

HCR33

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Measure Title:

ACKNOWLEDGING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL OVARIAN
CANCER MONTH AND GYNECOLOGICAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH.

Report Title:

Ovarian Cancer; Awareness of Common Symptoms

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Introducer(s):

MIZUNO, BROWER, GREEN, HANOHANO

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April 17, 2008

Committee on Health

The Honorable David Ige, Chair

The Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

Committee on Human Services and Public Housing

The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

The Honorable Les Ihara, Vice Chair

Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing

The Honorable Russell Kokubun, Chair

The Honorable David Ige, Vice Chair

1:00 PM, Friday, April 18, 2008

State Capitol, Room 016

RE: HCR 33, Acknowledging the Month of September as National Ovarian Cancer Month and Gynecological Cancer Awareness Month

Dear Chairs Ige, Chun-Oakland, Kokubun, and members of the Committees:

My name is Leinaala Ley and I am the Director of Government Relations for the American Cancer Society Hawaii Pacific Inc. Thank you for the opportunity to present comments on HCR 33, HD1.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy, and service. In Hawaii, the American Cancer Society serves the local community through our corporate headquarters in Honolulu and seven field offices across the state: two on Big Island, three on Oahu, one on Kauai and one on Maui to serve Maui County. Each year the American Cancer Society Hawaii Pacific Inc. interacts with tens of thousands of individuals touched by cancer and thousands more who are active volunteers.

The American Cancer Society supports all efforts to educate the public about cancer risks, early detection methods, and cancer prevention strategies. **HCR 33 will contribute to our efforts to raise awareness of ovarian cancer by recognizing the month of September as National Ovarian Cancer Month and Gynecological Cancer Awareness Month.** Cancer of the uterus is the most common gynecological cancer followed by ovarian cancer and cervical cancer. Combined, these three gynecological cancers will account for approximately 46 cancer deaths in the State of Hawaii this year. All scientifically grounded outreach efforts to educate the public about the prevention and detection of gynecological cancers should be supported and we commend the legislature for taking this step to prioritize cancer prevention and detection in our state.

Sincerely,

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