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The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
House Committee on Health
and
The Honorable John M. Mizuno, Chair
House Committee on Human Services
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representatives Yamane and Mizuno and Members of the Committees:

**SUBJECT: SB 1679 SD2 – RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET
RESERVE FUND**

The position and views expressed in this testimony do not represent nor reflect the position and views of the Departments of Health (DOH) and Human Services.

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS SB 1679 SD2**. The purpose of the bill is to appropriate moneys from the emergency and budget reserve fund of the State of Hawaii to maintain the levels of programs determined to be essential to education, public health, and public welfare.

With respect to SB 1679 SD2, the Council strongly supports the following provisions for various programs relating to DD:

1. DOH Respite Program – Section 6, page 5, lines 11-19.
2. DOH Healthy Start Program – Section 7, page 5, lines 20-22 and page 6, lines 1-6.
3. Aging and Disability Resource Center – Section 10, page 7, lines 9-22, page 8, lines 1-22, and page 9, lines 1-5.
4. DOH DD Medicaid Waiver Program – Section 11, page 9, lines 6-14.
5. DOH Partnerships in Community Living – Section 13, page 10, lines 1-9.

Regarding the above provisions, we note that the House version of the state budget, HB 200 HD1 includes the following budget adjustments that differ from the Governor's proposed budget for the biennium 2009-2011:

1. Restores \$200,000 for the DOH Respite program to reflect FY 2008 levels and a change in the means of financing from general funds to tobacco settlement special funds. With the addition of the \$200,000, the respite budget is \$376,953.
2. Restores \$2.7 million in special funds from the tobacco settlement program to continue the Healthy Start Program in FY 2010 while DOH formulates and submits changes to the program.
3. Restores \$200,000 for the DOH DD Division's Partnership in Community Living (PICL) Program. The Governor's proposed budget eliminated this program.

The Council appreciates the adjustments made by the House for Respite, Healthy Start, and PICL. Although those adjusted amounts are not at the levels before legislative and Governor's reductions occurred in 2008, we recognize that due to the state's economic crisis situation, that will not happen and the above amounts in the HD1 are still negotiable with the legislature.

SB 1679 SD1 Senate Standing Committee Report No. 416 provided a list of critical safety net programs with appropriation amount requests for each program. Attached is information about the DOH Respite Program, HCBS Medicaid Waiver Program, and DOH PICL Program to explain the appropriation amounts included in the Committee Report.

- A. \$500,000 for the DOH Respite Program
- B. \$7 million for the HCBS Medicaid Waiver Program
- C. \$500,000 for the PICL Program

The Council was hopeful that the Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act would provide Hawaii with some level of fiscal recovery. However, we were very disappointed to learn that Governor Lingle is proposing to use the enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) projected to be \$320 million, to close the gap for the current state deficit. We anticipated that funds from the enhanced FMAP would be

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Designated to safety net programs such as respite, PICL, Healthy Start, mental health, and Medicaid waiver for persons with DD.

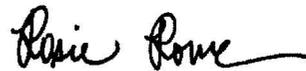
We urge you to keep SB 1679 SD2 alive as a vehicle to address essential services for education, public health and public welfare during this economic crisis.

Thank you for the opportunity to present our testimony in strong support of SB 1679 SD2.

Sincerely,



Waynette K.Y. Cabral
Executive Administrator



Rosie Rowe
Chair

Attachments

**Department of Health (DOH)
Respite Program**

The DOH Respite Program's budget has been administered under the Health Resources Administration (HRA). The budget has taken its share of reductions of \$375,872 during the past 18 years resulting in \$624,128 for the program. Below is the breakdown of the budget and its reductions.

DOH Respite Program Budget
Act 324, SLH 1990

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| \$1,000,000 | Act 324, SLH 1990 Appropriation |
| (\$375,872) | Minus Budget reductions |
| \$624,128 | Remaining in operating budget |
| (\$35,151) | Minus 4% legislative reduction, adjustment for personal services |
| \$588,977 | Remaining in operating budget (minus the above reductions) |

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|-------------------|---|
| \$588,977 | Operating Budget |
| (\$412,024) | Minus the Governor's proposed adjustments in the Executive Budget Request for FY 2010 and FY 2011 |
| \$176,953 | Amount available for respite |
| \$200,000 | Restored by the House in HB 200 HD1 |
| \$376,953* | Actual amount available for the Respite Program |

During the past year, the budget was affected by the four percent legislative reduction (\$30,732 and adjustment for personal services (\$4,419). Those reductions left the program with \$588,977, until the Governor's proposed adjustments to the Executive Budget Request for FY 2010 and FY 2011 included the deletion of \$412,024 for respite services. That resulted in the current budget for respite services to be \$176,953. The total reduction in the respite budget is \$447,175.

* The House version of the state budget bill (HB 200 HD1) includes a restoration of \$200,000 to bring the total to \$376,953. That amount divided by each of the six program areas means \$62,825 for each target group. Information about the DOH Respite Program and impact of the reduction in the budget is included in the attached FACT SHEET.

FACT SHEET

Department of Health (DOH) Respite Program

What is Respite?

- Respite provides temporary relief for a family, which helps to preserve the family unit by decreasing the individual and family stresses associated with caregiving so that families can continue to care for their loved ones. It is beneficial not only for the family caregiver, but also for the child or adult with special needs. It allows the family to engage in daily activities, decrease a feeling of isolation, increase the ability to cope with daily caregiving responsibilities, and maintain stability during crisis situations.
- Respite provides substitute support for a child or adult with special needs in order to provide a period of relief or rest for the family caregiver. Respite can allow time for the family caregiver to address personal needs, other business, or an unexpected emergency.
- Respite is an important part of the continuum of services for families who care for an individual with special needs. This support for families prevents burnout of the caregiver and reduces the possibility for out-of-home placement.

Who Receives Respite?

Families caring for a family member who is:

- An infant or toddler three years of age or younger with a developmental delay
- A child or adult up to age 21 with a serious or terminal illness
- A child with a serious emotional disturbance
- A child or an adult with a developmental disability
- An adult with a serious mental illness

Who Provides Respite?

Currently, the Respite Program affords respite to the families of clients from six program areas of four divisions of DOH, per the intent of Act 324, SLH 1990. Each of these six program areas split the respite funds equally (approximately \$104,000 per program area - before budget reductions). In addition, the programs work together and have transferred funds between programs to cover shortfalls experienced by one or more of the other programs.

- **Family Health Services Division – Early Intervention Section (EIS)** - Provides respite support to families in two program areas - medically fragile children or youth up to age 21 and infants and toddlers with developmental delays three years of age or younger.
- **Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division (CAMHD)** – Provides respite support to families for children with a serious emotional disturbance.
- **Developmental Disabilities Division (DDD)** - Provides respite support to families in two program areas – respite is available to families of individuals (children and adults) with developmental disabilities and/or mental retardation (DD/MR) who are not in the DD/MR Home and Community-Based Medicaid Waiver Program.
- **Adult Mental Health Division (AMHD)** – Provides respite services via a single, statewide provider, Mental Health Kokua. A respite housing pilot was initiated that will present a valuable resource to families and providers in the community and a formal contract modification was completed. Due to the recent budget reduction of \$25 million to the AMHD budget, the contract with Mental Health Kokua was terminated effective January 15, 2009. Respite funds were being used to supplement funds provided through the AMHD operating budget (approximately 25 percent of the total contract expenditures).

What are the Budget Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2008?

Fiscal Year 2008

| Division | FSHD | CAMHD | DDD | AMHD | Total |
|---|------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Amount Spent | \$202, 627 | \$67,543 | \$156,110 | \$17,899 | \$444,179 |
| Number of Families Served | 544 | 73 | 194 | 34 | 845 |
| Number of Families Waiting For Services | 35 | Data Not available | Data Not available | Not Applicable | Data Not available |

What is Extent of the Budget Reduction?

The respite program budget sustained a discretionary reduction for FY 09 of approximately \$35,151. The Governor's recommendation in the executive budget for the FB 2009-2011 further reduces the amount for respite by \$412,024, resulting in a total appropriation of \$176,953 to be shared among the six program areas.

What is the Impact of a Budget Reduction?

Overall, the budget reduction would have an adverse impact on the provision of respite for families and individuals with special needs. As respite is reduced, families will become more "at risk" for out-of-home placement, foster care, and possibly higher levels of care. In addition, it is more cost effective to provide respite funds to families than to pay for foster care or out-of-home placement if families are unable to care for their loved ones at home.

- **Family Health Services Division – Early Intervention Section (EIS) –**
 - A determination will need to be made as to whether to reduce the number of families served or reduce the respite hours per month.
 - The waitlist for respite services is expected to increase.
 - Reduction in Federal grant funding – general funds from the respite appropriation have been used as a "match" required to leverage the Federal Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Grant.
- **Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division (CAMHD) –**
 - Possible increases in out-of-home placements and higher levels of care, such as therapeutic foster care, community-based residential care, or hospital-based residential care, which are much more restrictive and costly.
- **Developmental Disabilities Division (DDD) –**
 - Allotments for respite services of children and adults would decrease, with a more significant reduction of respite allotment for Neighbor Islands.
 - Anticipates that it will be receiving more requests for respite services that will exceed their annual portion, particularly from families who do not qualify for Medicaid, are not eligible for the DD/MR Medicaid Waiver Program respite services, or have had a reduction in respite services under the waiver program.
- **Adult Mental Health Division (AMHD) –**
 - AMHD Respite services contract with Mental Health Kokua was terminated effective January 15, 2009. All consumers with open authorizations for respite as of January 1, 2009 were transitioned to AMHD Peer Coaching services that provide similar support for consumers and respite for caregivers delivered by a peer.

**Department of Health (DOH), Developmental Disabilities (DD) Division
Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Medicaid Waiver Program
for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities/Mental Retardation (DD/MR)**

- Provides individuals with DD/MR support and services that will enable them to live as independently as possible in the least restrictive environment. Services include:
 - Adult Day Health
 - Personal Assistance
 - Respite
 - Habilitation
 - Habilitation-Supported Employment
 - Skilled Nursing
 - Specialized Services
 - Personal Emergency Response
 - Non-Medical Transportation
 - Specialized Medical Equipment
 - Environmental Accessibility Adaptations

- An individual must be eligible for Medicaid and require Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded (ICF/MR) level of care.
- For FY 2008, 2,532 individuals were served, and \$107,145,000 was expended.
- DD Division will need about \$7 million more for FY 2010 in order to add 125 people into the waiver and continue level of services for those currently in the waiver.
- A letter from DOH, DD Division dated December 26, 2008 was mailed to over 2,500 participants in the HCBS Medicaid Waiver Program to inform them of a reduction in services for individuals with DD/MR. Based on the State's economic conditions, DD Division "must reduce all participant services by 15% in order to sustain our system of supports and maintain services."
- To accomplish the above, DD Division asked participants to tell the Division where the individual could make the reductions.
- Individuals were asked to complete a Budget Reduction Worksheet that contained their monthly target budget for February to June 2009 and a list of services.
- The reduction in services began on February 1, 2009.
- Services that are affected include:
 1. All levels of Personal Assistance Habilitation (including Chore),
 2. Adult Day Health,
 3. Consumer Directed (including Chore),
 4. Skilled Nursing, and
 5. Respite.
- The reduction in services will impact individuals in receiving necessary personal assistance and other services to live independently in the community.
- Over 2,000 participants have completed and returned their budget reduction worksheets.
- DD Division sent out Notice of Action letters dated January 21, 2009 to participants that included information on their right to appeal the decision of DD Division.
- Over 250 participants have filed an informal appeal with DD Division. Informal hearings have been scheduled beginning January 30, 2009.
- On February 2, 2009, a class action lawsuit was filed regarding the reduction in services.
- Another letter dated February 13, 2009 was sent to participants clarifying their rights to appeal.

Department of Health (DOH)
Developmental Disabilities
Partnerships in Community Living (PICL) Program

- Prior to the proposed elimination of the program, PICL's budget was \$1.4 million. A mandatory reduction of \$1.2 million was made in August 2008.
- The remaining \$200,000 was eliminated in the Governor's proposed budget for FY 2010 and FY 2011.
- Contracts with providers were terminated in December 2008.
- For FY 2008, there were 1,404 referrals with \$1,153,519 expended.
- In the House version of the state budget bill (HB 200 HD1), \$200,000 was restored for the program.
- In accordance with Hawaii Revised Statutes, Section 333F-2(e), "...Only those individuals eligible for community services but not eligible for Medicaid waiver services or other federally reimbursed programs or for whom such services are not appropriate or not available based on their individual service plan shall receive services and supports with one hundred percent state funds."
- All participants, however, must first apply for Medicaid and the Developmental Disabilities/Mental Retardation (DD/MR) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Medicaid Waiver Program prior to the receipt of any DD Division-funded services.
- The intent of PICL was to be a flexible source of funding to allow individuals to self-direct their supports to live in the community.
- For individuals with DD who are ineligible for Medicaid or any other federally-reimbursed services, PICL is their only source of support.
- Individuals receive services in the following cases:
 1. Pending determination for Medicaid waiver services;
 2. Medicaid eligible, but the Medicaid waiver or other program does not cover the service or item; or
 1. Ineligible for Medicaid or any other federally reimbursed services, but eligible to receive community services.
- Services include, but are not limited to:
 - Adaptive equipment
 - Adult community activities
 - Companionship
 - Clothing
 - Cleaning, kitchen, bathroom household supplies
 - Day program costs not covered by Medicaid waiver
 - Dental
 - Emergency supplies
 - Emergency placement supports
 - Legal services
 - Personal care items
 - Specialized youth program
 - Transportation
 - Technology supports
- Funding was limited (\$2,000 per referral), and referrals were on a first-come, first-served basis.



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FROM: Joan Naguwa, Executive Director 

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RE: **SUPPORT OF SB1679, SD2 RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND**

Thomas Barlow, PhD

Hearing Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2009
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Dear Chairs Yamane and Mizuno and Members of the House Committees on Health and Human Services

My name is Joan Naguwa, Executive Director of Waikiki Community Center (WCC). Waikiki Community Center **strongly supports SB1679, SD2, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**. We thank the Hawaii State Legislature for its efforts to provide needed support for Hawaii's growing elderly population.

Waikiki Community Center is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) agency which has provided services to Waikiki's elders since 1978 and currently serves over 500 older persons each year. SB 1679, SD2 provides funding for the network of senior centers on Oahu that provide vital fitness, cognitive stimulation, social connectivity, education and case management that enable thousands of older adults to maintain wellness and age in place for as long as possible. Passage of this bill is critical to the continuation of services for the elderly people of Waikiki and other neighborhoods.

Although all independent nonprofit organizations, we senior centers (Lanakila Multipurpose Senior Center, Moiliili Community Center, Kapahulu Center and Waikiki Community Center) collectively provide more than 4,000 older adults with community-based focal point to receive needed services and activities that support their independence and avoid premature institutionalization, thereby saving the State of Hawaii over \$100,000 per person annually in long-term care costs. Waikiki Community Center provides a wide variety of over 80 educational, recreational and social services, including health screenings, financial education, physical fitness classes, information and assistance, counseling and case management by a licensed social worker.

Waikiki Community Center, as well as its partner senior centers, utilize a preventative health, community-based model for services to older adults, with a focus on 3 major areas

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which national research documents as imperative to maintaining the ability to age in place: 1) Physical Activity; 2) New Learning or cognitive stimulation; and 3) Social Connectivity. The importance of this 3 pronged approach is based on the following evidence: The Bureau of Labor and Statistics states that only 2% of adults aged 75 and older are involved in exercise or recreational activity. Fifty-four (54%) percent spent their time watching TV. It is well-established that physical activity has a positive effect on health, leading to better mental health and cognitive functioning. Exercise also reduces the risk of dementia by 50%, even among people who begin exercise after age 60.

