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To: The Honorable Robert Herkes, Chair  
The Honorable Ryan Yamane, Vice Chair  
Members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce

From: Marilyn Lee, Representative 38<sup>th</sup> District

Re: Testimony in support of HCR 9 and HR 7

Dear Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Yamane and members of the Committee, I am writing to express my strong support of HCR 9 and HR 7, which requests the Auditor to conduct an impact assessment report pursuant to sections 23—51 10 and 23—52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, of the social and financial effects of mandating coverage for fertility preservation procedures for persons who are of reproductive age and have been diagnosed with cancer, and will undergo treatment that may adversely affect the person's fertility as further described by HB 2105 (Regular Session of 2012.)

Each year approximately 140,000 people under the age for 45 are diagnosed with cancer and many are at risk for permanent infertility because of harsh cancer treatment. Most insurance companies do not consider assisted reproductive procedures prior to cancer treatment as a covered benefit resulting in high out-of-cost expenses. We need to do all we can to give cancer survivors an opportunity to build a family; an opportunity that might be unattainable due to the high costs of fertility preservations. The passage of these resolutions are necessary to move fertility preservation coverage legislation forward. Therefore, I urge your support.