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March 22, 2013

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Re: HB 407, HD2, SD1 – Relating to Cancer

Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify in support of HB 407, HD2, SD1, 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 for 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 HB 407, HD2, SD1, and believe that it will increase survival rates through early detection. Thank you for your consideration of the passage of this measure.

Sincerely,

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