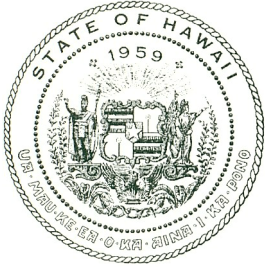


**SB 655**

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January 28, 2013

**Testimony in Support of SB 655, Relating to Health**

**To:** Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair  
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice-Chair  
Members of the Senate Committee on Health

**From:** Cathy Betts, Executive Director, Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women

**Re:** Testimony in Support of SB 655

The Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women is in strong support of SB 655 with amendments as recommended by the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), Hawaii Section.

Many patients with chlamydia and/or gonorrhea have partners who refuse to seek treatment on their own, resulting in persistent chlamydia infection with its attendant medical complications. Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT) has been recommended by the CDC since 2006, however many health professionals do not provide EPT to their patients with chlamydia due to legal concerns. This bill outlines a procedure to provide and encourage EPT in Hawaii.

I strongly support this bill with ACOG's proposed amendments. This bill will benefit our public health by decreasing the incidence of sexually transmitted infections in Hawaii.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Cathy Betts  
Executive Director  
Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women

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Betty Sestak	HI Rehabilitation Counseling Assoc.	Support	No

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**To: Senator Josh Green, Chair  
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Health  
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection**

**From: Alan Katz, MD, MPH**

**Re: SB 655 Relating to Health (Expedited Partner Therapy)**

**Position: Strongly Support with Amendments from the Hawaii Section of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists**

Dear Senators Green, Baker, Galuteria, and Respected Legislators:

I speak on behalf of myself as a private citizen not on behalf of the University of Hawaii, where I am a professor in the John A. Burns School of Medicine's Department of Public Health Sciences.

As a public health physician who has specialized in the treatment and control of sexually transmitted diseases for close to three decades, I fully support this bill to allow Hawaii to join 32 other states, including California, which allow for expedited partner therapy (EPT).<sup>\*</sup> Please note, that this important strategy is fully supported and recommended by both the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG). I am also fully supportive of the proposed revisions to the bill that are being proposed by the Hawaii Section of ACOG. Dr. Lori Kamemoto and her colleagues in the Hawaii Section of ACOG have worked closely with the Hawaii State Department of Health in consultation with the CDC to develop the amendments which will further strengthen this needed legislation. EPT is an evidence based approach which has been shown to decrease the spread of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and to decrease the risk of reinfection of patients who have been treated for STIs.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my strong support for this important legislation

Respectfully submitted,

Al Katz, MD, MPH

<sup>\*</sup><http://www.cdc.gov/std/ept/legal/default.htm>

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Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

From: Bliss Kaneshiro MD, MPH,  
Obstetrics and Gynecology

Re: SB 655 Relating to Health (Expedited Partner Therapy)

Position: Strongly Support with American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists,  
Hawaii Section Amendments

Dear Chair Green, Chair and Vice Chair Baker, Vice Chair Galuteria and the Senate Committee on Health and Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection Members:

I am submitting testimony in strong support of SB 655 with amendments as recommended by the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), Hawaii Section.

Many patients with sexually transmitted infections have partners who are reluctant to seek treatment on their own, resulting in persistent infection. Infection with organisms like chlamydia substantially increases the risk of severe pelvic infections as well as lifelong infertility.

Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT) has been recommended by the CDC since 2006, however many health professionals do not provide EPT to their patients with chlamydia due to legal concerns. This bill outlines a procedure to provide and encourage Expedited Partner Therapy in Hawaii.

I strongly support this bill with amendments as per Hawaii ACOG testimony. This bill will benefit our patients as well as public health by decreasing the burden of sexually transmitted infections in Hawaii.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony on this important issue.

Bliss Kaneshiro

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Kathy Terada	Individual	Support	No

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To: Senator Josh Green, Chair Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair Senate Committee on Health Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection From: Re: SB 655 Relating to Health (Expedited Partner Therapy) Position: Strongly Support with American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Hawaii Section Amendments Dear Chair Green, Chair and Vice Chair Baker, Vice Chair Galuteria and the Senate Committee on Health and Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection Members: I am submitting testimony in strong support of SB 655 with amendments as recommended by the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), Hawaii section. We have one of the highest rates of chlamydia in our patient population. Most of the time the male partners of our patients will not seek treatment on their own, which results in persistent infection with subsequent medical complications. I strongly support this bill which outlines a procedure to provide Expedited Partner Therapy in Hawaii. This would allow us to treat all exposed partners promptly to prevent reinfection and further transmission, decreasing the incidence of sexually transmitted infections with its associated complications in our population. Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony on this critical issue. Sincerely, Kathy Terada

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**Monday January 28, 2013**

**1:15 p.m.**

**Conference Room 229**

To: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
Sen. Josh Green, Chair  
Sen. Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

From: Hawaii Medical Association  
Dr. Steven Kemble, MD, President  
Dr. Linda Rasmussen, MD, Legislative Co-Chair  
Dr. Joseph Zobian, MD, Legislative Co-Chair  
Dr. Christopher Flanders, DO, Executive Director  
Lauren Zirbel, Community and Government Relations

Re: SB 655 Relating to Health (Expedited Partner Therapy)

Position: Strongly Support with American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Hawaii Section Amendments

Dear Chair Green, Chair and Vice Chair Baker, Vice Chair Galuteria and the Senate Committee on Health and Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection Members:

The Hawaii Medical Association is submitting testimony in strong support of SB 655 with amendments as recommended by the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), Hawaii Section.

