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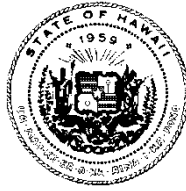
**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 2319, S.D. 1, H.D. 2 – RELATING TO
INSURANCE.**

TO THE HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Gordon Ito, State Insurance Commissioner, testifying on behalf of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department supports the intent of the bill which would require insurance coverage for dispensing a twelve month quantity of contraceptive supplies.

The Department takes no position on this expansion under chapter 87A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and to Medicaid programs.

We thank this Committee for the opportunity to present testimony on this matter.



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

P. O. Box 339
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March 31, 2016

TO: The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Rachael Wong, DrPH, Director

SUBJECT: **SB 2319 SD1 HD2 - RELATING TO INSURANCE**

Hearing: Friday, April 1, 2016; 11:00 a.m.
Conference Room 308, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) appreciates the opportunity to testify in support of the bill.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this bill is to expand access to prescription contraceptives by requiring insurers to cover contraceptive supplies intended to last up to a twelve-month period.

We appreciate and support the intent of the measure to provide greater access to contraceptives since such availability helps support the health of our families through intended pregnancies and births. Currently the Med-QUEST Division (MQD) covers contraceptives under the QUEST Integration (QI) program, and the contracted Medicaid managed care plans usually provide contraceptives for 30 days up to three months.

Additionally, the Medicaid program provides Long Acting Reversible Contraceptives (LARC) that have the highest rate of effectiveness, continuation rate, user satisfaction and are highly cost effective, although the initial cost is more than the cost of a year supply of oral contraceptives. MQD has been working with the Department of Health and our QI managed care plans to increase utilization of LARC for its members as LARC provides protection from unintended pregnancies for three to five years yet the process is reversible with rapid return to fertility upon removal.

The Department notes that the Medicaid program determines and provides coverage on a monthly basis, and potentially would be providing up to 12 month supply of oral contraceptives to some individuals who were no longer eligible by the time they exhausted their year supply. However, with our strong emphasis on LARC, a 12 month supply of oral contraceptives dispensed would not be more expensive than LARC. Thus, DHS does not predict higher costs to the Medicaid program based on the implementation of this bill.

We appreciate the intent and are available to discuss increased availability and access to contraceptives for Medicaid beneficiaries.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
STATE OF HAWAII
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 2319 S.D.1, H.D.2

April 1, 2016, 11:00 a.m.

RELATING TO INSURANCE

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee:

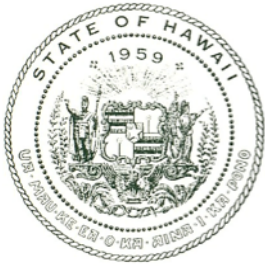
The Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund (EUTF) Board of Trustees has not taken a position on this bill. However, the Committee should be aware of the potential impact to the EUTF. Oral contraceptives are covered under the EUTF prescription drug plans for 30, 60 and 90 day supplies. The provider has the option of completing the first prescription for oral contraceptives for 30, 60 or 90 day supplies. Generally, 30 day prescriptions are used for patients taking a new drug to minimize waste in the event that the patient experiences side effects with the prescribed drug. The EUTF plans cover the initial 30, 60 and 90 day prescriptions. Under the EUTF's prescription drug plan administered by CVS Caremark, the patient is allowed three (3) 30 day fills for the same oral contraceptive drug. After the three (3) 30 day fills, the patient is required to fill the prescription for 90 days. The EUTF plans do not allow

prescription fills greater than 90 days. However, the physicians may write prescriptions for a 12 month period reducing the patients need to visit the physician.

Under the CVS Caremark prescription drug plan, the cost of the drugs are the same whether dispensed in four (4) 90 day supplies or one 12 month supply. Savings to the EUTF plan, assuming the member copayments under both scenarios are adjusted to be equal, would come from lower dispensing fees paid by the EUTF plan to the pharmacies, from four to one dispensing fee. Based on current usage in the CVS Caremark administered prescription drug plan, the EUTF estimates the annual savings up to approximately \$82,000. However, this does not account for losses associated with situations in which a 12 month prescription is filled and charged to the plan, but the patient discontinues the drug or leaves State and county employment. Currently, the loss is limited to the 90 day supply but under the bill the loss would be up to a 12 month supply of the drug. Unfortunately, these losses are not quantifiable.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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March 30, 2016

To: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Finance

From: Cathy Betts
Executive Director
Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women

Re: Testimony in Support, SB 2319, SD1, HD 2, Relating to Insurance

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB 2319, SD1, HD2, which would enable women to receive up to 12 months of birth control, thereby increasing consistent usage and reducing unintended pregnancies.

100% perfect use of hormonal birth control has a failure rate of less than 5%. For women who live in rural areas, have difficulty accessing a pharmacy, or lack reliable transportation, perfect use can be a challenge, leaving them at a greater risk of having an unintended pregnancy. In fact, one in four women say they have missed pills because they could not get the next pack in time. Dispensing one-year's supply at a time reduces the odds of experiencing an unintended pregnancy by 30% and is associated with a 46% drop in the chance of needing an abortion.

Consistent use of birth control is the best way to prevent unintended pregnancy. Approximately 19% of women who inconsistently use birth control account for 43% of unintended pregnancies. Alternatively, the two-thirds of women who use birth control consistently only make up 5% of unintended pregnancies. Ensuring one year's supply of birth control will allow women crucial access to birth control that they may otherwise not have access to, in addition to saving costs normally expended on unintended pregnancies. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support.



