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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 2343

January 29, 2010; 2:45 p.m., Conference Room 016
Relating to Insurance Coverage for Mammograms

To: Senate Health Committee
Sen. David, Ige, Chair & Sen. Josh Green, M.D., Vice Chair
Sen. Rosalyn Baker, Sen. Will Espero, Sen. Fred Hemmings,
Sen. Clarence Nishihara

From: Ron Menor, Chair National Federation of Filipino American Associations
("NaFFAA") Region XII

Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Green, and Senate Health Committee Members:

My name is Ron Menor, Chair of NaFFAA Region XII. NaFFAA is a national advocacy organization comprised of Filipino organizations throughout the United States. Our mission is to promote issues of the concern to Filipinos and Filipino Americans. Region XII includes Hawaii and several Pacific Islands.

I am writing to offer support for SB 2343 which prohibits an insurer from requiring a doctor's referral for annual mammograms for covered individuals over forty years old. This is an important action that will help to address the problem of cancer disparities. Filipinos, Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, Hispanics, and immigrants, more than any other groups in Hawai'i are at higher risk for poorer health outcomes when diagnosed with later stages of breast cancer. Requiring a physician referral presents another obstacle to women getting an annual mammogram.

I respectfully ask for your support of this bill. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ron Menor, Chair, NaFFAA Region XII

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TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT FOR SB 2343 Relating to Insurance Coverage for Mammograms

Senate Committee on Health

January 29, 2010 ▪ 2:45 p.m. ▪ Hawai'i State Capitol ▪ Room 016

To: Sen. David Ige, Chair and Sen. Josh Green, M.D., Vice Chair
Sen. Rosalyn Baker, Sen. Will Espero, Sen. Fred Hemmings,
Sen. Clarence Nishihara

From: Charlene Cuaresma, Filipinos for Affirmative Action

Dear Sen. Ige, Sen. Green, and Senate Health Committee Members:

My name is Charlene Cuaresma. As a board member of Filipinos For Affirmative Action, I submit strong support for this bill. The mission of Filipinos For Affirmative Action is to advocate for civil rights for all.

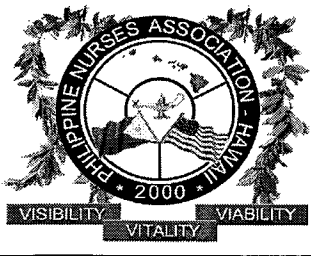
We support this bill, which prohibits an insurer from requiring a doctor's referral for annual mammograms for covered individuals over forty years old. Cancer is the number one cause of death for Asian women in America. In Hawaii, Filipino, Native Hawaiian, and Hispanic women have been determined by the American Cancer Society to suffer more than other groups from cancer disparities. This bill recognizes the importance of prohibiting an insurer to create more barriers to mammogram access, especially for women who are underserved, and whose first language is not English. More and more, it appears that trusted cultural, kinship and social networks, not doctors, are the preferred venues for women, who are reticent to receiving mammograms, to get vital health information and support in order to benefit from lifesaving breast cancer screening. Even Filipino physician groups have long lamented the challenges to increase mammogram rates for their first generation Filipino female patients. Filipino women in Hawaii have among the lowest survival rates from breast cancer, due to advanced stages of cancer found too late.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our strong support for this bill. A woman's ability to make an appointment for a mammogram without a doctor's referral is a step in the right direction for breaking down barriers and keeping access open to breast cancer screening. This measure will help to reduce the suffering and costs of a catastrophic illness.

Please consider voting yes at this critical juncture in Hawai'i's economic recovery.

Sincerely,

Charlene Cuaresma, MPH
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TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB2343
JANUARY 29, 2010 2:45 P.M. CONFERENCE ROOM 016
Relating to Insurance Coverage for Mammograms

To: Senate Health Committee
Sen. David Ige, chair & Sen. Josh Green MD, Vice-chair
Sen. Rosalyn Baker, Sen. Will Espero, Sen. Fred Hemmings,
Sen. Clarence Nishihara

From: Jose Jacob, President
Philippine Nurses Association Hawaii (PNAH)

Dear Senator Ige, Senator Green, and Senate Health Committee
Members:

My name is Jose Jacob, President of the Philippine Nurses Association of Hawaii (PNAH). PNAH is a local organization and a chapter member of the Philippine Nurses Association of America, Inc. (PNAA) that represents Filipino-American nurses in the island of Hawaii. We are a non-profit nursing organization with goals to collaborate with local and national legislative bodies and public policies through cumulative force on issues which directly affect nurses, the Filipinos nurses in particular, and also the Filipino community as a whole. We actively participate in community programs that foster health awareness, promotion and education and to improve the lives of Filipino communities and other communities in Hawaii.

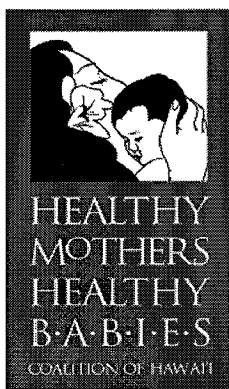
PNAH strongly supports SB 2343, which prohibits an insurer from requiring a doctor's referral for annual mammograms for covered individual over forty (40) years old.

This is an important action that is keeping abreast with PNAH goals and mission to increase health awareness among Filipinos, Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, Hispanics, and immigrants. More than any other groups in Hawaii, these groups are at greater risk for poorer health outcomes when diagnosed with later stages of breast cancer. Requiring a physician referral will be one more barrier to overcome in order for women to get an annual mammogram.

I respectfully ask that you pass this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to advocate for access to mammograms for underserved women.

Respectfully yours,

Jose Jacob, President
Philippine Nurses Association Hawaii (PNAH)



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January 28, 2010

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair; Senator Josh Green, M.D., Vice Chair
Members, Committee On Health
FROM: Jackie Berry, Executive Director
RE: **SB 2343 Relating to Insurance Coverage for Mammograms**
Hearing: Friday, January 29, 2010 at 2:45pm

Honorable Chairperson Ige, Vice Chairperson Green and Members of the Committee on Health

HMHB is a statewide coalition of public and private agencies and individuals committed to the improvement of maternal and infant health status in Hawaii through education, coordination and advocacy. **HMHB is testifying today in support of SB 2343 Relating to Insurance Coverage for Mammograms.**

Data indicates that 17 percent of breast cancer deaths occurred in women who were diagnosed in their 40s, and 22 percent occurred in women diagnosed in their 50s. Screening starting at 40 significantly prevents breast cancer deaths. The risk associated with delaying screening for women ages 40-49 far outweighs any benefit. Routine mammograms play an important role in women's health and should be accessible and affordable. Screening is only valuable if appropriate follow up is available. The record should include a name of the women's physician and the results of the mammogram should be forwarded to that physician.

We urge your support of this bill.

Mahalo for your consideration of this bill and our testimony.

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Comments:

Women over the age of 40 are at increasing risks for different diseases and health problems including breast cancer. Women should not have to get a doctor's permission just to take a preventative health measure. Insurance should automatically let women do this on their own.