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March 11, 2016

TO: The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair
House Committee on Health

FROM: Rachael Wong, DrPH, Director

SUBJECT: **SB 2319 SD 1 - RELATING TO INSURANCE**

Hearing: Friday, March 11, 2016; 9:00 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 since 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 (QI) 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 are highly cost effective, although the initial cost is more than the cost of a year supply of oral contraceptives. MQD has been working with the Department of Health and our QI managed care plans to increase utilization of LARC for its members as LARC provides protection from unintended pregnancies for three to five years yet the process is reversible with rapid return to fertility upon removal.

The Department notes that 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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March 10, 2016

To: Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
Representative Richard P. Creagan, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Health

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

Re: Testimony in Support, SB 2319, SD1, Relating to Insurance

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB 2319, SD1, which would enable women to receive up to 12 months of birth control, thereby increasing consistent usage and reducing unintended pregnancies.

100% perfect use of hormonal birth control has a failure rate of less than 5%. For women who live in rural areas, have difficulty accessing a pharmacy, or lack reliable transportation, perfect use can be a challenge, leaving them at a greater risk of having an unintended pregnancy. In fact, 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% drop in the chance of needing an abortion.

Consistent use of birth control is the best way to prevent unintended pregnancy. Approximately 19% of women who inconsistently use birth control account for 43% of unintended pregnancies. Alternatively, the two-thirds of women who use birth control consistently only make up 5% of unintended pregnancies. Ensuring one year's supply of birth control will allow women crucial access to birth control that they may otherwise not have access to. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support.



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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 2319 SD1

March 11, 2016, 9:00 a.m.

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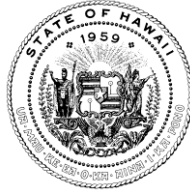
Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Creagan, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund (EUTF) Board of Trustees has not taken 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 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.



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Regular Session of 2016

Friday, March 11, 2016
9:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 2319, S.D. 1 – RELATING TO INSURANCE.

TO THE HONORABLE DELLA AU BELATTI, 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 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.



To: Hawaii State House of Representatives Committee on Health
Hearing Date/Time: Friday, March 11, 2016, 9:00 a.m.
Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 329
Re: Testimony of Planned Parenthood of Hawaii in strong support of S.B. 2319, S.D.1,
Relating to Insurance

Dear Chair Belatti and Members of the Committee on Health,

Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii (“PPVNH”) writes in strong support of S.B. 2319, S.D. 1, 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 S.B. 2319 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, S.B. 2319 will have the effect of reducing unintended pregnancy and its associated costs to taxpayers.

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.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of S.B 2319, S.D. 1.

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
- 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
- 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

Dear Chair Belatti and the Members of the Committee on Health,

I support SB 2319 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,

Ashley Gandiza

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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SB2319

Submitted on: 3/9/2016

Testimony for HLT on Mar 11, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 329

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ann S Freed	Hawaii Women's Coalition	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Creagan and members, The Coalition is in strong support of this measure. Current insurance policy is putting up road blocks to access of birth control. Women who have to go back to their doctors and/or insurance companies to get authorization over and over again, find it difficult to take their birth control with regularity. According to Planned Parenthood "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% drop in the chance of needing an abortion." Please pass this bill, Mahalo, Ann S. Freed, Co-Chair, Hawaii Women's Coalition.

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TO: Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair, and Rep. Richard P. Creagan, Vice Chair

FROM: Lisa Kimura, Executive Director, Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies

RE: S.B. 2319 SD1 - RELATING TO INSURANCE (Friday, March 11, 2016 at 9:00 am)

POSITION: Strongly Support

Dear Representative Belatti, Representative Creagan, and Health Committee Members:

As the leader of a maternal health organization that cares and advocates for women's health, **we strongly support S.B. 2319 SD1**, which requires insurers to cover a twelve month supply of prescription contraception, with the request that patients of any age (no minimum age requirement) are able to access contraception for the duration, so that prescribers, together with their patients, are able to make the best decisions for patients' health care.

Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Hawaii is dedicated to advocating for women's health and the equality of access to health care, and supports S.B. 2319 because it will sufficiently reduce barriers that women currently face when attempting to access consistent and reliable contraception. S.B. 2319 would allow women to access a full 12 month supply of contraception at one time which would increase the accessibility to contraceptives, reduce unintended pregnancies and their associated costs to taxpayers.

We work with mothers on all islands statewide and frequently encounter women who are **not able to reliably access contraception, particularly in rural areas with only a single pharmacy nearby**. This bill is particularly important in preventing teen pregnancy, as **teens are often hesitant or unable to access prescription birth control in a consistent manner**. Once again, this is why it is very important that any woman, regardless of her age, be able to secure twelve months of contraception under this bill.

