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## TESTIMONY

**BILL: AB 315** Requires State Health Officer to analyze information reported by health facilities concerning cancer to determine trends in incidence of cancer

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Good afternoon, for the record I am Dr. Randall Todd, State Epidemiologist, representing the State Health Division.

The Health Division believes this bill will serve to codify current and ongoing analytical and investigational activities with respect to cancer registry data.

We would, however, like to clarify with the committee our interpretation of the language and legislative intent. First, it would be our understanding and intent to utilize cancer registry data and national data to identify trends in cancer incidence that are statistically significant from a temporal or a geographic frame of reference. It would also be our understanding of the intent of this bill that the State Health Officer would use his or her professional judgment and also consider the current state of science and technology as well as available resources in making a determination as to whether or not an identified trend or cluster of cancer merits an investigation.

Finally, I am offering a friendly amendment to expand the language referring to the State Health Officer to include his or her designee. This would ensure the Health Division's ability to carry out the intent of the bill should the position of State Health Officer be vacant.

Thank you for your interest in cancer control and improved public health.