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“It just might be the greatest cancer risk you’ve never heard of.”¹

Five facts about dense breast tissue

1. 40% of women have dense breast tissue.
2. Breast density is one of the strongest predictors of the failure of mammography to detect cancer.
3. Mammography misses every other cancer in dense breasts.
4. Breast density is a well-established predictor of breast cancer risk.
5. Breast density is a greater risk factor than having two first degree relatives with breast cancer.

The vast majority of women are unaware of the density of their breasts.²

- 95% of women do not know their breast density.
- Less than one in 10 learn about their dense breast tissue from their doctors.

Adding screening technologies to mammography for women with dense breast tissue can increase detection by up to 100%. These invasive cancers, missed by mammography, are small, node negative and at an EARLY stage.

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Are You Dense Advocacy Inc: State, Federal and Regulatory Efforts

Connecticut was the first state to enact an Insurance Coverage Law and Breast Density Notification Law. Texas, Virginia, New York and California have breast density notification laws. Several states are working on legislation in 2013. Federal Breast Density Legislation and MQSA regulatory efforts are underway to standardize the communication of dense breast tissue across the country.

“Standardizing the communication of dense breast tissue will prevent later stage cancers and give ALL women access to an EARLY diagnosis – when most treatable and with better survival outcomes.” Nancy M Cappello, Ph.D., President and Founder, Are You Dense Advocacy Inc.

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¹ Los Angeles Times, “Breast density linked to Cancer Risk,” Karen Ravn, 6/21/10.

² Harris Interactive National Survey, 5/2010

Good Morning, my name is Candie Delagarza and I am a BC survivor.

Chair Belatti, vice chair Morikawa and the Committee on Health, thank you for Hearing testimony on House Bill 373: Mammography

This is an excerpt from a letter I wrote to Representative Cullen during chemotherapy. Reporting

Just 39 years old; An Emergency Dept. Nurse in the prime of my life.

This is who I was. I sit here now writing this letter while on my fourth month of Medical Leave of Absence. I am bald from chemotherapy, scarred from surgeries and devastated for my upcoming bilateral mastectomy, but I refuse to give up this fight.

I have had normal results on annual mammograms since 2007. March 25, 2012 I felt a grape sized lump in my right breast that turned out to be an aggressive BC. The pathologist said it had been there, growing for at least 5 yrs. Why didn't the mammograms detect this cancer? >

Because, I have "extremely dense breasts."

40% of women have dense breast tissue. Mammograms alone are not an effective screening tool for women with dense breasts, because it is unable to "see" through the dense tissue.

Unfortunately, my story is not unique; 1 in 8 women is diagnosed with breast cancer.

- Breast density is one of the strongest predictors, of the failure of mammography, to detect cancer
- Mammography misses every other cancer in dense breasts
- Breast density is a well established predictor of BC risk AND
- Breast density is a greater risk factor than having two first degree relatives \bar{c} breast cancer.

* Adding screening technologies to mammography for women with dense breast tissue as suggested in H B 373 can increase detection by up to 100%. These invasive cancers, missed by mammography, are small, node negative and at an EARLY stage *

Connecticut, Texas, Virginia, New York and California already have breast density notification laws + 11 other states including Hawaii are introducing notification bills in 2013. By passing House Bill 373

we can standardize the communication of dense breast tissue, preventing later stage cancers and giving ALL women access to an EARLY diagnosis - when it's most treatable, and with better survival outcomes.

Thank you to Rep. Yamane, Aquino + Cullen for bringing this critical health issue to the committee.

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Anita Tuua	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As part of the layperson's report that FDA mandates a patient receives after having a mammogram, the density of the breast tissue should also be included with the recommendation of an ultrasound if their breast tissue is homogenously dense which lowers the sensitivity of a mammogram in detecting breast cancer.