All women deserve the right to reproductive health and family planning by affordable and accessible birth control, regardless of their income or insurance carrier. Providing women with consistent access to birth control empowers them with family planning options, career and educational opportunities, healthy pregnancies, and the ability to decrease their likelihood to depend on governmental programs. Currently women have to refill birth control prescriptions monthly, which causes inconsistent use of contraceptives and decreases the pill's success rate.

Birth control is most effective when it is used consistently and that requires a steady and reliable supply of the contraceptive. A one-year supply of birth control will reduce unplanned pregnancy and provide women with control over their reproductive rights and their right to family planning. Planned Parenthood estimates that **dispensing a one-year supply of birth control reduces unplanned pregnancies by 30 percent**, compared to 30 to 90 day dispensing periods, and that **one in four women report that they missed their birth control pills because they couldn't access their next pack of pills in time**.

A one-year supply of birth control is estimated to reduce abortions by 46 percent and lower direct costs for follow-up visits and pregnancy tests. By extending birth control to a one-year supply, it will increase consistent use of contraceptives, and lower the rates of unintended pregnancies, abortions, long-term unintended pregnancies, and expenses to insurance plans and taxpayers.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this important women's health issue.

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March 9, 2016

To: Hawaii State House Committee on Health
Hearing Date/Time: Friday, March 11, 2016 (9:00 a.m.)
Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 329
Re: Testimony of American Association of University Women –
Hawaii in support of S.B. 2319 S.D. 1, Relating to Insurance,
and offering an amendment

Dear Representative Della Au Belatti (Chair), Representative Richard P. Creagan (Vice Chair), and Members of the Committee,

I am grateful for this opportunity to testify in **strong support of S.B. 2319 S.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 S.B. 2319 S.D. 1 is important, with great potential to decrease unplanned pregnancy rates across the state. A major argument for moving S.B. 2319 S.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), 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 S.B. 2319 S.D. 1 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



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March 9 2016

TO: Honorable Chair Della Au Belatti, Vice Chair Richard Cregan, and Members of the Health Committee

RE: SB 2319 Relating to Insurance
Support
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Americans for Democratic Action is a national organization founded in the 1950s by leading supporters of the New Deal and led by Patsy Mink in the 1970s. We are devoted to the promotion of progressive public policies.

We support SB 2319 as it would make it easier to get birth control by allowing a prescription to last a year instead of one month. The more we can do to prohibit unwanted pregnancies, the better for our families, children, and social services. Not to mention it is the right thing to do for women who should have consistent access to birth control.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John Bickel
President

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To: Committee on Health
Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair
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DATE: Friday, March 11, 2016 (0900)

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

Statement of the Hawaii Section of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
SB 2319: SUPPORT

The Hawaii Section of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (HI ACOG) supports SB2319 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 more than 200 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.¹
- 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.²
- 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.^{3,4,5}

For these reasons, **HI ACOG supports SB2319 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.

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³ 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.

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

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

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Re: SB 2319, SD 1 Relating to Insurance

Position: Support

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March 10, 2016

TESTIMONY: Written only

To: The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair
The Honorable Richard P. Creagan, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Health

From: **Hawaii Public Health Association**

Subject: **SUPPORT – SB2319 SD1 RELATING TO INSURANCE,
CONTRACEPTIVE SUPPLIES ACCESS**

Hearing: March 11, 2016 at 9:00am 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 SB2319 SD1, which requires all insurers in the state, including health benefits plans under chapter 87A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and Medicaid managed care programs, to cover reimbursement for contraceptive supplies intended to last for up to a twelve-month period for an insured.

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 of care and access.

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. By mandating insurance coverage of birth control supplies for a 12-month period, affordable access is feasible and efficient 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 concerning **SB2319 SD1**, to require health insurers, including health benefits plans under the Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund and Medicaid managed care programs, to cover reimbursement for contraceptive supplies that are intended to last for up to a twelve-month period.

Respectfully submitted,

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HPHA Legislative and Government Relations Committee Chair

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March 9, 2016

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

Hearing: Friday, March 11, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.

RE: **STRONG SUPPORT for Senate Bill 2319 SD 1** – RELATING TO CONTRACEPTIVE SUPPLIES

Aloha Chairperson Belatti, Vice Chair Creagan and fellow committee members,

I am writing in STRONG SUPPORT to Senate Bill 2319 SD 1 on behalf of the LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i. SB 2319 SD 1 would requires all insurers in the State, including health benefits plans under chapter 87A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and medicaid managed care programs, to cover reimbursement for contraceptive supplies intended to last for up to a twelve-month period for an insured.

The cornerstone to ensuring every woman is in control of her own future is by making sure that each and every woman has secure access to contraceptive protection. We at the LGBT Caucus believes that this bill will strengthen that cornerstone.

