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**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB2320
RELATING TO CONTRACEPTIVE SUPPLIES**

SEN. ROSALYN BAKER, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
Hearing Date: February 2, 2016 Room Number: 229

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** None for the Department of Health.
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- 3 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports the concept of assuring access to
- 4 safe and reliable contraception. However, DOH defers to the Department of Human Services and
- 5 Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs regarding benefit plan design and professional licensing
- 6 and scope of practice issues, respectively.
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- 8 **Offered Amendments:** N/A



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The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection & Health

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RE: SB 2320 – Relating to Contraceptive Supplies – IN SUPPORT

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Kidani and members of the Committee:

CVS Health appreciates the opportunity to testify on SB 2320. The bill, as written, would permit Hawaii licensed pharmacists to prescribe and dispense contraceptive supplies (as defined) to persons 18 years of age or older. While there remain some questions around coordination with PCPs, etc. the overall intent and basis for this bill is to fulfill a need and provide access to a key service and we believe the bill does both.

CVS Health understands and applauds the intent behind SB 2320, and we support this legislation for the following reasons:

- As a part of the passage of the ACA, contraceptives are required to be covered at \$0.copay, thus removing financial barriers to patients in order that they may have better opportunities to receive contraceptive care. We believe this bill goes one logical step further by increasing access to those prescriptions in more accessible locations, i.e. pharmacies.
- SB 2320 has the potential to save significant money once fully implemented. Those persons who choose to utilize a pharmacist to obtain their prescription contraceptive supplies will likely incur a lesser charge both on them as well as charges back to their plan sponsor, i.e. less than a typical office visit to a GP/PCP.
- Similar statutory authority already exists in the states of California and Oregon. In light of the rural population in Hawaii, SB 2320 can help fulfill a need while simultaneously saving on provider visit costs.

CVS Health proudly operates as the largest pharmacy chain in Hawaii, under our Longs Drugs banner and we also offer our patients and clients a wide range of comprehensive, integrated pharmacy and health operations statewide including: Pharmacy Benefit Management (PBM) services (CVS/caremark), Specialty Pharmacy (CVS/specialty), Mail-Order and Retail Pharmacy (CVS/pharmacy/Longs Drugs), Retail Health Clinics (CVS/minute clinic) and a distribution center.

We thank you for your consideration of our comments and ask that the Committee pass SB 2320.

Respectfully,

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