- Agaran, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

RE: HB2502 SD1
DATE: Thursday, July 2, 2020
TIME: 10:10 AM
PLACE: Auditorium, State Capitol

My name is Teal Sargent. I am a long-term resident on the island of Kaua’i, Hawai’i. I am a mother of two healthy, strong, beautiful young children who attend Kaua’i’s public school system. I am Licensed Social Worker servicing a large population of at-risk youth and families here on Kaua’i. It is great pleasure that I write today to strongly oppose HB2502 SD1

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,
Teal Sargent
P.O. Box 366
Kilauea, Hi 96754
Comments:

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- no safeguards for bodily autonomy. Treatment could be forced

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**HB-2502-SD-1**
Submitted on: 7/1/2020 7:05:12 PM
Testimony for WAM on 7/2/2020 10:10:00 AM

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I strongly oppose HB2502 HD1!! This is so unconstitutional! We are the owners of our bodies and it's our right to decide what we put into it!
HB-2502-SD-1
Submitted on: 7/2/2020 11:20:28 AM
Testimony for WAM on 7/2/2020 10:10:00 AM

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Comments:

This Bill encroaches my rights
Comments:

Strongly oppose.

Unprecedented, unreasonable and tyrannical edicts have been promulgated in Hawaii over COVID-19, which has been a mild, usually asymptomatic disease for nearly all but the elderly with severe health problems. The virus has officially caused 18 deaths, but even that is inaccurate. The true count is at least four fewer (four of the Maui deaths were from preceding comorbidities). A fifth death may have been caused by intubation, rather than COVID-19. There's a good chance even more deaths were from something other than COVID-19.

This bill would move accountability from the governor to the unelected director of the Hawaii Department of Health. This is the same department giving us false, misleading, or incomplete COVID-19 information under the guise of HIPAA privacy protection. While the bill provides that the director will act by consultation and authorization of the governor, it makes it easier for the governor to be a rubber stamp to what the director says, or maybe to even blame the director when things go wrong, the same way Governor Andrew Cuomo of New York blamed medical experts for his ignorant and dictatorial actions that cost many lives. Hawaii must have elected accountability.

The idea of healthy travelers to Hawaii having to undergo invasive tests made in China or other countries with bad safety records or that are even enemies of the state is abhorrent. If the trip is for business, the passengers would be risking their jobs if they refused such Iron Curtain requirements.

Hawaii’s government has turned its people and economy upside down for a virus that has had minimal effect on the health of its citizens. More recently the virus has lessened in deadliness, as can be seen by Hawaii’s recent 18th death seven weeks after the 17th one. In spite of sensationalist news reports that have switched to more cases (because of more tests) instead of deaths, which are tapering down in frequency, even elderly people worldwide are handling COVID-19 infections much better, most likely because mutations have weakened it. But this bill based on false premises facilitates the present health- and freedom-robbing fiasco to not only continue indefinitely, but to escalate.

The best thing for this bill is to kill it. Vote no.
HB-2502-SD-1
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This is an unconstitutional law therefor it must not be passed. No government entity has the power to violate its people's constitutional rights under any situation or circumstances. The government's role is to protect my constitutional rights and instead it is choosing to violate them in the name of safety. The constitution does not have a pandemic clause that allows government to violate its people's rights when it (the government) deems necessary. If there is one thing we can learn from government is that the people who run it are easily corruptable. No government organization has the right to incarcerate healthy or non-healthy people for that matter.
Comments:

Thank you for spending your time and efforts in creating a safe and healthy environment for Hawaii residents to live and thrive. However, I oppose this proposed bill for several reasons and because it will directly impact my daily life, adversely affect my family’s health, and hinder my rights to make choice for the health of my family.

1) RIGHT to BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MY FAMILY’s HEALTH. My family includes adults and children that have comorbidities and auto-immune health issues. We make choices that protect our family and our health from possible exposure to illnesses that could be detrimental. Yes it’s not ideal to live in a safer at home environment, but we at least we have the right to choose our actions and methods of protecting ourselves. We chose to not socialize, we chose to work from home, we chose not to travel, we chose to use delivery services. Even though it is not ideal, the ability to make these choices for ourself rather than mandated by regulation would preserve our civil liberties.

2) MEDICAL CONDITION EXCEPTIONS. A mandatory vaccine would be harmful to some individuals with medical conditions. For example, my family has been in a long struggle with medical providers to diagnose an auto immune condition in my family. Having a vaccine as mandatory for school, travel, or other purposes would severely limit my families access to essential needs. We may need to travel to the mainland to seek medical experts that are not available in Hawaii, but a required vaccination to travel would put my family at a greater medical risk than seeking the medical expertise needed. My child would not be able to have an education at either public or private school if a vaccine were required, and I would incur the burden of a home school situation.