According to research at the Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center, "Loneliness and Risk of Alzheimer's Disease", loneliness has a negative impact on cognitive health and increases the risk of dementia. In a study of 7 senior centers in 7 states, over 90% of seniors indicate that they have developed important close friendships at the senior center that provide them with needed emotional security.

WCC provides its seniors with physical fitness and social opportunities, such as hula, dancing, ping pong, etc. For the elders of Waikiki, this is especially important. Approximately 25% of Waikiki's 20,000 residents are over the age of 60 years old. Waikiki has one of the highest numbers of senior citizens per area density on Oahu. Waikiki elders live alone among a proliferation of secured, mixed residential condominiums, and are especially at risk to social isolation and physical deterioration. The typical elderly resident is female, mid 70's, living alone, with little or no family support systems nearby. When they become frailer, they have little choices of independent living and are often confused by services available to support them. Waikiki Community Center's continuum of services, ranging from health maintenance activities to case management and counseling provide the needed support to these elders.

Waikiki Community Center and other senior centers are cost-effective, preventative alternatives to costly institutionalization. The investment in senior centers now by the State of Hawaii will save thousands of dollars of long-term care costs in the future.

Two of the senior centers named in this bill, Lanakila Multipurpose Senior Center, through Catholic Charities Hawaii, and Moiliili Community Center currently receive funding through the Dept. of Health and are included in the Executive Budget. However, both Waikiki Community Center and Kapahulu Center do not receive such funding and are not included in the Executive Budget. Without the appropriation requested, **Waikiki Community Center is in serious jeopardy of discontinuing its services to seniors in the community.**

We urge your support for the passage of SB1670, SD2. Thank you for this opportunity to submit our testimony. If you would like further information, please feel free to contact me at 923-1802 or via email, jnaguwa@waikikicommunitycenter.org



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National Association of Social Workers

Hawaii Chapter

March 14, 2009

TO: Rep. Ryan Yamane, Chair
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FROM: Debbie Shimizu, LSW
National Association of Social Workers, Hawaii Chapter

RE: SB 1679 SD2 Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund- **SUPPORT**

Chair Yamane, Chair Mizuno and members of the House Health and Human Services Committees, I am Debbie Shimizu, Executive Director of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), Hawaii Chapter. NASW is the largest professional organization for social workers in Hawaii. We are testifying in **SUPPORT of SB 1679 SD2**.

During the past decade, the state has been slowly handing over its responsibility of providing direct services to individuals and families to the private, nonprofit sector through purchase of service contracts. The Governor in her state of the state address was proud of the many achievements the state has made working with its' community partnerships. However, now when the state is in a fiscal crisis, the state is cutting funds to those contracts. This will ultimately result in dismantling many of the programs that the state was proud of.

The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP) is a policy organization that works on federal and state fiscal policy and public programs that affect low- and moderate-income families and individuals. In a report in February 2008, CBPP cautioned states from implementing across the board cuts to address its fiscal crisis. Instead CBPP fiscal advisors recommended that policy makers be more careful about cutting programs that affect low-income residents. They encouraged the use of rainy day funds to minimize the need to cut programs that are designed to assist state's residents the most during economic downturns.

We support the identification of specific programs to receive appropriations from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund. This was the intent of how the fund was to be used and it gives you, the Legislature, control of where you would like the money to be spent.

Now is not the time to be cutting services that help vulnerable populations. I urge your favorable consideration of SB 1679 SD2. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Testimony on SB 1679

Emergency Budget and Reserve Fund; Appropriation; Education; Human Services; Health Programs

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Testimony presented by Howard S. Garval, President & CEO, Child & Family Service

Healthy Start, Hawaii's nationally recognized and evidence-based child abuse prevention program is first cut 29% in August 2008, then cut 17% in February 2009 and has been eliminated from the Governor's proposed budget for FY 10, FY 11. 4,000 families at risk of child abuse will have no alternative program if Healthy Start is gone. 200 employees in nonprofit organizations all over the state will lose their jobs costing an estimated \$2.5 million in unemployment costs.

Adults struggling with mental illness had their services reduced from 3 hours a week to 3 hours a month in a major budget cut from the Adult Mental Health Division. Many employees were laid off by the organizations that received these funding cuts. Now we hear that the Adult Mental Health Division has run out of funds and providers are not going to be paid until July.

A 15% cut to services to the developmentally disabled was announced on February 1, 2009. DHS was cut 29%.

How much further can we erode the services to these at risk populations before we are facing tragedies due to child abuse, suicides, or other serious problems?

Child & Family Service supports SB 1679 because it seeks to protect and/or restore services in key areas of education, human services, and health. This is an excellent use of Rainy Day Funds so that the most vulnerable in our community can continue to receive services that will help them stay safe and maintain or improve their overall functioning. The use of these funds will reduce the risk of more serious problems occurring due to programs closing or shrinking. Don't we

owe it to our community to protect our keiki, ohana, the mentally ill and disabled, and our kupuna?

I urge you to support SB 1679 and keep enough services in place during these difficult economic times. Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony today.



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To: Representative Ryan Yamane, Chair
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HOUSE COMMITTEES ON HUMAN SERVICES & HEALTH

From: Elisabeth Chun, Executive Director
Good Beginnings Alliance

Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2009, 10:45 am
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Subject: **SB1679 SD2: Appropriates moneys from the emergency and budget reserve fund to maintain levels of programs for education, human services, and health.**

The Good Beginnings Alliance is a policy and advocacy organization focused on Hawaii's youngest children and their families. We strive to ensure a nurturing, safe and healthy development for all children from pre-birth to age eight. We believe all children deserve safe and supportive environments that meet their needs as they grow and develop.

We support this bill especially with regard to funds for the Healthy Start Program.

Hawaii's Healthy Start Program is regarded as foundational to our early learning system. The hospital screenings as well as the home visits are critical to the prevention of child abuse and neglect for Hawaii's families. Healthy Start also initiates vitally important parental engagement and training as to how the family can foster a child's early learning and healthy growth.

At a time when Hawaii's weakened economy is placing more stress on families, it is critical that programs such as Healthy Start not be eliminated. At a minimum, the maintenance of prevention programs is a must. Long-term studies show that if we do not support prevention, our state will have to pay more in social services and remedial education costs years from now as these children enter school, and eventually join the workforce and become parents.

Please protect our young children and support their healthy development.

Mahalo for your support.

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From: Wanda Villareal, Director of Developmental Disabilities Services
Goodwill Industries of Hawaii, Inc.

Date: March 17, 2009

Re: **Testimony in Support of S.B. 1679 SD2 – Relating to Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

Goodwill Industries of Hawaii, Inc. ("Goodwill") submits this testimony in support of Senate Bill 1679 SD2. Goodwill receives funding from the Department of Health-Developmental Disabilities Division ("DOH-DDD") via a DHS Medicaid Waiver Contract to operate Adult Day Health and Personal Assistance/Habilitation programs for individuals with significant developmental disabilities on Oahu and in East Hawaii (Hilo). Participants in Goodwill's programs and their families are Medicaid Waiver recipients who have limited socioeconomic resources. Waiver programs are essential for the public health, safety, welfare and education of individuals with developmental disabilities.

The projected budget shortfall for developmental disabilities services in the current fiscal year resulted in DOH-DDD mandating that individuals in Medicaid Waiver programs reduce services by 15% or greater, depending on the individual or families' utilization rates, effective February 1, 2009. Individuals and families were forced to immediately reduce critical services and necessary programs, such as those operated by Goodwill. In some cases, families are choosing between taking a shift at their jobs or caring for their dependent disabled family member creating more difficult economic circumstances for families.

In addition, since services have been reduced, Goodwill has also felt the effects resulting in our need to cut back our staff who provide direct service hours in our Waiver programs, and experienced employees have been laid off.

Goodwill is in strong support of Senate Bill 1679 SD2. The emergency and budget reserve fund of \$7,000,000 should be used to maintain the previous level of Medicaid Waiver programs which are essential for the health, safety, welfare and education of individuals with developmental disabilities. The DOH-DDD's mandated budget reductions should be reversed as soon as possible.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
SB1679 SD2 - RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE

March 17, 2009 10:45 a.m.

The Hawaii Immigrant Justice Center, the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii and Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii, together submits testimony in support of SB1679 SD2 – Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve and requests amendments.

In November 2007, the Access to Justice Hui released a report that included, “The 2007 Assessment of Civil Legal needs and Barriers of Low- and Moderate-Income People in Hawai’i.” This Assessment found that one out of every five low- and moderate-income Hawai’i residents were unable to receive needed legal assistance. The Assessment also found the capacity of legal services providers was limited to helping only one in three Hawai’i residents who needed assistance.

Collectively, the Hawaii Immigrant Justice Center, the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii and Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii helped **more than 34,000** impoverished Hawai’i residents receive protection from consumer fraud, access to public assistance; needed representation in family law cases; assistance to prevent homelessness, to eliminate legal barriers to employment, prevent child abuse and improve child outcomes; protection from domestic violence, human trafficking and sexual assault; and assistance with naturalization. Our services protect the public’s basic human rights and address the basic safety needs which are necessary to ensure the health and welfare of those most in need.

The legal services that our programs provide are without a home. Over the last four years, the legislature has provided a grant-in-aid to fund our programs through the Judiciary budget while we attempt to find the best home. While we continue to work on finding the best funding home for our programs, we request that our GIA requests be funded through the ‘rainy day’ as services that are critically important to the safety net:

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|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Hawaii Immigrant Justice Center | \$292,000 |
| Legal Aid Society of Hawaii | \$720,000 |
| Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii | \$400,000 |

As the economy worsens the need for legal services increases, the services provided by our three programs, among others, is critical to providing a safety net of legal services to ensure access to basic necessities. Please helps us continue to help our growing number of impoverished Hawai’i residents.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director
Hawaii Immigrant Justice Center
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To: **The House Committee on Health**
The Hon. Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
The Hon. Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair

The House Committee on Human Services
The Hon. John M. Mizuno, Chair
The Hon. Tom Brower, Vice Chair

Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 1679, SD 2 **Relating to Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

Submitted by Beth Giesting, CEO

March 17, 2009, 10:45 a.m. agenda, Room 329

The Hawaii Primary Care Association strongly supports this bill to ensure adequate funding for essential services in the face of our state and national economic crisis. Each and every one of the items identified for funding in SD 2 is important to the health and well-being of Hawaii. Each contributes substantially to preventing far worse calamities and costs than we currently experience.

The Hawaii Primary Care Association particularly asks your support for section 14 that calls for adequate funding for health care provided to the uninsured. **We would ask that this section specify and appropriation for the Immigrant Health Initiative, a program that costs a mere \$550,000 and served 1,667 low income immigrants last year. This extremely cost-effective program addresses the health needs of mostly middle-aged and elderly adults, many of whom have chronic conditions that will become more costly if not managed in a primary care setting. The program has been funded since 1997.**

Thank you for the opportunity to support this measure and for considering the needs of the growing number of uninsured residents of Hawaii, as well as many other people who are more vulnerable than ever during this unsettling time.

yamane2-Ho'onani

From: Constance Smith [hawaiidownsyndrome@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2009 9:40 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Re: SB1679 SD2

Yes!

On Mar 16, 2009, at 9:19 AM, HLTtestimony wrote:

> I just wanted to make sure that you are in support of this measure.
> Please get back to me.
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> Thank you
> Bryce
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Constance Smith [mailto:hawaiidownsyndrome@hawaii.rr.com]
> Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2009 6:16 PM
> To: HLTtestimony
> Subject: SB1679 SD2
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> We would like you to please restore the Medicaid Waiver cuts for 2010
> & 2011. We are a parent group of approximately 200 families of
> children with Down syndrome.
> Words cannot explain the adverse effect these cuts have placed on our
> families.
> We ask that you please consider restoring these funds.
> Sincerely,
> Constance Smith
> president emeritus
> Hawaii Down Syndrome Congress
> 419 Keoniana St, #804
> Honolulu, Hi. 96815
> 949-1999

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From: NAMI Hawaii [namihawaii@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2009 9:38 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: S.B. 1679, S.D. 2

FROM: National Alliance on Mental Illness-Hawaii
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Website: namihawaii.org

To: House of Representatives Committees on Health and on Human Services
Hearing on Tuesday, March 17, 2009, State Capitol Room 329 at 10:45 A.M.

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT

Aloha Chairs Yamane and Mizuno and Members of the Respective Committees:

I am Marion Poirier, Executive Director of the National Alliance on Mental Illness-Hawaii, one of over 1,000 affiliates of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Our national organization recently published its 2009 edition of "Grading the States". In it, Hawaii received the same "C" as it did in 2006. However, a warning was included that the chill of mental health budget cuts occurring placed Hawaii in future jeopardy. The comprehensive publication of the nation's attention to mental health on a state by state basis is worthy of a resolution to form a Task Force to analyze its contents.

Having said that, S.B. 1679, SD2 (SSCR 689) is a bill that we strongly support. It appropriates money from the emergency and budget resource fund to maintain levels of programs for education, human services, and health. We understand that the House and Senate will probably have to conference on their versions of assistance. The important concept to us is that you see the wisdom on not falling behind and not being able to rectify tsunami effect for our fragile population.

Thank you for your aloha to our fragile population. The fragility is equated to treatment and care.

Mental illness is usually treatable and controllable. Please shore up the resources in keeping with the ocean of aloha of this State.



SECOH

SUPPORTING EXCEPTIONAL CITIZENS OF HAWAII

DATE: March 16, 2009

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair, Committee on Health & Members of the Committee on Health
and
Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair, Committee on Human Services & Members of the Committee on Human Services

FROM: Sandra J. Yoro, Executive Director, SECOH
SECOH Locations: Districts 19, 28, 34, 39, 41, 43

HEARING: SB 1679 SD2 Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 10:45 a.m.

RE: **Support of Senate Bill 1679 SD2**
Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

SECOH (Special Education Center of Hawaii), is a private, nonprofit organization with a mission to provide services and supports to people with developmental disabilities, or acquired disabilities due to aging or head injuries.

We strongly **SUPPORT S.B. 1679 SD2**, Relating to The Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund, which provides appropriations for various "safety net" services including the State of Hawaii Department of Health-Developmental Disabilities Division (DOH-DDD) Developmentally Disabled/Mental Retardation (DD/MR) Medicaid Waiver Service program, the DOH Respite program and the DOH Partnerships in Community Living (PICL) program. **These programs were recently eliminated or reduced leaving people with severe intellectual and physical disabilities and their families to fend for themselves as they watch the programs designed to protect them destroy them.**

The elimination or reduction in services has left the majority of our customers without adult day care services 1-2 days per week and without personal assistance services for up to 20 hours per week. Family members and primary care providers have had to reduce their own work schedules or hire privately to care for their family members causing them economic hardship in already economically challenging times. **Consequently many of our family members and primary care providers albeit devastating are considering out-of-home residential placement of their loved ones into long-term care facilities, which this program was designed to prevent.**

Hawaii's citizens with developmental disabilities due to no fault of their own are an extremely intellectually, physically, and economically vulnerable population. These programs are vital to the survival and inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in our society. Our disability service sector has worked tirelessly for the last twenty years to build the DD/MR home and community based waiver program so we could close the state institution Waimano Training School and Hospital and support people with disabilities to have meaningful lives in an inclusive society. **We must not put the lives of these people in jeopardy of institutionalization again.** We have made to much progress to throw it all way.

