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In reply, please refer to:  
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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**  
**HB0407, RELATING TO CANCER**

**Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.**  
**Director of Health**  
**February 6, 2013**

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports HB0407 provided that its passage  
2 does not adversely impact priorities indicated in our Executive Budget.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** Appropriated out of the general revenues, the sum of \$100,000 or so much thereof  
4 as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be  
5 necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP) to  
6 the DOH.

7 **Purpose and Justification:** The DOH recognizes the value of screening and early detection. The  
8 Department currently provides critical breast and cervical cancer early detection services through the  
9 BCCCP. The program is federally funded for \$1.1 million through a cooperative agreement with the  
10 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and serves approximately 1,200 high-risk women  
11 annually. Since 1997, the program detected 231 incidents of breast cancer and 141 pre-cancerous  
12 conditions and cancers of the cervix. CDC estimates that funded states are serving 14.3% of eligible  
13 women age 40-64 years for breast cancer and 8.7% of eligible women for cervical cancer through the  
14 national program; and more women are in need of lifesaving screening, diagnosis and treatment  
15 services. The DOH, BCCCP provides low-income, uninsured, and underserved women access to timely,

1 high quality screening and diagnostic services to detect breast and cervical cancer at the earliest stages  
2 and refer women with cancer or pre-cancerous conditions to treatment. The program's priority  
3 population includes Native Hawaiian, Filipino and other Asian/Pacific Island women. Women served  
4 by the program are typically rarely or have never been screened, are medically underserved, and have  
5 higher morbidity and mortality rates than other women. Early detection of cancer greatly reduces  
6 treatment costs and increases survival rates.

7 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



## THE QUEEN'S HEALTH SYSTEMS

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**H.B. 407, RELATING TO CANCER**  
**February 6, 2013, 10:30 a.m.**  
**Room 329**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support for H.B. 407, Relating to Cancer. My name is Debra Ishihara-Wong, Director of Oncology Services at The Queen's Medical Center. This measure will provide funding to continue the valuable services of screening, education, providing treatment as necessary, and conducting outreach on breast and cervical cancer.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in Hawai'i, accounting for about one-third of all cancer cases among Hawai'i's females. Breast cancer is also the most common cancer reported at The Queen's Medical Center (QMC), 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 Hawai'i to have a viable Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program.

The Hawai'i Department of Health Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP) provides critical screening and early detection services to women at high risk, uninsured/underinsured, rarely or never screened, and with higher morbidity and mortality rates than other women. The program serves approximately 1,200 women per year through 12 community-based, contracted providers across the State. QMC's Women's Health Center is one of the 12 BCCCP provider sites, with one dedicated staff member who provides community outreach to and patient navigation for women who are eligible for the program. Maintaining funding will preserve a critical safety net for thousands of women, who will remain uninsured or underinsured and will lack access to essential screening, diagnostic and treatment services.

QMC recognizes, promotes and educates its staff, patients, families and the community about the importance of screening, early detection and prevention of all cancers, including breast and cervical cancers. Since 2006, QMC's BCCCP has screened a total of 449 eligible women, 150 (33%) being Native Hawaiian, and 18 (4%) diagnosed with breast cancer.

According to the American Cancer Society, uninsured and underinsured women have lower screening rates for mammograms and pap tests, resulting in a great risk of being diagnosed at a later, more advanced, state of disease; thereby decreasing the chance of survival and increasing the cost of medical care and treatment to community-based health systems and ultimately the State.

*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.*

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that funded states of the BCCCP are serving 12.5% of eligible women age 40-64 years for breast cancer and 8.5% of the eligible women age 21-64 for cervical cancer through the national program; and more women are in need of life saving screening diagnosis and treatment services.

Our healthcare system is changing. In 2014, the Affordable Care Act will provide women with greater access to preventative cancer screenings and treatment services, such as mammograms and pap tests. However, gaps will remain for women who are uninsured or underinsured. It is estimated that over 10,985 women will continue to lack access to cervical cancer screenings, and 4,639 women will lack access to breast cancer screenings in Hawai'i after 2014. Moreover, even with full implementation of the Affordable Care Act, only one in three eligible women will be able to get their mammograms due to lack of funding.

