

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

TESTIMONY BY KALBERT K. YOUNG  
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
ON  
SENATE BILL NO. 661

January 28, 2013

RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS FOR  
HAWAI'I PACIFIC HEALTH

Senate Bill No. 661 authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds (SPRB) for the Hawai'i Pacific Health, a Hawaii non-profit corporation, the obligated group in which Hawai'i Pacific Health is a member, one or more of its non-profit affiliates, or any combination thereof, in the financing, refinancing, or reimbursing of costs related to the construction or renovation of various health care facilities pursuant to Part II, Chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

The Department has no position on the issuance of SPRBs as contemplated in this bill. The Department would like to remind the Legislature and prospective issuers that should the legislation be approved, approval of SPRB issuance will still require further discussion and satisfactory review of the financing components involved in the transaction.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.



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The Honorable Josh B. Green, M.D., Chair  
Senate Committee on Health  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 215  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**S.B. 527, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE HAWAI'I BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER CONTROL PROGRAM; January 28, 2013, 1:15 p.m.**

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strongly support for S.B. 527, Making an Appropriation for the Hawaii Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program. My name Debra Ishihara-Wong, Director of Oncology Services of 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 2009, QMC's BCCCP has screened a total of 197 eligible women.

### QMC's BCCCP Accrual Rates 2009-2011

Performance Period	Goal	Number of Eligible Women Served
FY 2009	50	52
FY 2010	65	94
FY 2011	70	51*

\* As of January 2011

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 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 Hawaii 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.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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January 25, 2013

**Testimony in Support: SB 527**

**To:** Chair Josh Green, Vice Chair Rosalyn Baker, and Members of the Senate Committee on Health  
**From:** Katie Reardon Polidoro, Director of Public Affairs and Government Relations, Planned Parenthood of Hawaii

**Re:** Testimony in Support of SB 527, Relating to Cancer

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii supports SB 527, 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.

PPI 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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**Monday January 28, 2013**

**1:15 p.m.**

**Conference Room 229**

To: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
Sen. Josh Green, Chair  
Sen. Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

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

Re: SB 527 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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