An appropriation to restore these programs and services at previously prescribed levels will ensure basic health and safety protections and allow us to continue our mission in support of full and meaningful lives for people with developmental disabilities. **I respectfully request and encourage your committees to PASS Support of Senate Bill 1679 SD2 Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund.**

Hawai'i Alliance for Retired Americans

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(Submitted by email to: HLTtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov March 15, 2009)

Comments of Al Hamai, President, Supporting SB 1679, SD2, Relating to the
Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

Hearing by House Committees on Health and on Human Resources
March 17, 2009, 10:45 a.m. Conference Room 329

Chair Ryan I. Yamada and Members, Committee on Health and
Chair John Mizuno, and Members, Committee on Human Resources

HARA strongly supports SB 1679, SD2. HARA has nine affiliates,
listed on this letterhead, representing 21,000 members.

The purpose of this bill is to appropriate moneys from the emergency
and budget fund of the State of Hawaii to maintain the levels of
programs determined to be essential to education, public health, and
public welfare.

The HARA concurs with the purpose and has testified on many bills
before this legislature supporting essential programs in public health
and public welfare, such as the Kupuna Care Program and senior
centers. HARA believes that the use of the emergency and budget
fund is appropriate during these hard times when the need for such
programs is so great and there is a state budget shortfall.

HARA urges the two committees to approve SB 1679, SD 2. Mahalo.

*HARA is a strong voice for Hawaii's retirees and seniors; a diverse community-based
organization with national roots; a grassroots organizer, educator, and communicator; and a
trusted source of information for decision-makers.*

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Testimony for HLT/HUS 3/17/2009 10:45:00 AM SB1679

Conference room: 329
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Anthony Lenzer
Organization: Kokua Council, Legislative Committee, Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: Tlenzer@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 3/14/2009

Comments:

My name is Anthony Lenzer. I am a Professor Emeritus of Public Health and former Director of the Center on Aging at the University of Hawaii. I am offering testimony on behalf of PABEA, the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, which is an appointed board tasked with advising the executive office on aging (EOA). My testimony does not represent the views of the EOA but of the board. I am also testifying on behalf of Kokua Council, the oldest senior advocacy organization in Hawaii.

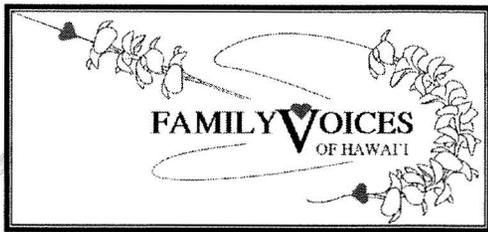
Both organizations strongly support the purpose of this bill, which is to appropriate monies from the emergency and budget fund of the State of Hawaii to maintain programs essential to education, public health, and public welfare. The bill clearly states the reason why it is necessary to use this fund for these purposes.

We recognize the extremely difficult financial situation in which the State of Hawaii finds itself. However, we also urge the Legislature to maintain safety net services for Hawaii's oldest and most vulnerable populations. In particular, we support funding for the following sections of Senate Bill 1679:

Section 5 - Ke Ola Pono
Section 6 -- respite services
Section 8 -- seniors centers
Section 9 -- Kupuna Care
Section 10-- Aging and Disability Resource Centers

In the interests of time, I will omit specific reasons for support of each of the above sections of this bill. However, more detailed information will be provided on request.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



HILOPA'A

Family to Family Health Information Center

Date: March 16, 2009

To: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Representative Ryan Yamane, Chair
Representative Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Representative John Mizuno, Chair
Representative Tom Brower, Vice Chair

Fr: Leolinda Parlin, State Coordinator for Family Voices of Hawai'i

Re: **SUPPORT** – SB1679 SD2 – Appropriates funds from emergency budget and reserve funds

On behalf of Family Voices of Hawai'i, I offer testimony in support of SB1679 SD2 which seeks to strengthen our deteriorating safety net for our most vulnerable citizens. As an organization, Family Voices is national grass roots organization of family of friends of child with special health care needs. In Hawai'i, we operate the federally funded Hilopa'a Family to Family Health Information Center.

As it stands, before we had our economic meltdown, the National Survey of Children with Special Health Care Needs demonstrated that our families in Hawai'i:

- 11% of our families of CSHCN spend 11 or more hours per week providing or coordinating child's health care
- **22% of our families of CSHCN have conditions which have caused family members to cut back or stop working**
- 52% of our families of CSHCN did not receive the respite care that they needed

With the increasing cuts to core services, we can only anticipate that families will have to continue to reduce work hours to care for their loved ones – whereby reducing the available income for economic stimulus.

The moral test of government is how government treats children, the elderly, and those who are sick, in need and with disabilities. SB1679 demonstrates to our community that our government can do what is *pono*. Our rainy day has arrived. By investing in our children and those in need, the state will help to strengthen our families, who, through moving forward, will carry us through these tough economic times.

Thank you for your time and consideration in passing SB1679 SD2.

Hawaii Waiver Providers Association

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March 17, 2009

Honorable Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair of the Committee on Health
Honorable Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair of the Committee on Health

Honorable Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair of the Committee on Human Services
Honorable Representative Tom Brower, Vice Chair of the Committee on Human
Services

State Capitol, House of Representatives
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: **SB 1679 SD2 Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

Dear Chairs Yamane and Mizuno, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Brower, and Members of
the Committees:

The Hawaii Waiver Providers Association (HWPWA) is a statewide association comprised of 19 Developmental Disabilities Medicaid Waiver Service Providers affording leadership to collaborate and shape the service system to meet the needs of people with developmental disabilities. Founded in 2001, HWPWA's mission is to provide the necessary resources to develop, strengthen, and attain the highest standards of excellence for the developmental disabilities community.

The Hawaii Waiver Providers Association ("HWPWA") submits this testimony in strong support of Senate Bill 1679 SD2.

The Department of Health-Developmental Disabilities Division's ("DOH-DDD") projected budget shortfall for developmental disabilities services in the current fiscal year resulted in immediate mandated budget reductions. Approximately 2,500 individuals statewide with significant disabilities and limited socioeconomic resources were impacted. Families and established human service providers who offer critical programs essential for the health, welfare and safety of individuals with developmental disabilities were also impacted.

The attached position statement details HWPWA's significant concerns with the mandated budget reductions. Waiver programs are essential for the health, welfare and safety of individuals with developmental disabilities. The emergency and budget reserve fund in the amount of \$7,000,000 should be used to maintain the level of programs for individuals with developmental disabilities, which will in turn reverse the DOH-DDD's mandated budget reductions as soon as possible.

We humbly ask for your support of Senate Bill 1679 SD2 which provides for the return to established funding levels for critical programs and services for our most vulnerable population.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Wanda Villareal

President - Hawaii Waiver Providers Association

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Subject: SB 1679 SD 2- RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND

Monday, March 16, 2009

The Honorable Ryan Yamane and John Mizuno
State of Hawaii, Joint Hearings – Senate Committee on Human Services & Health
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State Capitol
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: SB 1679 SD 2- RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND

Hearing: Tuesday, March 17, 2009, 10:45am (Joint Committee on Health and Human Services), Conference Room 329

Dear Representatives Yamane and Mizuno & Members of the Joint Committees on Human Services and Health:

I am submitting testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** OF SB 1679 SD 2. This bill makes an emergency appropriation from the emergency and budget fund of the State of Hawaii to maintain the levels of programs determined to be essential to education, public health, and welfare. Specifically I am supporting appropriations to restore lost funding for the **Department of Health Respite, DD Division DD/MR Waiver, and the DD Division Partnerships in Community Living (PICL Programs)**.

I am an Easter Seals Hawai'i employee. Recently the State cut a part of our funding that supports our Medicaid Waiver Program. Through the waiver, it allows our participants with developmental disabilities to be important members of our community. I see first hand how the recent budget cuts have affected our participants. Participants have less time to access their community and work on their goals. It has been difficult for families to find coverage for the times that are being cut, especially for the families that need to work to support their family. The cuts have also affected the 80 plus direct services workers that we employ. Some of their paychecks have been cut in half and some are losing their medical benefits. It has become a hardship for participants, families and our workers especially in these tough times.

If the emergency appropriation is not approved as soon as possible, the state will be putting at risk the thousands of families that are or were served each month in these very valuable programs. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **Strong Support of SB 1679 SD 2**. I can be reached at 808-961-3716, for any further questions.

Sincerely,

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Importance: High

SB1679, Relating to the Rainy Day Fund
HLT; Chair, Rep Yamane

PLEASE PASS THIS BILL with one amendment!

If these are not rainy days, what are? This is the exact situation envisioned for the rainy day fund: devastating loss of funding for health and human services programs. the safety net has been shredded almost to pieces, as the governor prefers to let thousands of human lives to be devastated by cuts in their cash assistance while refusing to raise taxes on the wealthy! How can we tolerate a situation like that? it is INTOLERABLE!!

The Amendment that I request limits use of the rainy day funds to health and human service programs and particularly to stopping the drastic and cruel cuts to cash assistance programs like those that are occurring to general assistance clients. This means removing education as one of the areas that will receive help from the rainy day fund.

Here's why:

The cuts to DHS are doing irreparable harm to our fellow citizens. These cuts are disproportionate in both percentage and amount to the cuts other departments are receiving.

I recognize as much as any one how critical the state's need are right now, and how significant the current fiscal crisis is. But the different departments have different capacities to absorb these cuts. As a professor at UH, I see how the cuts are handled. The number of sections of a class is reduced; but all students still are serviced. It's the same at DOE; there may be a small increase in the number of kids in some classes, but, again, ***all kids are served!***

The impact is dramatically different when it comes to cuts at DHS. Here, the advocates and the DHS staff are in full agreement that **cuts can destroy lives!** It is impossible for human beings to absorb cuts to their already manini cash allowances as though the cuts are just another "inconvenience." People have no leeway to move resources around like huge bureaucracies do.

The cuts to general assistance clients, because the block grant projections were not accurate, are the prime example of the tragic and brutal impact of the cuts. **We would be telling 5000+ disabled people who currently exist on only \$469/month that they will have to try to survive now on \$234/month! This is a tragedy waiting to happen!** Unless the Legislature and the Governor allow use of the rainy day funds to be approved, we will most certainly be "paying for it later rather than now!" Homelessness is bound to increase; there may even be an increase in criminal behavior as people do anything they can to survive.

The real story is that we may be creating a new group of **cast away human beings**, people who undergo tremendous suffering that *could* be corrected, but that no one has the will to do.

Is that really what officials of the State of Hawai'i want to create?

Thank you for passing this bill..

Dr. Joel Fischer, ACSW
Professor
University of Hawai'i, School of Social Work
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"It is reasonable that everyone who asks justice should DO justice."
Thomas Jefferson

"There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but one must take it because one's conscience tells one that it is right."
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Never, never, never quit."
Winston Churchill

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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 1679 SD2

Committee: HLT/HUS
Room: 329
Hearing Date: 3/17/2009 10:45:00 AM

SUPPORT

I am Laura Manis and strongly support this bill, which is to appropriate moneys from the emergency and budget fund of the State of Hawaii to maintain programs essential to education, public health, and public welfare. The bill clearly states the reasons why it is necessary to use this fund for these purposes.

I am submitting testimony on behalf of the legislative committee of PABEA and also for Kokua Council, HARA, AARP all of whom support this bill. My testimony does not represent the views of the EOA but of the PABEA Board.

All the services provided for in the bill are ongoing, successful and needed. Our organizations are, of course, especially interested in programs funding those that are critical to meet the needs of vulnerable elders in our state. At present, there are of very substantial unmet health and human services needs in this population. These are services funded through the Kupuna Care program, Catholic charities and the various Senior Centers. The ADRC is also a critical service, because it provides a way for seniors to identify available services without having to go through the difficult and confusing task of trying to contact many individual agencies for assistance, which may or may not be available to them. We wish to commend the Legislature for utilizing the rainy day fund at this time which is appropriate to the fiscal crisis now facing Hawaii. We are especially concerned because the Federal stimulus funds, which may be coming to Hawaii, do not seem targeted to meet these types of needs.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Laura G. Manis
597-8838

Testimony of Thomas P. Huber
President, The Arc in Hawaii
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Representative Ryan Yamane,
Chair, House Health Committee,
Representative John Mizuno,
Chair, House Human Services Committee.
House of Representatives of the State of Hawaii

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Statement in Strong Support of SB 1679 SD 2

Hearing Tuesday March 17, 2009 10:45AM

Dear Representatives Yamane and Mizuno and Members of the Committees

The Arc in Hawaii strongly supports SB 1679 SD 2.

SB 1679 SD 2 would, among other important purposes, restore recent reductions in Medicaid waiver payments to a large number of persons with developmental disabilities (Section 11).

These reductions have left many of the people that we serve without vital services that they have come to rely upon. In a typical case, our clients have lost one out of their five regular days of Adult Day Health services. This has denied them of meaningful habilitation services and daily activities for a full day. In addition, finding alternate care for these persons on the service day that has been eliminated has caused a strain on the working families who must now care for these individuals on one work day per week.

Other provisions of the Bill that The Arc in Hawaii support in particular are Section 13 for the partnerships in community living program and Section 14 for direct health care.

The Arc in Hawaii serves over 170 persons with developmental disabilities, many on a 7-day 24-hour basis, more than 90 of whom receive Medicaid waiver services.

Thank you for considering this important Bill.

Thomas P. Huber
President

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Representative Yamane
Representative Mizuno

We are in support of SB 1679 SD2. Our son has already had his services cut. He now only goes to a day program two days a week and sees his Personal Assistant fewer hours. This means he has one more day at home during the week plus he is home extra hours on the days he is with his P.A.

Because of this he is not getting the reinforced training he needs to learn to take care of himself and to conduct himself in the community.

We appreciate your support of SB 1679 SD2. Thank you.

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Hearing Tuesday March 17, 2009 10:45AM

Dear Representatives Yamane and Mizuno and Members of the Committees

I strongly support SB 1679 SD 2.

SB 1679 SD 2 would, among other important purposes, restore recent reductions in Medicaid waiver payments to a large number of persons with developmental disabilities (Section 11).

While I have the good fortune to have a daughter who's intellectual and physical disabilities are such that she does not require waiver services, I know many families who are not so fortunate. The reductions in Medicaid waiver payments have left many people served by the Arc in Hawaii and other nonprofit organizations without vital services they need to maintain ordinary living skills that you and I take for granted. In addition, their child has lost one day of services per week, leaving working or elderly, retired parents with no place to turn to for services for their child that would allow them to work full-time or have relief from the constant needs of their child. It wasn't too many years ago that one elderly parent of a son with an intellectual disability in Hawaii took the life of his wife, severely injured his adult child and then took his own life because he could no longer cope with the stress of not knowing that his child would be cared for after his death. The stress of caring for a child with severe disability can take a heavy toll on parents, especially those who are already dealing with the stress of a deteriorating economy.

Other provisions of the Bill that I and The Arc in Hawaii support in particular are Section 13 for the partnerships in community living program and Section 14 for direct health care.

Thank you for considering this important Bill.

