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Testimony COMMENTING on SB 304, SD 1
Relating to Health

SENATOR JILL TOKUDA, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Hearing Date: March 2, 2015

Room Number: 211

1 **Fiscal Implications:** The measure appropriates \$10,000 which would provide funds to support
2 the establishment of a Maternal Mortality Review Panel.

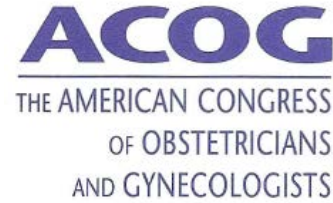
3 **Department Testimony:** The department supports the intent of SB304, SD1 but defers to the
4 Governor's Executive Budget request and for the Department of Health's appropriations and
5 personnel priorities.

6 The bill amends Hawaii Revised Statutes, Chapter 324 to establish a Maternal Mortality
7 Review Panel to conduct comprehensive, multidisciplinary reviews of maternal deaths in Hawaii
8 to identify factors associated with the deaths and make recommendations for system changes to
9 improve the delivery of health care and reduce maternal mortality in Hawaii. This panel would
10 be responsible for submission of an annual report to the legislature on their activities, identifiable
11 trends in maternal deaths, including recommendations for systems changes, and any proposed
12 legislation to reduce the number of preventable maternal deaths. The S.D.1 adds the
13 incorporation of "maternal morbidity" to the name of the review panel and to its responsibilities.
14 The department believes that this addition would increase the work load beyond the scope of the
15 appropriation. The department has met with members of the Hawaii Chapter of the American
16 Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) and concurs that the establishment a
17 Maternal Mortality Review Panel with an appropriation to support the work is important. The
18 department concurs with ACOG's suggested amendments to remove the incorporation of
19 "morbidity" from the review panels name and references to "maternal mortality", "maternal
20 mortality events" and "maternal mortality review information".

21 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Monday - March 2, 2015
1:00 PM
Conference Room 211

To: Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice Chair

FROM: Lori Kamemoto, MD, MPH, FACOG, Chair
Greigh Hirata, MD, FACOG, Vice Chair
American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Hawaii
(Guam & American Samoa) Section

**Re: SB304SD1 - RELATING TO HEALTH, Establishing the Maternal
Mortality Review Panel**

Position: Strongly Support with Amendments

Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kouchi and Ways and Means Committee Members:

The American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Hawaii Section (Hawaii ACOG) strongly supports the establishment of a Hawaii Maternal Mortality Review Panel to conduct comprehensive, multidisciplinary reviews of maternal deaths towards improving pregnancy care in our state. This measure establishes the Hawaii maternal mortality review panel to conduct a comprehensive review of maternal deaths that have occurred in the State. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs, World Health Organization and many other organizations all strongly recommend that each state have a maternal mortality review panel.

Hawaii is one of only 13 states without a multi-disciplinary professional panel to review pregnancy-related deaths. Maternal mortality review panels are essential to improving pregnancy care for all patients and it is thought that up to half of all maternal deaths may be preventable. **We know that review panels work:** unlike overall United States data with rising maternal death rates, the United Kingdom and the state of California have decreased their maternal mortality by identifying missed opportunities and remediable factors in cases of maternal death. Findings from review panels guide the creation of

treatment protocols, education campaigns and standardization of pregnancy care. SB304 creates this much needed review panel, made up of **volunteer** health providers and other members at very **minimal cost** to the State for a part-time administrative assistant. We are collaborating with the State of Hawaii Department of Health (DOH) on this bill.

Despite advances in medical care, the U.S. maternal mortality continues to rise and we are the only developed nation with an increasing maternal mortality. The number of reported pregnancy-related deaths in the U.S. has increased from 8.4 deaths per 100,000 live births in 1997 to a high of 17.8 deaths per 100,000 live births in 2011 (CDC, 2015). In the 1990s, U.S. officials had hoped to decrease this rate from 8.4 (1997) to 3.3 deaths per 100,000 live births by 2010 (Healthy People 2010), however the actual rate was five times that number. World Health Organization (WHO) estimates for 2013, reveal that 62 countries had lower maternal mortality ratios than the U.S. (WHO, Trends in Maternal Mortality: 1990-2013). According to Hawaii Department of Health data, there were 102 maternal deaths from 2001 through 2011, an average of 9 deaths per year.

For each maternal death, there are many more “near misses”. Reviewing maternal deaths highlights areas for improvement in pregnancy care for all women.

The estimated cost of instituting the Hawaii Maternal Mortality Review Panel is only \$10,000 annually for a part time administrative assistant/copying costs. The remainder of the professional panel committee members are volunteers and uncompensated. This is a very minimal cost for such a large benefit to all of Hawaii’s pregnant women.

Hawaii ACOG strongly supports the establishment of a Hawaii Maternal Mortality Review Panel to benefit all of Hawaii’s women, with the amendments that follow.

We respectfully ask that the following changes be made to SB304SD1:

Page 1, Line 4:

Remove:“Morbidity and”....

Page 2, Line 13:

Remove:....”morbidity and”....

Page 2, Line 14:

Remove:”morbidity and”....

Page 3, Line 8:

Remove:...”morbidity and”....

Page 3, Line 19:

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Page 4, Line 5:

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Page 6, Line 7:

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Page 6, Line 16:

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Page 6, Line 19:

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Page 7, Line 9:

Remove:"morbidity and"....