March 30, 2016

To: Hawaii State House Committee on Finance
Hearing Date/Time: Friday, April 1, 2016 (11:00 a.m.)
Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 308
Re: Testimony of American Association of University Women –
Hawaii in support of S.B. 2319 H.D. 1 S.D. 2, Relating to
Insurance

Dear Representative Sylvia Luke (Chair), Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto (Vice Chair), and Members of the Committee,

I am grateful for this opportunity to testify in **strong support of S.B. 2319 H.D. 1 S.D. 2**, requiring that insurers cover a 12-month supply of prescription contraception.

My testimony is on behalf of the approximately 440 members of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) in Hawaii, who list choice and women's reproductive health as an important current concern. My testimony is informed by my experiences teaching at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, where, almost every year, a female student in one of my classes finds herself dealing with an unplanned pregnancy.

On behalf of all these constituencies, I argue that passage of S.B. 2319 H.D. 1 S.D. 2 is important, with great potential to decrease unplanned pregnancy rates across the state. A major argument for moving S.B. 2319 H.D. 1 S.D. 2 forward is that the economic cost of not implementing this bill is far more burdensome on taxpayers than the financial cost of applying this bill. In other words, **providing 12-months of prescription contraception at a time is far cheaper than dealing with the outcomes of not providing it this way, and having women miss taking their pills.** The costs of not taking contraceptive pills are borne by taxpayers (e.g., medical costs of unplanned pregnancies, child support, etc.), and by young mothers (e.g., loss of academic opportunities, resulting in diminished employment prospects and lower wages than peers leading to a lifetime of disadvantage, etc.). Lest this information not be taken seriously, let me provide some numbers supporting this argument. A 2011 Brookings Institute analysis estimated that American "taxpayers spend about \$12 billion annually on publicly financed medical care for women who experience unintended pregnancies and on infants who were conceived unintentionally" (Monea & Thomas 2011). Additional data supports the findings that "unintended pregnancies are particularly concentrated among individuals for whom they are likely to be the most disruptive and who are less likely to have the resources needed to deal with the consequences of becoming pregnant unintentionally. Among women who are teenaged, unmarried, or low-income, the proportion of pregnancies that are unintended exceeds 60 percent" (Monea & Thomas 2011). An examination of the 2010 unintended pregnancy rates by states demonstrates that Hawaii scores as one of the most

highly ranked states (www.guttmacher.org), ultimately costing individuals and taxpayers vast amounts of dollars, which could be spent in more productive ways, if contraceptive prescriptions were dispensed in a manner suiting women. Barriers to taking contraceptive pills consistently include women's lack of access to transportation, women forgetting to fill their orders in a timely manner, pharmacies not filling orders when required, pharmacists not stocking sufficient amounts of pills, etc. Each of these monthly barriers to daily contraceptive pill dosage (necessary for pill efficacy) is diminished by this bill. The type of dispensing regimen encouraged in this bill is supported by the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) because of the public health benefits (see ACOG testimony on this bill, February 2, 2016, for medical references).

In conclusion, passage of S.B. 2319 is an important step toward lowering barriers to contraception and improving health and wellbeing for women, their partners, and their families, and ultimately, the wider Hawaiian population.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely
Susan J. Wurtzburg, Ph.D.
Policy Chair

***American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
District VIII, Hawaii (Guam & American Samoa) Section***

Greigh Hirata, MD, FACOG, Chair
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To: Committee on Finance
Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair
Rep. Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair
DATE: Friday, April 1, 2016
TIME: 11:00 A.M.
PLACE: Conference Room 308

FROM: Hawaii Section, ACOG
Dr. Greigh Hirata, MD, FACOG, Chair
Dr. Jennifer Salcedo, MD, MPH, MPP, FACOG, Vice-Chair
Lauren Zirbel, Community and Government Relations

Re: SB 2319, SD 1, HD 2 Relating to Insurance

Position: Support

Dear Representative Luke, Representative Nishimoto, and Committee Members,

The Hawaii Section of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (HI ACOG) supports SB2319 and other legislative proposals that promote increased access to contraception.

As a Section of the Nation's leading group of physicians dedicated to improving health care for women, HI ACOG represents over 160 obstetrician/gynecologist physicians in our state.

Impact of Limited Contraceptive Supply Provision

- Providing a greater number of birth control pill packs at once is associated with higher continuation rates.¹
- Dispensing a greater number of birth control pill packs at once is associated with fewer pregnancy tests, fewer unplanned pregnancies, and decreased health care costs per woman.²
- ACOG and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend prescribing or supplying up to one year of birth control pills (13 28-day pill packs), based on the woman's preferences and anticipated use.^{3,4,5}

For these reasons, **HI ACOG supports SB2319 and urges the Legislature to consider changing the language to allow provision of up to a 1-year's supply of contraception from the initial prescription, based on the prescriber's discretion.** We stand ready to provide you with factual information on medical issues that come before the Legislature, and hope you will contact us at any time.

¹ Steenland MW, Rodriguez MI, Marchbanks PA, Curtis KM. How does the number of oral contraceptive pill packs dispensed or prescribed affect continuation and other measures of consistent and correct use? A systematic review. *Contraception* 2013;87:605–10.