When used properly hormonal birth control has an effective rate of 95%. For women living in rural areas trouble reaching a pharmacy on a regular basis is a reality and therefore proper use is difficult if not impossible. By dispensing contraceptive supplies in a one-year supply unintended pregnancies drop by at least 30% and is tied to a 46% drop in the need for abortions.

This bill is a win-win for everyone and we ask that you support SB 2319 SD 1.

Mahalo nui loa,

Michael Golojuch, Jr.
Chair

TESTIMONY OF THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF LIFE INSURERS IN
OPPPSITION TO SB 2319, SD 1, RELATING TO INSURANCE

March 11, 2016

Via e mail: capitol.hawaii.gov/submittestimony.aspx

Honorable Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
Committee on Health
State House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 329
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Au Belatti and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to SB 2319, SD 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.

SB 2319, SD 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, the above referenced subsection (b) of §431:10A-102.5 states that limited benefit health insurance is required to comply with coverage and other requirements of certain sections of Article 10A of Hawaii’s Insurance Code. While these coverage and other requirements do not include the contraceptive coverage mandated by the section of the Insurance Code SB 2319 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 subject to the exclusion of section 431:10A-116.7. (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 services and supplies; and SB 2319 would now require disability insurers to reimburse a prescribing and dispensing pharmacist who prescribes and dispense contraceptive supplies as provided by other sections of the bill.

In order to dispel any confusion that DISABILITY INSURERS are required to provide coverage for contraceptive services and supplies and reimbursement to a prescribing and dispensing pharmacist for such services and supplies to an insured ACLI suggests that HRS §431: 10A-116.6 be amended as follows:

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Again, thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to SB 2319, SD 1.

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**Testimony to the House Committee on Health
Friday, March 11, 2016 at 9:00 A.M.
Conference Room 329, State Capitol**

RE: SENATE BILL 2319 SD 1 RELATING TO INSURANCE

Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Creagan, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") would like to **express concerns regarding** SB 2319 SD 1, which requires insurers to cover a three-month period for the first dispensing of prescription contraceptive supplies to an insured and requires insurers to cover a twelve-month period for the subsequent dispensing of the same contraceptive supply to the insured.

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 SB 2319 SD 1 creates a possibility of waste of resources and money in already strained healthcare system.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



An Independent Licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association

March 11, 2016

The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair
House Committee on Health
The Honorable Richard Creagan, Vice-Chair
House Committee on Health

Re: SB 2319 SD1 – Relating to Insurance

Dear Chair Belatti, Vice-Chair Creagan, and Committee Members:

The Hawaii Medical Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify on SB 2319 SD1 which would require insurers to cover a three-month period for the first dispensing of prescription contraceptive supplies to an insured followed by a twelve-month period for the subsequent dispensing of the same contraceptive supply to the insured.

HMSA certainly supports the intent of SB 2319 SD1 and appreciate the previous Committee's amendments to the measure that reflect key recommendations made the stakeholders involved. We believe this measure strikes a balance between expanded access as well as coordinated care from a primary care physician. The SD1 seeks to address concerns raised earlier with potential waste in the form of unused prescription contraceptive by allowing the option of up to a twelve-month prescription – ensuring that the member and physician are in control of choosing a prescription regimen most appropriate for the member's needs.

We do ask the Committee to consider the following technical amendments to Sections 2 and 3, subsection (d), which inserts "prescription" after "...dispensing entity for," and deletes "...of prescription contraceptive supplies.":

*(d) Coverage required by this section shall include reimbursement to a prescribing health care provider or dispensing entity for **prescription** contraceptive supplies intended to last for up to a twelve-month period ~~of prescription contraceptive supplies for an insured.~~*

Again, we appreciate the intent of SB 2319 SD1 to expand access to prescription contraceptives and look forward to working with the Committee to address any questions and concerns.

Thank you for allowing us to testify on SB 2319 SD1.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Let's help in this small way to make life easier for our mothers, daughters and sisters because we know how hard they work for us.

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Let's help prevent unwanted births and abortion by helping the least responsible among us who cannot be relied upon to refill birth control every month. Today, most women have to refill their birth control every month, which is a burden for many and leads to inconsistent use. SB 2319 will change that by allowing women to pick up a prescription only once a year.

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Sincerely,

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I began using birth control pills after I married. I had, and still have, a satisfying career. My two children were born when my husband and I were ready to have children. They were wanted and loved, and continue to be loved and cherished, even as they have reached adulthood. Birth control is valuable.

Looking back at my younger days, being able to fill one prescription for the entire year would have been a huge help. For a time, my husband and I only had one car and running over to the pharmacy was not always easy or convenient. When we got a second car, working meant going to Longs in the morning, at lunch or at dinner -- as it did for so many others. After standing in a long line after work, there was dinner to work, homework to oversee, kids to put to bed. Inevitably, there were months when refills were a few days late. Panic time... Abstinence time...

