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SB-2340-SD-1

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Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Self Advocates	Testifying for Hawaii Self Advocacy Advisory Council (non-profit organization)	Support	No

Comments:

My name Renee Manfredi. I am the Vice President of the Self Advocacy Advisory Council. We have nearly 200 members statewide.

Our members represent individuals with disabilities and we are in strong support of SB2340 SD1

The passing of SB2340 SD1 will require the continuation of certain benefits like extending health insurance coverage for adult children up to 26 years of age and not allowing health insurance companies to not cover preexisting conditions. We find these benefits very important to families of individuals with disabilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **supporting SB2340 SD1.**



Hawaii
Children's Action Network
Building a unified voice for Hawaii's children

February 23, 2018

To: Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

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From: Mandy Finlay, Director of Public Policy
Hawaii Children's Action Network

Re: **SB 2340, SD1 – Relating to Health Insurance**
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 211, February 23, 2018, 11:00 AM

On behalf of Hawaii Children's Action Network (HCAN), we write in support of SB 2340, SD1 – Relating to Health Insurance

HCAN supports SB 2340, which would codify at the state level key components of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) to ensure in Hawaii thousands of individuals including many children retain health insurance. Hawaii has been a leader over the years in ensuring access to healthcare for residents through pre-paid health insurance. Through this bill, Hawaii can continue to be a model for the rest of the US on how to best care for children's health.

Many families and children in Hawaii have benefited from the expanded coverage that ACA has provided. Nationwide, over 20 million people gained health insurance through the ACA, including 6.1 million young adults, ages 19 through 26, and 54,000 Hawaii residents. Additionally, the ACA expanded Hawaii's Medicaid eligibility, meaning more families could qualify for insurance. This law has saved the State of Hawaii millions of dollars in uncompensated care costs (unpaid medical bills). If repealed, by 2019, 58.7 million people nationwide would be without healthcare.

No matter what happens to the Affordable Care Act on the national level, Hawaii needs to preserve health insurance for its most vulnerable populations, including children.

For these reasons, HCAN respectfully requests that the committee pass this bill.

HCAN is a Hawaii based non-profit committed to building a unified voice advocating for Hawaii's children by improving their safety, health, and education.



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Testimony by
Hawaii Government Employees Association

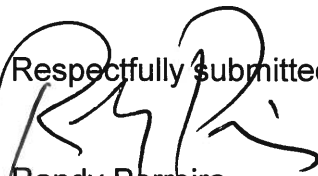
February 23, 2018

S.B. 2340, S.D. 1 – RELATING TO
HEALTH INSURANCE

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly supports the purpose and intent of S.B. 2340, S.D.1 which would ensure that important provisions contained in the federal Affordable Care Act are preserved in state law.

Based on their campaign rhetoric, our current U.S. President and the Republican controlled United States Congress are positioning to repeal many important aspects of the Affordable Care Act, leaving millions of Americans, including a reported 54,000 Hawaii residents, without health insurance coverage. Passage of this legislation and codification of benefits into state law will ensure that Hawaii's residents are insulated from any negative repercussions from the federal government. Specifically, this measure would extend dependent coverage for adult children until they turn twenty-six years old, prohibit health insurance entities from denying coverage for pre-existing conditions, and prohibit health insurance entities from using an individual's gender to determine premiums or contributions.

We respectfully request your consideration in passing this important legislation. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of S.B. 2340, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Perreira
Executive Director



February 23, 2018

To: Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee on Ways and Means

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From: Jeanne Y. Ohta, Co-Chair

RE: HB 2340 SD1 Relating to Health Insurance
Hearing: Friday, February 23, 2018, 11:00 a.m., Room 211

POSITION: Strong Support

The Hawai'i State Democratic Women's Caucus writes in strong support of SB 2340 SD1 Relating to Health Insurance, which seeks to codify in Hawaii state law important protections currently required under the federal Affordable Care Act ("ACA").

As the ACA is under constant attack by the current administration, it is up to states to ensure that we continue to have the health care that we need. Losing the critical protections established by the ACA would be devastating for the women, men, and families in Hawai'i who depend on them.

The ACA established important protections for all Americans, and for women in particular. If the ACA were repealed, 55 million women across the country could be discriminated against simply because of their gender. An additional 560,000 people could be denied coverage based on their pre-existing conditions and over 2 million young people could lose their health insurance entirely.

SB 2340 would ensure that Hawaii's residents will continue to benefit from common sense protections, including preventing denial of coverage for pre-existing conditions, prohibiting insurance from charging women more for coverage simply because of their gender, and allowing young people to stay on their parents' plans.

We ask that the committee pass this measure to protect essential health coverage.

