

SB2317

Measure Title: RELATING TO HEALTH.

Report Title: Maternal Mortality Review Panel; Department of Health; Appropriation (\$)

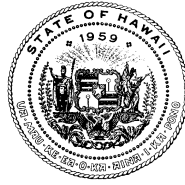
Description: Establishes the Hawaii maternal mortality review panel within the department of health to conduct a comprehensive review of maternal deaths that have occurred in the State. Makes an appropriation.

Companion:

Package: Women's Legislative Caucus

Current Referral: CPH, JDL/WAM

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Testimony COMMENTING on S.B. 2317
RELATING TO HEALTH

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SENATE COMMITTEES ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

SENATOR GILBERT KEITH-AGARAN, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEES ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

Hearing Date: February 2, 2016

Room Number: 229

1 **Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Health defers to the Governor's Supplemental Budget
2 Request for its fiscal priorities regarding the \$10,000 general fund appropriation proposed by
3 S.B. 2317.

4 **Department Testimony:** The purpose of this measure is to establish a maternal mortality
5 review panel within the Department of Health to conduct a comprehensive review of maternal
6 deaths that have occurred in the State.

7 Out of an average 19,000 births per year, between zero and ten maternal deaths are documented
8 each year. The proposed \$10,000 appropriation is likely insufficient to implement and sustain a
9 meaningful maternal mortality review panel whose responsibilities and scope would include
10 report writing, promulgation of administrative rules and management of contested case hearings,
11 and coordination of communications and policy development to effect necessary environmental
12 and systems changes. The Department respectfully recommends the combined maternal and
13 child mortality framework proposed in S.B. 2234 and the composition of maternal mortality
14 review representatives, statutory changes, and immunity protections in S.B. 2317 as a foundation
15 for a coordinated public approach to address local systems and policies to improve maternal and
16 child health.

17 Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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February 1, 2016

Testimony in Support, SB 2317, Relating to Health

To: Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer
Protection and Health

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

Re: Testimony in Support, SB 2317, Relating to Health

On behalf of the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women, I would like to express my support for SB 2317, which would establish a maternal mortality review panel to review maternal deaths in Hawaii.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the World Health Organization, and the Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs, among many other organizations, strongly recommend that all states have a formal review process of maternal deaths to decrease maternal mortality and morbidity. Hawaii does not review maternal deaths, despite having a maternal mortality ratio of anywhere between 9-14 deaths per 100,000 live births.

According to the World Health Organization, 47 countries had lower maternal mortality ratios than the U.S. Nationally, women of color have a higher maternal mortality ratio than white women (CDC, NCHS). Yet, no similar data is currently publicly available or analyzed for Hawaii's multiethnic population.

Maternal mortality reviews highlight possible areas for system improvements and changes that can lead to better pregnancy care for all women and have been proven to work in other states and countries. Establishing a maternal mortality review panel will undoubtedly save lives. The panel would require a very small appropriation (under \$10,000). The Commission supports this measure and respectfully requests that you pass this bill. Thank you for hearing this important measure.

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

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To: Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

DATE: Tuesday, February 2, 2016
TIME: 8:30 A.M.
PLACE: Conference Room 229

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: SB 2317, Relating to Health

Position: Strongly Support

Establishing the Maternal Mortality Review Panel

Dear Senator Baker, Senator Kidani, and committee members:

The American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Hawaii Section (Hawaii ACOG) strongly supports the establishment of a Hawaii Maternal Mortality Review Panel to conduct comprehensive, multidisciplinary reviews of maternal deaths towards improving pregnancy care in our state. This measure establishes the Hawaii maternal mortality review panel to conduct a comprehensive review of maternal deaths that have occurred in the State. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs, World Health Organization and many other organizations all strongly recommend that each state have a maternal mortality review panel.

