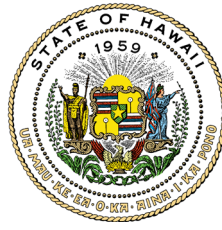


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**Testimony in OPPOSITION to HCR 34 HD1/HR 35 HD1  
REQUESTING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE  
ADEQUACY OF ELDER CARE ON MOLOKA'I AND LĀNA'I, AND IN EAST MAUI**

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
SENATOR JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, CHAIR  
SENATOR HENRY J.C. AQUINO, VICE CHAIR

Testimony of Caroline Cadirao  
Director, Executive Office on Aging  
Attached Agency to the Department of Health

Hearing Date: April 17, 2023  
9:30 AM

Room Number: 225  
Via Videoconference

**EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department of Health, respectfully opposes HCR34 HD1/HR35 HD1, requesting the Executive Office on Aging to conduct a study on the adequacy of elder care on Moloka'i and Lāna'i, and in East Maui.

**Purpose and Justification:** The purpose of this measure is to request the Executive Office on Aging (EOA) to conduct a study on the adequacy of elder care on Moloka'i, Lāna'i, and East Maui and submit a report of findings and recommendations, including proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the 2024 Legislative session. With the silver tsunami at our shores, we've seen exponential growth in the older adult population and in turn an increased need for services and supports for older adults and their family caregivers. Unfortunately, the resources have not increased to supply this growing demand and have instead decreased with challenges met during the pandemic, such as staffing shortages, and agencies and facilities shutting down. In rural communities, this situation is even

more dire. With extremely limited resources, many kūpuna are forced to make an impossible choice to leave their home island to seek the care they need or to stay on their beloved island and sacrifice the appropriate care.

EOA appreciates the intent of this measure and recognizes the need for more services and supports for older residents on Moloka‘i, Lāna‘i, and East Maui. Unfortunately, due to our current staff vacancy positions, including for a Planner, Data Statistician, and Research Evaluations Analyst, EOA is unable to conduct the study and complete a report to the Legislature prior to the convening of the 2024 session.

Additionally, to fully appreciate and hear the voices and experiences of Moloka‘i, Lāna‘i, and East Maui residents, this study would involve several in person focus groups, requiring travel to these islands. This resolution does not include an appropriation for related costs, such as travel, to complete the assessment. Therefore, EOA opposes this measure due to the lack of funding to ensure the completion of the study.

EOA also notes that a needs assessment for kūpuna services on Lāna‘i was conducted in 2021. The study was supported by a \$1 million Congressional grant and conducted by the UH Dept. of Urban & Regional Planning, UH Community Design Center, and the Social Science Research Institute. The goal of the needs assessment was to 1) learn about the status of long-term care on the island and the gaps in services and supports; 2) explore alternatives for the type of long-term care facility appropriate for Lāna‘i’s kūpuna; and 3) make recommendations as appropriate.

**Recommendation:** EOA appreciates the intent of these resolutions and respectfully opposes the request due to lack of necessary funding and capacity to conduct a study.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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April 17, 2023

**LATE**

The Honorable Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair  
Senate Committee on Health and Human Services  
The Thirty-Second Legislature  
State Capitol  
State of Hawai'i  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Senator San Buenaventura and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: HCR34/HR35 HD1

The Hawai'i State Council on Developmental Disabilities **offering comments HCR34/HR35 HD1**, which requests the Executive Office of Aging to conduct a study on the adequacy of elder care on Molokai and Lanai, and in East Maui

A focus of our Council is on improving aging services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). As healthcare technology and services have improved, individuals with I/DD live longer, and their lifespans are close or equal to those without I/DD. However, evidence has shown that aging programs at the State and Federal levels still need to be prepared to provide comprehensive and appropriate services to the I/DD population. We were awarded a Bridging I/DD and Aging grant that brings together agencies to allow our State to develop best practices, systems change, policy change, and other changes that can be replicated across the country to enhance and improve aging services for individuals with I/DD. We have struggled to find data and stories of lived experiences on the adequacy of elder care in the rural areas of our State.

While we support the intent of this measure, an appropriation would be needed to pay for the study that this resolution is requesting. With funding, more can be done to accomplish the "ask" in this resolution.

In conjunction with our grant, the Council supports this effort to study the care our kupuna receive on Molokai, Lanai, and East Maui. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **offering comments of HCR34/HR35 HD1**.

Sincerely,

Daintry Bartoldus  
Executive Administrator

**HCR-34-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/17/2023 12:47:52 AM

Testimony for HHS on 4/17/2023 9:30:00 AM

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Zhizi Xiong	Testifying for CARES	Support	In Person

Comments:

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**CARES testifies in strong support and provides comments.**

**The Executive Office of Aging is requested to include an investigation on how to quickly provide and finance, taking into consideration best practices, long-term care, including long term care services and supports in skilled nursing facilities, adult residential care homes, assisted living facilities, and elder care at home, for elderly individuals living on Molokai, Lanai, and in East Maui.**

**Long term support & services are services that are medically necessary health interventions. Skilled nursing facilities include Community Care Foster Family Homes, an Expanded Adult Residential Care Homes, developmental Disabilities Domiciliary homes or “Adult Foster Homes”. If the patient qualifies for Medicaid, the State health insurance for low-income, the health plan will be provided through QUEST integration from DHS. Or, if they pay out of pocket or have some other insurance plan, then the finances are not going to come from DHS.**

**Community Care Foster Family Homes is a home that is regulated by the DHS as per §346-331.**

**Adult residential care homes, as per HRS §321-15.61 is regulated by DOH. DOH shall adopt rules & provide appropriate requirements for knowledge and training of care home operators. As per HRS 321-15.9, DOH is authorized to license Developmental Disabilities Domiciliary homes and per and §321-11.2, DOH is authorized to certify adult foster homes. CARES would like to propose that this resolution should include DOH & DHS to work with the Executive Office of Aging because of the scope of work.**