² Foster D, Parvataneni R, de Bocanegra H, Lewis C, Bradsberry M, Darney P. Number of oral contraceptive pill packages dispensed, method continuation, and costs. *Obstet Gynecol* 2006;108:1107–14.

³ Understanding and using the U.S. Selected Practice Recommendations for Contraceptive Use, 2013. Committee Opinion No. 577. American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. *Obstet Gynecol* 2013;122:1132–3.

⁴ Access to contraception. Committee Opinion No. 615. American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. *Obstet Gynecol* 2015;125:250–5.

⁵ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Selected Practice Recommendations for Contraceptive Use. *MMWR* 2013;62

Dear Chair Luke and the Members of the Committee,

I support SB 2319 as a woman who is negatively impacted by the current 1-3 month supply rule for birth control. I am covered by Med Quest and am only able to receive one month of birth control pills at a time. This restricts my access to a consistent supply of birth control pills because as a recent college graduate with two part time jobs, who is volunteering and job hunting, I am more burdened with the added cost of monthly trips to the pharmacy.

I know that the last thing I want or need is to have an unplanned pregnancy. I believe my chances of that are increased since my access to pills are restricted as birth control pills are only effective if taken perfectly. For instance, I do not have access to reliable transportation so I must take more time out of my schedule to walk or take the bus to the pharmacy. Additionally, I encounter issues with the pharmacist when I go in. On more than one occasion the pharmacist has told me that I can't refill my prescription for another week when I'm supposed to take another pill the next day. Another time, I called in the prescription for refill and when I came in, they told me that no one filled it and I'd have to come back the next day. Whether it is due to a busy schedule, transportation, or a difficult pharmacist, my story is just one of many women whose livelihoods are at stake for an unintended pregnancy due to the barrier of access. As a young woman who wants to ensure her future, it is very important that I can obtain consistent access to birth control. This bill would greatly support that.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

Sincerely,

Ashley Gandiza



To: Hawaii State House of Representatives Committee on Finance
Hearing Date/Time: Friday, April 1, 2016, 11:00 a.m.
Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 308
Re: Testimony of Planned Parenthood of Hawaii in strong support of S.B. 2319, S.D.1, H.D.2, Relating to Insurance

Dear Chair Luke and Members of the Committee,

Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii (“PPVNH”) writes in strong support of S.B. 2319, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, which requires insurers to cover a twelve-month supply of prescription contraception at a time.

PPVNH is dedicated to advocating for women’s full equality in health care access and supports S.B. 2319 because it will go far to reduce the barriers that women face when attempting to access consistent and reliable contraception. By guaranteeing women’s access to a full twelve-month supply of contraception at one time, S.B. 2319 will have the effect of reducing unintended pregnancy and its associated costs to taxpayers.

We see firsthand the impact of policies designed to limit women’s access to contraceptives, and Hawaii’s current policy and practice of only requiring insurance companies to cover 1-3 months of contraception has contributed to Hawaii’s high unintended pregnancy rate and corresponding costs. Despite often receiving a twelve-month prescription for birth control after consultation with their physicians, current policy and practice require women to return time and time again to the pharmacist to refill their prescriptions. This means shuffling already demanding schedules to make trips to the pharmacy between work, school, child care, elder care, travel and all the other day to day responsibilities that women shoulder and increasing their risk of unintended pregnancy when they are unable to accommodate this added responsibility. For low-income women and those in rural areas without a nearby pharmacy, this may become an insurmountable barrier to access – placing them at an even higher risk of unplanned pregnancy.

Birth control is highly effective so long as it is used consistently, so a steady and reliable supply is key to reducing unplanned pregnancy. Dispensing a one-year supply of birth control is associated with a 30 percent reduction in the odds of experiencing an unplanned pregnancy compared with dispensing for 30 or 90 days. This means that making contraception more accessible also saves money. By preventing just one unintended pregnancy, an insurer will save the cost of a delivery - a minimum of \$17,400. That is enough savings to pay for 29 additional years of contraception.

Washington’s state insurance program has successfully implemented this program for over two years, following the U.S. Selected Practice Recommendations for Contraceptive Use, MMWR volume 62, 2013, “The more pill packs given up to 13 cycles, the higher the continuation rates.” Further, the MMWR states, “In addition to continuation, a greater number of pill packs provided was associated with fewer pregnancy tests, fewer pregnancies, and lower cost per client.” See http://www.hca.wa.gov/medicaid/billing/documents/guides/familyplanningprovider_bi.pdf.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of S.B 2319, S.D. 1., H.D. 2.

