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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

To: The Honorable Sylvia Like, Chair, House Committee on Finance  
The Honorable Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice-Chair, House Committee on Finance  
The Honorable Scott Nishimoto, Vice-Chair, House Committee on Finance  
Members, House Committee on Finance

Submitted by: Hawaii Public Health Association

Subject: **Support for HB2039 HD1, Relating to Cancer**

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Johanson and Nishimoto and Members of the House Finance Committee;

This testimony is submitted on behalf of the Hawaii Public Health Association (HPHA) in support of HB2039 HD1, relating to cancer.

HPHA represents a membership of over 600 students, academics, professionals, and practitioners in the field of public health from various disciplines statewide (see attached HPHA factsheet).

HPHA supports the funding of a Comprehensive Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program because this measure will fund the screening, education, treatment, and outreach services. HPHA understands that cancer in all forms is one of the largest threats not only to the people of Hawaii, but to people all over the world. There is no way to truly map out the costs associated with treatment for cancer, although considering doctor visits, lab tests, treatments, procedures, imaging tests, radiation treatments, drug costs, hospital stays, home care, and other surgeries, the costs will undeniably weigh heavily on the financial well-being of all patients affected as well as their families.

HPHA takes a strong position in supporting legislation that allows for greater access to healthcare and therefore believe that continued funding of this program will aid in achieving that goal

Thank you for your consideration of our supportive testimony on HB 2039 HD1.

Mahalo.

Attached: HPHA Fact Sheet – Who We Are