Duane P. Bartholomew

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Subject: SB1679 SD2 to be heard Tuesday, March 17th at 10:45am in Room 329 by the Committees on Health & Human Services

TO: Representative Yamane, Chair
Representative Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Health

Representative Mizuno, Chair
Representative Brower, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Human Services

FROM: Dara Carlin, M.A.
881 Akiu Place
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DATE: March 17, 2009

RE: Support for SB1679 SD2

A month ago, the front page of February 10th's Star-Bulletin read: "Obama warns of economic 'catastrophe' - "Rise in crime, drugs reported". Hawaii and the nation are being confronted with the consequences of a severe economic downturn and reduction in revenue; this IS an emergency situation. Ten years ago the legislature had the wisdom and foresight to establish an emergency and budget reserve fund for the unlikely event of a state emergency of this magnitude and sad to say, the time has clearly come to utilize that fund.

I cannot speak to the educational nor health considerations of this measure, but can tell you after working in the area of social services for 20+ years that the human services aspect is a crucial need. If you look at any point in history where a society has faced economic stress or uncertainty, a few things will be apparent to you besides the job loss and economic consequences: rates of abuse, violence and "social ills" rise in tandem with the economic strain as do the requests for public and governmental assistance.

Human services programs and non-profit organizations are often the first to sustain tremendous financial blows because they do not generate revenue so cuts, freezes and reduction in services occur dramatically and overnight just as the **need** for these services and programs experience an increase in demand. If ever there was a time to access this emergency fund for Hawaii's human services, NOW is the time to do so - before it gets any worse. "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of intervention."

At the same time, accessing emergency reserve funds is only one option to others that exist. One of the first things our new president did was initiate a pay freeze for his top White House staff. In Michigan, an auto industry company implemented a 3 day "work

without pay" plan in an effort to maintain their employees (rather than having to lay them off). There are things that many of us can do to "tighten out belts" so while I do feel it's time to access emergency funds, I also think it's time we got creative on how to get us **all** through this crisis as one ohana because ultimately, that's what's at stake.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Dara Carlin, M.A.

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Testimony of
Jeffrey Sakamoto
Before the Committee on Health and the Committee on Human Services
Room 329
March 17, 2009

**Senate Bill No. 1679 S.D. 2
Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

Chairman Yamane and Vice Chairman Nishimoto, Chairman Mizuno and Vice Chairman Brower, and Members of the Committees:

My name is Jeffrey Sakamoto and I am a senior in high school and an Eagle Scout with Troop 115, Boy Scouts of America, Aloha Council.

Recently, I did my Eagle Project at Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center. Our Troop built a sitting area under a shady tree giving the Seniors a place to rest while waiting for their rides. The Seniors before that use to wait in the parking lot which was not a really safe place for them. While I learned valuable lessons doing my project like how to secure resources, manage a project, and work as a team, I was mostly inspired by the Seniors at Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center. They provided expert advice as we poured concrete, we played with them cards, and we even sang with them during their sing-along. They even joined us for lunch and they gave us leis showing their gratitude to our Troop.

When I read the paper in December that Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center was in financial difficulty and could possible close, I was shocked. I can't imagine where these Seniors would go if they didn't have the Center. Our Troop was inspired by these active Seniors having fun and socializing during our time there. I have grandparents who are still alive and I know how important it is to keep them active. I play Wii Fit with my grandma and grandpa. I'm lucky they are still with me to share in my life. I hope that you all will continue funding this very important community need so that other grandchildren like me can enjoy their grandparents as well.

I know that Senate Bill No. 817 which was to provide specific funding to the Senior Centers was deferred and included as part of Senate Bill 1679 S.D. 2 so I respectfully request the Committee pass Senate Bill No. 1679 S.D. 2 for the necessary funds for the Lanakila Multi Purpose Senior Center and for all those programs that this bill will help to support our community. If you need more information from me, please contact me at (808) 292-2137 or email me at surfaboy808@gmail.com.

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From: Gracie Pakani (Hilo SSV) [Gracie@eastersealshawaii.org]
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Monday, March 16, 2009

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Twenty-Fifth Legislature
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I am a grandparent of a child with a disability. My grandchild received services from Easter Seals Hawai'i and, I have two children that are employed by Easter Seals Hawai'i. I believe that Easter Seals provides services that are much needed for children and adults with disabilities. It is sad to see their services being cut!

If the emergency appropriation is not approved as soon as possible, the state will be putting at risk the thousands of families that are or were served each month in these very valuable programs. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **Strong Support of SB 1679 SD 2**. I can be reached at 808-887-0942, for any further questions.

Sincerely,

Yvette Swope

Monday, March 16, 2009

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I have been both a DOE educator as well as a health care provider for Hawaii's developmentally disabled population for nearly two decades. I am appalled and outraged at the recent lack of compassion shown toward those who are least capable of speaking up for themselves. In a move so swift that it allowed no time for discussion, many of our special clients suddenly found their vital services cut not merely by 15% but up to 50% and beyond.

These are good citizens and proud citizens, and many are struggling to live as independently as possible. But to do so, they need help with many of the simple daily tasks that the rest of us take for granted. By taking away even 15% of the PA services they currently receive, many could easily find independent living an impossibility, and the cost of their increased needs will surely fall back onto the taxpayers.

It has been said that societies are judged by the manner in which they care for the least of their citizens. In Hawaii, we have a long and proud history of supporting great organizations. I recognize that these are difficult times, financially. But the wide variety of services provided to our disabled population are critically important, and this is the absolute last place we should ever be looking to slash funding.

If the emergency appropriation is not approved as soon as possible, the state will be putting at risk the thousands of families that are or were served each month in these very valuable programs. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **Strong Support of SB 1679 SD 2**.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Crabtree

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And Rep. John M. Mizuno, Chair – Committee on Human Services
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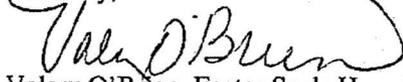
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In providing some 400,000 hours each year in diverse and direct services to infants, children, youth and young adults with disabilities and special needs, Easter Seals Hawaii is one of the few organizations in Hawaii on the multiple front lines of this issue. Our perspective is unique. Thus we know without a doubt that the families that rely on us day in and day out are some of the most economically vulnerable in our state, with limited options in caring for their loved ones. If the emergency appropriation is not approved immediately, thousands of families will risk losing vital, valuable programs and services unavailable elsewhere.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **Strong Support of SB 1679**. I can be reached at 222-0795 or e-mail – valob@hawaiiantel.net for any further questions.

Sincerely,



Valery O'Brien, Easter Seals Hawaii – Board of Director
Parent of a young adult who has been in the Easter Seals Program for 25 years
254 Moomuku Place
Honolulu, Hawaii 96821HLTh

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I am a parent of a son with a disability that has been able to access support afforded by the services offered in the MR/DD Waiver in order to care for my child. With the support of these services I am able to know that his needs are being met and that he is safe. My son is able participate in meaningful activities that allow him to increase his independence, maintain health and safety, continue to participate in his exercise programs, and to have a life just like every other citizen. Without the services provided under the MR/DD Waiver, my son would have to be home alone, disengaged from the community which would be major health and safety concern.

If the emergency appropriation is not approved as soon as possible, the state will be putting at risk the thousands of families that are or were served each month in these very valuable programs. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **Strong Support of SB 1679 SD 2**. I can be reached at 935-6046, for any further questions.

Sincerely,

Marlene Miprano

Monday, March 16, 2009

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Sincerely,

Karen Melillo

Monday, March 16, 2009

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I am a brother/guardian of a woman with a disability that has been able to access support afforded by the services offered in the MR/DD Waiver in order to care for my sister. With the support of these services I am know that her needs are being met and that she is safe. I also am ensured that my sister is able participate in meaningful activities that allow her to have a life just like every other citizen. Without the services provided under the MR/DD Waiver, my sister would have to be home alone, disengaged from the community which would be major health and safety concern.

If the emergency appropriation is not approved as soon as possible, the state will be putting at risk the thousands of families that are or were served each month in these very valuable programs. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **Strong Support of SB 1679 SD 2**. I can be reached at [959-9511](tel:959-9511), for any further questions.

Sincerely,

Ted Furuta

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Respite, DD Division DD/MR Waiver, and the DD Division Partnerships in Community Living
(PICL Programs)***.

***Hi, my name is Kevin and am a person with a disability that has been able to access support
afforded by the services offered in the MR/DD Waiver. With the support of these services I am
able to work on my goals.***

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the thousands of families that are or were served each month in these very valuable programs.
Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **Strong Support of SB 1679 SD 2**. I can
be reached at 981-2242, for any further questions.

Sincerely,

Kevin Foster

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I am a single parent who has had the privilege to see my special needs daughter in the DD/MR Waiver services grow towards independence in the home as well as out in the community. The DD/MR Waiver services also allowed her to grow in her behavior and character. The skilled, trained staff my daughter has working with her has been the difference in support towards getting her more independent. Without these services, my daughter would spend her time at home, not getting the kind of support and training she so desperately need. If the emergency appropriation is not approved as soon as possible, the state will be putting at risk the thousands of families that are or were served each month in these very valuable programs. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **Strong Support of SB 1679 SD 2.** I can be reached at 990-4671, for any further questions.

Sincerely,

Laverne Sanchez

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The Personal Assistance / Habilitation (PAB) services from the DD/MR Waiver program that my daughter receives is a necessary service that has proven to be beneficial to her health and over all well-being. Without these services, my daughter would be at home since there are no other programs suitable to meet my daughter's needs. No other program is skilled and trained to curtail the kinds of behaviors my daughter displays in situations that only she encounters where coping can be difficult. Through the years of receiving PAB services, my daughter has matured, her character molded to where she's able to handle situations in a more manageable way. She has made good progress and continues to improve in every aspect of her life. Currently she's researching job opportunities, and volunteers at a pre-school, becoming a contributing member of her community. If the emergency appropriation is not approved as soon as possible, the state will be putting at risk the thousands of families that are or were served each month in these very valuable programs. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **Strong Support of SB 1679 SD 1**. I can be reached at (808) 959-1198, for any further questions.

Sincerely,

Mary Lou Benevides

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My daughter's services through the DD/MR Waiver program have been the difference maker in my daughter's life. She has developed life and safety skills she wouldn't have gotten if the services weren't in existence. She is now able to cook and bake with assistance, she is able to cross the street safely, and able to make her own purchases at the stores in the community. If the services were cut any further, or be cancelled altogether, my daughter's health and safety would be at risk. If the emergency appropriation is not approved as soon as possible, the state will be putting at risk the thousands of families that are or were served each month in these very valuable programs. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **Strong Support of SB 1679 SD 1.** I can be reached at (808) 896-5477, for any further questions.

Sincerely,

Lisa Vierra

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I am a provider for a young girl with a disability that has been able to access support afforded by the services offered in the MR/DD Waiver in order to receive care. With the support of these services the parents of the child I work with are able to go to work knowing that their child is safe and her needs are being met. Not only is the parent able to go to work but her daughter is able to participate in meaningful activities that allow her to have a life just like every other citizen. Without the services provided under the MR/DD Waiver, this young lady would have to be home alone, disengaged from the community which would be a major health and safety concern. If the emergency appropriation is not approved as soon as possible, the state will be putting at risk the thousands of families that are or were served each month in these very valuable programs. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **Strong Support of SB 1679 SD 1**. I can be reached at (808) 990-2701, for any further questions.

Sincerely,

Nalani Aiwohi

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The services my daughter receives has changed her life and made my life a lot more manageable. My daughter has Downs Syndrome and was very difficult to teach her appropriate things to do. With the attention I need to give to my ailing husband, who has prostate cancer, and is on dialysis, having no use of his hands or feet due to a stroke he suffered some years ago, it was very difficult to manage the needs of my daughter. The Personal Assistant services she receives from the Medicaid Waiver program has allowed my daughter to grow towards independence. She is able to do things for herself like brush her own teeth, know that she can leave the store after getting a treat, and following a visual schedule to be more independent with her responsibilities after school. The services she receives are definitely invaluable services that have changed her and her whole family's well-being. If the emergency appropriation is not approved as soon as possible, the state will be putting at risk the thousands of families that are or were served each month in these very valuable programs. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **Strong Support of SB 1679 SD 1. I can be reached at (808) 956-7294, for any further questions.**

Sincerely,

Valerie Thompson

Monday, March 16, 2009

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I truly believe that the services my son receives through the DD/MR Waiver services are needed for his support, health and well-being. I am a single mom who cannot leave my son under the care of unskilled workers who respectfully work in other after school programs. Having support under the DD/MR Waiver services, I know my son is under the care of trained, skilled staff that is able understand him, redirect his behaviors, and take him into the community to learn life skills.

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Sincerely,

Angela Evans

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I am thankful for the services my daughter has received via the DD/MR Waiver Services Program. Over the last couple of years, my daughter has increased her independence to where I never thought was possible for her. With supports, she is now able to do her own laundry, do her own chores, grocery shop at specific stores, and live on her own at her own place. She is also volunteering at a hotel and at the food bank, distributing food for the ones who are in need. Without these services, my daughter would be home bound and lose her independence, increase in negative behavior, and not be a contributing member of her community. If the emergency appropriation is not approved as soon as possible, the state will be putting at risk the thousands of families that are or were served each month in these very valuable programs. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **Strong Support of SB 1679 SD 2**. I can be reached at 896-3122, for any further questions.

Sincerely,

Doris Iwaoka

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Dear Representatives Yamane and Mizuno & Members of the Joint Committees on Human
Services and Health:

I am submitting testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** OF SB 1679 SD 2. This bill makes an emergency appropriation from the emergency and budget fund of the State of Hawaii to maintain the levels of programs determined to be essential to education, public health, and welfare. Specifically I am supporting appropriations to restore lost funding for the *Department of Health Respite, DD Division DD/MR Waiver, and the DD Division Partnerships in Community Living (PICL Programs).*

I am a parent of a son with autism, a disability that has been able to access support afforded by the services offered in the MR/DD Waiver in order to care for my child. With the support of these services I am able to go to work knowing that his needs are being met and that he is safe. Not only am I able to go to work, but my son is able participate in meaningful activities that allow him to have a life just like every other citizen. Without the services provided under the MR/DD Waiver, my son would have to be home alone, disengaged from the community which would be major health and safety concern.

If the emergency appropriation is not approved as soon as possible, the state will be putting at risk the thousands of families that are or were served each month in these very valuable programs. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **Strong Support of SB 1679 SD 2**. I can be reached at 808-935-8826 for any further questions.

Sincerely,



Lorna Tadaki

March 16, 2009

To: Rep. Ryan Yamane, House Committee on Health Chair
Rep. Scott Nishimoto, House Committee on Health Vice Chair
Rep. John Mizuno, House Committee on Human Services Chair
Rep. Tom Brower, House Committee on Human Services Vice Chair
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From: Jane Murray

RE: Support for SB1679, SD2, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

Hearing Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2009

Time: 10:45 am

Place: Conference Room 329

Chair and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **SUPPORT of SB1679, SD2, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**. My name is Jane Murray and I am a member, participant and volunteer at the Waikiki Community Center (WCC). When I first came to the Center about 6 years ago, I knew few people but it was a great way for me to meet people and become involved in the WCC community and the larger community as well.

At the WCC, I have participated in helping disabled children and made quilts for care homes and other needy individuals. I've volunteered to work on the newsletter and other special mailings and fundraisers. I'm a member of WCC's Telephone Tree to ensure that other older people like me are safe in their homes.

I've participated in numerous trips and excursions to Maui, Hawaii and Lanai as well as taken excursions to all the Military Bases, the UH Medical School and many others. I currently volunteer at the Army Museum at the end of Waikiki. I've enjoyed in particular the Hawaiian Language classes. For me, the friendships have been especially important as I live alone and my family is on the mainland. I know that the friends I've made at WCC will help me if I need help. They keep me active and engaged in the community.

