

**TESTIMONY**

**SB2572**

**HTH Committee Hearing 1/27/2012**

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January 27, 2012

TO: The Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Chair  
Senate Committee on Health

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **S.B. 2572 - RELATING TO CANCER**

Hearing: Friday, January 27, 2012; 2:45 p.m.  
Conference Room 229, State Capitol

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this bill is appropriate funds for the comprehensive breast and cervical cancer control program.

**DEPARTMENT'S POSITION:** The Department of Human Services supports the intent and understands the importance of breast and cervical cancer screening to detect and provide treatment. Given the fragile state of Hawaii's economy, however, we are unable to support the appropriation.

The Department, as part of its operational program budget, already includes \$100,000 in general funds to continue the comprehensive breast and cervical cancer control program in collaboration with the Department of Health. Additionally, screening and treatment for breast and cervical cancer is a covered benefit under the DHS medical assistance programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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The Honorable Josh Green M.D., Chair  
The Honorable Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair

Senate Committee on Health

**Re: SB 2572 – Relating to Cancer**

Dear Chair Green, Vice Chair Nishihara and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify in support of SB 2572, which appropriates funds to the comprehensive breast and cervical cancer program.

It has long been HMSA's mission to improve the health and well-being of our members and of all the people of Hawaii. Early detection and treatment of breast and cervical cancer improves quality of life and can also lower the overall cost of treatment. This program provides treatment funding for women that would very likely not have it otherwise.

We strongly support SB 2572 and believe that it will increase survival rates through early detection. Thank you for your consideration of passing SB 2572.

Sincerely,

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January 26, 2012

**Testimony in Support: SB 2572**

**To:** Chair Josh Green and Vice Chair Clarence Nishihara and Members of the Senate Committee on Health

**From:** Katie Reardon Polidoro, Director of Government Relations & Public Affairs, Planned Parenthood of Hawaii

**Re:** Testimony in Support of SB 2572, Relating to Cancer

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii supports SB 2572, which makes an appropriation to the Department of Health to continue its Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program. The Program provides screening to income eligible women ages 40-64. While women in that age group are at higher risk for both cervical and breast cancer, they are less likely to receive regular screening. Many uninsured and underserved women in Hawaii receive screenings through Title X Family Planning Programs. However, once a woman begins menopause, she is ineligible to receive Title X care. Therefore, the Program fills in a large gap when it comes to women's health care.

PPHI provides high quality, affordable, and confidential sexual and reproductive health care at our clinics on Oahu, Maui and the Big Island of Hawaii. As an essential community health provider, we provide the full spectrum of reproductive health care, including: Annual pelvic exams, Pap tests, and breast exams, mid-life services, counseling and hormone replacement therapy, screening for testicular cancer, low-cost birth control services and supplies, emergency contraception, pregnancy testing and counseling, medical and surgical abortion services and support, screening and treatment for sexually transmitted infections, and HIV testing and counseling. Last year PPHI served over 8,700 patients at over 13,000 visits to our health center. We provided cervical and breast cancer screening to well over 8000 patients throughout Hawaii. We performed advance cancer screenings, including colposcopy and LEEP procedures for approximately 180 women.

In the past, PPHI was a proud partner in the West Hawaii Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP). As a subcontractor with the Department of Health we provided limited services to a small number of patients in need of advanced cervical cancer screening at our Kona Health Center on the Big Island of Hawaii. During the past year, due to a lack of patients, we ended our participation in the Program. While we are no longer part of the Program, we truly believe that the overall care provided through the BCCCP is crucial to Hawaii's women. Early detection and treatment of cervical and breast cancer is the best way to ensure survival.

We offer one comment on SB 2572. While screening, early detection and education are crucial, it is equally important that treatment and referrals be provided to women who receive care under BCCCP. Currently the program provides for follow up care, advanced screening and biopsies, and treatment referrals. When determining the amount of this appropriation, this care must be considered. Accordingly, we ask that the Committee pass SB 2572. Thank you.

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Senate Committee on Health  
Senator Joshua Green, M.D., Chair  
Senator Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair

**Hearing:**  
State Capitol Room 229  
January 27, 2012, 2:45 p.m.

**SB 2084 – Relating to Cancer**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of **SB 2572**, which appropriates state funds for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP).

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.

Prevention and early detection are major factors in lessening the impact of cancer in our State. Breast cancer claims the lives of over one thousand women in Hawaii each year.<sup>1</sup> Early detection of breast cancer will save more lives. The earlier breast cancer can be treated, the higher likelihood that a patient will have a positive outcome.

Hawaii is also one of six states that provide no state funding for breast and cervical cancer programs.<sup>2</sup> We need to change this trend. The BCCCP helps uninsured and underinsured women to obtain vital screening services. We need to protect those who may not have the resources and could easily fall between the cracks. For these reasons, we support this measure.

<sup>1</sup> See American Cancer Society, *Cancer Facts and Figures 2011*, at page 5.  
<<http://www.cancer.org/acs/groups/content/@epidemiologysurveillance/documents/document/acspc-029771.pdf>>

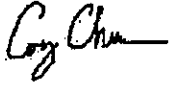
<sup>2</sup> See American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, *How Do You Measure Up? 2011*, at page 35.  
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Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to provide this testimony on this measure.

Sincerely,



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