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Wednesday, February 17, 2016  
9:30 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1895, HD 1 – RELATING TO INSURANCE.**

TO THE HONORABLE ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE  
COMMITTEE:

My name is Gordon Ito, State Insurance Commissioner, testifying on behalf of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (“Department”). The Department supports the intent of the bill which would require insurance coverage for dispensing up to a twelve month quantity of contraceptive supplies.

The Department takes no position on this expansion under chapter 87A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and to Medicaid programs.

We thank this Committee for the opportunity to present testimony on this matter.

TESTIMONY OF THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF LIFE INSURERS  
IN OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILL HB 1895, HD 1, RELATING TO INSURANCE

February 17, 2016

Via e mail: [capitol.hawaii.gov/submittestimony.aspx](http://capitol.hawaii.gov/submittestimony.aspx)

Honorable Representative Angus L. K. McKelvey, Chair  
Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce  
State House of Representatives  
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 329  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair McKelvey and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to HB 1895, HD 1, relating to Insurance.

Our firm represents the American Council of Life Insurers (“ACLI”), a Washington, D.C., based trade association with approximately 300 member companies operating in the United States and abroad. ACLI advocates in federal, state, and international forums for public policy that supports the industry marketplace and the 75 million American families that rely on life insurers’ products for financial and retirement security. ACLI members offer life insurance, annuities, retirement plans, long-term care and disability income insurance, and reinsurance, representing more than 90 percent of industry assets and premiums. Two hundred sixteen (216) ACLI member companies currently do business in the State of Hawaii; and they represent 93% of the life insurance premiums and 88% of the annuity considerations in this State.

HB 1895, HD 1, seeks to amend §431: 10A-116.6, relating to contraceptive services and benefits which all group accident and health or sickness insurance policies, plans contracts or agreements are required to provide.

By its terms, Article 10A of the Code (by reference to HRS §431:1-205) defines “accident and health or sickness insurance” to include disability income insurance.

Disability income insurance provides cash payments designed to help individuals meet ongoing living expenses in the event they are unable to work due to illness or injury. Unlike health insurance, disability income insurance does not provide coverage for the insured’s health care or medical treatment; further, the cash payments are made directly to the insured – not to the insured’s health care providers or suppliers. Finally, the disability insurance policy typically does not dictate how the cash payments received by the insured are to be used by the insured.

HRS §431: 10A-102.5(a) provides a carve-out for “limited benefit health insurance” from the coverage and benefits requirements imposed upon all insurers issuing accident and health or sickness insurance which states:

Except as provided in subsection (b) and elsewhere in this article, when used in this article, the terms “accident insurance”, “health insurance”, or sickness

insurance” shall not include an accident-only, specified disease, hospital indemnity, long-term care, disability, dental, vision, Medicare supplement, or other limited benefit health insurance contract that pays benefits directly to the insured or the insured’s assigns and in which the amount of the benefit paid is not based upon the actual costs incurred by the insured.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, limited benefit health insurance is required to comply with the coverage and other requirements of certain sections of Article 10A of Hawaii’s Insurance Code. While the coverage and other requirements limited benefit health insurers are required to comply with do not include the contraceptive coverage mandated by the section of the Insurance Code HB 1895 seeks to amend (HRS §431: 10A-116.6) that section by its express terms reinserts the requirement that all limited benefit insurance provide contraceptives as a benefit to the insured as it states:

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary each employer group accident and health or sickness insurance policy, contract, plan or agreement issued or renewed in this state after January 1, 2000 shall cease to exclude contraceptive services or supplies for the subscriber or any dependent of the subscriber who is covered by the policy . . . .” (Emphasis added)

Therefore, as currently worded §431: 10A-116.6 requires all group accident and health or sickness insurance, INCLUDING DISABILITY INSURANCE, to provide contraceptive benefits; and HB 1895 would now require disability insurers to provide coverage for reimbursement to a dispenser of a 3 month supply of contraceptives and for the subsequent dispensing of contraceptives for a 12 month period to a member of the group insurance plan.