In tough economic times, even more people need the services provided by the Waikiki Community Center because of their accessibility, social connections, health and wellness emphasis and inviting neighborhood settings.

I support the Waikiki Community Center and hope you will too. Thank you.

Jane Murray

March 16, 2009

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From: Lillian Chace

RE: **Support for SB1679, SD2, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

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Time: 10:45 am

Place: Conference Room 329

Chair and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **SUPPORT of SB1679, SD2 Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**. My name is Lillian Chace and I am a member, participant and volunteer at the Waikiki Community Center (WCC).

I first came to the WCC about two years ago. I was new in Hawaii and someone told me about the Center. For me, the Waikiki Community Center proved to be an important lifeline as I had just arrived and had no family or friends in Hawaii. At this place, I was able to make good friends and get established in my new community. Many residents in Waikiki are like me and have come to rely and depend on the Waikiki Community Center as a place to come to for assistance and being a part of the community.

At the WCC, I have participated in classes as well as taken advantage of the group excursions that are offered. As a single person without personal transportation, these group excursions have been a way for me to participate in educational activities and become more appreciative of the beauty and culture that is unique to Hawaii.

I am active on the Senior Advisory Council, provide orientation for new members, assist with the newsletter and assist with other tasks when asked. The personal connections I have made there have been valuable and the friendships are something special.

I ask for your support of SB1679, SD2, and that you please provide the funding that will support Senior Centers and the programs of the Waikiki Community Center. WCC serves as a hub for wellness activities and social connectivity and meaningful participation in our community. It is important to keep its doors open for elders like me. Thank you.

March 16, 2009

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From: Dawn Ward

RE: **Support for SB1679, SD2, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

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Chair and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **SUPPORT of SB 1679, SD 2, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**. My name is Dawn Ward and I have been a member, participant and volunteer at the Waikiki Community Center since 2001. I am a retired schoolteacher.

I have been involved in many aspects of the Waikiki Community Center and the impact WCC has had on my life is significant. I feel that it has been my vehicle to introduce me to people and experiences in the community as well as a catalyst for me to volunteer and share my life in a way that benefits others.

I enjoy participating in WCC's many activities and classes. I am an active volunteer with WCC and in the community. I have assisted with their New Member Orientation and am a member of the Senior Advisory Council that provides ideas and feedback to WCC staff and works to create meaningful programs for our participants.

The Waikiki Community Center senior program continues to be a vital part of my life and provides me numerous opportunities to keep mentally sharp, socialize, stay physically fit and contribute to the community in which I live.

Please support WCC and the other Senior Centers by approving SB 1679, SD2. I invite you to visit and talk with the participants and see for yourselves the many healthy, independent individuals who value the services and volunteer opportunities provided by Senior Centers.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB 1679, SD2.

March 16, 2009

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From: Mary Guidroz

RE: **Support for SB1679, SD2, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

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Chairs and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **SUPPORT** of SB1679, SD2, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund. My name is Mary Guidroz and I am a member, participant and volunteer at the Waikiki Community Center. I am 86, nearly 87 years old, live by myself, and I have been a member for 12 years.

In the past I have participated in many classes including Line Dancing, taken various excursions around the island led by WCC staff and really been kept healthy by joining in the many educational and healthy activities at WCC. I am a diabetic and they bring in speakers to help me keep up with my diabetes. In addition, I really look forward to being with the many friends I have made and meeting new people. This has been a great part of my benefit from the Waikiki Community Center because I know people look for me to be there and look out for me if I don't show up.

The Social Worker helped me last year when I forgot to fill out my Medicaid forms on time and my benefits had lapsed. She helped me get those back right away and she helps me keep my other records current such as Medicare, and Food Stamps. The Waikiki Community Center is so important to me because I count on those services so I can stay living independently.

I support the Waikiki Community Center and I hope you will too by approving SB1679, SD2.

Monday, March 16, 2009

Representative Ryan Yamane and Representative John Mizuno
State of Hawaii, Joint Hearings – Committee on Human Services & Health
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
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I am an administrative assistant with Easter Seals Hawaii, Ewa ADH Program. I was sad to hear when the State of Hawaii implemented budget reductions that took effect on February 1, 2009. Some participants looked so sad at the end of the day on Thursday, February 5th when they said “see you tomorrow” and in turn I would say, no “I’ll see you on Monday!” So many participants looked forward to coming to program Mondays-Fridays. It feels so different to see about only 1/3 of the participants who attended program on Fridays. I miss the other 2/3 of our participants who can’t come due to the budget reduction. What are they doing on Fridays now? Is someone home to be with them? If so, how much of a hardship it is on those parents, guardians and/or caregivers to give up work for 1 day/week. It also has affected my coworkers who also had hours cut 1day/week due to less participants coming to program. Just as we strive to provide excellent services and help many in need, budgets are cut and has caused turmoil for participants, families, guardians, caregivers, and staff. We need funds to help keep us going instead of fall behind due to lack of money. Everyone is doing their best to come up with the best solutions but how long will that last without funds?! Also, who will take care of those who can’t take care of or speak for themselves?! I beg you to please consider the emergency appropriation.

If the emergency appropriation is not approved as soon as possible, the state will be putting at risk the thousands of families that are or were served each month in these very valuable programs. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **Strong Support of SB 1679**. I can be reached at (808) 927-9025 (cellular) for any further questions.

Sincerely,

Leann S. Uehira
Fairway Village at Waikele
94-824 Lumiauu Street, Y101
Waipahu, HI 96797

Monday, March 16, 2009

The Honorable Ryan Yamane and John Mizuno
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I work with people with disabilities that have been dramatically affected by the reduction of hours in the DD/MR Waiver services. This reduction has not only strongly impacted families and participants but also employees who have taken a reduction in hours as a result. Families now face concern with who will care for their loved one with less service hours and employees face challenges with how they are going to pay their bills. Caring for an individual with a disability or multiple disabilities is challenging enough without the added burden this reduction has brought. People have had to focus more time and attention on how they will deal with the reduction instead of caring for another human being in a vulnerable situation.

If the emergency appropriation is not approved as soon as possible, the state will be putting at risk the thousands of families that are or were served each month in these very valuable programs. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **Strong Support of SB 1679**. I can be reached at (808) 282-7042, for any further questions.

Sincerely,

Lori Lutu

Monday, March 16, 2009

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I am a person with a disability that has been able to access support because I receive services offered in the MR/DD Waiver. With the support of these services I am able to participate in meaningful activities that allow me to have a life just like every other person. I don't want my services to be cut. I want to keep coming to Easter Seals Hawai'i. I am learning how to use money because I come to program. Without services, my health and safety would be at risk.

If the emergency appropriation is not approved as soon as possible, the state will be putting at risk the thousands of families that are or were served each month in these very valuable programs. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **Strong Support of SB 1679**. I can be reached at (808)681-0747, for any further questions.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Tabata

Monday, March 16, 2009

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I am a parent of a child with disabilities and am very concerned about the budget cut. I personally feel that it is affecting not only parents but everyone else. If they make any further cuts then that would really affect my job stability and services would be cut for my son Brandon.

If the emergency appropriation is not approved as soon as possible, the state will be putting at risk the thousands of families that are or were served each month in these very valuable programs. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **Strong Support of SB 1679**. I can be reached at (808) 927-9025 (cellular) for any further questions.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Idao

Monday, March 16, 2009

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I am a person with a disability that has been able to access support because I receive services offered in the MR/DD Waiver. With the support of these services I am able to participate in meaningful activities that allow me to have a life just like every other person. Easter Seals Hawai'i is good. You can learn. I learn the computer. I learn job skills. I paint the "No dumping in the drain" warnings on the sidewalk. I do hula at different places, e.g. Leeward Nursing Home. My life has meaning and without services my health and safety would be at risk.

If the emergency appropriation is not approved as soon as possible, the state will be putting at risk the thousands of families that are or were served each month in these very valuable programs. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **Strong Support of SB 1679**. I can be reached at (808)681-0747, for any further questions.

Sincerely,

David Keawe

Monday, March 16, 2009

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I am a person with a disability that has been able to access support because I receive services offered in the MR/DD Waiver. With the support of these services I am able to participate in meaningful activities that allow me to have a life just like every other person. I like coming to Easter Seals Hawai'i. I learn money, games, go out, holo holo, check my calendar, check folders, and do my own scheduling. I am happy over here. Without services, my health and safety would be at risk.

If the emergency appropriation is not approved as soon as possible, the state will be putting at risk the thousands of families that are or were served each month in these very valuable programs. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **Strong Support of SB 1679**. I can be reached at (808)681-0747, for any further questions.

Sincerely,

Ada McFeely

Monday, March 16, 2009

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I am a person with a disability that has been able to access support because I receive services offered in the MR/DD Waiver. With the support of these services I am able to participate in meaningful activities that allow me to have a life just like every other person. My services help me with daily life skills and I get to make friends. I would miss not getting to go on excursions and see new things. Without services, my health and safety would be at risk.

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Sincerely,

Edward Kepa-Smith

Monday, March 16, 2009

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My name is Esperanza Tapiz. I am a full time caregiver and also need a full time job to make sure needed items for participant/client is taken care of. Without the DD/MR Waiver program services participants/clients will not have the full benefits as they do now. From a social setting participants gain sensory, range of motion, socialization etc. as in a home setting they are limited and not given the full extent of what the programs can offer. Please pass this bill.

If the emergency appropriation is not approved as soon as possible, the state will be putting at risk the thousands of families that are or were served each month in these very valuable programs. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **Strong Support of SB 1679**. I can be reached at (808)672-0099, for any further questions.

Sincerely,

Esperanza Tapiz

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I am a person with a disability that has been able to access support because I receive services offered in the MR/DD Waiver. With the support of these services I am able to participate in meaningful activities that allow me to have a life just like every other person. I don't like to stay home on the weekends. I get bored. I need a worker because my mom works on the weekends. With my worker, I get support with fixing my bed, picking out clothes, and cooking. My worker helps me with my lunch and takes me to my friends house. I need a worker. Please don't take them from me. Without services, my health and safety would be at risk.

If the emergency appropriation is not approved as soon as possible, the state will be putting at risk the thousands of families that are or were served each month in these very valuable programs. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **Strong Support of SB 1679**. I can be reached at (808)681-0747, for any further questions.

Sincerely,

Johnelle Santos

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I am a single parent of 4 children with disabilities, 3 of whom have been able to access support afforded by the services offered in the MR/DD Waiver program. These services provide invaluable support on a day to day basis in caring for and meeting their individual needs. 2 of my children need constant supervision for their safety and well-being. Without these services, I will be the only person to take care of every one of their needs. I know that I cannot do this alone. Because of these services, my children are able to function better within the home and have become a part of our community. I have also been able to go to school to further my education, therefore helping me to be a better parent. Without these services, I will have to meet the demands of all my children alone, and I am concerned that my own health will deteriorate. If that were to happen, I really won't be of help to them and I worry about who will care for them. Please help me in safeguarding my children by allowing them to receive the necessary help that they need to continue to have a quality life.

If the emergency appropriation is not approved as soon as possible, the state will be putting at risk the thousands of families that are or were served each month in these very valuable programs. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **Strong Support of SB 1679**. I can be reached at 668-7285 for any further questions.

Sincerely,

Charlzetta Croker

Monday, March 16, 2009

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I am an employee and advocate of participants with disabilities that has been able to access support afforded by the services offered in the MR/DD Waiver in order to care for people. With the support of these services I am able to provide services and ensure needs are being met and that participants are safe. I am able to put family's minds at peace when they need to go to work, and know their family members who receive services are able to participate in meaningful activities that allow them to have a life just like every other citizen. Without the services provided under the MR/DD Waiver, participants may have to be home alone, disengaged from the community, and could create major health and safety concerns.

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Sincerely,

Charles "Bo" Roy

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Sincerely,

Charles Cruz

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Sincerely,

Leighton Nuibe

Monday, March 16, 2009

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Sincerely,

Marie Kauhako

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Sincerely,

Michelle Kane

Monday, March 16, 2009

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My son Robert and daughter Janet attend Easter Seals Hawai'i and without these funds it would be difficult for them to continue. Since they need the continuing socialization and mental stimulation this program affords, they would lose a very important part of their lives. This is something that I have fought for, for our many deserving challenged adults. Please pass this bill.

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Sincerely,

Elizabeth Russell

Monday, March 16, 2009

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I am a person with a disability that has been able to access support because I receive services offered in the MR/DD Waiver. With the support of these services I am able to participate in meaningful activities that allow me to have a life just like every other person. I like to get to make friends and go places. Without these supports, there will be madness for me if I don't go to program. My health and safety would be at risk.

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Sincerely,

Leigh Kimura

Monday, March 16, 2009

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I am a person with a disability that has been able to access support because I receive services offered in the MR/DD Waiver. With the support of these services I am able to participate in meaningful activities that allow me to have a life just like every other person. I like going to program. I like learning hula and everything. I like learning and having choices. Without services, my health and safety would be at risk.

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Sincerely,

Robin Wagner

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I am a person with a disability that has been able to access support because I receive services offered in the MR/DD Waiver. With the support of these services I am able to participate in meaningful activities that allow me to have a life just like every other person. I am happy coming to program. I like learning how to write and draw at program. I also get to make choices and purchase products at stores. I am happy coming to a program. Without services, my health and safety would be at risk.

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Sincerely,

Sean Reilly

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I am a person with a disability that has been able to access support because I receive services offered in the MR/DD Waiver. With the support of these services I am able to participate in meaningful activities that allow me to have a life just like every other person. I miss going out with my worker on Sundays. I also miss going to Special Olympics swim practice Mondays. I need all of the practice I can get for the area and state games. I also miss coming to Easter Seals Hawai'i on Fridays. Without services, my health and safety is more at risk and my choices and opportunities are limited.

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Sincerely,

Nicole Kelly

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Sincerely,

Noah Lorenzo

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I am a person with a disability that has been able to access support because I receive services offered in the MR/DD Waiver. With the support of these services I am able to participate in meaningful activities that allow me to have a life just like every other person. Without services supported by the DD/MR Waiver I would not get to be around friends. My services help me with daily life skills and I get to make friends. Without services, my health and safety would be at risk.

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Sincerely,

Norine Ng

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I am a grandparent who has adopted my grandson with a disability that has been able to access support afforded by the services offered in the MR/DD Waiver. I am at the age where I cannot provide all of the supports that he needs and I cannot be as active with him as a young parent could be. The community based provide helps me to take my grandson to events and essential activities in his community. I want the hours to be restored for my grandson because he has very few hours of supports and when these hours are cut it makes a huge impact on his life. Without services my grandson would not be able to participate in the Special Olympics and would not be able to be actively involved in his community living life like everyone else. Without services my grandson would not have help and support to learn independent living skills. I believe that part of the money should go to the department of health to help provide services for the DD/MR population.

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Sincerely,
Linda Cabael

Monday, March 16, 2009

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I am a parent of a son with a disability that has been able to access support afforded by the services offered in the MR/DD Waiver in order to care for my child. My son has benefited greatly from the supports provided by this program. This program has provided my son with routine and support within the community. These supports have allowed him to participate in community activities that he would not otherwise have the chance to be involved in. This program has also enabled my son to participate in meaningful activities in the community when he would otherwise be at home. Without the services provided by the MR/DD waiver, my son would have to be at home disengaged from the community.

