

# ABORTION FACTS - HAWAII

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## **THOUSANDS OF KEIKI ARE MURDERED IN HAWAI'I EVERY YEAR<sup>1</sup>**

- Although Hawai'i has an enforceable abortion reporting law, it does not require the reporting of information to the Centers for Disease Control so numbers are only estimates.
- In 2008, the most recent year for which statistics are available, a total of 3,273 (reported) elective abortions were performed in Hawai'i.
- Abortion affects women of all races and ethnicities. In Hawai'i, among mothers who chose abortion in 2008, 20% (654) were Caucasian, 19% (621) were Native Hawaiian, 17% (556) were Filipina, 8% (261) were Japanese, 4% (131) were Chinese (mixed/other/unknown accounted for the remaining percentage).

## **PARENTAL RIGHTS MISSING IN HAWAII**

- Hawai'i has no informed consent for mothers considering abortion or parental involvement law for parents of minor girls seeking abortions.<sup>1</sup> In High Schools across Hawaii, teenagers cannot get an aspirin, but they can get an abortion without the knowledge or permission of their parent(s).
- Anyone 17 years old with ID can purchase emergency contraceptives over the counter (which in turn makes is readily available to minors).

## **ABORTION PROVIDERS THRIVING IN HAWAII<sup>2</sup>**

- Hawai'i maintains no enforceable abortion clinic regulations, but only licensed physicians, surgeons, or licensed osteopathic physicians or surgeons may perform abortions.
- As of 2005, there were 39 abortion providers throughout the state<sup>2</sup> and Planned Parenthood is the leading abortion provider, with locations on O'ahu, Maui, and Hawai'i (the Big Island).
- Hawai'i allows a pharmacist to provide emergency contraception (such as Plan B) to women without a prescription, provided the pharmacist has a collaborative therapy agreement with a licensed physician.

## **EVERYONE PAYING FOR ABORTIONS IN HAWAII (INCLUDING CHURCHES)<sup>3</sup>**

- Hawai'i maintains a "Freedom of Choice Act" signed into law in on April 26, 2006 (Act 35). This Act mandates the right to abortion even if *Roe v. Wade* were to be overturned, specifically providing that "[t]he State shall not deny or interfere with a female's right to choose or obtain an abortion of a nonviable fetus or an abortion that is necessary to protect the life or health of the female."
- Taxpayers in Hawai'i are required to pay for "medically necessary" abortions for women receiving state medical assistance (through Medicaid/QUEST).
- ALL Health insurance plans in Hawai'i that provide prescription coverage must also provide coverage for contraception and abortion services. In some instances, arrangements have been made regarding contraceptive coverage, but not for abortion.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.usccb.org/prolife/issues/abortion/roevwade/CaseSummariesforwebsite4-18.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Annual Report 2008-2009, p.9, [http://www.plannedparenthood.org/files/AR08\\_vFinal.pdf](http://www.plannedparenthood.org/files/AR08_vFinal.pdf) (March 9, 2011).

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