

Chair Patterson, Vice Chair Hayden, and members of the committee.

For the record, my name is Bobby Levy, state representative for House District 58. I am testifying today to express my support for Senate Bill 1041.

Breast cancer is the most common form of cancer among women and when untreated, deadly. Senate Bill 1041 seeks to increase access to medical care and eliminate barriers that currently prevent a lifesaving diagnosis.

The ability to pay for a screening should not deter people from receiving information that may aid in prevention, or at least early diagnosis. Due to the events in recent years, namely the pandemic, a third of women missed their annual screening resulting in a late diagnosis that can be much more lethal and more expensive to treat, if that option is still available when the diagnosis is made.

This bill is personal for me. Breast cancer runs in my family. The diagnosis of breast cancer for anyone is devastating, but if it is diagnosed early the chances of survival are much improved.

I urge the committee to pass SB 1041 to prevent cancer and save lives.

Best,

Rep. Bobby Levy, HD 58

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