3) EDUCATION rather than REGULATION is the answer. We are so fortunate that Hawaii has the culture of Aloha and we need to capitalize on these assets to educate our residents and visitors on socially acceptable protocol. Let businesses set the guidelines for accepting customers such as questionaires, face covering policies, and hand sanitation. Give businesses and individuals accurate information, tools, assistance to implement to safe guards. Rather than taking away rights, forcing medical treatments and vaccines, and limiting travel, Let individuals take responsibility for their actions and health choices.
4) PUNITIVE MEASURES such as a forced "isolation" is not an acceptable option when dealing with health issues. When people are sick they need the support of family and access to health care of their choice. Educating the public on how to self quarantine or self isolate is the better approach. Making resources available for families, homeless, etc that are not able to self isolate would give the public an option to chose the help if they need it.

I have many more reasons, but with the short notice I had on submitting testimony, I have covered my top reasons. Thank you kindly for considering the implications, freedoms, hardships, and rights that this bill would perhaps unexpectedly place on the residents and visitors to Hawaii.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Takahashi
Submitted on: 7/1/2020 8:09:31 PM
Testimony for WAM on 7/2/2020 10:10:00 AM

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Comments:

I strongly oppose, this grants power to unelected official that could potentially harm the public with no public input. This is starting to look like the country I came from, USSR!
Comments:

Aloha mai,

I, Jayleen Barino, am writing to express my opposition to HB 2502 due to civil rights violation and the fact that information such as medical records are confidential. The bill is very vague and does not clearly outline the plan and process of everything therefore I am in complete opposition. I feel that the State of Hawaii and its elected officials are more than capable of protecting people and the entire community without mandating the violation of American citizen’s rights. This bill cannot move forward because it is a violation of medical rights, civil rights, and a complete disregard for personal privacy.
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during this time of "pandemic" this bill needs more an appropriate time for the people to come and oppose.
Dear Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee,

I strongly oppose HB2502, SD1. This is clearly a gut and replace bill that could be abused by unelected officials. Not only would these potential measures discourage tourism, the language of this bill is vague and could allow sweeping decisions by the Department of Health. This bill could violate individual rights and restrict our liberties in the name of whatever is deemed a threat by a few. How accurate will testing guidelines be in determining who would be held in isolation? Where would individuals be held in isolation and for how long? Could families be potentially separated? Please return this bill to its original form or kill it immediately.

Thank you.
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HB 2502 SD1 Relating to Health

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION

TESTIFIER: Abraham Nihipali

My name is Abraham Nihipali and I am a resident of the State of Hawaii in the County of Kauai. After reading HB2501 and current testimony, I am writing my testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION to HB2502 related to Health.

The bill removes numerous personal freedoms, which are guaranteed by the United States Constitution, without meeting the burden of proof that the removal of such highly regarded and well protected freedoms would be necessary. According to the bill, an apparently healthy individual can be removed from their home and remanded to a quarantine facility, solely on suspicion, if they are “deemed by the department to be … at higher risk of infection, or at risk for spreading infection.” However, it is not defined how the department would determine if an individual or group of people would be at a “higher risk of spreading infection” and the Bill does not provide for any burden of proof by the State or Department of Health to demonstrate that a person is truly a threat before removing their personal freedoms.

Another significant point of concern is the potential for exposure and infection within the quarantine facility. The bill would allow for a perfectly healthy person to be remanded to a quarantine facility solely on suspicion of having a greater (undefined) risk of spreading infection, even though the person is not presently infected. This person could be placed
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Additionally, there appears to be no limit set on how long an individual can be held in quarantine or isolation without the burden of proof that the individual is actually a threat to the community.

The act states that “Each individual quarantined shall be responsible for the costs of food, lodging, and medical care, except for those costs covered and paid by the individual's health plan.” With this Bill, the state could hold a person or family against their will without providing any proof that they are actually a threat, without any limitation as to how long they could be held, and charge the individual an uncapped and undisclosed amount of money to do so. This hardly seems in accordance with the Constitution of the United States which expressly guarantees an individual's right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

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Thank you for hearing my testimony AGAINST HB 2502 SD1.
# HB-2502-SD-1

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As a tax payer and full time voting resident of Hawaii for over 27 years and a small business owner who employs Maui residents. I strongly oppose the HB2502 bill being proposed as I believe it is in direct opposition to our 14th amendment civil rights and our 4th amendment right to privacy. I believe this action is a huge government overstep in our state.