A year-long prescription leads to consistent use, and ease of use. It is sensible and wise birth control. Birth control works. I humbly ask for your support of SB 2319.

Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,
Karen Corpuz

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Having to fill a birth control prescription every month doesn't make any sense.

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

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Why make it more difficult for women to receive what they need to prevent unwanted pregnancies and abortions? I have, in the past, been able to receive a year's supply of birth control, which made my life much easier; I did not have to spend any extra time or money to get them.

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

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I think your support of this bill will be a win-win situation for our state. Please support it.

Mahalo and Aloha,

Judy Stenger

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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I am a Certified Nurse Midwife. I have been delivering family planning services to women for 35 years. I have seen many women handicapped by this rule. Many have no transportation or childcare to enable them to go monthly to pick up birth control. Many end up with unwanted pregnancies, which burden the health care system with increased need for abortion services, premature births...and burden the families. This rule is sexist and oppressive to women. Tell me, do men need to go monthly to pick up Viagra?

It is time to change this ruling

Thank you

Mary Jewell CNM

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Mary Jewell

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HLTtestimony

From: Planned Parenthood Votes <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of William and Maureen Gregg <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
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Sincerely,

William and Maureen Gregg

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Please support SB 2319!

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Sincerely,

Maria T. Belardo

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Sincerely,

Patricia McKenzie

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Heather Lea Poole

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

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Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

David Kingdon

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Eric Haskins

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Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Kathy Shimata

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HLTtestimony

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Sincerely,

Sheryl Rawson

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Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Barbara Kuehner

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Sincerely,

Sherri Ruerup

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From: Planned Parenthood Votes <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Colleen Chapman <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
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I'm a mother of three who knows how challenging it can be to renew and pick up prescriptions for birth control. Women who make the choice to use birth control are making a clear decision about childbearing. We can support this choice and right by creating a system which allows women to refill once yearly. Imagine the surprise pregnancies which could be avoided, as well as the positive effects on healthcare, welfare, and support services. This might not seem like a big deal at first, but it has potential to make a huge difference for women and healthcare in the future.

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Colleen Chapman

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Sincerely,

Inga Gibson

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I urge you to support this legislation and decrease the trips to the pharmacy and the chance for an unwanted pregnancy.

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

David P Rose

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Sincerely,

Fern Davis

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Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Morgen Trube

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Michelle Gray

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Sincerely,

ALISON BESTE

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From: Planned Parenthood Votes <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Lesley Patton
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Sincerely,

Lesley Patton

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Sincerely,

Angela Treat Lyon

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Sincerely,

Valerie Holland

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Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Holly Duane

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There is no reason not to pass this bill.

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Sincerely,

Ruby Souza

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From: Planned Parenthood Votes <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Elizabeth Gilliland <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
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For working women and those with varied schedules, having greater flexibility in how often they need to pick up birth control refills will be invaluable. As long as the prescription is provided by trustworthy doctors and reliable pharmacies, it seems like there is little additional health risk in allowing women to pick up an entire year's worth of birth control at one time.

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Gilliland

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From: Planned Parenthood Votes <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Sharon Sukita <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
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Sincerely,

Sharon Sukita

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I sincerely support this bill and hope my lawmakers will support it.

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Sincerely,

Elaine Roe

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Taryn Waros

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Ralph L Heidenreich

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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I remember how difficult it was for me many years ago when I was living in Connecticut where all forms of effective birth control were outlawed, and I had to drive over the border to New York to a Planned Parenthood clinic every month to get birth control pills. As a young, newly married working woman supporting a husband in college, I made this trip but resented the fact that my legislature made it necessary to make this trip every month. Many young women in Hawaii live up in the country, far from the nearest pharmacy. Don't make them make this trip every month.

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Sincerely,

Linda Lapin

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Sincerely,

Jenifer Brown

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As a health educator and nurse, I believe we can sufficiently educate those who need it to be advocates for their own health and to seek healthcare services when they need them. Like any long term medication, a provider and her patient can discuss potential risks and benefits and a follow up schedule that works best in each case. Please support this bill. Mahalo.

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Sincerely,

Jessica Spurrier

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I also work a a treatment provider for children and teenagers and have seen the difficulties that children face when families are unprepared or unable to provide for their children. Additionally, I have witnessed the effect of pregnancy at a young age both for the mother and for her children. Greater access to birth control will allow young women more opportunities to improve their lives and be better parents when they are ready and capable of being parents. Ultimately, these young women and their children will be better able to contribute to the improvement of your society as a whole.