Hawaii is one of only 13 states without a multi-disciplinary professional panel to review pregnancy-related deaths. Maternal mortality review panels are essential to improving pregnancy care for all patients and it is thought that up to half of all maternal deaths may be preventable. **We know that review panels work:** unlike overall United States data with rising maternal death rates, the United Kingdom and the state of California have decreased their maternal mortality by identifying missed opportunities and remediable factors in cases of maternal death. Findings from review panels guide the creation of treatment protocols, education campaigns and standardization of pregnancy care. SB2317 creates this much needed review panel, made up of **volunteer** health providers and other members at very **minimal cost** to the State for a part-time administrative assistant. We are collaborating with and have received support from the State of Hawaii Department of Health (DOH) on this bill.

Despite advances in medical care, the U.S. maternal mortality continues to rise and we are the only developed nation with an increasing maternal mortality. The number of reported pregnancy-related deaths in the U.S. has increased from 8.4 deaths per 100,000 live births in 1997 to a high of 17.8 deaths per 100,000 live births in 2011 (CDC, 2015). In the 1990s, U.S. officials had hoped to decrease this rate from 8.4 (1997) to 3.3 deaths per 100,000 live births by 2010 (Healthy People 2010), however the actual rate was five times that number. World Health Organization (WHO) estimates for 2013, reveal that 62 countries had lower maternal mortality ratios than the U.S. (WHO, Trends in Maternal Mortality: 1990-2013). According to Hawaii Department of Health data, there were 102 maternal deaths from 2001 through 2011, an average of 9 deaths per year.

For each maternal death, there are perhaps 100 times more “near misses”. Reviewing maternal deaths highlights areas for improvement in pregnancy care for all women.

The estimated cost of instituting the Hawaii Maternal Mortality Review Panel is only \$10,000 annually for a part time administrative assistant/copying costs. The remainder of the professional panel committee members are volunteers and uncompensated. This is a very minimal cost for such a large benefit to all of Hawaii’s pregnant women.



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From: Hawaii Medical Association
Dr. Scott McCaffrey, MD, President
Dr. Linda Rasmussen, MD, Legislative Co-Chair
Dr. Ronald Keinitz, MD, Legislative Co-Chair
Dr. Christopher Flanders, DO, Executive Director
Lauren Zirbel, Community and Government Relations

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Establishing the Maternal Mortality Review Panel

Dear Senator Baker, Senator Kidani, and committee members:

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January 31, 2016

TESTIMONY: Written only

To: The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

From: **Hawaii Public Health Association**

Subject: **SUPPORT – SB2317 RELATING TO HEALTH: MATERNAL MORTALITY REVIEW PANEL**

Hearing: February 02, 2016 at 8:30am at State Capitol Room 229

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 also 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 SB2317** which establishes a Hawaii Maternal Mortality Review Panel within the DOH to conduct a comprehensive review of maternal deaths that have occurred in the State.

Hawaii is currently ranked at 37th for maternal mortality in the US. Between 2001-2006, the maternal mortality ratio was estimated by the CDC as 13.9 deaths per 100,000 live births in Hawaii. Maternal Mortality Review Panels (MMRP) have been shown to decrease maternal mortality and increase the quality of care for all women. Establishment of an MMRP will enable identification of factors associated with maternal deaths, provide data to for establishment of preventative services and programs, and improve current methodology in delivery services and overall maternal care.

Further, an MMRP can identify the training needed in order for health care providers to react and provide care in severe situations during childbirth such as hemorrhage, venous thromboembolism, and severe hypertension. The MMRP will review these cases where death or near death occurs and provide examples and alternatives so that safety is ensured



in the future. These actions can therefore influence regulations and system changes to improve reaction times and performance during procedures.

HPHA supports the establishment of an MMRP that will identify system changes leading to decreased maternal mortality and provide the much needed quality of care for all women.

Thank you for considering our testimony concerning **SB2317**, which would establish a Hawaii Maternal Mortality Review Panel within the DOH to conduct a comprehensive review of maternal deaths that have occurred in Hawaii.

Respectfully submitted,

Hoce Kalkas, MPH
HPHA Legislative and Government Relations Committee Chair

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