



THE QUEEN'S HEALTH SYSTEMS

To: Chair Della Au Belatti
Vice Chair Richard P. Creagan
House Committee on Health

From: Paula Yoshioka
Senior Vice President
The Queen's Health Systems

Re: SB 385 SD 1, Relating to Cancer
Hearing—March 20, 2015 at 10:30 AM

The Queen's Health Systems (QHS) would like to provide strong support for SB 385 SD 1, which would support the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP) by funding the continuation of valuable services such as screening, education, treatment, and outreach for breast and cervical cancer.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in Hawaii, accounting for about one-third of all cancer cases among the state's females. Breast cancer is also the most common cancer reported at The Queen's Medical Center-Punchbowl (QMC-P), accounting for about one-fourth of all cancer cases.

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

The BCCCP provides critical screening and early detection services to women who are high risk, and to women who have limited access to health care services. The program serves approximately 1,200 women per year through 12 community-based, contracted providers across the state, including QHS.

Early detection of cancer greatly reduces treatment costs and increases survival rates. We ask for your continued support of this important program.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

The mission of The Queen's Health Systems is to fulfill the intent of Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV to provide in perpetuity quality health care services to improve the well-being of Native Hawaiians and all of the people of Hawai'i.



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Testimony of: Phyllis Baumwell Dendle,
Board member and public policy chair, Susan G. Komen Hawaii

Before: **The House Committee on Health**
The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair
The Honorable Richard P. Creagan, Vice Chair

Hearing:
March 20, 2015
10:30 am
Conference Room 329

RE: SB 385 SD1 RELATING TO CANCER

Chair Belatti and committee members: thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony **in support** of this bill making an appropriation for the breast and cervical cancer control program.

The text of the bill admirably explains the impact this program has had in Hawaii. It is important to remember that even though the prognosis for these cancers is much improved, they still kill women every year. The earlier these cancers are diagnosed and treated the better the outcomes are for the patients. As a survivor of breast cancer I cannot emphasize enough the benefit of early detection.

Our organization continues to work as a non-profit to raise funds to provide grants that support research and education to reduce and ultimately eliminate breast cancer. In 2014 we gave out 10 grants in Hawaii totaling \$305,000. We are eager to work ourselves out of a job.

We urge you to appropriate the funds in this bill to continue the excellent work of this state program. Thank you for your consideration.

Our Mission: To have a world without breast cancer.

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From: Christine Hinds <christine.hinds@cancer.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2015 9:28 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Support for SB 385

Subject line: Support for SB 385

Members of the House Committee on Health,

I support SB 385, SD1, to provide funding for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program. The purpose of the funding is to allow the Department of Health to reach more eligible women who are uninsured or underinsured. This year, it is estimated that Hawaii will have 1,140 new cases of breast cancer and 50 new cases of cervical cancer.

Aloha,
Christine Hinds

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SB 385, SD1 – RELATING TO CANCER
Cory Chun, Government Relations Director – Hawaii Pacific
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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 385, SD1, which appropriates an unspecified amount for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program.

The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) is the nation's leading cancer advocacy organization. ACS CAN works with federal, state, and local government bodies to support evidence-based policy and legislative solutions designed to eliminate cancer as a major health problem.

Hawaii's Breast and Cervical Cancer program provides free pap tests to women aged 50 to 64 and mammograms to women aged 50 to 64 who are uninsured, underinsured, and have income below 250 percent of the federal poverty level. From 2007-2012, Hawaii's program detected 75 invasive breast cancers and 33 cervical cancers and precancerous lesions.

The Affordable Care Act will provide women with greater access to preventive cancer screenings and treatment. However, gaps will still remain for women who will continue to be uninsured or underinsured due to affordability, literacy, and language related barriers. It is estimated that over 10,985 Hawaii women will continue to lack access to cervical cancer screenings, and 4,639 women will lack access to breast cancer screenings this year. Maintaining adequate funding will preserve a critical safety net for thousands of Hawaii women who will continue to lack access to essential screening, diagnostic and treatment services.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments in support.

From: Alaina Cunningham <abcunningham2@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2015 7:53 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Support for SB 385

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Aloha,
Alaina Cunningham



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**Testimony COMMENTING on SB0385, SD1
RELATING TO CANCER**

REPRESENTATIVE DELLA AU BELATTI, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: March 20, 2015

Room Number: 329

1 **Fiscal Implications:** Appropriates an unspecified amount of general funds for fiscal years 2015-
2 2016 and 2016-2017 for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP) to the
3 Department of Health (DOH).

4 **Department Testimony:** The DOH appreciates the intent of SB0385, SD1, but defers to the
5 priorities of the Governor's Executive Biennium Budget request. The Department currently
6 provides critical breast and cervical cancer early detection services through the BCCCP which is
7 federally funded for \$968,000 through a cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease
8 Control and Prevention (CDC) and serves approximately 1,000 women annually. The BCCCP
9 provides low-income, uninsured, and underserved women access to timely, high quality
10 screening, and diagnostic services to detect breast and cervical cancer at the earliest stages and
11 refer women with cancer or pre-cancerous conditions to treatment through the Department of
12 Human Services, Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Program. The BCCCP's priority
13 population includes Native Hawaiian, Filipino, and other Asian/Pacific Island women. Women
14 served by the program typically have rarely or never been screened, are medically underserved,
15 and have higher morbidity and mortality rates than other women. Early detection of cancer
16 greatly reduces treatment costs and increases survival rates.

17 Since 1997, the BCCCP has screened 9,500 women and detected 263 incidents of
18 invasive breast cancers and 148 pre-cancerous conditions and cancers of the cervix. CDC
19 estimates that funded states serve 14.3% of women age 40-64 eligible for breast cancer and 8.7%
20 of eligible women for cervical cancer screenings through the national program. Despite the
21 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act that provides more women with greater access to

1 health insurance coverage and preventive cancer screenings and treatment, gaps still remain for
2 women who continue to be uninsured or underinsured due to affordability, literacy, and language
3 related barriers. Federal funding for the BCCCP has declined 17% over the last five years, while
4 at the same time, the need for outreach and screening has increased.

5 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



Planned Parenthood of Hawaii

To: Hawaii State House of Representatives Committee on Health
Hearing Date/Time: Friday, March 20, 2015, 10:30 a.m.
Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 211
Re: Testimony of Planned Parenthood of Hawaii in support of S.B 329, SD1

Dear Chair Belatti and Members of the Committee on Health,

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii writes in support of S.B. 385, SD1, which seeks to appropriate funds to the Department of Health to continue its Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program.

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii is dedicated to providing Hawaii's people with high quality, affordable and confidential sexual and reproductive health care, education, and advocacy. We provide cervical and breast cancer screening to patients throughout Hawaii, including advanced cancer screenings such as biopsy, colposcopy, and LEEP procedures.

However, while many uninsured and underserved women in Hawaii receive screenings through Title X Family Planning Programs, post-menopausal women are ineligible to receive Title X care. The Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program fills in a large gap in women's health care because it provides screening to those women ages 40-64, who are at higher risk for both cervical and breast cancer, but are less likely to receive regular screening because of a number of barriers, including insurance coverage and income. By serving this gap group, the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control program will ensure that these women have the health care that they need.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of S.B. 385.

Sincerely,

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