In order to dispel any confusion that DISABILITY INSURERS are required to provide coverage for contraceptive services and benefits and reimbursement to suppliers of contraceptives to an insured ACLI suggests that HRS §431: 10A-116.6 be amended as follows:

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary each employer group accident and health or sickness insurance policy, contract, plan or agreement issued or renewed in this state after January 1, 2000 shall cease to exclude contraceptive services or supplies for the subscriber or any dependent of the subscriber who is covered by the policy subject to the exclusion under section 431:10A-116.7 and the exclusion under section 431:10A-102.5.”

Again, thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to HB 1895, HD 1.

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To: Hawaii State House of Representatives Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce  
Hearing Date/Time: Wednesday, February 17, 2016, 9:30 a.m.  
Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 329  
Re: Testimony of Planned Parenthood of Hawaii in support of H.B. 1875, HD1, Relating to Insurance

Dear Chair McKelvey and Members of the Committee,

Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii (“PPVNH”) writes in support of H.B. 1875, HD1, which requires insurers to cover a twelve month supply of prescription contraception.

PPVNH is dedicated to advocating for women’s full equality in health care access and supports H.B. 1875 because it will go far to reduce the barriers that women face when attempting to access consistent and reliable contraception. By guaranteeing women’s access to a full twelve month supply of contraception at one time, H.B. 1875 will have the effect of reducing unintended pregnancy and its associated costs to taxpayers.

We respectfully request that you consider adding language to note that "coverage shall include contraceptive supplies dispensed on site by the provider if available." It is a significant barrier when plans require women who are at a Planned Parenthood or other family planning provider that can provide pills/patches/rings on-site to still get a prescription and go to a pharmacy.

We see firsthand the impact of policies designed to limit women’s access to contraceptives, and Hawaii’s current policy and practice of only requiring insurance companies to cover 1-3 months of contraception has contributed to Hawaii’s high unintended pregnancy rate and corresponding costs. Despite often receiving a twelve month prescription for birth control after consultation with their physicians, current policy and practice require women to return time and time again to the pharmacist to refill their prescriptions. This means shuffling already demanding schedules to make trips to the pharmacy between work, school, child care, elder care, travel and all the other day to day responsibilities that women shoulder and increasing their risk of unintended pregnancy when they are unable to accommodate this added responsibility. For low-income women and those in rural areas without a nearby pharmacy, this may become an insurmountable barrier to access – placing them at an even higher risk of unplanned pregnancy.

Birth control is highly effective so long as it is used consistently, so a steady and reliable supply is key to reducing unplanned pregnancy. Dispensing a one-year supply of birth control is associated with a 30 percent reduction in the odds of experiencing an unplanned pregnancy compared with dispensing for 30 or 90 days. This means that making contraception more accessible also saves money. By preventing just one unintended pregnancy, an insurer will save the cost of a delivery - a minimum of \$17,400. That is enough savings to pay for 29 additional years of contraception.

Washington’s state insurance program has successfully implemented this program for over two years, following the U.S. Selected Practice Recommendations for Contraceptive Use, MMWR volume 62, 2013, “The more pill packs given up to 13 cycles, the higher the continuation rates.” Further, the MMWR states,

“In addition to continuation, a greater number of pill packs provided was associated with fewer pregnancy tests, fewer pregnancies, and lower cost per client.” See [http://www.hca.wa.gov/medicaid/billing/documents/guides/familyplanningprovider\\_bi.pdf](http://www.hca.wa.gov/medicaid/billing/documents/guides/familyplanningprovider_bi.pdf).

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of H.B. 1875.

Sincerely,  
Laurie Field  
Hawaii Legislative Director and Public Affairs Manager

