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Testimony of Teresa Hendricks, age 46, currently surviving from Breast Cancer missed on mammogram because of dense breast tissue (DBT)

As I continue to fight for my survival from a delayed breast cancer diagnosis, I implore you to pass SB373 Breast Density Inform bill for Hawaiian women. Despite numerous published, peer-reviewed available to my physicians, I never knew that my breast density was a very significant risk factor for breast cancer. Nor was I ever told my density (Bi-Rads) score, so I could not protect myself.

As Candie Delagarza will tell you, we are not alone, but among a large percentage of the population with dense breast tissue. This committee is the hope needed for so many women with dense tissue, 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.

On behalf of all women walking around with DBT who do not know their 4-6 fold increased risk of breast cancer, please pass this bill!

Respectfully,
Teresa Hendricks