Sincerely Jessica Waite
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I also expressly object to the use of funds collected under the bill for purposes other than public health. Per the Bill,

“(2) $1,500,000 shall be allocated to the Turtle Bay conservation easement special fund beginning July 1, 2015, for the reimbursement to the state general fund of debt service on reimbursable general obligation bonds, including ongoing expenses related to the issuance of the bonds, the proceeds of which were used to acquire the conservation easement and other real property interests in Turtle Bay, Oahu, for the protection, preservation, and enhancement of natural resources important to the State, until the bonds are fully amortized;

(3) $16,500,000 shall be allocated to the convention center enterprise special fund established under section 201B—8;

(4) $79,000,000 shall be allocated to the tourism special fund established under section 2018—11;

(A) Beginning on July 1, 2012, and ending on June 30, 2015, $2,000,000 shall be expended from the tourism special fund for development and implementation of initiatives to take advantage of expanded Visa programs and increased travel opportunities for international visitors to Hawaii;

(B) Of the $79,000,000 allocated: (i) $1,000,000 shall be allocated for the operation of a Hawaiian center and the museum of Hawaiian music and dance; and (ii) 0.5 per cent of the $79,000,000 shall be transferred to a sub—account in the tourism special fund to provide funding for a safety”
Thank you for hearing my testimony AGAINST HB 2502
In 2017 the official numbers for deaths in the USA was 3 million from various causes. That is 250,000 deaths per month, where as the total deaths in 4 months listed as Covid 19 related is 130,000 deaths which 32,500/mon. With such a low death rate why are you so radically changing the laws of Hawaii. I do not understand why the Governor would abdicate his rights to the Director of the Department of Health who is an unelected person with no obligation to the people of Hawaii. This is especially true in Hawaii with 17 deaths total. I oppose the right of unelected officials to impose forced quarantine on any citizen and remove them from their home and their responsibilities to other family members, pets, or care of the home. Does the state plan to take over the care of children, infirm spouses, or parents, lawn maintenance and any home repair problems that arise. You are basically arresting people and jailing them on the evidence of test that is known to be inaccurate. Even the World Health Organization has said that it is rare for asymptomatic people to infect others. Also I would like to point out that in science to prove that some agent is causing the infection then Kock's Postulates must be met.

Koch’s postulates to identify the causative agent of an infectious disease. You must take matter from the infected person, grow it in a culture, and then introduce it to a health human and see if the symptoms appear.

So there is really no science to date, just a test kit that gives inaccurate information.

For these reasons this HB 2502 should not even be considered.
**HB-2502-SD-1**  
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Comments:
Jolyne Oyama
Individual
Oppose
No

As a concerned mother of school-aged children, I do not support this bill! It is my right as a parent to decide what will be put inside of my children's bodies! I should be the one to make that decision! No one else!
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This crosses the line. I highly oppose!
Comments:

This is absurd. This is robbing folks of their privacy and freedom. This will certainly deter visitors and our economy will in effect, continue to suffer.
HB-2502-SD-1
Submitted on: 7/2/2020 9:58:17 AM
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I strongly oppose this gut and replace bill, HB2502 HD1 SD1. There is very little, if anything, edifying in it. Don't forget that you legislators will also have to live by the laws you pass.

Please vote NO!
Submitted on: 7/1/2020 9:55:58 PM
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Hi oppose this bill due to our freedom of rights act. This bill does not justify any of our constitutional rights. How can we praise and protest and have an amendment built on the freedom to choose our own rights but yet be forced mandated by what you call our "LEADERS." This is ridiculous, please read every insert of every vaccine made the poison and toxins that are in each vaccine is what you yourself put into your body as well as you yourself putting into your own child/rens body. How is that "STAYING HEALTHY" how is any of that what you "LEADERS, DOCTORS & NURSES" call healthy and safe for us. What it is, is cruelty to animals and to humans using aborted fetal cells so there can be these man made vaccines. Yet you want to force us and force our children to inject it into our bodies. God made our bodies a Holy Temple we should have the right to voice and especially the right to choose what we should or should not do to ourselves.
HB-2502-SD-1
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I oppose. I urge you to vote no.
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Comments:
Aloha,

I oppose HB2502 HD1 SD1. I am against this bill due to the vague language used in this bill that grants power over me and others. This bill was not well thought out and will cost tax payers millions of dollars in the long run.

Sincerely,

Carlos Ramirez
HB-2502-SD-1
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Comments:

HB 2502 SD1 Relating to Health

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION

TESTIFIER: Kazuko Franklin

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Another significant point of concern is the potential for exposure and infection within the quarantine facility. The bill would allow for a perfectly healthy person to be remanded to a quarantine facility solely on suspicion of having a greater (undefined) risk of spreading infection, even though the person is not presently infected. This person could be placed in a facility with other individuals who may actually be carrying an infectious disease, and thereby contract the very infectious disease from which the state was supposed to protect them. There are also no safeguards specified in the bill to protect individuals once they are remanded to the quarantine facility.