QMC is committed to providing quality cancer care, especially to our disparate communities (e.g. Native Hawaiians, Filipinos and Pacific Islanders). QMC's Women's Health Center and Queen Emma Clinic targets the medically underserved, uninsured, and underinsured, which are predominantly Native Hawaiian, Filipino and Pacific Islander. The majority of women who receive care through QMC's Women's Health Center and Queen Emma Clinic typically have never been screened.

Early detection of cancer greatly reduces treatment costs and increases survival rates. The Queen's Medical Center strongly supports the Hawai'i Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program and asks for your support in reaching more women, particularly among those populations experiencing a disproportionate cancer burden through appropriated funding.

<b>Months</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Native Hawaiian</b>	<b>Total Diagnosed with Breast Cancer</b>
<b>July 2006 to June 2007</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>July 2007 to June 2008</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>July 2008 to June 2009</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>July 2009 to June 2010</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>July 2010 to June 2011</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>July 2011 to June 2012</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>2</b>





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**Wednesday, February 6, 2013**  
**10:30 am**  
**Conference Room 329**

To: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair  
Rep. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

From: Hawaii Medical Association  
Dr. Steven Kemble, MD, President  
Dr. Linda Rasmussen, MD, Legislative Co-Chair  
Dr. Joseph Zodian, MD, Legislative Co-Chair  
Dr. Christopher Flanders, DO, Executive Director  
Lauren Zirbel, Community and Government Relations

Re: HB 407 RELATING TO CANCER

In Support.

Chairs & Committee Members:

Hawaii Medical Association supports this measure.

The HMA supports the purpose of this Act, which is to appropriate funds for the comprehensive breast and cervical cancer control program to continue its valuable services of screening, educating, and providing treatment as necessary, and conducting outreach on breast and cervical cancer.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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February 4, 2013

**Testimony in Support: HB 407**

**To:** Chair Della Au Belatti, Vice Chair Dee Morikawa, and Members of the House Committee on Health  
**From:** Katie Reardon Polidoro, Director of Public Affairs and Government Relations, Planned Parenthood of Hawaii

**Re:** Testimony in Support of HB 407, Relating to Cancer

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii supports HB 407, which makes an appropriation to the Department of Health to continue its Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program. The Program provides screening to income eligible women ages 40-64. While women in that age group are at higher risk for both cervical and breast cancer, they are less likely to receive regular screening. Many uninsured and underserved women in Hawaii receive screenings through Title X Family Planning Programs. However, once a woman begins menopause, she is ineligible to receive Title X care. Therefore, the Program fills in a large gap when it comes to women's health care.

PPHI provides high quality, affordable, and confidential sexual and reproductive health care at our health centers on Oahu, Maui, the Big Island of Hawaii, and Kauai. As an essential community health provider, we provide the full spectrum of reproductive health care, including: Annual pelvic exams, Pap tests, and breast exams, mid-life services, counseling and hormone replacement therapy, screening for testicular cancer, low-cost birth control services and supplies, emergency contraception, pregnancy testing and counseling, medical and surgical abortion services and support, screening and treatment for sexually transmitted infections, and HIV testing and counseling. We provide cervical and breast cancer screening to patients throughout Hawaii, including advanced cancer screenings such as biopsy, colposcopy, and LEEP procedures.

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February 6, 2013

The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair  
The Honorable Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

House Committee on Health

**Re: HB 407 – Relating to Cancer**

Dear Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Morikawa and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify in support of HB 407, which appropriates funds to the comprehensive breast and cervical cancer program.

It has long been HMSA's mission to improve the health and well-being of our members and for all the people of Hawaii. Early detection and treatment of breast and cervical cancer improves quality of life and can also lower the overall cost of treatment. This program provides treatment funding for women that would very likely not have it otherwise.

We strongly support HB 407 and believe that it will increase survival rates through early detection. Thank you for your consideration of the passage of this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JD", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jennifer Diesman  
Vice President  
Government Relations

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**HB407**

Submitted on: 2/2/2013

Testimony for HLT on Feb 6, 2013 10:30AM in Conference Room 329

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