### Sources

- With perfect use, hormonal birth control has a failure rate of less than 5%  
*Source:*  
Trussell, J. Contraceptive failure in the United States. *Contraception*: 2011 May; 83(5): 397-404.  
<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3638209/>
- One in four women say they have missed pills because they could not get the next pack in time; dispensing one-year's supply at a time reduces the odds of experiencing an unintended pregnancy by 30% and is associated with a 46% in the odds of needing an abortion.  
*Source:*  
Foster, Diana et al. Number of Oral Contraceptive Pill Packages Dispensed and Subsequent Unintended Pregnancies. *Obstetrics & Gynecology*: Mar 2011: Vol 117, Iss 3 pp 556-572.  
[http://journals.lww.com/greenjournal/Abstract/2011/03000/Number\\_of\\_Oral\\_Contraceptive\\_Pill\\_Packages.8.aspx](http://journals.lww.com/greenjournal/Abstract/2011/03000/Number_of_Oral_Contraceptive_Pill_Packages.8.aspx)
- 19% of women who inconsistently use birth control account for 43% of unintended pregnancies whereas the two-thirds of women who use birth control consistently only make up 5%.  
*Source:*  
“Contraceptive Use in the United States.” Guttmacher Institute, October 2015  
[http://www.guttmacher.org/pubs/fb\\_contr\\_use.html](http://www.guttmacher.org/pubs/fb_contr_use.html)
- Insurance plans that dispense one-year's supply of birth control instead of limit dispensing to one or three cycles lower their direct costs on follow-up visits and pregnancy tests, as well as long-term unintended pregnancy management.  
*Source:*  
Foster, Diana et al. Number of Oral Contraceptive Pill Packages Dispensed, Method Continuation, and Costs. *Obstetrics & Gynecology*: Nov 2006: Vol 18, Iss 5 pp 1107-1114  
[http://journals.lww.com/greenjournal/Fulltext/2006/11000/Number\\_of\\_Oral\\_Contraceptive\\_Pill\\_Packages.10.aspx](http://journals.lww.com/greenjournal/Fulltext/2006/11000/Number_of_Oral_Contraceptive_Pill_Packages.10.aspx)



February 15, 2016

To: Hawaii State House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce  
Hearing Date/Time: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 (9:30 a.m.)  
Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 329  
Re: Testimony of American Association of University Women – Hawaii in support of H.B. 1895 H.D.1, Relating to Insurance

Dear Representative Angus L.K. McKelvey (Chair), Representative Justin H. Woodson (Vice Chair), and Members of the Committee,

I am grateful for this opportunity to testify in **strong support of H.B. 1895 H.D. 1**, requiring that insurers cover a 12-month supply of prescription contraception.

My testimony is on behalf of the approximately 400 members of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) in Hawaii, who list choice and women's reproductive health as an important current concern. My testimony is informed by my experiences teaching at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, where, almost every year, a female student in one of my classes finds herself dealing with an unplanned pregnancy.

On behalf of all these constituencies, I argue that passage of H.B. 1895 H.D. 1 is important, with great potential to decrease unplanned pregnancy rates across the state. A major argument for moving H.B. 1895 H.D. 1 forward is that the economic cost of not implementing this bill is far more burdensome on taxpayers than the financial cost of applying this bill. In other words, **providing 12-months of prescription contraception at a time is far cheaper than dealing with the outcomes of not providing it this way, and having women miss taking their pills.** The costs of not taking contraceptive pills are borne by taxpayers (e.g., medical costs of unplanned pregnancies, child support, etc.), and by young mothers (e.g., loss of academic opportunities, resulting in diminished employment prospects and lower wages than peers leading to a lifetime of disadvantage, etc.). Lest this information not be taken seriously, let me provide some numbers supporting this argument. A 2011 Brookings Institute analysis estimated that American "taxpayers spend about \$12 billion annually on publicly financed medical care for women who experience unintended pregnancies and on infants who were conceived unintentionally" (Monea & Thomas 2011). Additional data supports the findings that "unintended pregnancies are particularly concentrated among individuals for whom they are likely to be the most disruptive and who are less likely to have the resources needed to deal with the consequences of becoming pregnant unintentionally. Among women who are teenaged, unmarried, or low-income, the proportion of pregnancies that are unintended exceeds 60 percent" (Monea & Thomas 2011). An examination of the 2010 unintended pregnancy rates by states demonstrates that Hawaii scores as one of the most

highly ranked states ([www.guttmacher.org](http://www.guttmacher.org)), ultimately costing individuals and taxpayers vast amounts of dollars, which could be spent in more productive ways, if contraceptive prescriptions were dispensed in a manner suiting women. Barriers to taking contraceptive pills consistently include women's lack of access to transportation, forgetting, pharmacy not filling orders in a timely manner, pharmacists not stocking sufficient amounts of pills, etc.