Sincerely,
Laurie Field
Hawaii Legislative Director and Public Affairs Manager

Sources

- With perfect use, hormonal birth control has a failure rate of less than 5%
Source:
Trussell, J. Contraceptive failure in the United States. *Contraception*: 2011 May; 83(5): 397-404.
<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3638209/>
- One in four women say they have missed pills because they could not get the next pack in time; dispensing one-year's supply at a time reduces the odds of experiencing an unintended pregnancy by 30% and is associated with a 46% in the odds of needing an abortion.
Source:
Foster, Diana et al. Number of Oral Contraceptive Pill Packages Dispensed and Subsequent Unintended Pregnancies. *Obstetrics & Gynecology*: Mar 2011: Vol 117, Iss 3 pp 556-572.
http://journals.lww.com/greenjournal/Abstract/2011/03000/Number_of_Oral_Contraceptive_Pill_Packages.8.aspx
- 19% of women who inconsistently use birth control account for 43% of unintended pregnancies whereas the two-thirds of women who use birth control consistently only make up 5%.
Source:
"Contraceptive Use in the United States." Guttmacher Institute, October 2015
http://www.guttmacher.org/pubs/fb_contr_use.html
- Insurance plans that dispense one-year's supply of birth control instead of limit dispensing to one or three cycles lower their direct costs on follow-up visits and pregnancy tests, as well as long-term unintended pregnancy management.
Source:
Foster, Diana et al. Number of Oral Contraceptive Pill Packages Dispensed, Method Continuation, and Costs. *Obstetrics & Gynecology*: Nov 2006: Vol 18, Iss 5 pp 1107-1114
http://journals.lww.com/greenjournal/Fulltext/2006/11000/Number_of_Oral_Contraceptive_Pill_Packages.10.aspx



April 1, 2016

The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
The Honorable Scott Nishimoto, Vice-Chair
House Committee on Finance

Re: SB 2319, SD1, HD2 – Relating to Insurance

Dear Chair Luke, Vice-Chair Nishimoto, and Committee Members:

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates and supports the intent of SB 2319, SD1, HD2 which would require insurers to cover up to a twelve-month period of prescription contraceptive for an insured.

HMSA certainly supports the intent of SB 2319, SD1, HD2 and appreciate the previous Committees' amendments to the measure that reflect recommendations made the stakeholders involved. We believe this measure strikes a balance between expanded access as well as coordinated care from a primary care physician. The current draft of the measure seeks to address concerns raised earlier with potential waste in the form of unused prescription contraceptive by allowing the option of up to a twelve-month prescription – ensuring that the member and physician are in control of choosing a prescription regimen most appropriate for the member's needs.

We do appreciate and support the intent of SB 2319, SD1, HD2 to expand access to prescription contraceptives and look forward to working with the Committee to address any questions and concerns.

Thank you for allowing us to testify on SB 2319, SD1, HD2.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Diesman
Vice President, Government Relations



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healthy
babies

COALITION
OF HAWAII

Friday, April 1, 2016 at 11:00am

TO: House Committee on Finance

FROM: Lisa Kimura, Executive Director, Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies

RE: S.B. 2319 SD1 HD2 - RELATING TO INSURANCE

POSITION: Strongly Support

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Finance Committee Members:

As the leader of a maternal health organization that cares and advocates for women's health, **we strongly support S.B. 2319 SD1 HD2**, which requires insurers to cover a twelve month supply of prescription contraception, with the request that patients of any age (no minimum age requirement) are able to access contraception for the duration, so that prescribers, together with their patients, are able to make the best decisions for patients' health care.

Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Hawaii is dedicated to advocating for women's health and the equality of access to health care, and supports S.B. 2319 SD1 HD2 because it will sufficiently reduce barriers that women currently face when attempting to access consistent and reliable contraception. S.B. 2319 SD1 HD2 would allow women to access a full 12 month supply of contraception at one time which would increase the accessibility to contraceptives, reduce unintended pregnancies and their associated costs to taxpayers.

We work with mothers on all islands statewide and frequently encounter women who are **not able to reliably access contraception, particularly in rural areas with only a single pharmacy nearby**. This bill is particularly important in preventing teen pregnancy, as **teens are often hesitant or unable to access prescription birth control in a consistent manner**. Once again, this is why it is very important that any woman, regardless of her age, be able to secure twelve months of contraception under this bill.

All women deserve the right to reproductive health and family planning by affordable and accessible birth control, regardless of their income or insurance carrier. Providing women with consistent access to birth control empowers them with family planning options, career and educational opportunities, healthy pregnancies, and the ability to decrease their likelihood to depend on governmental programs. Currently women have to refill birth control prescriptions monthly, which causes inconsistent use of contraceptives and decreases the pill's success rate.

Birth control is most effective when it is used consistently and that requires a steady and reliable supply of the contraceptive. A one-year supply of birth control will reduce unplanned pregnancy and provide women with control over their reproductive rights and their right to family planning. Planned Parenthood estimates that **dispensing a one-year supply of birth control reduces unplanned pregnancies by 30 percent**, compared to 30 to 90 day dispensing periods, and that **one in four women report that they missed their birth control pills because they couldn't access their next pack of pills in time**.

A one-year supply of birth control is estimated to reduce abortions by 46 percent and lower direct costs for follow-up visits and pregnancy tests. By extending birth control to a one-year supply, it will increase consistent use of contraceptives, and lower the rates of unintended pregnancies, abortions, long-term unintended pregnancies, and expenses to insurance plans and taxpayers.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this important women's health issue.

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March 31, 2016

TESTIMONY: Written only

To: The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
The Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Finance

From: **Hawaii Public Health Association**

Subject: **SUPPORT – SB2319 SD1 HD2 RELATING TO INSURANCE,
CONTRACEPTIVE SUPPLIES ACCESS**

Hearing: April 1, 2016 at 11:00am at State Capitol Room 308

The Hawaii Public Health Association (HPHA) is an association of over 600 community members, public health professionals, and organizations statewide dedicated to improving public health. HPHA also serves as a voice for public health professionals and as a repository for information about public health in the Pacific.

HPHA **supports** the passage of **SB2319 SD1 HD2**, which requires health insurers in the State, including health benefits plans under chapter 87A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and Medicaid managed care programs, to cover reimbursement for contraceptive supplies intended to last for up to a 12-month period for an insured.