Page 8, Lines 7-8:

Remove:"providers of medical care and"...

Page 8, Line 9:

Remove:"morbidity and"....

Add: "I" to "maternal"

Page 8, Line 13:

Remove:"morbidity and"....

Page 8, Line 16:

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Page 11, Line 21:

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Page 12, Line 6:

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Page 12, Lines 16-18:

Do NOT remove/Leave in place:...”the maternal and perinatal mortality study committee of the Hawaii Medical Association, any hospital staff committee or”...

Page 13, Lines 10-12:

Do NOT remove/Leave in place: ...”The maternal and perinatal study committee of the Hawaii Medical Association, the department of health, or any hospital staff committee”....**Add** “and”...

Page 13, Line 19:

Do NOT remove/Leave in place:...”under any circumstances”...

Page 14, Line 4:

Remove:”morbidity and”....

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify, and for your support of Hawaii Women’s Health.

SB304

Submitted on: 2/28/2015

Testimony for WAM on Mar 2, 2015 13:00PM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Teresa Parsons	Individual	Support	No

Comments: For the sake of healthy families, this bill is very important and provides a mechanism for the Dept. of Health to establish programs in response to findings of increased maternal mortality and morbidity. I urge you to support this legislation.

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To: Senate Committee on Ways and Means
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Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice Chair

FROM: Chrystie Fujimoto, MD

**Re: SB304SD1 - RELATING TO HEALTH, Establishing the
Maternal Mortality Review Panel**

Position: Strongly Support

Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kouchi, and Ways and Means Committee Members:

As an obstetrician who cares for pregnant women, I strongly support SB304, establishing a Hawaii Maternal Mortality Review Panel to review Hawaii maternal deaths. The CDC, American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, World Health Organization, Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs, and many other organizations strongly recommend that all states have a formal review process of maternal deaths to decrease maternal mortality and morbidity. Hawaii does not review maternal deaths.

Maternal mortality reviews highlight possible areas for system improvements and changes that can lead to better pregnancy care for all women and have been proven to work in other states and countries. Hawaii's maternal death rate is comparable to the overall US rate. Unfortunately, the United States is the only developed country with increasing maternal deaths.

Please support Hawaii's women and keiki with this bill.
Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on this important Women's Health issue.

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FROM: Autumn Broady, MD, MPH

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Maternal mortality reviews identify missed opportunities and remediable factors in the care of women, given that up to 50% of maternal mortality is preventable. They develop guidelines and systematic protocols that improve pregnancy health care, save lives and prevent long-term morbidities. While Hawaii's maternal death rate is comparable to the overall US rate, the United States is the only developed country with increasing maternal deaths.

Data shows that maternal mortality review panels work in decreasing the maternal mortality rate. Other states and countries that have maternal reviews that have implemented reviews have seen a drop in their mortality rates. The United Kingdom, which has the most comprehensive maternal mortality review, has a maternal mortality rate four times lower than the United States.

When a mother dies, it has widespread effects on many people—from children, partners, extended family, and the community. Please support Hawaii's women and keiki with this bill.

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FROM: Tod C. Aeby, MD, MEd

**Re: SB304SD1 - RELATING TO HEALTH, Establishing the
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Position: Strongly Support

Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kouchi, and Ways and Means Committee Members:

As an academic obstetrician who cares for pregnant women, and teaches those that will care for the mothers, daughters and wives of our state, I strongly **support SB304**, establishing a Hawaii Maternal Mortality Review Panel to review Hawaii maternal deaths. Honestly, **we all should be shocked and embarrassed** to know that we are one of the few states that doesn't have such a panel. The CDC, American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, World Health Organization, Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs, and many other organizations strongly recommend that all states have a formal review process of maternal deaths to decrease maternal mortality and morbidity. **Sadly, Hawaii does not review maternal deaths.**

Maternal mortality reviews highlight possible areas for system improvements and changes that can lead to better pregnancy care for all women and have been proven to work in other states and countries. Hawaii's maternal death rate is comparable to the overall US rate. Unfortunately, **the United States is the only developed country with increasing maternal deaths.**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Colleen F. Inouye	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Monday - March 2, 2015 1:00 PM Conference Room 211 To: Senate Committee on Ways and Means Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice Chair FROM: Colleen F. Inouye, MD, MMM, FACOG Re: SB304SD1 - RELATING TO HEALTH, Establishing the Maternal Mortality Review Panel Position: Strongly Support Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kouchi, and Ways and Means Committee Members: As a former obstetrician for 25 years and currently practicing gynecologist who cares for pregnant women, I strongly support SB304, establishing a Hawaii Maternal Mortality Review Panel to review Hawaii maternal deaths. The CDC, American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, World Health Organization, Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs, and many other organizations strongly recommend that all states have a formal review process of maternal deaths to decrease maternal mortality and morbidity. Hawaii does not review maternal deaths. Maternal mortality reviews highlight possible areas for system improvements and changes that can lead to better pregnancy care for all women and have been proven to work in other states and countries. Hawaii's maternal death rate is comparable to the overall US rate. Unfortunately, the United States is the only developed country with increasing maternal deaths. Please support Hawaii's women and keiki with this bill. Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on this important Women's Health issue.

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Anthony Orozco	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Wasting money beating a dead horse. Once you are dead, what does it matter any more

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