In conclusion, passage of H.B. 1895 is an important step toward lowering barriers to contraception and improving health and wellbeing for women, their partners, and their families, and ultimately, the wider Hawaiian population.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely  
Susan J. Wurtzburg, Ph.D.  
Policy Chair





February 16, 2016

House's Committee on Consumer Protection  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 329  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Hearing: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 – 9:30 a.m.

RE: **SUPPORT for House Bill 1895 HD1** – RELATING TO INSURANCE

Aloha Chairperson McKelvey, Vice Chair Woodson and fellow committee members,

I am writing in STRONG SUPPORT to House Bill 1895 HD1 on behalf of the LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i. HB 1895 HD1 would require insurers to cover contraceptive supplies dispensed in an amount sufficient for a twelve-month period.

The cornerstone to ensuring every woman is in control of her own future is by making sure that each and every woman has access to contraceptive protection. We at the LGBT Caucus believe that this bill will strengthen that cornerstone. Today, most women have to refill their birth control every month, which is a burden for many and leads to inconsistent use.

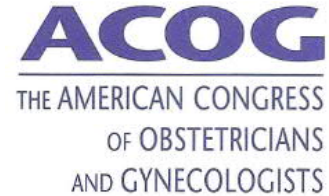
We ask that you pass this bill to help make it easier on women to control their reproductive rights.

Mahalo nui loa,

Michael Golojuch, Jr.  
Chair

**American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
District VIII, Hawaii (Guam & American Samoa) Section**

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To: Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce  
Representative Angus McKelvey, Chair  
Representative Justin Woodson, Vice Chair

DATE: Wednesday, February 17, 2016  
TIME: 9:30 A.M.  
PLACE: Conference Room 329

FROM: Hawaii Section, ACOG  
Dr. Greigh Hirata, MD, FACOG, Chair  
Dr. Jennifer Salcedo, MD, MPH, MPP, FACOG, Vice-Chair  
Lauren Zirbel, Community and Government Relations

**Re: HB1895,HD 1 Relating to Insurance**

**Position: Support**

Dear Representative McKelvey, Representative Woodson and Committee Members,

The Hawaii Section of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (HI ACOG) supports HB1895, HD 1 and other legislative proposals that promote increased access to contraception.

As a Section of the Nation's leading group of physicians dedicated to improving health care for women, HI ACOG represents over 160 obstetrician/gynecologist physicians in our state.

**Impact of Limited Contraceptive Supply Provision**

- Providing a greater number of birth control pill packs at once is associated with higher continuation rates.<sup>1</sup>
- Dispensing a greater number of birth control pill packs at once is associated with fewer pregnancy tests, fewer unplanned pregnancies, and decreased health care costs per woman.<sup>2</sup>
- ACOG and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend prescribing or supplying up to one year of birth control pills (13 28-day pill packs), based on the woman's preferences and anticipated use.<sup>3,4,5</sup>

For these reasons, **HI ACOG supports HB1895 and urges the Legislature to consider changing the language to allow provision of up to a 1-year's supply of contraception from the initial prescription, based on the prescriber's discretion .**

We stand ready to provide you with factual information on medical issues that come before the Legislature, and hope you will contact us at any time.

<sup>1</sup> Steenland MW, Rodriguez MI, Marchbanks PA, Curtis KM. How does the number of oral contraceptive pill packs dispensed or prescribed affect continuation and other measures of consistent and correct use? A systematic review. *Contraception* 2013;87:605–10.

<sup>2</sup> Foster D, Parvataneni R, de Bocanegra H, Lewis C, Bradsberry M, Darney P. Number of oral contraceptive pill packages dispensed, method continuation, and costs. *Obstet Gynecol* 2006;108:1107–14.

<sup>3</sup> Understanding and using the U.S. Selected Practice Recommendations for Contraceptive Use, 2013. Committee Opinion No. 577. American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. *Obstet Gynecol* 2013;122:1132–3.

<sup>4</sup> Access to contraception. Committee Opinion No. 615. American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. *Obstet Gynecol* 2015;125:250–5.