In 2010, 56% of all 16,000 pregnancies in Hawaii were unplanned. The unintended pregnancy rate was reported 61 per 1,000 women ages 15–44. Publicly supported family planning centers aided 19,800 female contraceptive clients in 2013. These locations met 28% of women's need for contraceptive services and helped avert 4,800 unintended pregnancies in 2013. This program was projected to have prevented 2,400 unplanned births and 1,600 terminated pregnancies. However, many women do not seek care for unintended pregnancy due to costs of care and access.

Consistent access to birth control measures gives women the opportunity to invest their time in family planning, resulting in better career and educational choices, healthier pregnancies, and better financial independence. By mandating insurance coverage of birth control supplies for a 12-month period, affordable access is feasible and efficient to women across Hawaii.

HPHA supports the encouragement of safe and accessible birth control methods for women in Hawaii. Contraceptives are an attainable way to prevent unintended or unwanted pregnancies and by increasing access through insurers, specific barriers will be mitigated.

Thank you for considering our testimony concerning **SB2319 SD1 HD2**.

Respectfully submitted,

Hoce Kalkas, MPH

HPHA Legislative and Government Relations Committee Chair

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SB2319

Submitted on: 3/30/2016

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ann S Freed	Hawaii Women's Coalition	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto and members, As in previous testimony our Coalition is in strong support of this measure to provide consistent and reliable access to contraception supplies throughout our state. The consequences of not doing so not only burdens women who work, women on Neighbor Islands and women who have very busy lives, it may also result in unplanned pregnancy. Mahalo, Ann S Freed, Co-Chair, Hawaii Women's Coalition.

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Chamber of Commerce HAWAII

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**Testimony to the House Committee on Finance
Friday, April 1, 2016 at 11:00 A.M.
Conference Room 308, State Capitol**

RE: SENATE BILL 2319 SD1 HD2 RELATING TO INSURANCE

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") would like to **express concerns regarding** SB 2319 SD1 HD2, which requires health insurers in the State, including health benefits plans under chapter 87A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and Medicaid managed care programs, to cover reimbursement for contraceptive supplies intended to last for up to a twelve-month period for an insured.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 1,000 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

The Chamber foresees potential problems with the cost impact and possible waste caused by the bill's requirements. For example, insured customers could lose part of the twelve-month supply or have unforeseen side effects and may require a prescription change. Also, employers will need to assume the cost of a year's supply of contraceptives even if they may no longer employ the individual. The twelve-month period in SB 2319 SD1 HD2 creates a possibility of waste of resources and money in already strained healthcare system.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

From: Planned Parenthood Votes <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of gary miller <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2016 2:14 PM
To: FINTestimony
Subject: Please support SB 2319 for increased birth control access

Mar 30, 2016

Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Finance HI

Dear Committee on Finance,

I am writing to urge the House Committee on Finance to move forward on SB 2319, an important and commonsense bill to provide 12 months of birth control at a time.

Everyone deserves affordable and accessible birth control that works for them, regardless of income or insurance. Consistent access to birth control gives women the ability to control when and if they have children, giving them more career and education opportunities and healthier pregnancies.

Today, most women have to refill their birth control every month, which is a burden for many and leads to inconsistent use. SB 2319 will change that by allowing women to pick up a prescription only once a year.

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

gary miller

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From: Planned Parenthood Votes <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Michelle Gray <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
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Mar 30, 2016

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Sincerely,

Michelle Gray

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Sincerely,

Kira Braun

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I will not personally benefit from this legislation, but I remember how hectic it is for young mothers and urge you to pass SB 2319 to make their lives a little less stressful.

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Cheryl Ernst

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Sincerely,

Jamie Louis

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We need to AVOID unintended pregnancies especially in the low income females. These pregnancies cost us a fortune because we so inadequately educate females in our society. At least having 12 months UNINTERRUPTED puppy might keep a few of these kids from being born.

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

karen daspit

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From: Planned Parenthood Votes <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Mary Lawrence <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
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Unwanted pregnancies burden communities, families and women. Children are the most important part of this discussion and a woman's ability to control her child-bearing years through family planning and easily accessed to birth control is paramount.

Please pass this bill. There is a causative relationship between access to birth control and fewer unwanted pregnancies, fewer abortions, better standard of living, better education and healthier women and families.

Mahalo,

Mary Lawrence

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Mary Lawrence

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From: Planned Parenthood Votes <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Jacqui Skill <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
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Sincerely,

Jacqui Skill

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From: Planned Parenthood Votes <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Tekla Weber <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
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Women need to be protected, supported and have well health until MEN ARE RESPONSIBLE AND IN CONTROL OF BIRTH CONTROL (and I don't mean to control and deny us choice)!!

Men don't get pregnant if they are raped, abused, or denied birth control. This is for every responsible human globally to be aware that births can happen and will, whether it is a choice, wanted, or not!

Honor Women!
Tekla Weber

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Tekla Weber

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From: Planned Parenthood Votes <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of benjamin hunter <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
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Sincerely,

benjamin hunter

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From: Planned Parenthood Votes <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Alex Oshiro <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
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Subject: Please support HB 1895 for increased birth control access

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Women gave us life, they deserve our protection for safe choices.

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Sincerely,

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SB2319

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Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Leah Laramée

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From: Planned Parenthood Votes <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Mia Delano <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
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Sincerely,

Mia Delano

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Sincerely,

Amy Monk

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From: Planned Parenthood Votes <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Molly Brooke <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
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Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Molly Brooke

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This bill, when made law, will substantially reduce the risk of unintended pregnancies by allowing women to pick up a prescription for birth control just once a year. This avoids gaps in protection caused by trips, work, school, vacations, etc. There is no reason not to allow an annual refill. Please support SB 2319. Thank you, Loretta Sheehan

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Loretta Sheehan

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Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Vera Zambonelli

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Sincerely,

Lynn Krig

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Sincerely,

Tristan Holmes

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This is a responsible and practical solution to the need for birth control on a consistent basis.

Mahalo for your attention to this important bill. andrea Jepson

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Andrea Jepson

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From: Planned Parenthood Votes <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Ron Taylor <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
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Sincerely,

Ron Taylor

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From: Planned Parenthood Votes <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Marjorie Au <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
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Dear legislative members,

Please support SB 2319 which will help women significantly with access to birth control. The monthly refill poses an unnecessary burden to Hawaii women who wear many hats and lead multi-tasking busy lives. There is no logical reason for not passing this bill.

Thank you,
Marjorie Au

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Marjorie Au

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From: Planned Parenthood Votes <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Eve Powers <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
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Sincerely,

Eve Powers

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From: Planned Parenthood Votes <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of B.A. McClintock <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
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Sincerely,

B.A. McClintock

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From: Planned Parenthood Votes <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Erica Yamauchi <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
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Aloha,

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Mahalo nui for your consideration of this simple change that could make a big difference in women's lives and health.

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Erica Yamauchi

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From: Planned Parenthood Votes <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Sheila Conrad <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
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Sincerely,

Sheila Conrad

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From: Planned Parenthood Votes <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Kim Osborn Mullen <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
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It simply makes sense for women to have convenient access to a family planning prescription on a consistent basis. It seems like this bill has all positives and no negatives.

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Kim Osborn Mullen

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From: Planned Parenthood Votes <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Keala Noel <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
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Sincerely,

Keala Noel

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I am a health care provider in Hawai'i and have worked at community health centers on O'ahu as well as Planned Parenthood in Hawai'i and in California over my career of providing women's health care.

Once a physician or other clinician has determined it is safe for a woman to use birth control pills as her birth control method and is providing follow up care as needed, it is safe and reasonable to provide 12 months of birth control at a time, if they choose to.

Unexpected travel or difficulty getting to a pharmacy can cause a woman to miss pills and can cause unintended pregnancies.

I hope you will support this bill.
Kathleen Elliott, PA-C

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Kathleen Elliott

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Sincerely,

Diane Omura

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Diane Epstein

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Sincerely,

Bonnie Goodell

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Sincerely,

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I had affordable access to birth control as a young married woman and so, was able to plan my family and have a rewarding career and marriage. It made all the difference in my life. Please support SB2319.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Karen Corpuz

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Karen Corpuz

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Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Kaylin Muramoto

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Ashley Kinney

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Sincerely,

Wyatt Bartlett

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Thank you for moving this important bill forward!

Sincerely,
Ann Gomers

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Sincerely,

Ann Gomers

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As a physician working in the community health care system, I support this bill and I hope you will too.

David R Jones, MD
Honolulu

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Sincerely,

David Jones

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Daphne Barbee-Wooten

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Sincerely,

Amanda Palmer

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Sincerely,

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This is imperative for you to approve. Help women in need of accessing this important medication once a year.

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Sincerely,

Jane Jamison

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It should be a woman's choice and the more birth control convenience there is for women the fewer abortion problems will come up. Please allow this bill to pass.

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Delores Campbell

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Joy Nelson

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Please allow women to pick up a year's birth control supply. Many women are very busy. Babies should be planned. Allowing yearly prescriptions would help planning take place.
Yvonne Jayne

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Sincerely,

Yvonne Jayne

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This is very important to so many of our women it is imperative to move on this bill.

Time to stop the lack of support for woman's health.

Sandra Salisbury

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Sandra Salisbury

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Sincerely,

Robert Bacher

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Bobbie Best

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Please do the right thing by the women of Hawaii. These are women who have special medical needs, and it would be shameful if our legislature denied them safe access to reproductive services. Do the Pono thing, the Aloha thing, the Hawai'i thing. "Women's Lives Matter!"

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

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I agree, we need to support women in having a choice not chance about starting a family.

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Sincerely,

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Please understand how important this opportunity can be to so many women and families.

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

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Mar 30, 2016

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PAM PALENCIA

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Sincerely,

Rexann Dubiel-Shanahan

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I am the mother of two young women getting ready to go to college. They have good goals, have worked hard and have made good choices. I want to support them in planning for their futures and making mature decisions. Making obtaining birth control unnecessarily complicated leads to unplanned pregnancy and young women getting de-railed.

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Anne Anderson

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SB2319

Submitted on: 3/30/2016

Testimony for FIN on Apr 1, 2016 11:00AM in Conference Room 308

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jo-Ann M Adams	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I write in strong support of S.B. 2319, S.D. S.B. 2319 will reduce the barriers women face in getting consistent and reliable contraception by guaranteeing a full 12-month supply at one time. S.B. 2319 will reduce unintended pregnancy and its associated costs to taxpayers. Hawaii's current policy to cover 1-3 months of contraception has contributed to Hawaii's high unintended pregnancy rate. Current policy and practice require women to return repeatedly to the pharmacist to refill their prescriptions. For low-income women and those in rural areas, this may become an insurmountable barrier – increasing the risk of unplanned pregnancy. Dispensing a one-year supply of birth control is associated with a 30% reduction of an unplanned pregnancy compared with dispensing for 30 or 90 days. By preventing just one unintended pregnancy, an insurer will save the cost of a delivery - a minimum of \$17,400. That is enough savings to pay for 29 additional years of contraception.

