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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & HOUSING AND
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SB3185, SD2, RELATING TO CANCER

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1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports what SB 3185, SD2 is intended to
2 accomplish – redirection of funds that are currently allotted purely for the treatment of breast and
3 cervical cancer, to increased support for its prevention, screening and early detection, particularly for
4 underserved populations.

5 **Fiscal Implications:** Potential interagency reassignment of funds.

6 **Purpose and Justification:** The Department of Health recognizes the value of prevention, screening
7 and early detection of all cancers, particularly among underserved populations.

8 Breast and cervical cancer early detection services are currently offered through the Breast and
9 Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP), a \$1.1M cooperative agreement between the Centers for
10 Disease Control and Prevention and the Department of Health.

11 This program provides timely high-quality services to approximately 1,100 low-income,
12 uninsured and underserved women annually.

13 The program's priority population includes Native Hawaiians, Filipinos, Asians and Pacific
14 Islanders, all of whom have high cancer-related morbidity and mortality rates than do Hawaii's other
15 ethnic groups, and who therefore stand to benefit most from the BCCCP.

1 The Department of Health is currently collaborating with the Department of Human Services in
2 an effort to appropriately and efficiently redirect unexpended cancer treatment funds, toward increased
3 screening and detection services.

4 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.