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Thank you for hearing my testimony AGAINST HB 2502 SD1.
I strongly oppose this bill. This Hpv vaccine should be optional not mandatory. The state should not force this.
I oppose HB2502 as I believe it is an infringement on my legal rights as a citizen of the United States. I also oppose this bill as it is giving authority of my rights to someone who is not an elected official.
Aloha,

Adverse reactions have run in my family & I am opposed to infringement on my human rights by mandating a foreign substance being injected into my body or the bodies of my children.

This legislation would essentially make us prisoners on Oahu. My 14-year-old son has severe neurological damage from the vaccines he has received already. He has been under constant medical, educational & behavioral services since he was two months old. I have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars trying to improve his quality of life. As it currently stands, we do not anticipate him to not only be unable to live independently but to NEVER be able to be left alone even for a short time due to his lack of awareness of danger, self-injury & elopement.

Please I am begging you to protect our civil & human rights. All people are not the same. One thing that helps some people is devastating to another’s biology. We need the freedom as Americans to make these decisions for ourselves with our medical professionals who are familiar with our history and decide privately together what is in our best interest & that of our minor children.

Thank you for your time and attention to STOP this bill TODAY.

Mahalo,

Jill White

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Aloha,

I strongly oppose HB2502. This gives the DOH way too much power to carry out rules that may be extremely detrimental to the public's health and autonomy. For one, we are learning now in the new research that people may test positive for coronavirus, even if they have antibodies from simply a common cold. Having these people have to cancel for a trip that they paid for (even if they are not sick, they simply might have antibodies to a common cold) this can be very detrimental to our economy, especially since Hawaii is based on tourism. Also, this would be detrimental for businesses, for those who need to go on work trips.

This is also extremely concerning as this bill allows for any action that may be taken to stop this epidemic, which I fear may require the mandatory coronavirus vaccine. This vaccine is not being tested thoroughly. Regular vaccines usually take 10 years to make however this covid vaccine they are hoping to have it ready in 18 months! My son personally suffered an adverse reaction from the MMR shot. A week after he received it, he suffered respiratory distress, resulting in us bringing him into the emergency room so he could breathe. Before this, he never experienced such a severe reaction of being unable to breathe. It should be left to the individual's choice to decide if they want to take the covid-19 vaccine or not.

Please consider voting NO on this bill as this puts the safety and health of the people of Hawaii at risk and also will detriment our economy even more, with the increased rules on quarantine, with the basis on positive tests for covid, which we are realizing may not even be accurate as people may test positive for covid even if they just have the common cold.
Mahalo,

Emily Reis
Please I know there is a lot of pressure from organizations, media, certain leaders etc, but do not make mandatory vaccination apart of keeping Hawaii safe. There needs to be long term testing of vaccines that determine actual safety. Please do your research.

Thank you, tara mattes.
Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Brianna Kukahiko and I am a resident of the State of Hawaii in the County of Honolulu, O'ahu. After reading HB2501 and current testimony, I am writing my testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION to HB2502 related to Health.

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Thank you for hearing my testimony AGAINST HB 2502 SD1.

Mahalo,

Brianna Kukahiko
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Marla Vina | Individual | Oppose | No

Comments:

I am opposed to this bill. I think it takes away our rights to decide what we should do with our health. I believe in the freedom to decide what goes into our bodies.
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As a parent of a child who was hurt by vaccines, I am against this bill! I am the one that has to take care of my daughter so I should have a say! If she is forced to take any more vaccines, her condition may worsen. My life is hard enough already!!!! You are supposed to be public servants!!!!! Please don't put money over the health of our children! Vaccines have hurt many families like mine and I don't want what happened to our family happen to anyone else's family. Please do not pass this bill!
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I am a resident of the state of Hawaii in the county of Honolulu. I strongly oppose to HB2502 Relating to Health. As an American citizen of the United States of America this bill is removing me of my constitutional rights and my freedom of choice.
### HB-2502-SD-1

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My name is Lauren Somera. I am a resident of Makakilo for 30 years. I strongly oppose this bill because I believe residents should have free agency in their health care decisions. This bill will be a threat to my personal freedoms and that of my family and community members. This bill will also be a major invasion of privacy. Therefore I strongly oppose HB2502.
Comments:

Aloha Senator & Chair Donovon Dela Cruz, Senator & Vice Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran and all the Senators on the Ways & Means Committee,

I strongly OPPOSE HB2502. The first reason I OPPOSE this bill is because it requires a declaration of health status. This is AGAINST HIPPA (The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, a federal regulation that protects health information). For example, if an individual has HIV or AIDs and they are asked if they have a pre-existing condition that makes them more vulnerable to COVID 19, this question should never be asked and if it is asked, the individual should be able to deny filling out the form or declaring their health status because they are protected by HIPPA. And then to fine an individual up to $5,000 that doesn't want to disclose HIV or AID's is even worse! That is not only UNCONSTITUTIONAL (according to the Hawaii Constitution AND the US Constitution), it goes AGAINST HIPPA laws.

