

SB 1034

Measure Title:	RELATING TO INSURANCE.
Report Title:	Insurance; Breast Cancer Detection; Covered Services; Mammography; Breast Tomosynthesis
Description:	Clarifies that the existing health insurance mandate for coverage of low-dose mammography includes coverage for digital mammography and breast tomosynthesis.
Companion:	HB481
Package:	Women's Legislative Caucus
Current Referral:	CPH, WAM
Introducer(s):	INOUYE, BAKER, S. CHANG, DELA CRUZ, FEVELLA, GABBARD, KANUHA, J.KEOHOKALOLE, KIDANI, KIM, NISHIHARA, K. RHOADS, RUDERMAN, L. THIELEN, English, Kouchi, Riviere, Shimabukuro



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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Tuesday, February 12, 2019
9:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**On the following measure:
S.B. 1034, RELATING TO INSURANCE**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Colin Hayashida, and I am the Insurance Commissioner of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' (Department) Insurance Division. The Department offers comments on this bill.

The purpose of this bill is to clarify that the existing health insurance mandate for coverage of low-dose mammography includes coverage for digital mammography and breast tomosynthesis.

This bill purports to mandate digital mammography and breast tomosynthesis, and this may be viewed as a new mandate. The addition of new mandated coverage may trigger section 1311(d)(3) of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), which requires states to defray the additional cost of any benefits in excess of the essential health benefits of the State's qualified health plan under the PPACA.

Additionally, any proposed mandate providing coverage for care requires the passage of a concurrent resolution requesting the State Auditor to prepare and submit a report assessing the social and financial impacts of the proposed mandate, pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes section 23-51.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



February 11, 2019

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
The Honorable Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

Senate Bill 1034 – Relating to Insurance

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Association of Health Plans (HAHP) appreciates the opportunity to testify on SB 1034 which clarifies that the existing health insurance mandate for coverage of low-dose mammography includes coverage for digital mammography and breast tomosynthesis.

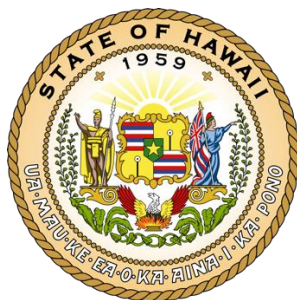
HAHP supports early detection and provides coverage for screenings to our members. We follow evidence based guidelines to ensure our members receive care that is safe and efficacious.

We express concerns on this new mandate as it does not follow widely accepted medical guidelines. Also as this would be a new mandated benefit, it is subject to an impact assessment report by the Auditor pursuant to Sections 23-51 and 23-52 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Thank you for allowing us to express concerns on SB 1034.

Sincerely,

HAHP Public Policy Committee



Testimony on behalf of the
Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women
Khara Jabola-Carolus, Executive Director

Prepared for the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

In Support of SB1034
Tuesday, February 12, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 229

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and Honorable Members,

The Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women supports SB1034, which would clarify that the existing health insurance mandate for coverage of low-dose mammography includes coverage for digital mammography and breast tomosynthesis.

Breast cancer is one of the most common kinds of cancer in women. Nearly 1 in 8 women born today in the United States will get breast cancer sometime during her life. Digital mammography provides images of the breast in many different angles, providing greater accuracy in finding abnormalities and determining which abnormalities seem potentially worrisome. Women who undergo screening with a combination of 3D+2D mammography are less likely to be called back for more testing due to a suspicious finding that turns out not to be cancer. These life-saving advancements should be accessible and covered by the existing health insurance mandate.

Mahalo,

Khara Jabola-Carolus

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laurie Field	Testifying for Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for CPH on 2/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for CPH on 2/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James Lambeth, MD	Individual	Support	No

Comments: