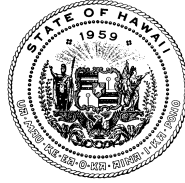


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**Testimony COMMENTING on SB2333, SD1  
Relating to Long Term Care**

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- 1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department
- 2 of Health, is providing comments for SB 2333, SD1 Relating to Long Term Care.
- 3 **Fiscal Implications:** This bill appropriates an unspecified amount of funds to EOA to: 1) assess
- 4 the progress made toward attaining the policy goals identified by the long term care commission
- 5 in 2008; 2) formulate recommendations to further work toward meeting the policy goals; and 3)
- 6 submit a report of findings and recommendations to the 2022 Legislature.
- 7 **Purpose and Justification:** Act 224 that passed in 2008, created a long-term care commission
- 8 to conduct a comprehensive assessment of Hawaii's long-term care system and recommend
- 9 changes. At that time, the population of older adults 85 years and older who have the greatest
- 10 need for long-term care was projected to increase by two thirds. The report stated "*There is no*
- 11 *way to provide services for this population without additional sources of financing; it is*
- 12 *impossible to serve two-thirds more people within the same level of government spending. Either*

1 *government will need to spend substantially more for long-term care or other sources of*  
2 *financing will need to be found".*

3 **Recommendation:** Since 2008, programs models and other sources of financing practices have  
4 been established in Hawaii and in other states and countries. In order to address long-term care  
5 issues in our state and to move forward with recommendations, EOA feels it would be beneficial  
6 to review promising models of long-term care systems and financing practices of other states and  
7 countries.

8 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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THE SENATE  
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To: Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair

Re: SB 2333 SD1 Relating to Long Term Care

Dear Chair Donovan Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Keali'i Lopez and I am the State Director for AARP Hawai'i. AARP is a membership organization of people age fifty and over, with nearly 145,000 members in Hawai'i. AARP advocates for issues that matter to Hawai'i families, including the high cost of long-term care; access to affordable, quality health care for all generations; and serving as a reliable information source on issues critical to people over the age of fifty.

AARP Hawai'i **supports SB 2333 SD1**. This bill requires the Executive Office on Aging to assess progress made toward the identified policy goals of the Long Term Care Commission and establish further recommendations going toward the goal.

In 2012, the Long Term Care Commission put forth a comprehensive report which entailed a thorough assessment of Hawaii's long term services and support system (LTSS), and recommendations for the system's reform to improve the quality of services, access to care and affordability.

This bill recognizes the Commission's hard work and ensures that progress is being made to improve Hawaii's system of care. The older population in Hawaii continues to grow, and the need for high quality long term care services and support is not going to lesson.

As the landscape of LTSS continues to evolve, it is imperative to continually revisit the LTSS system in Hawaii to see how far we have come, how far we have not, and where do we need to go.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to support SB 2333 SD1.