My second objection is Contact Tracing. I know that Tracking or Contact Tracing is going on, however, it should NOT be in HB2502. Hawaii is a small Island. We are not a big city on the Mainland with multiple people being able to drive across our borders. If you Contact Trace on an Island you will find that just about everyone comes into contact with everyone, either directly or indirectly. Eventually, all paths cross on an Island. This is extreme measures to quarantine or isolate someone suspected of having COVID 19 and then quarantine or isolate those who they came into contact with. Are you going to quarantine the entire Island of Oahu?! This would include your relatives and your loved ones, as well. I don't see any exemptions for State Officials.

Third, the words, "other actions deemed necessary" are very general and vague. This wording should NOT be in HB2502 SD1. I could go on for pages on this but for times sake, I will pass. Just know this, with this wording, just about anything could be initiated. Bills need to be specific as to what is going to be done. That wording has NOTHING specific.

Fourth, I OPPOSE HB2502 because no power or authority should be given to the Director of Health to determine the health of anyone or whether or not we have a pandemic on our hands. Anderson is NOT a medical doctor. He would be overstepping his bounds with this authority. Once again, this goes AGAINST HIPPA Laws! The data
on COVID 19 or any virus/infirmity is confidential to each patient. In addition, as you may know, many counts on COVID 19 are way off. Some hospitals are counting actual tests and not individuals. In one case, a patient was tested 7 times and each time a count was added to those who have COVID 19. So instead of 1 patient testing positive for COVID 19, it looks like 7 patients tested positive for COVID 19. This is misleading and could cause someone to think there is a pandemic. In San Francisco, an unusual amount of positives were reported. As a result, an experiment was done where the nurse sent in 2 unused tests and both came back positive. Then the nurse sent in 10 unused tests that all came back positive. So until there is a uniform way to count the data on COVID 19 patients, IN EACH STATE, Hawaii cannot accurately determine if there is a pandemic. While I don’t agree that even the Governor can accurately determine if there is a pandemic, with our lack of accurate data, it is the Governor ONLY who should have the authority to make these decisions. The Governor is an elected individual, chosen by the people. No one knows who Anderson is. No one elected him. The authority lies with the Governor, whether you agree with him or not. To give Anderson this authority is UNCONSTITUTIONAL according to the Hawaii Constitution and the US Constitution. This would also go against the will of the people of Hawaii who elected the Governor.

Fifth, if an individual chooses to bring a lawsuit and you will get MANY since you are involving each individual’s health, liberty and the right to travel or not with many restrictions, rules, etc., ALL testing and health information gathered should be subject to subpoena, discovery, or introduction as evidence in Court. An individual can waive their right to HIPPA. However, a government CANNOT restrict what evidence an individual can bring into the Courtroom.

In conclusion, I would NOT pass HB2502 SD1 because it is poorly written and there are many things missing from this bill. HB2502 SD1 would be detrimental to you, as the governing body and would also be detrimental to the people of Hawaii.

Once again, I strongly OPPOSE HB2502SD1.

Thank you for your time.

Margaret Rose Mejia
To the Chairperson and Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee,

I strongly oppose the passage of this bill which infringes on our rights to privacy and freedom to carry out our lives. As seen by the draconian measures taken by our state government over the past four months, the citizens and businesses of Hawaii have been hindered from interacting with their own families, pursuing a meaningful education and source of employment, and flourishing of our state economy. This has led to emotional trauma, complacency and depression, and a pervasive resignation to fear regarding all activities, a semester of minimal, nonproductive instruction and interaction between teachers and students, and devastating loss of income and stability in the home environment and wellbeing of the family unit as well as for entrepreneurs, already struggling to survive in an anti-business climate.

To allow the department of health and the health director to have so much power over the lives of travelers and residents in case of a future emergency is proof that the state believes that it knows best for everyone and intends to control every aspect of our lives regarding how a potential pandemic should be managed. Although Hawaii is a lovely place to visit and to live, the oppressive attitude of government agencies and officials has forced many to reconsider whether they want to continue to live under these stifling conditions. Even the legislative process for this bill which moved through so many committees with blanket approval and little input from the public, carried out almost in secrecy, is another indication of how much control government has claimed over our lives and our future.

The low numbers of cases and deaths here in Hawaii have been bolstered by our physical isolation from the rest of the world, but this physical distance also makes us dependent on functioning communications with the outer world through reliable transportation of goods and supplies. When government attempts to squelch spontaneity, creativity and economic prosperity, the repercussions from such manipulation will be felt for many years after we have reopened our borders to visitors upon whom we are painfully beholden.

