I am a practicing radiation oncologist and specialize in the treatment of breast cancer. Too often we have seen women who have gotten a screening mammogram which was reportedly negative, only to present a few months later with a palpable breast mass. Dense breast tissue can obscure the presence of an underlying breast cancer and additional imaging including screening ultrasound or MRI of the breasts is important in these patients to identify breast cancers at an earlier stage. I am a strong proponent of HB 371. This will allow us to appropriately inform patients of dense breast tissue at time of screening mammogram and allow for further screening imaging including US or MRI of the breasts for earlier detection of breast cancer.

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