



Chairman Dolan and Members of the Finance Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of amendment SC2246 to HB 110, which relates to the expanded access to breast and cervical cancer treatment services.

Susan G. Komen is the world's leading nonprofit breast cancer organization representing the millions of women and men who have been diagnosed with breast cancer, including the 10,450 women who will be diagnosed and 1,720 who will die from the disease this year alone in Ohio. We have a comprehensive 360-degree approach to fighting this disease across all fronts—we advocate for patients, drive research breakthroughs, improve access to high-quality care, offer direct patient support and empower people with trustworthy information. Komen advocates for all women to have access to the tools and resources necessary to save their lives. We believe strongly that ensuring access to affordable, high-quality care for all patients increases the likelihood that they will have the ability to detect, diagnose and treat their breast cancer early - potentially saving their lives.

In Ohio, only patients screened by a Breast and Cervical Cancer Project provider, can receive treatment in the corresponding Breast and Cervical Cancer Medicaid Treatment Program. Unfortunately, if a woman, walks through the "wrong door" to a provider not participating in the Breast and Cervical Cancer Project, they most likely will be forced to find alternatives to pay for the cost of their treatment, or simply forego treatment entirely. The proposed amendment will allow for a breast cancer patient's access to care to not be contingent on where the care was given.

The financial burden of cancer should not be an additional concern for cancer patients. A woman, that would otherwise be eligible for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Project services, should not be denied access to life-saving treatment, simply because she walked through the "wrong door."

The requirements outlined in SC2246 open the eligibility of the Medicaid Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Program to allow all eligible women access to vital breast and cervical cancer treatment services, regardless of where they were initially screened.

Komen thanks you for your leadership and for your consideration of amendment SC2246, which will ensure all eligible women have access to life-saving breast and cervical cancer treatment services.

Sincerely,
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Sub. H.B. 110
As Passed by the House

_____ moved to amend as follows:

In line 154 of the title, after "5165.261," insert "5166.33," 1

In line 318, after "5165.261," insert "5166.33," 2

After line 59902 insert: 3

"Sec. 5166.33. Subject to federal approval, the medicaid 4
director shall establish a medicaid waiver component under which a 5
woman who meets all of the following conditions shall receive 6
treatment for breast or cervical cancer: 7

(A) The woman was screened for breast or cervical cancer by a 8
provider who either does not participate in or was not paid for 9
the screening by the Ohio breast and cervical cancer project 10
administered under section 3701.144 of the Revised Code. 11

(B) The woman is in need of treatment for breast or cervical 12
cancer. 13

(C) The woman has a countable income not exceeding three 14
hundred per cent of the federal poverty line. 15

(D) The woman is not covered by health insurance. 16

(E) The woman is less than sixty-five years of age." 17

The motion was _____ agreed to.

SYNOPSIS

Medicaid waiver - Ohio Breast and Cervical Cancer Project	18
R.C. 5166.33 (new)	19
Requires the Medicaid Director to establish, subject to	20
federal approval, a Medicaid waiver component under which women	21
screened for breast or cervical cancer by providers neither	22
participating in nor paid for the screening by ODH's Ohio Breast	23
and Cervical Cancer Project (BCCP) may receive cancer treatment	24
under the Medicaid program if the women are otherwise eligible to	25
participate in BCCP.	26