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Public Hearing: March 17, 2014; 1:45 p.m.

HB 2039, HD1 – RELATING TO CANCER

Cory Chun, Government Relations Director – Hawaii Pacific
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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 Senate Committee on Health
Hearing Date/Time: Monday, March 17, 2014, 1:45 p.m.
Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 229
Re: Testimony of Planned Parenthood of Hawaii in support of H.B. 2039, HD1

Dear Chair Green and Members of the Committee on Health,

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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H.B. 2039, H.D. 1
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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support for H.B. 2039, HD1, Relating to Cancer. This measure will provide funding to continue the valuable services of screening, education, providing treatment as necessary, and conducting outreach on breast and cervical cancer.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in Hawai'i, accounting for about one-third of all cancer cases among Hawai'i's females. Breast cancer is also the most common cancer reported at The Queen's Medical Center (QMC), accounting for about one-fifth (18%) of all cancer cases.

Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths among women today. While there is no prevention for breast cancer, a breast health program of regular mammograms and clinical breast examinations are critical to early detection and improved survival. When diagnosed at its earliest stage, breast cancer survival is excellent at 98 percent. On the other end, cervical cancer CAN be prevented and found early through regular screening. For these reasons, it is important for Hawai'i to have a viable Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program.

The Hawai'i Department of Health Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP) provides critical screening and early detection services to women at high risk, uninsured/underinsured, rarely or never screened, and with higher morbidity and mortality rates than other women. Since 1997, the program has served 9,400 women through community-based, contracted providers across the State. QMC's Women's Health Center is one of the 12 BCCCP provider sites, with one dedicated staff member who provides community outreach to and patient navigation for women who are eligible for the program. Maintaining funding will preserve a critical safety net for thousands of women, who will remain uninsured or underinsured and will lack access to essential screening, diagnostic and treatment services.

QMC recognizes, promotes and educates its staff, patients, families and the community about the importance of screening, early detection and prevention of all cancers, including breast and cervical cancers. Since 2006, QMC's BCCCP has screened a total of 640 eligible women, 207 (32%) being Native Hawaiian and 29 (4%) diagnosed with breast cancer.

According to the American Cancer Society, uninsured and underinsured women have lower screening rates for mammograms and pap tests, resulting in a great risk of being diagnosed at a later, more advanced, state of disease; thereby decreasing the chance of survival and increasing the cost of medical care and treatment to community-based health systems and ultimately the State.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, implementation of health care reform through the Affordable Care Act will increase access to breast and cervical cancer screening services for many low-income,

underserved women through expanded insurance coverage and the elimination of cost-sharing. But even with adequate health insurance, many women will still face substantial barriers to obtaining breast and cervical cancer screening due to geographic isolation, limited health literacy or self-efficacy, lack of provider recommendation, inconvenient times to access services, and language barriers.

QMC is committed to providing quality cancer care, especially to our disparate communities (e.g. Native Hawaiians, Filipinos and Pacific Islanders). QMC’s Women’s Health Center and Queen Emma Clinic targets the medically underserved, uninsured, and underinsured, which are predominantly Native Hawaiian, Filipino and Pacific Islander. The majority of women who receive care through QMC’s Women’s Health Center and Queen Emma Clinic typically have never been screened.

Early detection of cancer greatly reduces treatment costs and increases survival rates. The Queen’s Medical Center strongly supports the Hawai’i Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program and asks for your support through appropriated funding to reach more women, particularly those experiencing a disproportionate cancer burden.

Months	Goal	Total	Native Hawaiian	Total Diagnosed with Breast Cancer
July 2006 to June 2007	50	21	5	1
July 2007 to June 2008	50	0	0	0
July 2008 to June 2009	50	52	20	5
July 2009 to June 2010	50	95	40	4
July 2010 to June 2011	70	130	37	6
July 2011 to June 2012	140	151	48	2
July 2012 to June 2013	140	143	45	8
July 2013 to Dec 2013	70	48	12	3



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Senator Josh Green, Chair

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

DATE: Monday, March 17, 2014

TIME: 1:45PM

PLACE: Conference Room 229

FROM: Hawaii Medical Association

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RE: HB 2039 HD 1

POSITION: Support

The HMA supports the appropriation of funds to the Department of Health for the Comprehensive Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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Comments: Breast and cervical cancer can be cured if treated early. Please support this measure and save the lives of women. Mahalo!

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