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Sincerely,
Lianna McMillan

Monday, March 16, 2009

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I am a sister of a person with a disability who has been able to access supports afforded by the MR/DD Waiver. With the support of these services I am able to go to work knowing that her needs are being met and that she is safe. My sister needs routine to function and the loss of this routine would result in confusion and increased agitation for her. My sister also has a great bond with her community based provider and this bond is essential to continuity of care and helps her to increase her daily functioning. My sister also has alzheimer's and Dementia and a disruption in her routine may worsen these disorders. Without these services my sister would not be able to be as active or involved in the community. Not only am I able to go to work knowing that my sister is safe, but with these services she is able to participate in meaningful activities that allow her to have a life just like every other citizen.

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Sincerely,
Peggy Maki

Monday, March 16, 2009

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I have been an employee of Easter Seals Hawai'i for nearly 10 years and have had the opportunity to work with 50+ adults with Developmental Disabilities. I see how important and meaningful these services are for the people we serve and because of these services, people do not need to stay home and are able to have, and lead, real lives. People are able to get jobs, be active members of their communities, and make lasting and real friendships.

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I also have family members with disabilities who benefit from services. I know how vital services through the DD/MR Waiver are. I urge you to please pass SB 1679!

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Sincerely,

Sonya J. Kelii

Monday, March 16, 2009

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Sincerely,

Ted Wong

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I work as a Program Manager for a non-profit organization that provides DD/MR Waiver services. These past 3 months have been difficult for families and direct support workers. We have spent many days (and some nights) meeting and listening to families regarding the affects the current budget cuts have had on them. We hear about single parents who care for several children with disabilities and who without our support, the family unit would crumble. We hear about mothers who provide care to their child who is totally dependent. Meetings with direct support workers have not been easy either. Telling people that their work hours are getting cut is difficult, knowing that they may lose their medical benefits or be at risk for homelessness. The support of this bill is crucial to the lives of so many people.

If the emergency appropriation is not approved as soon as possible, the state will be putting at risk the thousands of families that are or were served each month in these very valuable programs. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **Strong Support of SB 1679**. I can be reached at 779-6817 for any further questions.

Sincerely,

Denise Bartimus

Monday, March 16, 2009

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I am a mother of a daughter with a disability that has been able to access support afforded by the services offered in the MR/DD Waiver. Through the DD waver program I am most grateful for services that my daughter receives. She is not home bound and is out in the community where she has opportunities to make friends, socialize, learn to make good choices, and participate in activities such as water exercise, country line dancing and stretching. With the services my daughter is like a plant that has the right environment and nutrients to grow.

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Sincerely,
Janice Chang

Monday, March 16, 2009

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I am a sister of a person with a disability that has been able to access support afforded by the services offered in the MR/DD Waiver. Without these services my sister would not be able to participate in community activities. Without these services she would not be able to get the help that she needs like being active and healthy within the community. Because my sister is able to have these services she is able to participate in meaningful activities within the community and live life like every other citizen.

If the emergency appropriation is not approved as soon as possible, the state will be putting at risk the thousands of families that are or were served each month in these very valuable programs. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **Strong Support of SB 1679**. I can be reached at 262-4515, for any further questions.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Silva

Monday, March 16, 2009

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State of Hawaii, Joint Hearings – House Health and Human Services Committees
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State Capitol
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I am a mother of a daughter with a disability that has been able to access support afforded by the services offered in the MR/DD Waiver. I am a single parent and my income is all of the support that I have. If there are any more cuts in services I will have to stay home to take care of my child and we will suffer severe financial difficulty. My child has cerebral palsy and epilepsy and I know that her care takers are trained to handle a seizure if she has one. I know that because of these services she is safe and I am able to work because she can be safe with her care providers.

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Sincerely,
Julie Pleasanton

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I am a guardian of a niece with a disability that has been able to access support afforded by the services offered in the MR/DD Waiver. These services are important because they teach her independent living skills.

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Sincerely,
Brenda Abe

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I am a parent of a son with a disability that has been able to access support afforded by the services offered in the MR/DD Waiver. Without these services he could not be involved in the community. If he did not have these services he would be at home and not able to attend community events. I feel that it is really important for the DD community to receive services.

If the emergency appropriation is not approved as soon as possible, the state will be putting at risk the thousands of families that are or were served each month in these very valuable programs. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **Strong Support of SB 1679**. I can be reached at 221-2971, for any further questions.

Sincerely,
Sherry Harada

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I am a parent of a son with a disability that has been able to access support afforded by the services offered in the MR/DD Waiver. There have been cuts made already and my son has been affected by this because due to these cuts he no longer has one on one services. The lack of one on one service greatly affects my son because he is not able to participate in community events and which impacts his learning. I am in favor of any funding that can help restore these services.

If the emergency appropriation is not approved as soon as possible, the state will be putting at risk the thousands of families that are or were served each month in these very valuable programs. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **Strong Support of SB 1679**. I can be reached at 221-2971, for any further questions.

Sincerely,
Lauree Kaleikau-Gill

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I am a parent of a daughter with a disability that has been able to access support afforded by the services offered in the MR/DD Waiver. These services have helped my daughter in learning to socialize and could help her to work toward employment in the future. I feel that with this support she would be able to become more independent and give back to the community. I really want my daughter to become more independent but she has not yet been able to learn how to cross the street safely. With the services that she has gotten in the past under the DD Waiver she has improve her awareness of safety issues in the community. Routine and repetition are very important to her learning. The more she is out in the community and in those types of environments the more successful she will be in achieving her goals of safety and independence.

If the emergency appropriation is not approved as soon as possible, the state will be putting at risk the thousands of families that are or were served each month in these very valuable programs. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **Strong Support of SB 1679**. I can be reached at 351-5935, for any further questions.

Sincerely,
Rachel Tanaka

Monday, March 16, 2009

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I am a parent of a son with a disability that has been able to access support afforded by the services offered in the MR/DD Waiver. Depriving our son from monthly services that allow him to go out into the community and participate in community activities. This is a disruption in his routine and he can no longer participate in these activities because he does not have the community based provider as a support.

If the emergency appropriation is not approved as soon as possible, the state will be putting at risk the thousands of families that are or were served each month in these very valuable programs. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **Strong Support of SB 1679**. I can be reached at 291-0362, for any further questions.

Sincerely,
Gordon Sam

Monday, March 16, 2009

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I am a single parent of an adult daughter with a disability that has been able to access support afforded by the services offered in the DD/MR Waiver in order to care for my child. With the support of these services I am able to know that her needs are being met, she is safe, and happy. My daughter has benefited significantly from these services. Due to support from these services she has become a contributor to her community, a member of her local hula halau, and is also able to participate in meaningful activities that allow her to live a life just like every other citizen. Without the services provided under the DD/MR Waiver, my daughter would have to be at home, disengaged from the community, which would not only be upsetting to her, but would also be a major health and safety concern.

If the emergency appropriation is not approved as soon as possible, the state will be putting at risk the thousands of families that are or were served each month in these very valuable programs. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **Strong Support of SB 1679**. I can be reached at (928) 757-7491, for any further questions.

Sincerely,

Leona Di Mauro-Pender

Monday, March 16, 2009

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I am a parent of a son with a disability that has been able to access support afforded by the services offered in the MR/DD Waiver. My son benefits greatly from these services because they provide him with instruction on life skills, develop his independence and social interaction. My son would not be able to get these supports without the funding provided by the MR/DD Waiver. Easter Seals is an extremely important part of his life. It is so important for my son to lead a “normal” life, and with these supports he is able to get out into the community and really thrive as an individual.

If the emergency appropriation is not approved as soon as possible, the state will be putting at risk the thousands of families that are or were served each month in these very valuable programs. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **Strong Support of SB 1679**. I can be reached at 623-6501, for any further questions.

Sincerely,
Barbara Burke

Monday, March 16, 2009

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I am a parent of a daughter with a disability that has been able to access support afforded by the services offered in the MR/DD Waiver. Because of these services I am able to go to work and have her be in a safe environment where her personal needs are met. Without these services I may not be able to work and meet my own family's needs or pay my mortgage. There is no other place for my daughter to go that could take care of her. If services were lost I would have to quite my job to care for her and we would loose our home. My daughter was born with only one kidney and also has seizures so she needs to be constantly monitored to make sure her medical needs are met. Without these services it would be impossible to meet her needs. I want you to be aware that my daughter is not just a case or another number but she is a real person who cannot take care of herself unless I can receive the help provided by the MR/DD waiver.

If the emergency appropriation is not approved as soon as possible, the state will be putting at risk the thousands of families that are or were served each month in these very valuable programs. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **Strong Support of SB 1679**. I can be reached at 255-4897, for any further questions.

Sincerely,
Janelle Gugudan

Monday, March 16, 2009

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I care for my nephew who has a developmental disability. As a result of the recent budget reduction, he is no longer able to attend his day program Monday through Friday; he has to stay home on Fridays now. Also, it has resulted a cut in my own hours which has affected our household's situation dramatically.

When my nephew attends the day program, he is able to access his community and his challenging behaviors are supported. Also, since I am also caring for my husband who's health has recently declined, I am overwhelmed at home. I try to do my best to support my nephew and my husband but it is often taxing on my own health as well as I do not often get a break.

The Adult Day Habilitation program that my nephew attends is crucial in obtaining behavioral supports that he needs, participating in meaningful activities and overall, they are able to support Martin in ways that I am not capable of at home.

Without the services provided under the MR/DD Waiver, my nephew would miss out on meaningful opportunities for him to manage his challenging behaviors and participate in activities that are crucial for him having a meaningful life. Since I do not drive, I am unable to assist my nephew with going out into the community very often.

Without these services, I would lose my paycheck that I receive assisting my nephew with his provider agency and also I will miss out on the support that they provide to me and my family to assist Martin. Since I have to care for both my nephew and my husband, I am unable to work any other job and the funding that this service brings into my household is vital for survival.

If the emergency appropriation is not approved as soon as possible, the state will be putting at risk the thousands of families that are or were served each month in these very valuable programs. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **Strong Support of SB 1679**. I can be reached at 734-0925, for any further questions.

Sincerely,

Blossom Asunson

Monday, March 16, 2009

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I care for my sister who has a developmental disability. The support my sister receives through the MR/DD Waiver allows her to access support to a variety of programs that help support our household, my sister's quality of life, and her access of her community.

The Waiver allows me to get paid for supporting my sister through a provider agency. With out this support, I would not be able to support our household as I am unable to have another job. My sister is also able to work on her independence through the support of the day programs she attends. The programs provide meaningful activities and access into the community. These programs also support my sister with learning life skills and allow her to learn to do more things for herself. Since my sister's first language is Vietnamese, these programs assist my sister with learning better English and communicating her wants and needs more on her own.

The services that my sister receives are crucial for our household survival and also for my sister's quality of life. The services that she receives gives her the ability to participate in meaningful activities that allow her to have a life just like every other citizen. With out the services provided under the MR/DD Waiver, my sister would have to stay home and be disengaged from the community. Also, I would no longer be able to support our household's financial needs.

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Sincerely,

Nu Giang

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I am a parent of a son with a disability that has been able to access support afforded by the services offered in the MR/DD Waiver. These services provide my son with outings and learning opportunities. The cuts that have already been made have had a big impact on my son's life because he has had difficulty adjusting to the changes in his routine and is no longer able to participate in the Special Olympics without these supports.

If the emergency appropriation is not approved as soon as possible, the state will be putting at risk the thousands of families that are or were served each month in these very valuable programs. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **Strong Support of SB 1679**. I can be reached at 223-1601, for any further questions.

Sincerely,
Kathy Keawe

Monday, March 16, 2009

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If the emergency appropriation is not approved as soon as possible, the state will be putting at risk the thousands of families that are or were served each month in these very valuable programs. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **Strong Support of SB 1679**. I can be reached at 685-4644, for any further questions.

Sincerely,
Paul Kelley

nishimoto2-Bryce

From: Aaron K Koseki [akoseki@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2009 11:19 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Re: SB 1332, SD2 RELATING TO HEALTHCARE

Testimony for:

March 17, 2009 @ 8:30 a.m. in Room 329

House Committee on Health
Rep. Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

By: Aaron Koseki, Ph.D., RRT, Kapi`olani Community College, Professor & Chair, Health Sciences Department

Re: SB 1332, SD2 RELATING TO HEALTHCARE

Chairs & Committee Members:

I am writing in support of SB 1332, SD2 as a necessary tool for both government and health care providers to assure that respiratory practitioners are trained to do what they claim they are trained to do.

The Respiratory Care Program was established at KCC in 1971 and since 1972, has been a nationally accredited program training prospective students in cardiopulmonary procedures--some lifesaving and some life sustaining procedures. As an educator, and as a former respiratory care department director at the former St. Francis Medical Center - West, I recognize the need to establish the basic educational level and training for individuals practicing in this specialized health care field.

Hawaii is only one of two states that does not have oversight over this profession; this allows for respiratory practitioners from other states to work here without a license. Indeed, without oversight, any one can make the claim that he/she is qualified to provide respiratory care.

I do have concerns with establishing a Board in these tough economic times, and suggest that licensing at this time would be more appropriate, and in time, if the need exists, a board can be established. Other states are split on this issue. For Hawaii, immediate oversight is the goal, while avoiding increased costs to both the health care professionals and the state

I, along with my colleagues, am willing to work with the DCCA to come up with a solution that will meet the goals of everyone, with the ultimate goal of providing consumers with the protection they deserve.

Thank you for your attention to my testimony.
Aaron Koseki

Lanakila Multi-purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

Thanks to Lanakila Multi-purpose Senior Center, there is no time to feel alone; therefore, there is no time for self-pity. I have a place to be and people to see, and I have so much to look forward to each day.

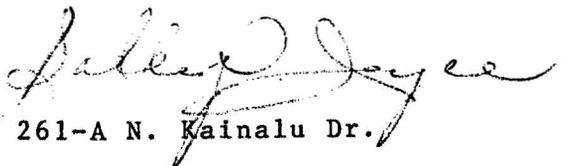
There are always activities to participate in. As for me, I take ukulele and yoga classes on Mondays; I play Mah Jong on Tuesdays; I take computer class on Fridays; and I've been a member of the Japanese and Okinawan clubs for more than 10 years. I've also had the chance to give back to the Center by volunteering in the front office and thrift shop. All these things keep my mind sharp and my body strong.

By staying active at Lanakila, I'm able to achieve my maximum potential at this age. I feel healthy, useful and confident in myself.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

Being a widow, I would find myself confined mostly at home without much to do. I'd miss the opportunity to socialize with old and new friends, the very people who have become part of my extended family. I can truly say life would be meaningless without Lanakila, and I'd start to feel like a victim of old age.

It is my hope and I pray that with your support, Lanakila will continue to enrich the lives of senior citizens for generations to come. We would be most grateful!


261-A N. Kainalu Dr.

nishimoto2-Bryce

From: Pamela Haydon [pjo@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2009 11:09 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Re: testimony from Casey Haydon for 3-17-09
Attachments: Casey's Testimony, SB1679, SD2, hearing 3-17-09.wpd

Here it is as an email for House Human Services Committee. Thank you!

March 14, 2009, For The Hawaii State Legislature, Regular Session 2009

From: Roland Casey Haydon, fellow with a developmental disability and his family

83-5326- A Mamalahoa Hwy. Captain Cook, Hawaii 96704, (808) 328-2421

To Representative John Mizuno, Chair of the House Human Services Committee

Hearing: Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 10:45 am, conference room 329,

State Capitol, 415 South Beretania

Senate Bill 1679, Senate Draft 2, Relating The Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

I am asking you to pass Bill 1679. Allocation is very necessary.

