

Aloha,

I write you today in reference to Bill 2009 and two related bills.

The 3 bills to be considered by the Committee have been drafted to provide Medicare funding, access to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and Indemnity Premium support to midwives. These bills if passed into legislation in their current form will not provide funding or indemnity for homebirth midwives. This legislation will then intersect with National Health Registration legislation that will require all health professionals to hold indemnity insurance. This will prevent midwives providing homebirth from registering and thus make their homebirth practice unlawful.

That last statement cannot become reality.

Women need and deserve the right to choose where, when and how they birth their babies

Taking away an option is the same as saying they don't have a choice.

Homebirth must stay legal

Mahalo,

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