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Steve Legare

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With women's rights being under such scrutiny, and safe abortions being threatened by law makers, it is really critical and crucial that women be allowed easy access to contraceptives so they can avoid unwanted pregnancies.

Please pass SB 2319. It is very important to everyone, men and women.

Thank you so much,

Aloha, Judy Stenger

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Judy Stenger

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Ann Frost

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Sincerely,

Dan Gardner

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Sincerely,

Deborah Gardner

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Patricia Stillwell

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As a Hawaii psychologist, I have managed a support group for teenage mothers for more than 4 years now. Some became mothers as young as 13 or 14 years of age, and we often discuss the decisions and challenges that led to their pregnancy. Without exception, accessibility of birth control was a challenging factor in nearly every situation. Most of these girls rely upon bus, foot or family member-controlled transportation, and the ability to get to a pharmacy at the same time each month to pick up their prescription was described as a huge hurdle, that many times could not be overcome in time to avoid unsafe sex.

Furthermore, please know that for many of these patients, whether or not to have sex was not a choice that they made or were given by their sexual partners. But if they had the opportunity to at least avoid the resulting pregnancy, their lives - and the lives of their children - would have been changed forever.

This bill sounds simple, but is actually very important especially to our young women or those who live in rural parts of our state.

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Sincerely,

Dr. Maryellen Markley

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Sincerely,

Stephanie Austin

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

yoshiko copeland

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Marcia Leung

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Access to birth control is necessary to preventing higher birth rates.

Coming from the leeward side of the island, the inconsistency in obtaining birth control is one of the primary reasons why we have higher birth rates where I live.

It is also extraordinarily inconvenient to only have access to birth control every three months especially with a busy lifestyle or when traveling. That is why this bill is necessary.

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Cherry Yamane

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For me, I get 3 month supplies that I have to contact my doctor to get refilled. This can be time consuming and lead to lapses in my medication for various clerical issues. I am 43 and need this medication for more than just preventing pregnancy, although that should not matter.

If you have issues with the cost of this measure, consider placing a one time clause for up-dating so that doctors and patients can make sure the medications that they are prescribing are correct for that individual. Sometimes people have reactions and need to switch and it would be wasteful to have a year's supply. For me, I've been on this medication for almost 2 years and will continue to be using it for a few more. Many women are in the same position as I am.

Thank you for supporting Planned Parenthood and the educational and health services they provide. The Maui office staff is amazing. I switched from my "regular" OB to PP to support them financially. They were the only doctors who could see me a couple of years ago when I was having odd symptoms and discovered a ectopic pregnancy that could of killed me.

Aloha!

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Carrie DeMott

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Sincerely,

Inga Gibson

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Sincerely,

William Lee

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Lea Minton, MSN, APRN, CNM

March 31, 2016

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB2319 SD2 HD1

To: House Committee on Finance
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 308
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Time: Twenty-Eighth Legislature Regular Session of 2016
Friday, April 1, 2016 at 11:00am

Dear Representative Luke, Representative Nishimoto and members of the committee on Finance,

As a Certified Nurse Midwife and primary health care provider I strongly support SB 2319 SD1 HD2 requiring insurers to cover a twelve-month supply of prescription contraception. By guaranteeing women's access to a full twelve-month supply of contraception at one time, SB 2319 SD1 HD2 will give women the control they deserve over their reproductive health decisions, and will reduce unintended pregnancy and its associated costs to taxpayers.

I care for low-income women on the North Shore of Oahu, which is a rural area without easy access to a pharmacy. Kaiser Permanente does not have a pharmacy at their Kahuku clinic, Foodland Laie is closed on Sundays, closes at 5pm on Saturdays, and doesn't open until 8:30am on weekdays (after many people are at work!), meaning women often cannot get to their pharmacy when it is open. I directly witnessed the effects this unreasonable barrier had on women who chose to use prescriptive contraceptives instead of long-acting reversible contraceptives (implant and IUDs); they were in my office more frequently for emergency contraceptives, pregnancy tests, abortion referrals and prenatal care for unplanned pregnancies. The lack of access to pharmacies coupled with having to refill their prescriptions monthly for our Medicaid clients or every two to three months with private insurance, places them continuously at high risk of an unplanned pregnancy. One in four women say they have missed pills because they could not get the next pack in time; yet dispensing one-year's supply at a time reduces the odds of experiencing an unintended pregnancy by 30% and is associated with a 46% drop in the chance of needing an abortion.