I depend on Medicaid Waiver, Home and Community Based Services.

Please don't lose my matching federal dollars when tightening state dollars.

Please help prevent cutting the services that I need to make it in this world.

I am a 27 year-old, registered voter and voted for some of you.

Congratulations on winning and thank you for being concerned about me.

I am also a taxpayer. I am employed on a yard crew with The ARC of Kona,

(ARC: Association for Retarded Citizens).

Social situations are where I have trouble because I am different.

Social services have helped me develop my strengths and capabilities.

What makes me different is that I have one of the human conditions called Autism.

What gives me a functional foundation are services and supports in the town where I live.

My most important circle is the one with family, friends, and caring professionals.

If they break down then I might get lost or sick or hurt.

Thank you for helping me have a life and

I will see you soon when I visit the legislature on March 19th.

Your friend, Casey Haydon

----- Original Message -----

From: HLTtestimony

To: 'Pamela Haydon'

Sent: Monday, March 16, 2009 9:25 AM

Subject: RE: testimony from Casey Haydon for 3-17-09

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Thank you

Bryce

From: Pamela Haydon [mailto:pjo@hawaiiantel.net]

Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2009 8:09 PM

To: HLTtestimony

Subject: testimony from Casey Haydon for 3-17-09

Please submit the attached, brief testimony. thank you

March 14, 2009, For The Hawaii State Legislature, Regular Session 2009

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Monday, March 16, 2009

Representative Ryan Yamane and Representative John Mizuno
State of Hawaii, Joint Hearings – Committee on Human Services & Health
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State Capitol
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: SB 1679- RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND

Hearing: Tuesday, March 17, 2009, 10:45am (Committees on Health and Human Services), Conference Room 329

Dear Representatives Yamane and Mizuno & Members of the Joint Committees on Human Services and Health:

I am submitting testimony in ***STRONG SUPPORT*** OF SB 1679. This bill makes an emergency appropriation from the emergency and budget fund of the State of Hawaii to maintain the levels of programs determined to be essential to education, public health, and welfare. Specifically I am supporting appropriations to restore lost funding for the ***Department of Health Respite, DD Division DD/MR Waiver, and the DD Division Partnerships in Community Living (PICL Programs.)***

I work for a provider agency as a Service Supervisor who covers cases of people with developmental disabilities. I have seen first hand the effect of the recent budget reduction on families and participants and it has been a devastating process. Many of our families rely on services funded by the waiver program to work, support their loved ones and their household finances. Many families are unable to provide the opportunities that our provider agencies can provide for these participants.

With these essential services, our participants are able to learn valuable life skills in a safe environment. Our people are able to be included in their community with these waiver funded supports which every person on earth is entitled to. Many of the supports that we provide, families can not provide for the simple reason that they do not have the tools or resources that we do. I have assisted many participants with utilizing visual supports at day programs that families just do not have the resources for.

In reaction to the budget reduction, I have had to sit down with many family members who provide services to their loved ones and listen to their stories of how they do not know how they are going to make ends meet now that their hours have been cut so significantly. Others have shared how disappointed and sad they are that now their loved one will no longer be able to attend our ADH program which essentially means they will lose out on many opportunities that families can not provide.

After sitting down with all my families I support and doing my best to support them through this process, I have had to sit down with many staff to tell them that their hours have been cut so dramatically, now they are at risk of losing their benefits. The past couple of months have been so dismal; this budget reduction has affected so many people; not just the participants we serve. Our families and staff who have dedicated their lives to supporting people with disabilities truly believe that people are people, no matter what disability they may have.

Since I have been in the field of supporting people with disabilities, I have seen the quality of services we are able to provide dramatically and steadily improve. We have moved from excommunicating people from the world of "normal" by institutionalizing people to believing that ALL people have rights no matter what shape, size or disability. Cutting these funds and services will push us backwards many years.

If the emergency appropriation is not approved as soon as possible, the state will be putting at risk the thousands of families that are or were served each month in these very valuable programs. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **Strong Support of SB 1679**. I can be reached at 678-3754, for any further questions.

Sincerely,

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From: Rose Nakamura [projdana@hawaiiintel.net]
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2009 10:52 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Fwd: Testimony in Support of SB 1679 SD2

On Mar 16, 2009, projdana@hawaiiintel.net wrote:

TO: The Honorable Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
The Honorable Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Members of the Health Committee

The Honorable Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair
The Honorable Tom Brower, Vice Chair
Members of the Human Services Committee

FROM Rose Nakamura, Administrator, Project Dana

SUBJECT: Testimony Supporting SB 1679 SD2 Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

As Administrator of Project Dana, I wish to take this opportunity to strongly support S.B. 1679 SD2 Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund. This Bill appropriates funding from the emergency budget and reserve fund to maintain levels of programs for education, human services and health.

Project Dana is a volunteer caregivers program that provides support services to homebound frail elders, disabled persons and family caregivers to ensure their well-being and independence. The Projects' mission is to recruit, train and mobilize volunteers to fill critical service gaps by working with community agencies and provide a continuum of services for Hawaii's needy population.

I am particularly concerned and fully support the appropriation measures of Kupuna Care, especially on Oahu. There is an ever growing wait list and this wait list has increased to almost 14% in one year. Many older adults have difficulty with daily living activities. They are isolated, shut-ins, lonely, helpless and need some assistance in coping with daily living. Kupuna Care is a program that is one of the most cost effective programs and it provides vital and critical services to the growing population of older adults. Every one living in Hawaii will be in this position.

I am also in support of funding the Aging and Disability Resource Center's development and Senior Centers.

Aging in place is the desire for everyone in Hawaii and for many assistance of various nature i.e. case management, meals on wheels, transportation, respite, personal care, attendant care (volunteer services) is increasing due to a growing population of older adults and the decline of Hawaii's economy.

Funding for SB 1679 SD 2 is strongly in need of your support as health and human service programs are vital to the quality of life for Hawaii's Kupuna.

Thank you very much

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I am a person with a disability that has been able to access support because I receive services offered in the MR/DD Waiver. With the support of these services I am able to participate in meaningful activities that allow me to have a life just like every other person. Going to program is good. Everything is good when I get to see staff and my friends. I get to have fun. Without services, my health and safety would be at risk.

If the emergency appropriation is not approved as soon as possible, the state will be putting at risk the thousands of families that are or were served each month in these very valuable programs. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **Strong Support of SB 1679**. I can be reached at (808)681-0747, for any further questions.

Sincerely,

Sharon Bettencourt

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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RE: Support of SB 1679, SD2, Relating to the Emergency and
Budget Reserve Fund

Please support the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center and its membership of nearly 2,000 senior citizens with additional State funding in the amount of \$337,000.

I am 65 years old. I've been a member for 5 years (I couldn't join until I turned 60). I came to be a member because my mom was a member for many years and she kept encouraging me and I wanted to spend time with her. I could see my mom engaged in a lot of diverse activities at Lanakila. I think this place is a big part of her health: she keeps up her appearance because of seeing her friends. She looks forward to coming here. I think even my grandmother and aunt may have come here, too. For my age group, I get camaraderie and I'm president of the Hawaiian Cultural Club. I was raised to be very conscious of the seniors. Everytime I come here it's a learning experience: I look at our seniors as a fantastic natural resource - they know so much more than I will ever know. They were CPAs, they held important positions - the Center also could not run without their volunteerism. I find it relaxing here.

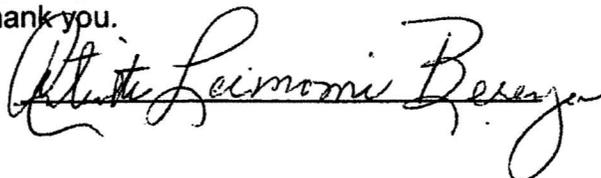
A lot of the older folks would deteriorate quickly if this place we gone. A lot of them have no other alternatives where to go, what to do. They have a routine, a secure environment here. One of the older ladies always says, "I feel so safe here." Older ones feel threatened, you know, they need routine and a safe place. Here everyone is on the same wave length.

Antoinette Leimomi Berengue, age 65
1959 Umalu Place
Hon., HI 96819

Sen. Donna Mercado Kim is my area. My Rep. is John Mizuno. And I vote every time they have an election ever since I was eligible to vote.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

IT MAKES ME STILL STRONGER, ACTIVE, LIVELY, + HAPPY. I FEEL SAFE AT LANAKILA, MY FAMILY KNOWS THAT I'M SAFE HERE. I STILL GO OUT TO ENTERTAIN WITH THE HULA CLASS AND WE MAKE PEOPLE IN THE NURSING HOMES HAPPY. I GET MORE EXERCISE HERE SO IT KEEPS ME HEALTHY SO I FEEL I CAN LIVE TO 100 THE WAY I FEEL NOW. I DON'T FEEL AS THOUGH I'M 92 - THE CENTER KEEPS

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

I WOULD BE FEELING SO LOST + LONELY + I'D GROW OLDER, FEEL MY AGE + WOULDN'T LIVE TO 100 YRS. OLD. →

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Sincerely,

Name:

Sally P. Bosuego

Salud "Sally" Bosuego

Address:

2930 KALIHI ST. HON., HI 96819

YES, I VOTE.

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REP. JOHN MIZUNO

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I'm 80 years old, and I think exercise and volunteering keep me young. I was born in Lahaina. I joined last year. I've taken exercise, hula and Okinawan dance and Kiatsu (exercise/stretch). I've also volunteered at reception desk, Candidates' Fair, Show & Sell bazaar. So far my health is good and I feel good. I also joined the Okinawan Club. The Club creates togetherness with the Okinawan people, enjoying the program with the dances and the music. The speakers are interesting, tell us things one should listen to them - things like pedestrian safety & FDC digital TV conversion). I think the older folks get companionship, friendship and I think the Center is really an enjoyable place to come to spend half a day, a place we couldn't do without. I live with my oldest sister now (she's 88).

If this place shuts down, they, the older ones, would all fall apart. They wouldn't know what to do and they'd probably get sick. I guess I would just spend my time riding the bus and go window shopping... .but I really like Lanakila the best, my favorite.

Sakae Nakata, age 80
263 Puuhale Road
Hon., HI 96819

I voted last year.

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Sincerely,

Sakae Nakata

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- (a) A PLACE TO SOCIALIZE AND BOND.
- (b) TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VARIOUS CLASSES OFFERED.
- (c) KEEPS MY MIND ACTIVE.
- (d) GIVES OTHERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AS OFFICERS TO CLUBS, COMMITTEES, ETC.
- (e) EXCURSIONS TO VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS TO ENTERTAIN OTHER SENIORS AND PATIENTS.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

- (a) MEMBERS SUCH AS MY FATHER-IN-LAW (94) WOULD STAGNATE IN HEALTH & MIND.
- (b) THERE WOULD BE AN ABSENCE OF QUALITY OF LIFE.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Member Hawaii State AFL-CIO

Name:

RICHARD M. TADA

Address:

2942 HOLEA WAY
HONOLULU, HI 96819

Rep. John Mizuno, Sen. Donna Mercado Kim

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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I'm 92 years old, I was grew up on Kunawai Lane (Liliha). I've been a member since I was 50 years old (back then, you could be younger and join the senior center). The center keeps me busy and I stay younger. You can't tell me I don't look younger. If everybody can do that, they can enjoy the center. You don't want to stay in care homes and all you see if the disabled who can't do things. You rather come here. I come 2 days a week. I used to come more times a week and do karate, hula with Aunty Mary Cash and Alii`manu O`kai. I used to go out to perform, too. I joined the cultural clubs even when I was on crutches. I've been in a wheelchair 2 years now, but I have to come to the Center at least twice a week. I still run bingo for my Hawaiian Club for 30 years now.

If this place shut down, it would be horrible! My brother passed away this Monday. Today I just had to get out of the house and be here.

Annie Hinch, age 92
842 Kunawai Lane
Hon., HI 96817

I vote every year. Rep. Ching is for my area. *Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland*

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Sincerely,

Ann T. Hinch

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It has helped me so much due to my health issues. I have a brighter look in life. Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center means so much personally to me to mingle with all of the seniors is so uplifting. A center like this is very beneficial in many ways. I have learned a lot, for this center also educate us seniors. For the length of time I've joined this center my mental & physical condition has improved!

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

There would be no stress release, depression sets in, health issue escalates, lonely, will miss my classes, friends, staff - I'll be so sad. I'm sure I'm not the only one that will feel the loss!!

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Helen L. Castillon Helen Castillon

mailing Address: P.O. Box 17136 Honolulu HI 96817
2527 Hoenui st., Hon, HI 96819

Rep Mizuno

Sen Kim

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

1. WEEKLY ATTENDANCE ALLOW ME TO REACQUAIN WITH MANY FAMILIAR FRIENDS AND TOGETHER WE ENJOY THE VARIOUS INTERESTING PROGRAMS.
 2. WEEKLY ATTENDANCE GIVES ME OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND TOGETHER WE ENJOY OUR WANNING YEARS.
 3. SOME OF US ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN THE VARIOUS CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND CLASS ACTIVITIES.
 4. SOME OF US - THIS IS THE ONLY FACILITY AVAILABLE FOR US TO ASSEMBLE TO ENJOY - HAPPY ACTIVITIES FOR OUR OLD AGE.
- If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

LONESOME AND CATHSTROPHE LIFE.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

100th Battallion Veteran

Name:

Takejiro Higa

Address:

1430 GREGORY ST. HONOLULU, HI. 96817

Rep MANAHAN
Sen Kim

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The Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me and other seniors because we have a pleasant place to get together and share our common stories. Best of all we have create pleasant camaraderie.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, can you imagine what all the elderly will be doing? They would probably be twiddling their thumbs, their aging would go faster, and many would probably pass away faster.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Alice Masuda



2454 Puunui Avenue
Honolulu, HI 96817

Rep. Corinne Ching, Sen. Chun Oakland

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I'm 81 year old (year of the ox). I was born and raised in Hana, Maui. My husband was a policeman in Maui and I followed him to Honolulu. I've been a member at Lanakila 10 years and I love it, love it, I join all the clubs. At the clubs I learn about their culture, understand little bit about their language, join in their singing. The speakers are very helpful. Most of our seniors ride the van here, so it's safer. I'm the President of the Portuguese Cultural Club. My club members love this center: they have no other places to go! They eat lunch here and they learn exercise, how to take care of their body, their health. They love it!

I talked to some of the older ones, and they said if this place closed down they would stay home, look at the walls and cannot walk no more.

Ellen Kahalehoe, age 81
444 Kauhane Street
Hon., HI 96813

I vote every year, I even work at the precinct in Papakolea for 5 years. My Rep. is Sylvia Luke. Sen. Carol Fukunaga

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely, Ellen Kahalehoe

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My name is "Slim" (Shizuichi Nishizuka), age 83 (year of the Ox), and a Korean War Veteran. I've been at Lanakila since 1991, and I come 5 days a week to the Center. If the state took Lanakila away, I have no place to go. I go to the Japanese club meeting, do volunteer work (like set up chairs), all kind activity that we do, meet people make friends.

If I didn't have this place, I'd do practically nothing. I used to like fishing, but now no more fishing sport. This place keeps me healthy, in other words, whatever we do here, keeps your mind awake. And actually you're active. This place has plenty people depend on it, good place for the old folks over here.