<sup>5</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Selected Practice Recommendations for Contraceptive Use. *MMWR* 2013;62



February 16, 2016

TESTIMONY: Written only

To: The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair  
The Honorable Justin H. Woodson, Vice Chair  
Members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection and  
Commerce

From: **Hawaii Public Health Association**

Subject: **SUPPORT – HB1895 HD1 RELATING TO INSURANCE,  
CONTRACEPTIVE SUPPLIES**

Hearing: February 17, 2016 at 9:30am at State Capitol Room 329

The Hawaii Public Health Association (HPHA) is an association of over 600 community members, public health professionals, and organizations statewide dedicated to improving public health. HPHA serves as a voice for public health professionals and as a repository for information about public health in the Pacific.

**HPHA supports the passage of HB1895 HD1**, which requires insurers to cover contraceptive supplies for a 12-month period.

In 2010, 56% of all 16,000 pregnancies in Hawaii were unplanned. The unintended pregnancy rate was reported 61 per 1,000 women ages 15–44. Publicly supported family planning centers aided 19,800 female contraceptive clients in 2013. These locations met 28% of women’s need for contraceptive services and helped avert 4,800 unintended pregnancies in 2013. This



program was projected to have prevented 2,400 unplanned births and 1,600 abortions. However, many women do not seek care for unintended pregnancy due to costs and access to care.

Consistent access to birth control measures gives women the opportunity to family planning, resulting in better career and educational choices, healthier pregnancies, and better financial independence. Consistent access leads to continuous use of birth control, hence decreasing unintended pregnancy rates. By mandating insurance coverage of contraceptive supplies in an amount sufficient for a 12-month period, affordable and efficient access is feasible to women across Hawaii.

HPHA supports the encouragement of safe and accessible birth control methods for women in Hawaii. Contraceptives are an attainable way to prevent unintended or unwanted pregnancies and by increasing access through insurers, specific barriers will be mitigated.

Thank you for considering our testimony in support of **HB1895 HD1**.

Respectfully submitted,

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HPHA Legislative and Government Relations Committee Chair

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Subject: Please support HB 1895 for increased birth control access

Feb 15, 2016

Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce HI

Dear Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce,

I am writing to urge the Consumer Protection and Commerce committee to move forward on HB 1895, an important and commonsense bill to provide 12 months of birth control at a time.

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Today, most women have to refill their birth control every month, which is a burden for many and leads to inconsistent use. HB 1895 will change that by allowing women to pick up a prescription only once a year.

Please support HB 1895 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Cris Lindborg

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Sincerely,

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I can't tell you what a pain in the neck it is to have to refill a Rx every month. Many women who use the services of Planned Parenthood lack the resources to run to the pharmacy every month. Contraception services cuts down the need for abortions, which nobody wants. Help make contraception more available to women in Hawaii. Thank you.

Please support HB 1895 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Access to reliable birth control will be a wonderful improvement for our women and for our state. Mahalo.

Please support HB 1895 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

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Please support HB 1895 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Loretta Sheehan

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Judy Peckenpaugh

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Sincerely,

Julia McGovern

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Sincerely,

Angelina Keighley

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With our high rate of teenage pregnancy and unwanted pregnancy this will help address the hardship of many to refill their scripts every month.

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Sincerely,

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Bobbie Williams

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I would like for all women to have the flexibility that I have had since women seemed to be the only parent responsible for raising a family. Men can leave at anytime but a woman has to continue to take care of a child that a man helped to create. She needs to be able to chose when she can take care of children. The spacing of children is very important to the family.

Also, birth control pills can assist in a woman's health as it did for me when I was a teenager suffering from symptoms of menopause and cramping. It helped to regulate my hormones.

It is important that women have these pills on hand so that their effectiveness can continue.

These above reasons are why I am for HB1895.

Please support HB 1895 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Jeff Goodman

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Sincerely,

Susan Gailey

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Sincerely,

charles brannen

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GARY MILLER

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Sincerely,

Marjorie Layes

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Miles Alexander

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Sincerely,

Diane Ware

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From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Jen Wes <ppaction@ppvnh.org>  
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Jen Wes

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Sincerely,

Elaine Eisenstadt

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Preventive care and taking control of one's reproductive organs is a 21st century privilege. It erases the need for the agonizing abortion decisions. It makes good sense.

