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Conference Room 016

HB607 RELATING TO KUPUNA CARE

Good afternoon, Chairs Green and Baker, Vice Chairs Chang and Nishihara, and members of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committees.

Lanakila Pacific supports HB607, in concept. There is no doubt that family caregivers play a critical role in a senior's ability to age in place, and supports for these caregivers are essential for their health and sustenance. However, there are concerns with the implementation of the program as described in this bill.

The caregivers program should not be part of the Kupuna Care program.
The intent of the caregivers program is to provide support and relief to the caregiver. The Kupuna Care program is intended to support seniors with services that will enable them to age in place.

The program shall be coordinated and administered by the executive office on aging and implemented through the area agency on aging (AAA).
The AAAs are in the midst of fully implementing the ADRCs. They will need sufficient additional resources to implement another program. These resources must include program resources so that services can be delivered to caregivers in a timely fashion, and "administrative overhead" so service providers can be paid in a timely fashion. Another option is to allow the AAAs to contract out.

The caregivers program does not include home delivered meals as a service.

As a Kupuna Care home delivered meal provider, we know that this is a service that provides supports to caregivers. Our meals are nutritionally balanced, and in many cases, tailored for specific dietary needs. Preparing different specialized meals for the care recipient from the rest of the family can be burdensome.

The voucher shall be issued directly to the service provider.
Service provider should be defined as legal entities with appropriate licensing and insurance.

The director may adopt rules.

Rules shall be adopted. The Kupuna Care program still does not have administrative rules.

Lanakila Pacific has served Hawaii's communities for over 77-years. As a Kupuna Care service provider, Lanakila Meals on Wheels served more than 2,500 Hawaii kupuna last year. Over 45% of the kupuna responding to our 2016 survey reported the meal they received from Lanakila Meals on Wheels was the only meal they ate that day, and over 50% reported our staff or volunteer was the only person they saw that day.

With the continued growth and demands to support Hawaii's kupuna, and related demands on caregivers we request your consideration of HB 607, with the aforementioned clarifications. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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I am in support of HB 607.

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