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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

**HB2039,HD1, RELATING TO CANCER**

**Testimony of David Sakamoto, MD, MBA  
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**February 20, 2014  
12:00 PM, Room 308**

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports HB2039,HD1 and defers to the  
2 priorities of the Governor's Supplemental Budget request.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** Appropriated out of the general revenues, the sum of \$100,000 or so much thereof  
4 as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program  
5 (BCCCP) to the DOH.

6 **Purpose and Justification:** We respectfully request the appropriation be specific for screening,  
7 education, and outreach services; therefore, an amendment is suggested to Section 1, page 2, lines 15 to  
8 19 to read as follows:

9 "The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the screening, education, and outreach  
10 services of the comprehensive breast and cervical cancer control program."

11 The DOH recognizes the value of screening and early detection. The Department currently  
12 provides critical breast and cervical cancer early detection services through the BCCCP. The program is  
13 federally funded for \$1.1 million through a cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control  
14 and Prevention (CDC) and serves approximately 1,200 women annually. Since 1997, the program has  
15 screened 9,400 women and detected 247 incidents of breast cancer and 144 pre-cancerous conditions

1 and cancers of the cervix. CDC estimates that funded states are serving 14.3% of eligible women age  
2 40-64 years for breast cancer and 8.7% of eligible women for cervical cancer through the national  
3 program, which reflects the importance and need of these lifesaving screening, diagnosis, and treatment  
4 services. The DOH, BCCCP provides low-income, uninsured, and underserved women access to timely,  
5 high quality screening and diagnostic services to detect breast and cervical cancer at the earliest stages  
6 and refer women with cancer or pre-cancerous conditions to treatment through the Department of  
7 Human Services (DHS), Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Program. The BCCCP's priority  
8 population includes Native Hawaiian, Filipino and other Asian/Pacific Islander women. Women served  
9 by the program are typically rarely or have never been screened, are medically underserved, and have  
10 higher morbidity and mortality rates than other women. Early detection of cancer greatly reduces  
11 treatment costs and increases survival rates.

12         These funds will screen women who are uninsured and do not qualify for existing state and  
13 federal funded Medicare or Medicaid programs. A study published in 2012 on the impact of the  
14 Affordable Care Act of 2010, indicates that there will continue to be a need for the BCCCP. Historically  
15 in Hawaii, gap treatment funding was appropriated to the DHS. This bill keeps the continuum of breast  
16 and cervical cancer screening, education, and outreach under the DOH. DHS will continue to administer  
17 treatment with federal and state funding for women who do not qualify for Medicare and Medicaid.

18         Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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HB 2039, HD1 – RELATING TO CANCER  
Cory Chun, Government Relations Director – Hawaii Pacific  
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2039 HD1, which appropriates an unspecified amount for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program.

The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) is the nation's leading cancer advocacy organization. ACS CAN works with federal, state, and local government bodies to support evidence-based policy and legislative solutions designed to eliminate cancer as a major health problem.

Hawaii's Breast and Cervical Cancer program provides free pap tests to women aged 50 to 64 and mammograms to women aged 50 to 64 who are uninsured, underinsured, and have income below 250 percent of the federal poverty level. From 2007-2012, Hawaii's program detected 75 invasive breast cancers and 33 cervical cancers and precancerous lesions.

In 2010, 58% of all women in Hawaii were screened for breast cancer and 84% were screened for cervical cancer. Those rates dropped significantly among uninsured women who were screened at 28% and 62% respectively.

The Affordable Care Act will provide women with greater access to preventive cancer screenings and treatment. However, gaps will still remain for women who will continue to be uninsured or underinsured due to affordability, literacy, and language related barriers. It is estimated that over 10,985 Hawaii women will continue to lack access to cervical cancer screenings, and 4,639 women will lack access to breast cancer screenings in 2014. Maintaining adequate funding will preserve a critical safety net for thousands of Hawaii women who will continue to lack access to essential screening, diagnostic and treatment services.



Planned Parenthood of Hawaii

To: Hawaii State House of Representatives Committee on Finance  
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, February 20, 2014, 12:00 p.m.  
Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 308  
Re: Testimony of Planned Parenthood of Hawaii in support of H.B. 2039, HD1

Dear Chair Luke and Members of the Committee on Finance,

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii writes in support of H.B. 2039, HD1, which seeks to appropriate funds to the Department of Health to continue its Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program.

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii is dedicated to providing Hawaii's people with high quality, affordable and confidential sexual and reproductive health care, education, and advocacy. We provide cervical and breast cancer screening to patients throughout Hawaii, including advanced cancer screenings such as biopsy, colposcopy, and LEEP procedures.

However, while many uninsured and underserved women in Hawaii receive screenings through Title X Family Planning Programs, post-menopausal women are ineligible to receive Title X care. The Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program fills in a large gap in women's health care because it provides screening to those women ages 40-64, who are at higher risk for both cervical and breast cancer, but are less likely to receive regular screening because of their low incomes. By serving this gap group, the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control program will ensure that these women have the health care that they need.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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Comments: The Hawai'i Women's Coalition is in strong support of this common sense preventative healthcare measure. It will save lives and taxpayer money in the long run.

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