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Sincerely,

Jeanne Alford

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As a Family Nurse Practitioner I have seen too many women of child bearing age make the agonizing decision of abortion, adoption, or keeping an unplanned baby, for the want of reliable, accessible birth control. You have in your power to allow these women to obtain a prescription for birth control for a full year, making it more likely that the woman will take the prescription as directed, and not miss doses because she had inconsistent access to her medication.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Sue-Jane Harris APRN, MSN, FNP

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Sincerely,

Sue-Jane Harris

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This impacts women everywhere, particularly those like myself who live in rural areas. Consistent, easy access to birth control just makes sense!

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Margaret Brewer

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That monthly prescription also costs women for a doctor visit, with a cost ranging from full to at least a co-pay. Totally unnecessary and particularly hits the low income population.

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Sincerely,

Jacqueline Wright

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Sincerely,

Lesley Patton

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Though past childbearing age, I remember well the difficulties of having to attend a physician frequently to get a birth control prescription renewed. This is a stressful matter for women who have to take off work to attend a doctor's office for this routine matter.

Please act now to make access to birth control easier for women and thereby lessen the worry and complications of life. Thank you.

Please support HB 1895 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Gossell

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Sincerely,

Suzanne Thompson Pond

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**HB1895**

Submitted on: 2/15/2016

Testimony for CPC on Feb 17, 2016 09:30AM in Conference Room 329

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Stephanie Austin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this important measure which will increase women's access to birth control.

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Sincerely,

Arthur Hodge

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The idea that government has the right to decide whether a woman can have an abortion or have access to birth control for one month is ludicrous. That is not governments business at all.

Please support HB 1895 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Samantha Sherline

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Sincerely,

Leigh Case

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Birth control is important to most women & should be as easily available as any other maintenance prescription.

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Sincerely,

Kathy Shimata

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Sincerely,

Nancy Roemer

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Sincerely,

Vanessa Story

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I am a Certified Nurse Midwife, providing contraceptive perinatal services at Kokua Kalihi Valley Health Center in Honolulu. With almost 50 percent of pregnancies unplanned in our country, an important way to improve this statistic is to make contraception more accessible for the women of our community.

Please support this bill and allow women more access and control of their reproductive lives.

Mahalo.

Please support HB 1895 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Joanne Amberg

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Sincerely,

Shirley Hasenyager

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Doris Segal Matsunaga

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Sincerely,

bridget scott

honolulu, HI 96822  
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Sincerely,

Marion Bullington

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Sincerely,

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It's very simple. No one wants to have an abortion. Birth control should be affordable to all.

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Sincerely,

Carol Remington

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Alex Oshiro

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Dear Chair Belatti and the Members of the Committee,

I support HB 1895 as a woman who is negatively impacted by the current 1-3 month supply rule for birth control. I am covered by Med Quest and am only able to receive one month of birth control pills at a time. This restricts my access to a consistent supply of birth control pills because as a recent college graduate with two part time jobs, who is volunteering and job hunting, I am more burdened with the added cost of monthly trips to the pharmacy.

I know that the last thing I want or need is to have an unplanned pregnancy. I believe my chances of that are increased since my access to pills are restricted as birth control pills are only effective if taken perfectly. For instance, I do not have access to reliable transportation so I must take more time out of my schedule to walk or take the bus to the pharmacy. Additionally, I encounter issues with the pharmacist when I go in. On more than one occasion the pharmacist has told me that I can't refill my prescription for another week when I'm supposed to take another pill the next day. Another time, I called in the prescription for refill and when I came in, they told me that no one filled it and I'd have to come back the next day. Whether it is due to a busy schedule, transportation, or a difficult pharmacist, my story is just one of many women whose livelihoods are at stake for an unintended pregnancy due to the barrier of access. As a young woman who wants to ensure her future, it is very important that I can obtain consistent access to birth control. This bill would greatly support that.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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February 17, 2016

**LATE TESTIMONY**

**TO:** The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair  
House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce

**FROM:** Rachael Wong, DrPH, Director

**SUBJECT:** **HB 1895 HD1 - RELATING TO INSURANCE**  
Hearing: Wednesday, February 17, 2016; 9:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

**DEPARTMENT'S POSITION:** The Department of Human Services (DHS) appreciates and supports the intent of the bill and provides comments.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this bill is to expand access to prescription contraceptives by requiring insurers to cover contraceptive supplies intended to last up to a twelve-month period.

