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**Testimony COMMENTING on SB0749, SD1
RELATING TO THE COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING AND AWARENESS
PILOT PROGRAM**

REPRESENTATIVE DELLA AU BELATTI, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: March 20, 2015

Room Number: 329

1 **Fiscal Implications:** SD1 blanks out the appropriation and changed the effective date to July 1,
2 2050. The Department would require additional resources to implement a colorectal cancer
3 screening and awareness pilot program.

4 **Department Testimony:** The DOH appreciates the intent of SB0749, SD1, but defers to the
5 Governor's Executive Budget request. The DOH recognizes the importance of screening and
6 early detection of colorectal cancer. Early detection of colorectal cancer is critical as studies
7 have shown an approximate 90 percent five (5) year survival rate among individuals whose
8 cancer was found and treated appropriately. Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of
9 cancer death in Hawaii and there are clear ethnic and gender disparities in colorectal cancer
10 mortality. In addition, colorectal cancer screening rates are much lower for those residing in
11 low-income households and those less than a high school education.

12 Since 1997, the Department has provided critical breast and cervical cancer screening and
13 early detection services to low-income, uninsured, and underinsured women through the Breast
14 and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP). The program's support has been instrumental
15 in helping community providers build the capacity and infrastructure needed to reach women
16 most at risk and raise community awareness around early detection.

17 Modeled after the BCCCP, a Colorectal Cancer Screening and Awareness Pilot Program
18 would increase awareness and screening rates, currently at 66.4 percent, of men and women over
19 the age of 50 in an effort to reach a goal of 80 percent by 2018. The activities would not be
20 sustainable beyond the proposed appropriation.

21 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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From: Christine Hinds <christine.hinds@cancer.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2015 9:29 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Support for SB 749

Members of the House Committee on Health,
I support SB 749, SD1, to provide funding for a colorectal cancer pilot program. Colorectal cancer is the third leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States when men and women are considered separately, and the second leading cause when both sexes are combined. In Hawaii, it is estimated that 720 new cases of colorectal cancer will be diagnosed this year, and 230 will die from the disease. This measure would create a two-year pilot program based on the current BCCCP model to provide colorectal cancer education and screening services for uninsured and underinsured individuals.

Aloha,

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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 749 SD 1, Relating to the Colorectal Cancer Screening and Awareness Pilot Program
Hearing—March 20, 2015 at 10:30 AM

The Queen's Health Systems would like to provide support for SB 749 SD 1, which would authorize and fund the Hawaii Colorectal Cancer Screening and Awareness Pilot Program. We would also like to express our strong preference for implementing this program in a manner consistent with the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP).

As noted in the bill, effective colorectal cancer screening can help increase detections at an early stage. Early detection can help to decrease mortality rates. We would ask legislators to look to the success of the state's BCCCP and engage the same community providers and partners for the implementation of this pilot program. The BCCCP has been an effective program in increasing accessing to screenings for many women in the state. We would ask that you continue to support language requiring that the implementation of the colorectal cancer screening and awareness pilot program is done in a fashion consistent with the BCCCP.

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.

Friday – March 20, 2015 – 10:30 am
Conference Room 329

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
Representative Richard Creagan, Vice Chair

From: Michael Robinson
Hawai'i Pacific Health

Re: **SB 749, SD1 Relating to Colorectal Cancer Screening and Awareness Pilot Program**
Testimony in Support

My name is Michael Robinson, Executive Director of Government Relations & Community Partnerships for Hawai'i Pacific Health. Hawai'i Pacific Health is a not-for-profit health care system, and the state's largest health care provider and non-government employer. It is committed to providing the highest quality medical care and service to the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific Region through its four hospitals, more than 50 outpatient clinics and service sites, and over 1,600 affiliated physicians. Hawai'i Pacific Health's hospitals are Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children, Pali Momi Medical Center, Straub Clinic & Hospital and Wilcox Memorial Hospital.

I am writing in support of SB 749, SD1 which establishes a two-year colorectal screening and awareness pilot program in Hawai'i. Effective colorectal screening can help increase detection of possible cancer at an early stage, which would lead to implementing necessary treatment earlier. These factors would decrease mortality rates. Using the success of the state's Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program as a model, the Colorectal Screening and Awareness Pilot Program would similarly increase awareness and screening rates of men and women over 50 in an effort to reach a goal of 80% by 2018.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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SB 749, SD1 – RELATING TO THE COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING PILOT PROGRAM
Cory Chun, Government Relations Director – Hawaii Pacific
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 749, SD1, which establishes the colorectal cancer screening pilot project and appropriates an unspecified amount funds for it.

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.

Colorectal cancer, often referred to as colon cancer, affects about 900 people in Hawaii each year. Colorectal cancer is a dangerous and deadly cancer because precancerous polyps and early-stage colorectal cancer don't always cause symptoms, especially at first. This means that someone could have polyps or colorectal cancer and not know it. That is why having a screening test is so important.

The purpose of this measure is to establish a program to screen for colorectal cancer for uninsured and underinsured individuals. Instead of creating a completely new program, this pilot program closely resembles the existing breast and cervical cancer screening program as a model. This measure was drafted in collaboration with the Department of Health.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on this important issue.

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From: Daniel Shockley <daniel.afap.12@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2015 9:14 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Support for SB 749

Members of the House Committee on Health,

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Aloha,

Daniel P. Shockley

Note: You can read my story at the following link: www.army.mil/article/90122

From: Alaina Cunningham <abcunningham2@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2015 7:54 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Support for SB 749

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Aloha,
Alaina Cunningham