The Hawai'i State Democratic Women's Caucus is a catalyst for progressive, social, economic, and political change through action on critical issues facing Hawaii's women and girls. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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COALITION OF HAWAII

To: Hawaii State Senate Ways and Means Committee
Hearing Date/Time: Friday, February 23, 2018, 11:00 a.m.

Re: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF S.B. 2340 SD1 - RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee,

Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies is in support of S.B. 2340 SD1, which seeks to ensure certain benefits afforded under the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA) are preserved under Hawaii law. As the current administration is in constant attack of the ACA, it is up to our state to ensure that we continue to provide these health care benefits and provisions, as losing the vital protections of the ACA would devastate the many people of Hawaii who depend on it. This bill prevents denial of coverage for pre-existing conditions, prohibits insurance from charging women more for coverage simply because of their gender, and allows young people to stay on their parents' plans until age 26.

The ACA establishes protection for all Americans, and for women in particular. If the ACA were repealed, 55 million women across the nation could be discriminated against based on gender. Additionally, 560,000 people could be denied health coverage for pre-existing conditions and over 2 million young adults could lose health insurance.

Losing the protections of the ACA would be devastating for all the women, children and families in Hawaii who depend on the essential preventative health care benefits, contraception and breastfeeding coverage, protection from exclusion for a preexisting condition, non-discrimination to determine premiums, and much more.

Many mothers who have accessed information, education and resources through HMHB credit the ACA for their ability to receive a breast pump and lactation services. This critical protection has helped more mothers to breastfeed their infants, longer and more exclusively, than before this protection was implemented. As mom Victoria Fadli stated, *"If it wasn't for the breast pump we got for free, my daughter wouldn't have received breast milk for as long as she did."*

The ACA has led to huge gains for reproductive health and a significant increase in access to family planning and other preventive care, both nationally and here in Hawaii. Please help us to protect the residents of Hawaii by ensuring health insurance is there when people need it.

Thank you for supporting S.B. 2340 SD1 and for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,
Lisa Kimura
Executive Director

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February 22, 2018

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

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Re: S.B. 2340, S.D.1 Relating to Health Insurance

Hearing: Friday, February 23, 2018, 11:00 am, Room 211

Dear Chair Delz Cruz and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

Hawaii Women Lawyers (“HWL”) submits testimony in **strong support** of S.B. 2340, S.D.1, which preserves certain protections established under the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA) in state law. These protections include dependent coverage for adult children up to 26 years old, prohibiting the use of preexisting conditions to deny coverage, and prohibiting the use of gender to determine premiums or contributions.

The mission of Hawaii Women Lawyers is to improve the lives and careers of women in all aspects of the legal profession, influence the future of the legal profession, and enhance the status of women and promote equal opportunities for all.

HWL is in strong support of S.B. 2340, S.D.1. Prior to the passage of the Affordable Care Act, insurers could deny coverage to individuals for medical histories that disproportionately affected women. Since the ACA became law, many more people in Hawai‘i have had access to health insurance coverage. The ACA also established important protections for young people, those with pre-existing conditions, and women and families. In addition, the ACA created strong gains for women in particular, as it prohibited the practice of charging women higher premiums than men for the same coverage.

S.B. 2340, S.D.1 would ensure that our community will continue to benefit from access to healthcare, by keeping discriminatory barriers out of health insurance coverage and guaranteeing coverage to more individuals. For the above reasons, we support S.B. 2340, S.D.1 and respectfully request that the Committee pass this measure.

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Randolph Hack	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Feb 22, 2018



Senate Ways and Means Committee Members
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Dear Senate Committee Members,

Losing the critical protections established by the Affordable Care Act would be devastating for the women, men, and families in Hawaii who depend on them.

The ACA established important protections for all Americans, and for women in particular. Repealing the ACA means that being a woman would once again be a pre-existing condition, you can be denied coverage if you have a pre-existing condition, and young people can't stay on their parents' insurance until age 26.

As state lawmakers, you can help to ensure that people in Hawaii continue to benefit from these critical and life-saving protections by passing S.B. 2340, which would put in place many of the ACA's most important requirements at the state level, no matter what happens at the federal level.

I urge you to support SB 2340.

Sincerely,

Stacey Osborne	Elaine Waldow	Neil Waldow	Stephanie Grout
Terry Travis	Brooke Bearg		

From: [Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii](#) on behalf of [Linda V Maloney-Tarvers](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Pass SB 2340 to maintain protections established by the Affordable Care Act
Date: Friday, February 23, 2018 9:58:41 AM

Feb 23, 2018

Senate Ways and Means Committee Members
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Dear Senate Committee Members,

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As state lawmakers, you can help to ensure that people in Hawaii continue to benefit from these critical and life-saving protections by passing S.B. 2340, which would put in place many of the ACA's most important requirements at the state level, no matter what happens at the federal level.

I urge you to support SB 2340.

Sincerely,

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