Many patients with chlamydia have partners who refuse to seek treatment on their own, resulting in persistent chlamydia infection with its attendant medical complications. Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT) has been recommended by the CDC since 2006, however many health professionals do not provide EPT to their patients with chlamydia due to legal concerns. This bill outlines a procedure to provide and encourage Expedited Partner Therapy in Hawaii.

The HMA strongly support this bill with amendments as per Hawaii ACOG testimony. This bill will benefit our patients as well as public health by decreasing the burden of sexually transmitted infections in Hawaii.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony on this important issue.

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To: Senator Josh Green, Chair  
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    Senate Committee on Health  
    Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
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    Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

From: Michele Brooks, RN

Re: SB 655 Relating to Health (Expedited Partner Therapy)

Position: Strongly Support the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists,  
Hawaii Section Amendments

Dear Chair Green, Chair and Vice Chair Baker, Vice Chair Galuteria and the Senate Committee on Health and Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection Members:

I am submitting testimony in strong support of SB 655 with amendments as recommended by the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), Hawaii Section.

Many patients with Chlamydia have partners who, for one reason or another, don't get treatment on their own. This often results in re-infection for the primary client. Each subsequent Chlamydia infection increases a woman's risk for pelvic inflammatory disease and potential infertility. Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT) has been recommended by the CDC since 2006, and a majority of states have provided for EPT with remarkable success at the reduction of Chlamydia rates. Here in Hawaii we have not had that legal protection, although we have consistently remained among the top ten states in the country for the incidence of Chlamydia. Our rates increased by 10% in the first half of 2012 alone. The CDC now reports that EPT is the best method for treatment of Chlamydia, yet we are not allowed to do it here in Hawaii. This has proved embarrassing for me personally when attending conferences on the mainland and trying to explain to other professionals about our efforts to control the spread of Chlamydia while not using the most effective method of treatment delivery.

I strongly support this bill with amendments as per Hawaii ACOG testimony. This bill will benefit our patients as well as public health by decreasing the burden of sexually transmitted infections in Hawaii.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony on this important issue.

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From: Misty Pacheco, DrPH, MHA

Re: SB 655 Relating to Health (Expedited Partner Therapy)

Position: Strongly Support with American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists,  
    Hawaii Section Amendments

Dear Chair Green, Chair and Vice Chair Baker, Vice Chair Galuteria and the Senate Committee on Health and Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection Members:

I am submitting testimony in strong support of SB 655 with amendments as recommended by the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), Hawaii Section.

Many patients with chlamydia have partners who refuse to seek treatment on their own, resulting in persistent chlamydia infection with its attendant medical complications. Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT) has been recommended by the CDC since 2006, however many health professionals do not provide EPT to their patients with chlamydia due to legal concerns. This bill outlines a procedure to provide and encourage Expedited Partner Therapy in Hawaii.

As someone who has worked and conducted extensive research in this field, I strongly support this bill with amendments as per Hawaii ACOG testimony. This bill will benefit our patients as well as public health by decreasing the burden of sexually transmitted infections in Hawaii.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony on this important issue.

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Patricia McKenzie	Individual	Support	No

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Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

From: Roxanne Estes, CNM, APRN-Rx, MSN, president

Maureen Shannon, CNM, FNP, PhD, vice president

Annette Manant, CNM, MN, APRN, secretary

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Re: SB 655 Relating to Health (Expedited Partner Therapy)

Position: Strongly Support with American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists,  
Hawaii Section Amendments

Dear Chair Green, Chair and Vice Chair Baker, Vice Chair Galuteria and the Senate  
Committee on Health and Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Members:

I am submitting testimony in strong support of SB 655 with amendments as recommended by  
the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), Hawaii Section.

Many patients with chlamydia have partners who refuse to seek treatment on their own,  
resulting in persistent chlamydia infection with its attendant medical complications. Expedited  
Partner Therapy (EPT) has been recommended by the CDC since 2006, however many health  
professionals do not provide EPT to their patients with chlamydia due to legal concerns. This  
bill outlines a procedure to provide and encourage Expedited Partner Therapy in Hawaii.

I have personally witnessed four women with ectopic pregnancies in the past 2 years each having had a past history of a chlamydia infection in their younger years. Infection with chlamydia can have lifelong implications in future fertility including life threatening complications. We as nurse midwives strive to provide health care that contributes to positive outcomes and the preservation of childbearing rights of all women. Without the ability to treat partners through the EPT method we are missing valuable opportunities to safe guard our patients from reinfection.

I strongly support this bill with amendments as per Hawaii ACOG testimony. This bill will benefit our patients as well as public health by decreasing the burden of sexually transmitted infections in Hawaii.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony on this important issue.

Sincerely, Roxanne Estes, CNM, APRN-Rx, MSN

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Wailua Brandman APRN-Rx BC FAANP	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Senator Josh Green, Chair, Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair, and members of the Senate Committee on Health. Mahalo for this opportunity to testify in support of SB 655, RELATING TO HEALTH. This is an important step in reducing the spread of STDs and it should be acknowledged in the statute. Advance Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) should also be acknowledged in this statute as they are providing treatment for STDs currently. This outdated statute is one of many remaining barriers to APRN practice in Hawai'i. As you know, The past 3 sessions of this Legislative body have passed bills enabling APRNs to practice independently to the full scope of their education and ability. These services are paramount to health care consumers' access to care, and the outdated statute this bill addresses remains a barrier to APRN practice. In this time of changing health care, Hawai'i needs to stand ready to meet the changing needs of the public, by providing ready access to their health care needs. Please amend this bill by simply inserting, "or advance practice nursing" after, "practice medicine or surgery," in S453-A Definitions. Mahalo for the fine work you do to protect our community and improve our quality of life. Warmest Aloha, Wailua Brandman APRN-Rx BC FAANP

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