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Billie Jean Dunham	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Brian	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My wife is a breast cancer survivor who, before her radical mastectomy, had very dense breast tissue. She religiously scheduled and received her annual mammograms to detect breast cancer. Well, the mammograms alone did not detect her breast cancer tumor, and she was blissfully ignorant to the cancer growing inside of her due to dense breast tissue. It is by chance alone that her tumor was finally discovered and diagnosed. Had she known earlier that dense breast tissue made it extremely difficult to detect and identify tumors, she would have requested additional testing and subsequently would have discovered her cancer sooner. I have five sisters; two of which work in the nursing field, and none of them knew that dense breast tissue could easily mask a cancer tumor during routine mammograms that other testing could more easily identify. I believe that this bill is a stepping stone to increased awareness about the shortfalls to mammogram testing in women with dense breast tissue. And, if passed, it will save thousands, if not hundreds of thousands of men and women affected by this deadly form of cancer, by educating them to get additional testing and subsequently diagnosing them earlier before it invades their bodies further.

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Candie Delagarza	Individual	Support	Yes

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Christi Keliipio	Individual	Support	No

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Curtis Low	Individual	Support	No

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In support of legislation HB373

My name is Dean K. Otaka, MD
I have a busy private practice in Aiea, Hawaii

Much of what I do is preventative in nature and when I heard of this legislation, I was very much in support of the intent of this law.
I believe that institutions should take a more active role in preventative services that will catch problems, particularly breast cancer which is quite prevalent.

Several of my patients have battled breast cancer and this measure would definitely give future patients the information on which to act

Please consider passage of this legislation which will help patients win the battle against breast cancer.

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Destiny Brighter	Individual	Support	No

Comments: In strong support.

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George Hernandez	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: My sister has been battling breast cancer for some time. Mammography missed her breast cancer but if it was found in time, it could have saved her countless time in pain and medical bills.

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HEATHER ENOMOTO	Individual	Support	No

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Jasmine Goto	Individual	Support	No

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Jeff Zimpfer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in strong support of this bill requiring breast density results on mammograms so that ultrasounds can catch what mammograms missed. This will catch breast cancer earlier and save lives and the anguish and costs associated with treating cancer at later stages.

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Jocelyn Franks	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB 373

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John Miyatake	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill.

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Joseph Saterdalen	Individual	Support	No

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Kathleen Doi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please vote to support. Sadly, we will need to legislate for good medical care.

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Kathryn Haase	Individual	Support	No

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Kelly Togami	Individual	Support	No

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Kimlynn Preza	Individual	Support	No

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Leann Lamadora	Individual	Support	No

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Dr. Linda Jenks	Individual	Support	No

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Meagan Nolin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of HB 373 which would require health care facilities performing mammography exams to provide to patients with dense breast tissue, a mammography report and notification about associated cancer risks and supplemental screening benefits such as US. As a health care provider, I have found that on exam, many women have dense breast tissue, which makes the assessment and diagnosis process difficult. Insurance companies should allow for dual mammogram/US coverage as the detection rate is that much more sensitive and specific. Clearly evidence supports that earlier screening and detection leads to better patient outcome. On a personal note, friends and loved ones deserve the best possible diagnostic testing available to ensure timely assessment, diagnosis and therapeutic treatment options. Thank you in advance for considering this bill.

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Melanie Hopeau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I feel this bill will benefit women. Mahalo

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Morgan Paaluhi	Individual	Support	No

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Pamela Saterdalen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Candie Delagarza is my sister. Like her, I am at high risk of breast cancer. We both have dense breast tissue. I have a family that needs me, a husband, daughter, and a three year old to raise. This bill supports the early detection and preventative care that would ultimately be less traumatic to me, my family, and my insurance company, should I develop cancer. Please pass this bill and support mothers, sisters, and daughters. Pamela Saterdalen saterdalen@hotmail.com 507-696-1224

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Patricia Norton	Individual	Support	No

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Sheri Omalza	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Strong support.

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Sophia A. Pahio	Individual	Support	No

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Summerly Jamorabon	Individual	Support	No

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Testimony of Teresa Hendricks

thendricks@mmlap.com

616 292-6572

As I continue to fight for my survival from a delayed breast cancer diagnosis, I implore you to pass the Breast Density Inform bill for Hawaiian Women. This committee is the hope needed for so many women, to spare them from horrific treatment or death due to a delayed diagnosis. Had this act been in place for me, I would have been spared a shortened life expectancy, brutal chemotherapy, multiple surgeries and emotional torment. Without this act, women are not getting the right information they need to protect themselves.

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