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Sincerely,

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To anyone who has never been on birth control, or another urgently needed daily medication, it may seem trivial to allow pick up of 12 months' worth at one time. But it's not.

For example, taking the birth control pill each day at the same time is required for maximum effectiveness. That means a woman is least likely to have an unwanted pregnancy if she has steady and reliable access to medication -- no skipping a day or two (which means she is no longer "covered" against pregnancy for the rest of the month).

Realizing too late, or during a busy week, that the supply is out and can't be refilled immediately can put a woman at risk for unplanned pregnancy.

Young women, poor women and those whose lives may be either chronically or temporarily chaotic are the most at risk for having a lapse in medication. But any busy woman will tell you it can happen to the best of us!

Because a lapse can be so terribly consequential, that is, a pregnancy, this bill is a sensible help toward preventing unwanted, unintended and costly pregnancies. This is true particularly among the most vulnerable groups of women -- and it's a benefit to their sexual partners, men who risk becoming fathers unexpectedly.

At a time when women's healthcare is too often under attack, thank you for showing that Hawaii still cares with a good heart and thinks with a logical mind about protecting our citizens.

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Thank you for your time.

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Sincerely,

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I personally prefer easier access to birth control then having unwanted or unplanned pregnancies or abortions. The difficulties and hardships of caring for unexpected or unplanned children for women is unparalleled, even more so when the State or Federal Government has to intervene and provided assistance and care for these children. If government intervention can be curbed, prevented or alleviated by providing easier access to birth control, then why not, it's commonsense. Please move forward on SB 2319. Much mahalo for your time, patience and consideration. E malama pono, Aloha ke Akua.

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

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HLTtestimony

From: Planned Parenthood Votes <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of kealia sudden
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Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 3:55 PM
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Mar 9, 2016

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Sincerely,

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HLTtestimony

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Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Elaine Warner

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HLTtestimony

From: Planned Parenthood Votes <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Delores Campbell <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
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Sincerely,

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HLTtestimony

From: Planned Parenthood Votes <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Gwen Geronimo <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
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Subject: Increase Productivity: Please support SB 2319 for increased birth control access

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Sincerely,

Gwen Geronimo

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HLTtestimony

From: Planned Parenthood Votes <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Kimi Ide-Foster <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
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Sincerely,

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HLTtestimony

From: Planned Parenthood Votes <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Stefanie Delmont <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
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Aloha and I remember back in the day being annoyed at only getting a three months at a time supply of birth control pills - through Kaiser in S.F. East Bay. The prescription was for a year, but could only get three months at a time which then meant giving up about three hours after a workday (high school teacher) to go to a Kaiser Hospital pharmacy and wait for prescription to be filled - no call-in renewals accepted so had to be there from start to finish and it was always crowded.. But I was motivated. What about people having no or little free time and having to spend this much time once a month to get new prescription, even if only picking up and not seeing a physician; maybe little or no access to transportation; a student; an overworked parent juggling duties and responsibilities and more scenarios are pretty clear. Once a year prescriptions - YES.

Aloha and mahalo for your time and attention, Stefanie Delmont Kailua Kona

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Stefanie Delmont

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HLTtestimony

From: Planned Parenthood Votes <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Kira Braun <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
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Sincerely,

Kira Braun

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HLTtestimony

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As a mother, grandmother and great grandmother , I have seen how important consistency is in preventing pregnancy and decreasing the need for abortions. Women should be able to plan their families without having to get a new prescription every month and multiple months are often sold more inexpensively.

Mahalo for your consideration of this important health issue.

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Mary Sullivan

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HLTtestimony

From: Planned Parenthood Votes <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Jane Jamison <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
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Inconsistent use brings about unplanned pregnancies which creates a further burden on the women, their families, and our state as a whole.

Move SB2319 further through the legislative process.

Mahalo,
Jane Jamison

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Jane Jamison

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HLTtestimony

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Sincerely,

Mark Olson

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HLTtestimony

From: Planned Parenthood Votes <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Jonathan Mcroberts <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
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Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

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HLTtestimony

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As a sexually active young woman in high school, I had limited access to birth control. Without a car of my own and with a tight schedule in terms of school and work, refilling my birth control often was an inconvenience and I came close to missing pills many times. Taking my story as a direct example, this bill would help teenagers like myself avoid unwanted pregnancies and maintain control of their reproductive health.

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Lisa Grandinetti

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HLTtestimony

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This is important for many women in Hawaii who are busy employees and mothers. Refilling birth control each and every month instead of once a year is an unnecessary burden.

Mahalo for your consideration.
Lani

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Lani Howell

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HLTtestimony

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Accessible birth control helps individuals to plan their family life and careers responsibly. Successful individuals and families mean healthy and sustainable communities.