I know that there are many others who are concerned that this bill sets a dangerous precedent for Hawaii, on the edge of fascism and communism where we the people
have nothing to say about our health and future choices to participate or abstain in measures set by the health department, counties and state. Therefore, I oppose this bill, and if it does pass, I know now for sure that Hawaii has become more like a holding cell where the persons in charge have absolute control over our freedoms, rights and pursuit of happiness.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Melissa Yee

Seeds of Truth

July 1, 2020
I OPPOSE HB 2502 HD1 SD1.

This bill gives unchecked authority to the DOH and the Gov in times of emergency and allows them to create their own rules/definitions regarding isolation, quarantine, emergency, health recommendations, testing, tracking, and obstructs our personal healthcare decisions for those family and friends travelling to Hawaii. I believe that this unchecked power will lead to economic disaster as we are experiencing today. Hawaii's government is operating outside the limits of our constitution and the travel quarantine time limit needs to be reconsidered and stopped.

I OPPOSE this bill as it doesn't even give you, our elected officials, the power to act on behalf of the people, your constituents.

I urge you, please VOTE NO!

Sincerely,

Stephanie Saxton
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I strongly oppose HB2502. Clearly, this would be an overreach of government authority. As our state and the nation moves toward more transparency and accountability, infringing on the public's health choice and increasing surveillance or criminalization is not the way to go.

RaeDeen M. Keahiolalo

rbkarasuda@hotmail.com
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Submitted on: 7/2/2020 8:58:35 AM
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Comments:

There is so much misinformation from CDC, WHO, no one knows what's right. Being proactive, without valid information is dangerous. Please stop, consider your rush to "Help" may cause more harm than help.

Our individual rights dictate, the people's ability to choose what we feel is in our best interests.

Making laws which prohibit individual rights in the name of "Safety" is exactly what the Nazis did.
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While I support the concept of a safe COVID vaccine, one which has been rigorously tested with a double blind saline placebo controlled trial with large numbers of people and monitored for at least a year for safety, there are still many patients whose medical conditions cause adverse reactions to any vaccine, who are not allowed medical exemptions from the CDC. I also have other concerns with this bill outlined here:

I got this from Hawaii for Informed Consent:

- For all travelers: Mandatory testing, tracking, quarantine, and leaves the door open to “other actions deemed necessary” during declared public health emergency.
- $5000 fine if you refuse.
- Gives power to Director of DOH in consultation with the Governor (instead of Governor) to declare an emergency.
- Makes DOH exempt from Chapter 91: This means they could mandate a C19 vax for all school kids WITHOUT public input or going thru legislature, as long as emergency declared.
- It adds a new term: “isolation” along with “quarantine”, which is more severe.
- All testing and health info gathered is not subject to subpoena, discovery, or introduction as evidence if you choose to contest in court!!
My name is Cheri Ann Kukahiko, and I am a resident of the State of Hawaii in the County of HONOLULU. After reading HB2501 and current testimony, I am writing my testimony in STRONG **OPPOSITION** to HB2502 related to Health.

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Thank you for hearing my testimony AGAINST HB 2502 SD1
This bill grants unchecked power to the DOH and LIKELY imposes potentially harmful restrictions on the people of Hawai‘i and visitors to our state. It also violates my Constitutional rights. Testing, isolating, monitoring, quarantining.....these are dangerous precedents to set and we will not allow it. I am against the passage of this bill!!
Aloha,
I oppose HB 2502 HD1 SD1 for the following reasons:

1. This is a gut and replace bill that would grant emergency declaration powers to the Director of Health in consultation with the Governor. The power to invoke emergency powers should be limited to the Governor who is elected by the people.

2. While I support the concept of a safe COVID-19 vaccine, we need to ensure that any developed vaccine has been rigorously tested with a double blind placebo controlled trial with large numbers of people and monitored for at least a year for safety. Mandating a vaccine that has not been rigorously tested would be harmful to our community.

3. Several members of my family, including my son, have medical conditions that make them more prone to adverse reactions to any vaccine. If a vaccine is mandated, medical exemptions must be permitted.

For these reasons, I am respectfully requesting a deferral of HB 2502 HD1 SD1. Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.

Sincerely,
Carrie Ann Shirota, Esq.

Honolulu, Hawaii
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Comments:

Strong opposition to the use of mandatory vaccines. This is a health risk. MRC-5, mercury, and aborted fetus cells are part of the ingredients used, and making such poison mandatory is unethical on anyone, but especially on our children. Please make the right decision. The ethical one. Mahalo,

Jason Medina
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I am in opposition to this bill. The Director of Health, an unelected official, should not be empowered to declare an emergency. By law, that is the role of the governor. Travelers will not want to visit Hawaii under threat of confinement, at their expense, based on a test that may not be accurate. Businesses will avoid Hawaii like the plague under fear of being shut down again and again. This particular virus, SARS-CoV-2 is weakening worldwide and most cases are mild. Deaths are declining. This bill amounts to a knee-jerk reaction that will continue to decimate the economy of Hawaii.