An inequality exists between women who choose a long-acting reversible contraceptive and those who choose a prescriptive contraceptive (the inequality is even greater when a homeless and/or mentally challenged client chooses a prescriptive contraceptive). We provide 3 years (implant/IUD), 5 years (IUD) and 10 years (IUD) worth of birth control to those who elect a long acting contraceptive, so why do we remain so persistent on only supplying a woman with 1-3 months of oral, transdermal or vaginal contraceptives? Women should be given the choice of selecting the method that works best for them and be given a 12-month supply if desired for prescriptive contraceptives. Some countries sell it over the counter and these women who move here are appalled they have to go in to get their medicine every month! Some clients ask a friend

or family member to mail them birth control from off the shelves of their country to get around the barriers we have put in place! I believe mailing birth control from Brazil to Hawaii just to gain reasonable access is testament enough of how huge the barrier is that we've created to women feeling reassured they will have consistent reliable access to prescriptive contraceptives.

As a provider of the Title X Family Planning Program, and the Family Planning Coordinator for my employer, I fully implemented the recommendation to dispense a 12 to 13 month supply of oral, transdermal and vaginal contraceptives as desired to family planning clients, per the U.S. Selected Practice Recommendations for Contraceptive Use, MMWR volume 62, 2013. I cannot recount one negative incident regarding this practice. The only thing I can say is that I was never able to rationally explain to clients why if they qualified under our family planning grant they could receive a year supply of birth control, but that if they were insured they could only receive 1-3 months of birth control, depending on their insurance company.

Some people may argue if you give a woman a year's supply of birth control and she decides to stop taking it, she could in theory give it to someone else and this would be harmful. My response is this: women have been sharing their birth control for decades, and yes they give it to their friends and family to help each other out; as a health care provider I do not ever condone taking someone else's prescriptive medication. Yet I must state the truth is that statistically pregnancy puts a woman's life in danger at a much higher percentage than the risks associated with taking prescriptive contraceptive. Would this potential for harm, that actually already exists, be enough reason to continue our outdated practices in the name of safety? Absolutely not. In fact, if more people obtaining prescriptive contraceptives are given a one year supply, less women will be looking to obtain prescriptive contraceptives by alternative means. I truly believe by enacting this bill, sharing of prescriptive contraceptives will decrease and more women will be on a birth control method that is the best fit for them- choice and health wise. By increasing access, we increase safety for our women.

Please remember that pregnancy is a forever event, whether it is wanted or not. Only the individual will know what method best fits with her reproductive life plan, and her choice should not be influenced by the outdated barrier of only having access to 1-3 months of birth control at a time.

I ask that you pass SB 2319 SD1 HD2. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important matter.

Sincerely,
Lea Minton, Certified Nurse Midwife

From: Planned Parenthood Votes <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Donna Peebles <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

maryanne cavasso

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Julie Rivers

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Having birth control easily available is a benefit to all, and the easier it is for women to get their prescription the fewer unwanted pregnancies will occur.

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Leah Langowski

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Help women prevent themselves from unwanted pregnancies and from having unwanted children.

Thank you.

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Sincerely,

Patricia Okieffe

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Jennifer Pliska

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As a health care provider I see many young women who do not have the finances to afford family planning. This sh Old be available at no to low cost, to prevent teen pregnancy and any unwanted pregnancy. I have been surprised how few if any sites are available for women.

Sincerely M Cameron, family Nurse Practitioner

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Mary Cameron

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From: Planned Parenthood Votes <ppaction@ppvnh.org> on behalf of Jennifer Elia <ppaction@ppvnh.org>
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Sincerely,

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I truly believe that having birth control readily available, on hand or available for pick up when needed, will improve the lives of women and their families in Hawaii. Let's be progressive thinkers and move forward on SB2319.

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

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Aloha Erica Paleiolani Smith

Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

erica smith

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Sincerely,

Kenneth Busch

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Trying to stop raging hormones in the young is akin to pushing back the tide. They are going to have sex and have more keiki than they can handle. I don't see why this should fall entirely on the women, as it takes two and after two rug rats, I believe a vasectomy could be the next variable that hasn't been entered into the equation. They are safe, an outpatient procedure and only hurt for three days. I drove home after mine. A little ice and you're good to go. The men could always bank their sperm for later, if they do decide to have any. The operation and the followup test were covered buy insurance. Something else to consider.

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Sincerely,

Dave Kisor

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Please support SB 2319 and move it forward into becoming law. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Samantha Sherline

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Sincerely,

Stuart Coleman

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Testimony for FIN on Apr 1, 2016 11:00AM in Conference Room 308

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Joy Marshall	Individual	Support	No

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April 1, 2016

To: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce

From: Jeanne Y. Ohta, Co-Chair

RE: SB 2319 SD1 HD2 Relating to Insurance
Hearing: Friday, April 1, 2016, 11:00 a.m.

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

The Hawai'i State Democratic Women's Caucus writes in support of SB 2319 SD1 HD2 Relating to Insurance.

Women deserve affordable and accessible birth control, regardless of income or insurance carrier. Consistent access to birth control gives women the ability to control when and if they have children, giving them more career and education opportunities, healthier pregnancies, and making them less likely to depend on government programs. Today, most women have to refill their birth control every month, which is a burden for many women and leads to inconsistent birth control use.

Women's consistent access to birth control should not depend on her insurance carrier. By requiring that women get 12 months of birth control at a time, we can reduce barriers to contraceptives, prevent unintended pregnancy, and save money.

Women without reliable access to transportation or living in rural areas have more barriers to dependable access to birth control, leaving them at a greater risk for unintended pregnancies.

Forty-six percent of women who unintentionally became pregnant report that they were using some form of contraceptives; providing one year of birth control at a time will increase consistent use and reduce unintended pregnancy.

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. It is because of this mission that we respectfully request that the committee pass this bill.