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HB 373

TESTIMONY

<u>HB79</u>

Submitted on: 3/8/2013 Testimony for HTH on Mar 11, 2013 15:00PM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dr. Lenora Lorenzo, APRN	Aman Association of Nurse Practitioners	Support	No

Comments: HB 79, HD1, RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES Chair Green, Vice Chair Baker, and members of the Senate Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this bill, HB 79, HD1, which is the companion measure to SB 198. The UH Manoa Nursing supports both measures, but respectfully shares its preferences as follows:

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March 9, 2013

Senator Josh Green, Chair Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair Senate Committee on Health Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: HB 373 - Dense Breast Tissue Notification

Dear Senators Green and Baker and Members of the Senate Committee on Health:

On Behalf of the Board of Directors of Are You Dense Advocacy, Inc., which represents the 45,000 women each year in the United States with "normal" mammography reports yet have hidden invasive cancer because of their dense breast tissue, I write to voice our support of HB 373 and ask that this correspondence be included in the record.

In 2004, I was diagnosed with advanced **stage 3C breast cancer after a decade of 'normal' mammograms**. I learned about my dense breast tissue risk <u>after</u> my cancer diagnosis, which was within weeks of my "happy gram" report, which stated that the results of my mammogram were "normal." My surgeon informed me that my **years of mammography screening failed to detect my cancer because of my dense breast tissue.**

I was shocked to find out that my story, while compelling, is common as 40% of women have dense breast tissue. **Breast density is the strongest predictor of the failure of mammography screening to detect cancer.** However, **less than one in 10 women learn about their breast density** from their physician. For more than two decades, research demonstrates that women with dense breast tissue **have a 50% chance of having their cancer detected** by mammography alone. As density increases, the sensitivity of a mammogram to "see" cancer decreases. **Dense Breast Tissue is also a well-established predictor of breast cancer risk** – its relative risk is greater than a woman having TWO first-degree relatives with breast cancer.

Armed with these startling facts, I started working with the CT legislature and in 2009, Connecticut became the **first state in the nation to standardize the communication of breast density** to women through their mammography report. The state of **Texas passed similar legislation in 2011; followed by Virginia, New York and California in 2012**. Presently, **12 states, including Hawaii,** are introducing notification bills in 2013.

We commend the leadership of Representatives Yamane, Aquino & Cullen for bringing **this critical health issue** to the committee. Decades of studies have concluded that the size of a breast tumor upon discovery is a fundamental determinant of mortality. Women of Hawaii with dense breast tissue are one of Hawaii's most vulnerable citizens and need protection from advanced stage cancer. How can women advocate for their breast health when information about their breast composition, which may result in delayed diagnosis and poorer survival outcomes, is not shared with them?

HB **373** will give women of Hawaii information about their dense breast tissue **so they can be informed participants** in discussions with their health care providers about their personalized breast screening program. HB 373 **will lead to a reduction in later stage cancers, less aggressive treatments and better life outcomes** for Hawaii women.

Sincerely, Nancy M Cappello

Nancy M. Cappello, Ph.D. President and Founder Are You Dense Advocacy, Inc.

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Angel Preza	Individual	Support	No

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Anit Tuua	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As part of the layperson's report that FDA mandates a patient receives after having a mammogram, the density of the breast tissue should also be included with the recommendation of an ultrasound if their breast tissue is homogenously dense which lowers the senstivity of a mammogram in detecting breast cancer.

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Apple B.	Individual	Support	No

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Billie Jean Dunham	Individual	Support	No

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Brian Niebauer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My wife is a breast cancer survivor who, before her radical mastectomy, had very dense breast tissue. She religiously scheduled and received her annual mammograms to detect breast cancer. Well, the mammograms alone did not detect her breast cancer tumor, and she was blissfully ignorant to the cancer growing inside of her due to dense breast tissue. It is by chance alone that her tumor was finally discovered and diagnosed. Had she known earlier that dense breast tissue made it extremely difficult to detect and identify tumors, she would have requested additional testing and subsequently would have discovered her cancer sooner. I have five sisters; two of which work in the nursing field, and none of them knew that dense breast tissue could easily mask a cancer tumor during routine mammograms that other testing could more easily identify. I believe that this bill is a stepping stone to increased awareness about the shortfalls to mammogram testing in women with dense breast tissue. And, if passed, it will save thousands, if not hundreds of thousands of men and women affected by this deadly form of cancer, by educating them to get additional testing and subsequently diagnosing them earlier before it invades their bodies further.

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Candie Delagarza	Individual	Support	Yes

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Caroline Wilhite	Individual	Support	No

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Christi Keliipio	Individual	Support	No

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Curtis Low	Individual	Support	No

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Dan Evans	Individual	Support	No

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Dean Otaka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: HB373.txt In support of legislation HB373 My name is Dean K. Otaka, MD I have a busy private practice in Aiea, Hawaii Much of what I do is preventative in nature and when I heard of this legislation, I was very much in support of the intent of this law. I believe that institutions should take a more active role in preventative services that will catch problems, particularly breast cancer which is quite prevalent. Several of my patients have battled breast cancer and this measure would definitely give future patients the information on which to act Please consider passage of this legislation which will help patients win the battle against breast cancer.

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Destiny Brighter	Individual	Support	No

Comments: In strong support.

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Heather Enomoto	Individual	Support	No

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Jasmine Goto	Individual	Support	No

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Jay Medlock	Individual	Support	No

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Jeff Zimpfer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in strong support of this bill requiring breast density results on mammograms so that ultrasounds can catch what mammograms missed. This will catch breast cancer earlier and save lives and the anguish and costs associated with treating cancer at later stages.

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Jim Walls	Individual	Support	No

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Jocelyn Franks	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB 373

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Joe Saterdalen	Individual	Support	No

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John Miyatake	Individual	Support	No

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Joseph Trim	Individual	Support	No

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kathleen doi	Individual	Support	No

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Kelly Togami	Individual	Support	No

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Kim Persio	Individual	Support	No

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Lilly Cook	Individual	Support	No

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Linda	Jenks	Individual	Support	No

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Lola Delagarza	Individual	Support	No

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Meagan Nolin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of HB 373 which would require health care facilities performing mammography exams to provide to patients with dense breast tissue, a mammography report and notification about associated cancer risks and supplemental screening benefits such as US. As a health care provider, I have found that on exam, many women have dense breast tissue, which makes the assessment and diagnosis process difficult. Insurance companies should allow for dual mammogram/US coverage as the detection rate is that much more sensitive and specific. Clearly evidence supports that earlier screening and detection leads to better patient outcome. On a personal note, friends and loved ones deserve the best possible diagnostic testing available to ensure timely assessment, diagnosis and therapeutic treatment options. Thank you in advance for considering this bill.

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Melanie Hopeau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I feel this bill will benefit women. Mahalo

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Mike Delagarza	Individual	Support	No

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Nilo Melo	Individual	Support	No

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Pam Saterdalen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Candie Delagarza is my sister. Like her, I am at high risk of breast cancer. We both have dense breast tissue. I have a family that needs me, a husband, daughter, and a three year old to raise. This bill supports the early detection and preventative care that would ultimately be less traumatic to me, my family, and my insurance company, should I develop cancer. Please pass this bill and support mothers, sisters, and daughters. Pamela Saterdalen saterdalen@hotmail.com 507-696-1224

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Patricia Norton	Individual	Support	No

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Ronny Crain	Individual	Support	No

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Sheri Omalza	Individual	Support	No

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Sophie Pahio	Individual	Support	No

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