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

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HLTtestimony

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Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

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HLTtestimony

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Sincerely,

Ann Dougherty

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HLTtestimony

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Please make birth control as easy as possible. Each child needs to be loved and wanted with parents who are financially and emotionally stable. Planned children are often the happiest children.

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

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HLTtestimony

From: Planned Parenthood Votes <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Mary Heaney <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
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Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

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HLTtestimony

From: Planned Parenthood Votes <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Crystal Clawson <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
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Sincerely,

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HLTtestimony

From: Planned Parenthood Votes <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Norma Edelman <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
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Sincerely,

Norma Edelman

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HLTtestimony

From: Planned Parenthood Votes <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Deborah Gardner <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
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This practice of having to refill birth control is not evidence-based. This is a waste of healthcare resources including increasing for pharmaceutical costs for a monthly preparation. Consistent access to birth control is a woman's right. Please make a sensible choice.

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Deborah Gardner

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HLTtestimony

From: Planned Parenthood Votes <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Valerie Smith <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Ann Gommers

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HLTtestimony

From: Planned Parenthood Votes <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Tracy Ruggiero <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
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Sincerely,

Tracy Ruggiero

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Right now women need to take time every month to pick up birth control. This complicates things unnecessarily and it makes it more costly. Making a responsible choice about parenting should not be made more complicated.

I support the move to have birth control more affordable and accessible. A young woman has more options for work, career, school when she doesn't have a child to worry about. Once a person has a child, the whole game changes. Child care is exorbitantly expensive, making pursuing an education/career more difficult and in some cases close to impossible. This doesn't just complicate things for the young women, it costs society as well.

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Anne Anderson

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Sincerely,

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It is long long long long long overdue that women should be able to expect to be treated with basic respect and dignity as self respecting, independently deciding human beings. Please stop nineteenth century mysogyny!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Sincerely,

Charles Rykken

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Makes sense to have a script on file for a one year supply of birth control pills. This change would at least make sure you have a supply ready for pick up as soon as you run out of them. And prevent unplanned pregnancies.

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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This is especially important to women in rural areas of our state because they may have to travel long distances to the nearest drug store or pharmacy. This can be inconvenient if they don't have a car or they have to juggle other responsibilities at the same time.

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Sincerely,

Melinda Wood

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I would like to thank you for your time and this chance to weigh in on this very important issue. Aloha, Erica Paleiolani Smith

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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This is also a financial issue. The issue involves birth control, and clogs up drs' offices to get routine prescriptions renewed by pharmacists who are really trained in medication uses.

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Sincerely,

Mary Beth Hilburn

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Sincerely,

Joy Marshall

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Sincerely,

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Please honor women's needs for their birth control choices. This is not a dangerous substance that needs to be monitored. It seems only right to allow a woman to monitor her own birth methods.

Thank you so much for this kind and conscientious choice you are making for women's health.

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Please help women in their efforts to use reliable and responsible methods of family planning. Thank you

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Sincerely,

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We truly support women in Hawaii to have ongoing support, with a choice of whether to raise a family or not. Support This bill

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Sincerely,

Nancy & Errol Rubin

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Sincerely,

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I'm writing this, as a Kapuna who many young women-and (I'm sorry to say) girls, turn to for advice. It is often a hardship for them to refill their prescription every month and they simply don't refill. We have more than enough unwed mothers -- whose lives are ruined, because they didn't take the precautions needed. Currently, most women have to refill their birth control every month, which is a burden for many and leads to inconsistent use. SB 2319 will change that by allowing women to pick up a prescription only once a year. PLEASE, LET REASON PREVAIL!!!!

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Sincerely,

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It's really time to stop trying to control women's bodies! It's not aloha and we are equal! Please respond to this with intelligence versus bias. Mahalo!

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Julia Contreras

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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My daughter, granddaughter, nieces and colleagues deserve this.

Your daughters, granddaughters, nieces and colleagues do too.

Do the right thing.

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Sincerely,

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SB2319

Submitted on: 3/10/2016

Testimony for HLT on Mar 11, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 329

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mark Gordon	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha SB 2319 would make it so women would only have to pick up a birth control prescription once a year. Everyone deserves affordable and accessible birth control that works for them, regardless of income or insurance. Consistent access to birth control gives women, especially in rural areas, the ability to control when and if they have children, giving them more career and education opportunities and healthier pregnancies. Please SUPPORT SB 2319 Respectfully Submitted Maw Gordon Waikoloa, HI

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Sincerely,

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Dear Chair Belatti and Members of the Committee on Health,

As a Certified Nurse Midwife and primary health care provider I strongly support SB 2319 SD1 requiring insurers to cover a twelve-month supply of prescription contraception. By guaranteeing women's access to a full twelve-month supply of contraception at one time, SB 2319 SD1 will give women the control they deserve over their reproductive health decisions, and will reduce unintended pregnancy and its associated costs to taxpayers.

I care for low-income women on the North Shore of Oahu, which is a rural area without easy access to a pharmacy. Kaiser Permanente does not have a pharmacy at their Kahuku clinic, Foodland Laie is closed on Sundays, closes at 5pm on Saturdays, and doesn't open until 8:30am on weekdays (after many people are at work!), meaning women often cannot get to their pharmacy when it is open. I directly witnessed the effects this unreasonable barrier had on women who chose to use prescriptive contraceptives instead of long-acting reversible contraceptives (implant and IUDs); they were in my office more frequently for emergency contraceptives, pregnancy tests, abortion referrals and prenatal care for unplanned pregnancies. The lack of access to pharmacies coupled with having to refill their prescriptions monthly for our Medicaid clients or every two to three months with private insurance, places them continuously at high risk of an unplanned pregnancy. One in four women say they have missed pills because they could not get the next pack in time; yet dispensing one-year's supply at a time reduces the odds of experiencing an unintended pregnancy by 30% and is associated with a 46% drop in the chance of needing an abortion.

An inequality exists between women who choose a long-acting reversible contraceptive and those who choose a prescriptive contraceptive (the inequality is even greater when a homeless and/or mentally challenged client chooses a prescriptive contraceptive). We provide 3 years (implant/IUD), 5 years (IUD) and 10 years (IUD) worth of birth control to those who elect a long acting contraceptive, so why do we remain so persistent on only supplying a woman with 1-3 months of oral, transdermal or vaginal contraceptives? Women should be given the choice of selecting the method that works best for them and be given a 12-month supply if desired for prescriptive contraceptives. Some countries sell it over the counter and these women who move here are appalled they have to go in to get their medicine every month! Some clients ask a friend or family member to mail them birth control from off the shelves of their country to get around the barriers we have put in place! I believe mailing birth control from Brazil to Hawaii just to gain reasonable access is testament enough of how huge the barrier is that we've created to women feeling reassured they will have consistent reliable access to prescriptive contraceptives.

As a provider of the Title X Family Planning Program, and the Family Planning Coordinator for my employer, I fully implemented the recommendation to dispense a 12 to 13 month supply of oral, transdermal and vaginal contraceptives as desired to family planning clients, per the U.S. Selected Practice Recommendations for Contraceptive Use, MMWR volume 62, 2013. I cannot recount one negative incident regarding this practice. The only thing I can say is that I was never able to rationally explain to clients why if they qualified under our family planning grant they could receive a year supply of birth control, but that if they were insured they could only receive 1-3 months of birth control, depending on their insurance company.

Some people may argue if you give a woman a year's supply of birth control and she decides to stop taking it, she could in theory give it to someone else and this would be harmful. My

response is this: women have been sharing their birth control for decades, and yes they give it to their friends and family to help each other out; as a health care provider I do not ever condone taking someone else's prescriptive medication. Yet I must state the truth is that statistically pregnancy puts a woman's life in danger at a much higher percentage than the risks associated with taking prescriptive contraceptive. Would this potential for harm, that actually already exists, be enough reason to continue our outdated practices in the name of safety? Absolutely not. In fact, if more people obtaining prescriptive contraceptives are given a one year supply, less women will be looking to obtain prescriptive contraceptives by alternative means. I truly believe by enacting this bill, sharing of prescriptive contraceptives will decrease and more women will be on a birth control method that is the best fit for them choice and health wise. By increasing access, we increase safety for our women.

Please remember that pregnancy is a forever event, whether it is wanted or not. Only the individual will know what method best fits with her reproductive life plan, and her choice should not be influenced by the outdated barrier of only having access to 1-3 months of birth control at a time.

I ask that you pass SB 2319 SD1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important matter.

Sincerely,
Lea Minton, Certified Nurse Midwife

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Personally, when I was active duty military and moving around/traveling, I would often get stuck in a strange city without birth control.

My birth control was/is used to manage a condition, PCOS.

For obvious reasons, this was really bad for my health as well as inconvenient.

- Jenna Payne

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Jenna Payne

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People who support family values should also support family planning as a part of those values. Please support the women of Hawai'i in this way.

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Please vote to require insurance companies to cover a full year of contraceptives.

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Kate Thompson

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As a women's health care provider in Hawai'i, I support this.

Kathleen Elliott, PA-C

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Sincerely,

Kathleen Elliott

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Jill Friedman

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This will enable better family planning and spacing of children since the pills can be taken the way they are suppose to.

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Sincerely,

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This is common sense. More unplanned pregnancies, more abortions. A year's worth of a prescription usually means it costs less ... the per pill \$ is greater for a month supply than a year's supply.

