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**GREEN ADMINISTRATION STANDS UNITED IN SUPPORT OF ACCESS TO  
MEDICATION ABORTION DRUG MIFEPRISTONE**

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HONOLULU, HI – Hawai'i residents can still access the medication abortion drug mifepristone following two federal district court rulings, and the Green Administration remains united in its determination to ensure that it stays that way.

On Friday, April 7, 2023, a judge in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas issued a decision staying the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) decades-old approval of mifepristone for use in medication abortion.

Later that same day, a judge in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Washington barred the FDA from "altering the status quo and rights as it relates to the availability" of mifepristone in 18 jurisdictions, including the State of Hawai'i.

Earlier this year, Attorney General Anne Lopez authorized the State of Hawai'i to bring suit as a plaintiff in the Washington case, *State of Washington & State of Hawai'i, et al. v. U.S. Food & Drug Administration*, specifically to safeguard access to mifepristone in Hawai'i.

"I applaud the Washington court's ruling, which preserves mifepristone access in the State of Hawai'i while the Washington case proceeds," says **Attorney General Anne Lopez**. "The Texas district court's decision, on the other hand, blatantly disregards medical research establishing the proven safety of mifepristone. I will continue to fight against unnecessary restrictions on medication abortion, and vigorously support and defend Hawaii's laws protecting abortion access."

“As Hawaii’s physician governor, I feel strongly about health care, including reproductive health care and women’s rights to make choices,” **says Governor Josh Green M.D.** “We cannot condone any scenario in which individual judges in other states seek to override decades of careful, scientific research and approvals of mifepristone by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Our state joins all others that support women’s freedom of choice and their access to all forms of safe, legal health care.”

“For decades, Hawai‘i as a state has recognized the inherent constitutional right to privacy for women and girls to choose how, if, and when they become pregnant,” **says Department of Human Services Director Cathy Betts.** “Mifepristone has been recognized globally as a safe and effective medication, notably, even safer than penicillin. It is incredibly tragic that a safe and effective medication for over two decades is being politicized, threatening the lives of women, inevitably impacting families and our greater community.”

“Access to reproductive healthcare is critical for maternal health outcomes,” **says Department of Health Director Kenneth Fink, M.D.** “Restricting an FDA approved medication with twenty years of usage disregards science and threatens public health. With more than 50% of pregnancy terminations in Hawai‘i utilizing mifepristone, access to medication abortion is vital for women’s health.”

The order in the case of *Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine v. U.S. Food & Drug Administration*, 2:22-CV-223-Z (N.D. Tex.) is attached [here](#).

The order in *State of Washington & State of Hawaii, et al. v. U.S. Food & Drug Administration*, No. 1:23-CV-3026-TOR (E.D. Wash.) is attached [here](#).

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