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A Note From the State Director Barbara Ferraro **Know That There is A Place for You in CWA of Hawaii**

It is with great anticipation that we release the first quarterly report regarding what Concerned Women for America (CWA) of Hawaii has been involved with so that you can be informed, prayerful and active. Although this report is later than expected, it is with good reason, as the first few months of 2017 have been a whirlwind of activity.

So far this year, my greatest joy has been the addition of Wilma Youtz as CWA of Hawaii's Legislative Liaison. I have prayed for someone like Wilma to get involved. She is truly an answer to prayer! Wilma has done an incredible job during this legislative session, especially in the midst of some very grievous legislation. She lives in Oahu which enables her to easily build relationships with legislators, their staff and other pro-family groups. She is able to attend committee hearings and events, and she is able to be present when the House and Senate cast votes. Please

read her summary of the 2017 state legislative session.

In January I attended the annual March for Life in both Honolulu and Hilo. In Honolulu, the event was held at the Hawaii State Capitol. While I was there, I connected with pro-life legislators, Rep. Sam Satoru Kong (D-District 33), Rep. Bob McDermott (R-District 33) and Rep. Gene Ward (R-District 17), whom I have formed relationships with in the past. The Hilo event was held downtown right next to where the *Women's March* was being held. Although the participants in the Women's March hurled many insults and comments towards us, there were no altercations. It was quite an experience. We all stood our ground and held our signs peacefully.

Finally, let me encourage you. I know that you may be busy, you may not know where to begin, you may be tired, and you may even think you

are too old for this battle. I know how you feel! I have been in this battle for many years now, and I will soon turn 83. This battle is not about what you bring to the table; it is about what God brings to the table through you. Know that there is a place for you in CWA of Hawaii. Know that you are needed.



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A Special Thanks to EAL Participants

During the 2017 Legislative Session, CWA of Hawaii's Encourage-A-Legislator (EAL) program kicked off with 20 volunteers covering 34 legislators with encouraging words and prayers. Throughout the session, which took place January 18 - May 4, these wonderful volunteers prayed for their assigned legislator daily and

sent an encouraging postcard once a week. Through the years, this program has always been our pride and joy. It is of utmost importance that we urge our legislators, through our e-mails and calls, to vote for pro-family legislation. However, we know that we

are first and foremost called to pray for them and show them the love of Jesus, regardless of the decisions they make. I hope you will consider participating next year!



2017 State Legislative Session Recap

Wilma Youtz, Legislative Liaison

The Hawaii State Legislature's 2017 Session was, as Barbara has often said to me, "Like no other!" The onslaught of attacks on the vulnerable and defenseless was unprecedented. We tracked and mounted opposition to two bills through written testimonies and letters to the editor. Additionally, we sent countless e-alerts through several committees, and we encouraged members to pray and act throughout the legislative process. Thank you for responding to our calls for action during the 2017 Legislative Session. Here are the two bills on which we focused:



Hawaii House Chambers

◆ [SB1129](#), "Establishes a medical aid in dying act that establishes a regulatory process under which an adult resident of the State with a medically confirmed terminal disease may obtain a prescription for medication to be self-administered to end the patient's life." This is physician-assisted suicide clear and simple. Written testimony in opposition to this bill was [submitted by CWA of Hawaii](#) and over 200 church members. Click [here](#) to read more about our opposition to

this bill. [Praise the Lord, the bill has been deferred until next year!](#)

- ◆ [SB501](#), "Requires all limited service pregnancy centers to disclose the availability of and enrollment information for reproductive health services ... Authorizes civil penalties and civil actions for enforcement and remedy."

Bottom line, this is bullying and infringement on religious rights. Over 180 written testimonies in opposition were submitted, including [testimony from CWA of Hawaii's Director](#). This bill was passed by both the House and Senate, and has been sent to Gov. David Ige for his expected signature.

Take action: Although we expect the governor to sign SB501, it is important that he does so knowing that we adamantly oppose this bill. Click [here](#) to email him now or call his office at (808) 586-0034. You can also write to him at:

The Honorable David Y. Ige
Governor, State of Hawaii
Executive Chambers
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Please pray the Lord changes Gov. Ige's heart on this matter. Proverbs 21:1 says, "The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes."

Looking ahead ...

We can expect the issue of physician-assisted suicide to raise its ugly head during the 2018 Legislative Session. We need to be ready to make our voices heard in opposition by calling and emailing our legislators, by attending hearings, and by submitting written testimonies. [Your voice matters, and your efforts make a difference!](#)

Although SB501 was passed, similar laws in other states attacking pregnancy centers are currently being appealed. [Pray that courts across the land will overturn such ungodly and unconstitutional measures that will endanger the lives of countless unborn children.](#)

On a personal note ...

It has been and will continue to be an honor to work alongside CWA of Hawaii's Director Barbara Ferraro in promoting and defending the values that CWA supports. Barbara's devotion to the causes and values that CWA supports is unwavering, and it is a blessing to behold. Because "This life is but a vapor," I

had been praying that the Lord would use me in some way for His kingdom that will transcend my life time. When I learned of the opportunity to serve as CWA of Hawaii's Legislative Liaison, I knew it would be a worthy endeavor. Lord willing, my plans for the 2018 Legislative Session include being at

the Capitol more to further CWA's presence. Additionally, I hope to build relationships with pro-life and pro-family organizations and assist organizational efforts to form testimony campaigns against ungodly and unconstitutional bills.

Will you join us in making a

difference on this side of eternity? Regardless of the part you may play in CWA of Hawaii, know that you are needed and appreciated. We may or may not see the fruit of our labor, but the words of our Lord that we long to hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant," will surely be enough.

CWA of Hawaii's in the News Promoting Life

CWA of Hawaii strategically opposed SB 501 by placing pro-life articles in local media outlets.

[Crisis pregnancy centers shouldn't promote abortion](#), February 18, *West Hawaii Today*.

[Bills would force CPCs to advise on abortion option](#), February 26, *The Maui News*.

[New Bill Could Force Churches To Refer Women to Abortion Clinics](#), March 14, *Charisma News*.

[SB501 promotes state-assisted abortion](#) March 23, *West Hawaii Today*.

[Bill would not help women's health](#), March 29, *The Maui News*.

[Bill promotes state-assisted abortion](#), April 2, *The Garden Island*.

[Bills would force CPCs to advise on abortion option](#), May 13, *The Maui News*. *The Maui News* re-ran the February 26 letter to the editor.



Are You Ready to Take the Next Step?

Join or start a local Prayer/Action Chapter focusing on education, prayer and action. **Inquire** about open steering committee positions, such as

Communications Coordinator, Issues Specialist and more. **Expand** CWA of Hawaii by informing your friends and family about us. Forward our newsletters, e-alerts and other resources to those who seek more information.. **Partner** with us financially. Our state chapter is run exclusively by volunteers and is completely supported through donations. [Donate online](#) or send a check to the address on the front of this newsletter written out to "CWA", with "CWA of HI" in the memo line Contact us today if you are ready to get involved!