We appreciate and support the intent of the measure to provide greater access to contraceptives as such availability helps support the health of our families through intended pregnancies and births. Currently the Med-QUEST Division (MQD) covers contraceptives under the QUEST Integration program, and the contracted Medicaid managed care plans usually provide contraceptives for 30 days up to three months.

Additionally, the Medicaid program provides Long Acting Reversible Contraceptives (LARC) that have the highest rate of effectiveness, continuation rate, user satisfaction, and overtime is highly cost effective, although the initial cost is more than a year supply of oral contraceptives. MQD has been working with the Department of Health and our managed care plans to increase utilization of LARC for its members as it provides protection from unintended pregnancies for three to five years yet the process is reversible with rapid return to fertility upon removal.

The Medicaid program determines and provides coverage on a monthly basis, and potentially would be providing up to 12 month supply of oral contraceptives to some individuals who were no longer eligible by the time they exhausted their year supply. However, with our strong emphasis on LARC, a 12 month supply of oral contraceptives dispensed would not be more expensive than LARC. Thus, DHS does not predict higher costs to the Medicaid program based on the implementation of this bill.

We appreciate the intent and are available to discuss increased availability and access to contraceptives for Medicaid beneficiaries.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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**DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE**  
**STATE OF HAWAII**  
**TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE**  
**ON**  
**HOUSE BILL NO. 1895 HD 1**

February 17, 2016, 9:30 a.m.

### **RELATING TO INSURANCE**

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Woodson, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund (EUTF) Board of Trustees has not had an opportunity to take a position on this bill. However, the Committee should be aware of the potential impact to the EUTF. Oral contraceptives are covered under the EUTF prescription drug plans for 30, 60 and 90 day supplies. The provider has the option of completing the first prescription for oral contraceptives for 30, 60 or 90 day supplies. Generally, 30 day prescriptions are used for patients taking a new drug to minimize waste in the event that the patient experiences side effects with the prescribed drug. The EUTF plans cover the initial 30, 60 and 90 day prescriptions. Under the EUTF's prescription drug plan administered by CVS Caremark, the patient is allowed three (3) 30 day fills for the same oral contraceptive drug. After the three (3) 30 day fills, the patient is required to fill the prescription for 90 days. The EUTF plans do

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not allow prescription fills greater than 90 days. However, the physicians may write prescriptions for a 12 month period reducing the patients need to visit the physician.

Under the CVS Caremark prescription drug plan, the cost of the drugs are the same whether dispensed in four (4) 90 day supplies or one 12 month supply. Savings to the EUTF plan, assuming the member copayments under both scenarios are adjusted to be equal, would come from lower dispensing fees paid by the EUTF plan to the pharmacies, from four to one dispensing fee. Based on current usage in the CVS Caremark administered prescription drug plan, the EUTF estimates the annual savings up to approximately \$82,000. However, this does not account for losses associated with situations in which a 12 month prescription is filled and charged to the plan, but the patient discontinues the drug or leaves State and county employment. Currently, the loss is limited to the 90 day supply but under the bill the loss would be up to a 12 month supply of the drug. Unfortunately, these losses are not quantifiable.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



# Chamber of Commerce HAWAII

*The Voice of Business*

**Testimony to the House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce  
Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 9:30 A.M.  
Conference Room 329, State Capitol**

**RE: HOUSE BILL HB 1895 HD1 RELATING TO INSURANCE**

**LATE TESTIMONY**

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Woodson, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") would like to **express concerns regarding** HB 1895 HD1, which requires insurers to cover contraceptive supplies dispensed in an amount sufficient for a twelve-month period.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 1,000 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

The Chamber foresees potential problems with the cost impact and possible waste caused by the bill's requirements. For example, insured customers could lose part of the twelve-month supply or have unforeseen side effects and may require a prescription change. Also, employers will need to assume the cost of a year's supply of contraceptives even if they may no longer employ the individual. The twelve-month period in HB 1895 HD1 creates a possibility of waste of resources and money in already strained healthcare system.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.