Mahalo for all your hard work.

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Dear Representative Della Au Belianti, Chair and Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair Dee Morikawa and members of the committee:

As women, we must support each other to ensure that our lives can be most efficient and time-saving. In our busy lives we need to be able to refill our birth control on a year basis. SB 2319 will change the current practice of refill monthly to that by allowing women to pick up a prescription only once a year. It is so commonsense from all standpoints of sustainability.

Please support this bill and move it forward into becoming law

Mahalo,
Jane Yamashiro

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Jane Yamashiro

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Cu Ri Lee

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Sincerely,

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Women should have control over their own bodies - not insurance companies and doctors!
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As a public health researcher focused on women's health, I am well-aware of the myriad barriers women face in accessing reproductive health care, including contraception, and the adverse social and health outcomes associated with unintended pregnancy. Some of these barriers are very difficult to overcome, but the barrier at hand is easily addressed by SB 2319, which will make a huge difference in the lives of many women and improve their health and health care.

On a personal level, my own (private) insurance allows me to pick up three months of birth control pills at a time. While this is better than one month at a time, which is disproportionately burdensome among low-income Medicaid/QUEST recipients, this still sometimes results in a lag for myself starting a new pack of pills. I can only imagine how frustrating it must be to have to visit the pharmacy once a month to fill the birth control prescription that you've been using for months or years or decades.

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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,

Daniel Gardner

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Now 65 years old, I look back incredulously at the number of governmental restrictions that I have put up with in my lifetime limiting my birth control accessibility through cost, places to purchase, and number of pills cycles I can purchase. It would really be something to celebrate if this bill goes through. I love menopause because I am now free of the mess and discomfort of monthly menstruation. Women have it hard enough. Let's make it easier on them and pass this bill!

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

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I suffer from polycystic ovarian syndrome. It is a terrible condition that has robbed me of my fertility and is a regular and excruciatingly painful reminder that my reproductive organs are abnormal. I experienced my first ruptured cyst on my second period. I was in chemistry class and the pain knocked me to the floor--it felt like my insides were being stabbed and shredded apart simultaneously. I went home from school and told my mom what happened and she immediately scheduled an appointment with an OB- GYN who diagnosed me with polycystic ovarian syndrome (PCOS). The ultrasound showed my two ovaries encased in cysts, one even rupture during the procedure. The easiest, albeit not 100% effective, method of controlling my cysts was oral contraceptives--to help regulate my hormones and prevent the incomplete release of follicles (eggs) that were the root cause of my PCOS. Initially every month I had to schedule an appointment with my OB-GYN to get an authorization to refill my prescription; this arrangement lasted about 2 years. Then my insurance carrier authorized a standing/annual scrip, but I still needed to call-in for a refill every month. I must then renew this prescription annually, often via a separate doctors visit, before my previous prescription expires. This arrangement continues to this day.

If I was unable to pick up my prescription in time--due to limited pharmacy hours, reduced funds at time of refill, prescription is out-of-stock, etc.--my body would revert to its hormonal imbalanced state and I would experience a series of cyst ruptures would plague me for weeks to even months as my hormone therapy would essentially start back from square one. The pain was so excruciating, no amount of over-the-counter medication would work, so I was prescribed a cocktail of muscle relaxers and narcotics--which also didn't 100% help with the pain.

I know that if I had been allowed to have my whole years worth of prescription filled, all my suffering could have been minimized and I know my quality of life would have been greatly improved.

It's not too much to ask--contraceptives are not narcotics and cannot be used to synthesize them or any other street drug; they can't be used to "enhance performance" (unless your ability to put on and keep on fat or develop breasts is the performance you're hoping to enhance); and they are already manufactured to be shelf stable for two years (or

longer). Please consider the consequences already suffered by individuals like myself and weigh them against the enormous benefits in increased individual productivity and personal happiness. With that, I humbly ask you to vote in favor of SB2319.

Mahalo nui loa for your time!

Me ka 'oia'i'o,
Crystal Morton

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Crystal Morton

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A study in California showed that with a yearly prescription, women were less likely to run out of pills, less likely to get pregnant, and have FEWER abortions.

Isn't this what we want?

Please vote for this common sense measure.

Mahalo,
Carolyne Riley
Former Board member of Planned Parenthood of Hawaii

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

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Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 5:27 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Please support SB 2319 for increased birth control access

Mar 10, 2016

Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Health HI

Dear Committee on Health,

I am writing to urge the Health committee to move forward on SB 2319, an important and commonsense bill to provide 12 months of birth control at a time.

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Yes, I support SB 2319. Providing woman with convenient, and affordable, access to birth control, is essential to the health and well being of Hawaii's women, families, communities, and economy.

Thank you.

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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