Laura Brown
Aloha,

My name is Anela Gueco and I am a resident of Ko`olaupoko, O`ahu. I am writing my testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION to HB2502 related to Health.

The bill removes numerous personal freedoms, which are guaranteed by the United States Constitution, without meeting the burden of proof that the removal of such highly regarded and well protected freedoms would be necessary. According to the bill, an apparently healthy individual can be removed from their home and remanded to a quarantine facility, solely on suspicion, if they are “deemed by the department to be … at higher risk of infection, or at risk for spreading infection.” However, it is not defined how the department would determine if an individual or group of people would be at a “higher risk of spreading infection” and the Bill does not provide for any burden of proof by the State or Department of Health to demonstrate that a person is truly a threat before removing their personal freedoms.
Another significant point of concern is the potential for exposure and infection within the quarantine facility. The bill would allow for a perfectly healthy person to be remanded to a quarantine facility solely on suspicion of having a greater (undefined) risk of spreading infection, even though the person is not presently infected. This person could be placed in a facility with other individuals who may actually be carrying an infectious disease, and thereby contract the very infectious disease from which the state was supposed to protect them. There are also no safeguards specified in the bill to protect individuals once they are remanded to the quarantine facility.

Additionally, there appears to be no limit set on how long an individual can be held in quarantine or isolation without the burden of proof that the individual is actually a threat to the community.

The act states that “Each individual quarantined shall be responsible for the costs of food, lodging, and medical care, except for those costs covered and paid by the individual’s health plan.” With this Bill, the state could hold a person or family against their will without providing any proof that they are actually a threat, without any limitation as to how long they could be held, and charge the individual an uncapped and undisclosed amount of money to do so. This hardly seems in accordance with the Constitution of the United States which expressly guarantees an individual’s right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

According to the bill, “the court may order the consolidation of claims where: (1) The number of individuals involved or to be affected by an order of quarantine or isolation is so large as to render individual participation impractical”. This undermines the United States Constitutional protection of individual liberties. A person may have extenuating circumstances, but the court could decide to ignore the individual complaints and require an individual to be part of a group without the individual’s express consent.

I am also deeply concerned by, and expressly object to, the invasion of privacy in mandating medical disclosure forms at both arrival and departure points that would then be shared with private entities. Health privacy has long been protected by HIPPA and should remain so. Text from the Bill, “Collection, receipt, and use of the information may include the sharing of the information between or among the department, other governmental agencies, and private entities under contract with the department.”

I also expressly object to the use of funds collected under the bill for purposes other than public health. Per the Bill,
“(2) $1,500,000 shall be allocated to the Turtle Bay conservation easement special fund beginning July 1, 2015, for the reimbursement to the state general fund of debt service on reimbursable general obligation bonds, including ongoing expenses related to the issuance of the bonds, the proceeds of which were used to acquire the conservation easement and other real property interests in Turtle Bay, Oahu, for the protection, preservation, and enhancement of natural resources important to the State, until the bonds are fully amortized;

(3) $16,500,000 shall be allocated to the convention center enterprise special fund established under section 201B—8;

(4) $79,000,000 shall be allocated to the tourism special fund established under section 2018—11;

(A) Beginning on July 1, 2012, and ending on June 30, 2015, $2,000,000 shall be expended from the tourism special fund for development and implementation of initiatives to take advantage of expanded Visa programs and increased travel opportunities for international visitors to Hawaii;

(B) Of the $79,000,000 allocated: (i) $1,000,000 shall be allocated for the operation of a Hawaiian center and the museum of Hawaiian music and dance; and (ii) 0.5 per cent of the $79,000,000 shall be transferred to a sub—account in the tourism special fund to provide funding for a safety”

Thank you for your attention to my testimony AGAINST HB 2502.

Nicole Anela Gueco
Please do NOT pass this overreaching, authoritarian bill which would strip the people of Hawaii of their basic rights as Americans. According to antibody testing in Santa Clara county, CA, Los Angeles county, CA, New York, and Germany, the death rate of COVID-19 is 0.3 - 0.5. That means it has a recovery rate of roughly 99.6%. Elected officials across the U.S. (and especially in Hawaii) and the media have tried to scare us into believing COVID-19 is a deadly and dangerous virus. The facts prove otherwise and do not require the extreme measures being considered.

I strongly oppose the overreaching power HB2502_SD1. This bill would grant broad, unlimited authority to quarantine any person “who otherwise have or create a potential risk of transmitting a communicable or dangerous disease to others from individuals.” to the Director of the Department of Health, an un-elected official. It is too much unchecked power for an individual, particularly one who does not answer to the people.

The bill allows for removal to a quarantine facility by police force. The bill has:
- no limitation on how long a person can be held in quarantine
- no cap on the amount of money the individual can be charged for room, board, and treatment.
- no guarantees that families would be kept together
- no safeguards for bodily autonomy. Treatment could be forced
- “Except in cases of willful misconduct, the following persons shall not be liable for the death of or injury to any person who is provided care pursuant to this section or for damage to property when resulting from any act or omission in the performance of such service”

Again I ask that you please NOT pass this overreaching, authoritarian bill which would
strip the
people of Hawaii of basic rights as Americans.
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This bill is an infringement on our rights. This is still America and we should be upholding the values and rights of the Constitution. You are "for the people" so please act like it and think about us as individuals and not as a whole body to be governed however you see fit. We each have free will.
Comments:

I respectfully OPPOSE HB2502. As a U.S. native-born citizen, and continuous Hawaii resident for the past 23 years, I wish to comment on the Inherent Unconstitutional draconian measures proposed to curtail our rights and freedoms that were guaranteed to all citizens since 1789 with the U.S. Constitution and its Bill of Rights. NOTHING - I repeat NOTHING, not even a so-called “Pandemic” (a word invented by a few global elitists to generate worldwide FEAR) should EVER be allowed to restrict our freedom to play, to travel, to work, to gather, to attend school, and to BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF SOCIETY - especially when Zero obvious health impairment is observed. Would YOU like it if your child was removed by force by Government tracers or health workers without your consent? Would YOU like it if you were being monitored 24/7 by government agents? Would YOU like to be vaccinated “against COVID-19” when the new vaccine emerges, even though this “vaccine” is filled with toxic, unclean and hellish substances such as human fetal tissue, mercury, aluminum, and animal DNA - and is Not required to be rigorously tested and certified by the CDC, FDA, and NIH - at all?

NO ON HB2502 and SB2502!!
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My community and I STRONGLY oppose this bill. It is unconstitutional to have our rights stripped. The people will not stand for this.
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I strongly oppose this bill as I will not allow myself or any one of my family members get a covid-19 vaccine that has been rushed through and not properly vetted.
I oppose this bill, it gives too much power to the health director and he is not held accountable to the public.

The bill forces quarantine on people, has no limit on how long a person will be quarantined and does not allow family contact, it also holds the person responsible for paying the costs of room and board.

Worst of all it holds the director and anyone under his guidance free of all liability should anything go wrong while the patient is in quarantine.

This is a NASTY bill, it was obviously written by someone who loves to terrorize people.

Get rid of it asap. Mahalo.
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INGRID ROLLES

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This bill is not well written as it leaves much for interpretation during this time of Covid and for any future health issue - ie quarantine or isolation - where? (you stated to the states best ability - which based on how the state looks after some of its prison inmates or homeless population doesnt bode well for any individual going forward.)

the fact that within the law you could split up families traveling together to isolate and quarantine - very similar to what the state critisized the Trump administration from doing to immigrant families - there are many other things in the bill that are vague that give open power to the government which at the moment are “trustworthy” but who to say in a few years such an amazing leader such as Ige will exist - imagine if you had a Trump like character in power in the state of Hawaii - the posibility for overreach in this new law/bill are staggering as we would be relying on the goverment to make sound desisions for our state (which based again on track record are not looking good) I am not an anti vacinater either - I and my family are vacinated but I do oppose my ability to choose what goes into my body ie flu and or future covid vaccinations

regards

Ingrid
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As a primary health care provider, I strongly oppose this bill as it does not have anything to do with protecting the health of the community. There has been no substantial evidence to the public whatsoever that the tests are accurate and or valid. Secondly, the CDC numbers and data prove that the Corona virus is no where near the threat of the common flu. Were the law makers negligent in years past? Based on the facts, you have to hold them liable for past negligence or what is there gain in pressing the current plandemic. (not a spelling error) It also takes away our fundamental freedoms to choose our own health care path. This is 'bill' goes against the U.S. Constitutional rights and government doesn't have the right or authority to change the law of the land.
My name is Crystal Amelang and I am a resident of the State of Hawaii in the County of Honolulu. After reading HB2501 and current testimony, I am writing my testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION to HB2502 related to Health.

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Thank you for hearing my testimony AGAINST HB 2502 SD1
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I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS BILL!!
**Comments:**

We have the right to choose. I choose to be safe and practice safety. I do not agree for you to choose what happens to me, my family, and my children.
If this measure passes, I will never be visiting Hawaii. Not only is this a gross violation of Constitutional and human rights, it is also ineffective. PCR testing for any virus, and specifically COVID 19 is a crapshoot. With scientifically documented 80% false positive rates and an average 50% total accuracy, testing for this is no better than flipping a coin. Kill this bill!!!