Shizuichi Nishizuka (83 yrs. old)
268 San Antonia Avenue
Hon., HI 96813

My Representative is Sylvia Luke. *sen. Carl Fukunaga*

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Sincerely,

S. Nishizuka

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Yoshimori "Mori" Miyashiro, I'm 82, I was a farmer, hog raiser. I grew up in Ewa. I come to Lanakila Monday through Friday. Nothing to do at home, so I come here everyday. I'm a widower, live all by myself. I go to Okinawa and Japanese Club. I'm in good health, take no medication. Before I used to walk everyday to the Center. But I was hit in the crosswalk and now too old. So I walk half-way, half-way catch the bus.

Here I meet all my friends. I used to go Ala Moana but hardly meet anybody. Here I see him (points to "Slim" and smiles).

Yoshimori "Mori" Miyashiro (82 yrs. old)
1420 C Kam IV Road
Hon., HI 96819
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Rep. John Mizuno

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Tomie "Elsie" Higa, 81 years. I've been a member since 1993. I come 3 days a week. I have Japanese and Okinawa Club and Luk Tung Kuen (exercise). Here I meet new friends and socialize. When you're home nobody to talk to, I'm all by myself. I'm a widow and live alone. The clubs have entertainment and start the meeting with exercise. I like the culture. I joined Luk Tung because there are 36 movements for the body. Before I took Luk Tung, I used to have cramps all over my body, especially my feet. I don't have the cramps as often now. I'm also more flexible now. Sometimes I fall. I will go to one of the fall prevention talks they have here.

If this place were to close down, what am I going to do? For the folks older than me, they might just "go out" (pass away). That's how it is. They go so quick.

Tomie "Elsie" Higa, age 81
55 S. Kukui St., # D1212
Hon., HI 96813

I vote every year. I voted for Rep. Karl Rhoads. Sen. Suzie Chun-Oakland is my area.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

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Tomie Higa

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I'm 78, music and all what I do at Lanakila keeps me young. As soon as I came senior citizen I joined Lanakila. I started playing music when I came here and they had hula. Then I started my own ukulele class even though I hadn't played long time - I ended up teaching. We go out every month to perform at nursing homes, care homes and hospitals. I only knew a little hula before I took classes at Lanakila. Then I'd dance and hula with them, too. Music and dance makes us happy. The hula keeps the body healthy and kept me young. And make lot of friends here.

If this place were gone, the older folks poor thing! The students (mine, the seniors), they come early and it's good for their mind, not just to sit. What they gonna do without it? They would be sad I think. The nursing home patients are so appreciative of our entertainment, very happy. If the Center were gone, they wouldn't have that. And it save them (nursing homes) lot of money, too, as they don't have to pay for the entertainment. We give them joy and happiness. The patients are smiling.

Ellen Kong, age 78 (still singing, dancing, teaching ukulele and performing)
1135 Kaumailuna Place
Hon., HI 96817

I vote and my Rep. is Corinne Ching. *Sen. Chun Oakland*

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Ellen Kong

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- 1- Friendships -
- 2- Involvement to Serve
- 3- Reason to Schedule Events
- 4- Reason to Wake-up each Day
- 5-

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

Disasterous,

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Patricia Warner

Address:

1001 N. School St 621

Honolulu 96817

Rep. Corinne Ching, Sen. Chun Oakland

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Committee on Health

Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair
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Committee on Human Services

DATE: Tuesday, March 17, 2009 (10:45 a.m. Room 329)

RE: Support of SB 1679, SD2, Relating to the Emergency and
Budget Reserve Fund

I am 77 years old and a member of the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

*Please support the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center and its membership of
nearly 2,000 senior citizens with additional State funding in the amount of
\$337,000.*

I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

*It helps me ^{by} being active and enjoy
myself, fellowship with these nice
members of the center.
I'm glad to attend the center.*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

*I had to look for other places
to keep myself busy.*

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose
Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the
community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Miura

Name:

Eleanor J Miura

Address:

2407 Kula Koles Dr Hon., 96819

Rep MIZUNO

Sen Kim

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

I enjoy coming to the center because I am treated well by friends
and staff. I attend Japanese club, Hawaiian Club, Portuguese Club
and Bible study - I am at the center four times a week.

I learn how to exercise & balance myself and this
helps my overall being & health. The services that I
receive help me to keep active and healthy.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

I'm AT Home all by myself and I cannot stay home
by myself. I'll probably go to an Assisted living place.
I would honestly be lost without the center.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose
Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the
community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Gladys M. Murotomoto Gladys Murotomoto

Address: 2526 Henry Street, Honolulu, HI. 96817

Sylvia Luke is my Representative.
Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland

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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:
I WAS TOLD TO KEEP ACTIVE BY MY DOCTOR BECAUSE I HAVE PROBLEMS WITH MY LEGS, OTHERWISE, I WOULD BE MORE DEPENDENT. I TAKE UKULELE AND I GO OUT TO ENTERTAIN OTHER PEOPLE IN NURSING HOMES, CARE HOMES & ADULT DAY CARE CENTERS. I TAKE HULA LESSONS & THAT HULA LESSON TEACHES ME THE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE. WE GET TOGETHER & SOCIALIZE WITH EACH OTHER. WE PERFORM FOR OTHER PEOPLE TOO. I COME TO THE TAP DANCE CLASS. THE TAP CLASS IS SURE A GOOD EXERCISE CLASS. WE COME HERE ALMOST EVERYDAY JUST TO CHIT-CHAT WITH PEOPLE - ALL THE^{WAYS} FROM AIEA.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:
WE WOULD HAVE TO LOOK FOR ANOTHER PLACE - JOIN A DIFFERENT GROUP. WE WOULD MISS OUR FRIENDS HERE. WE WOULD HAVE TO DO MORE YARD WORK TO GET EXERCISE.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Violet C. Ho

Violet Ho

Address:

99-655 Aiea Hts Dr

Aiea, HI 96701 sen. David Ige

I do Vote.

~~Mark Takai~~ is my
Representative Blake K. Oshiro

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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

I COME TO LANAKILA AT LEAST 3 TIMES A WEEK FOR HULA CLASS, OKINAWAN CLUB + JAPANESE CLUB. ALL MY FRIENDS ARE HERE SO I CAN SEE THEM. IF NOT, BECAUSE I LIVE ALONE, I WOULD HAVE ~~AT HOME~~ NO ONE TO TALK TO. WHEN I DANCE HULA, I'M EXERCISING.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

I WOULD JUST STAY HOME + HAVE NO ONE TO TALK TO + I'D GO "PUPULE."

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Yoshiko Ishikawa Yoshiko Ishikawa

Address: 2417 WILSON STREET HON., HI 96817

YES, I VOTE.

Rep MIZUNO
Sen Kim

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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I am 70 years old and a member of the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

*Please support the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center and its membership of
nearly 2,000 senior citizens with additional State funding in the amount of*
_____.

I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:
I AM A VOLUNTEER TAISHO KOTO INSTRUCTOR. THROUGH MUSIC STRANGERS
BECOME FRIENDS AND AS THEY GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER, THEY START
HELPING EACH OTHER. WE SOMETIMES VISIT CARE HOMES TO PER-
FORM AND SHARE THE JOY OF MUSIC. LANAKILA MULTI-PURPOSE
SENIOR CENTER IS A COMMUNITY WHERE SENIORS CONTINUE TO
LEARN. I STRONGLY HOPE THAT SUCH A PLACE WILL NOT BE CLOSED
BECAUSE WE AS SENIORS HAVE A LOT TO OFFER, EVEN THOUGH OUR
BODIES AND MINDS ARE DECLINING AS WE AGE. PLEASE DO NOT
CLOSE THE CENTER.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

WHERE WOULD THOSE 2000 MEMBERS GO?

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose
Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the
community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: YASUKO TAKEUCHI

Address: 543 ULULANI ST. KAILUA, HAWAII 96734

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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WE ARE 86 + 83 years old and a member of the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.
I am

Please support the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center and its membership of nearly 2,000 senior citizens with additional State funding in the amount of \$337,000.

I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:
I COME TO LANAKILA TO EXERCISE DOING TAI CHI, KIATSU AND EXERCISE WITH KARATE. I ALSO HAVE LUNCH WITH LANAKILA MEALS ON WHEELS EVERY TUESDAY. I LIKE TO SOCIALIZE WITH OTHER PEOPLE; MEET NEW PEOPLE. WITH KARATE, I DID AN EXHIBITION AT A SENIOR BUILDING. WITH KIATSU WE LEARN TO MASSAGE. I FEEL I'M HEALTHIER BECAUSE I EXERCISE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO ATTENDING. WE KEEP OUR MINDS ACTIVE.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:
IF I STAYED HOME, I'D GO CRAZY, DOING NOTHING. I THINK MY HEALTH WOULD DETERIORATE. GOING TO ALL THESE CLASSES, WE AVOID GOING TO CARE HOME & SAVES THE STATE MONEY.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Koichi Masaki Betty Masaki Koichi Masaki Betty Masaki

Address: 416 Iolani Ave. Honolulu HI 96813
416 Iolani Ave., Hon., HI 96813

Rep Luke
Sen FUKUOAGA

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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I am 73 years old and a member of the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

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nearly 2,000 senior citizens with additional State funding in the amount of
\$337,000.***

I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

I'm kept very busy with the different activities such as Luk Tung Kuen, Kiatsu, Lei making and volunteering, especially volunteering, I just love it. The main reason why I'm at Lanakila, is to get over the grief I had over losing my husband five years ago. The doctor told me that I have to keep busy and go out everyday to get over the grief I was suffering or else, he was going to prescribe antidepressants to me. I'm out everyday, meeting the various members at Lanakila and socializing and learning the different activities. Doing the volunteer work, I learn so much and also since I was a secretary before, I love to do office work, especially filing so that takes up time during the day. The reason why I took lei making is because my granddaughter is graduating in June and I'm learning to make these beautiful ribbon leis. The exercising helps me a lot mentally and physically. And meeting such nice members and nice office staff, I'm just elated to be here.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

I would be so lost, then I wouldn't be able to participate in these activities and I wouldn't be able to work with such nice staff people and members. I would be so depressed, I wouldn't have been able to get over this grief and maybe have to take medication.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Evelyn P. Kuromoto Evelyn Kuromoto

Address: 88 Piikoi Street, #2405 Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

Yes, I vote.

Rep Brawer
Sen Galuteria

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

It has become a second home to us where we can interact with fellow seniors and enjoy many activities/classes/educations. The seniors in turn would go to various nursing homes and senior centers to share what they have learned/acquired from LMPSC to give quality of life to those who are unable to come to LMPSC.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

Disaster. The goal is to enjoy the quality of life and remain as independent as long as we can. In other words live (enjoy life) and not spend with requirement for a caregiver.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Rose Tanimoto Rose Tanimoto

Address: 2945 Pahoehoe Pl., Honolulu 96817-1414

Rep Chair
Sen OAKLAND

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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\$337,000.

I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

Helps to keep me fit (mentally & physically) and with the very informative presentation speeches on health, safety, management of assets, etc. — are very ~~very~~ educational. Classes, too, are ~~very~~ not only enjoyable, but also very educational. Without the center, I would be being nothing & would ~~be~~ not stay at home!

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

J Sugihara Jean Sugihara

Address:

704 N. Kuakini St., Hon., HI 96817

Rep Luke
Sen OAKLAND

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① I ~~get~~ to meet lots of seniors that need to ~~keep~~ ^{keep} up ~~to~~ their moral. At time you feel depress and so coming here at Lanakila for meetings, it make people very happy. We all look forward to meet friends and chit-chat, and lots more that we seniors do need this gathering.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

I able to do things, yet, But I do look forward to come to this center. Meet all my friends and And always look forward for it.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Lillian Gima Lillian Gima

Address:

3095 Nuwana Road

Honolulu, Hawaii 96819-2906

Rep. John Mizuno, Sen. Donna Mercado Kim

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

*I get my exercise here
I do crafts
I get to meet friends & socialize w/ them
Go on excursions.
Have lunch w/ friends
Learn how to keep healthy by eating healthy
and keeping active!*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

*Just - as I wouldn't have any place to go
- would miss my friends, my exercise, etc.*

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Gwen K. Perry Gwen Perry

Address: 1563 Kalaepda Dr., Hon., HI 96819

Rep. MIZUNO
Sen. KIM

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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I have been a member of the center for many years. Through the years, the center has provided me with activities and classes that has kept me healthy and active. I am currently a member of the Japanese and Okinawan culture club. I also enjoy taking craft classes on Monday and also believe that the exercise that I get with the stretch & tone class help me to be healthier and enjoy a longer life. Please keep the center open for all seniors.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

I would not be able to see and talk to the other members, my friends. I would only stay at home and do nothing, but stare at the four walls.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: HELEU HIRATA Helan A. Hirata

Address: 306 NUNAWARD HOLE, HI 96819

Rep. John Mizuno, Sen. Donna Mercado Kim

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

KEEPS ME ALERT AND ACTIVE Y.E.
EXERCISE CLASS (KATSU)
MEETING NEW FRIENDS
PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAMS

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

BORING - PERHAPS NOT ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN MANY ACTIVITIES

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: O. HAMADA Ora Hamada

Address: 633 NALANUI ST. #307 HONOLULU, HI 96817

Rep CHANG
Sen OAKLAND

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

I am in the Japanese & Okinawan Culture Club.
I am also in various activities, such as the Karaoke club. I have been a member, 10 yrs at the center.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

I would lose in touch with all my friends at the center. I would have no where to go if the center closes.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: MAE M. YOSHIMURA Mae M. Yoshimura

Address: 1491 Mahiolo St Honolulu HI 96819

Rep Finlisen (R)
Sen Sakamoto

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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*Fellowship with friends
make new friends
socialize and enjoy the fellowship
Be happy all days.*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

*Very devastating,
Very lonely*

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Ruth Y. Onaga Ruth Onaga

Address: 933 Aliamano Pl.
933 Aliamano Pl., Hon., HI 96818

Rep WAKAI
Sen SACAMOTO

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

Attend the Lanakila Okinawan Club meeting new friend & old friends. Center has many activities such as Okinawa dancing, Karaoke, Line Dance, Mahjong, Hula, and many more.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

Louesome. No meeting place

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Annie Shimabukuro Annie Shimabukuro

Address: 2122 Apia Ln Hon., HI 96817

Rep CHAIR
Sen OAKLAND

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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

fellowship, volunteering, important information,

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

Everyone would be lost, how to spend the day. everyone will be very lonely - no one to talk to. Don't know what's happening.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: STELLA OKULLA stella Okuma

Address: 2428 TUSITALA ST. #211 HON 96815

REP. SCOTT NISHIMOTO, yes (vote)
Sen Galuteria I

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

To attend programs ~~you~~ get alot of help from the social worker regarding my ^{social} Security. I attend hula classes also.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

Without the help of Lanakila social worker, I wouldn't know how to answer the letters regarding my SS (Social Security)

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: X Maria Toraja P. Ito Maria Toraja

Address: P.O. BOX 357 Kaneohe HI 96744

Rep. Kenneth Ito
Senator Clayton Hee

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\$ 337,000.*

I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

*Companionship
Arts & Crafts - learning new projects
Keep me occupied at home with doing new projects*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

Loneliness

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose
Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the
community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Micas G. Asato

Address: 47-640 Hui Iihili St, Kaneohe, HI 96744
Rep. Jessica Wooley, Sen. Clayton Hee

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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

I have some place to go and things to do. I come to the center 3 times a week. The center helps me with exercising in order to keep healthy.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

If there was no center, I'll just stay home and do nothing.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mabel Chock

Name:

Mabel Chock

Address:

71 Kawanana Koa Place, Honolulu, HI. 96817
Rep. Corinne Ching
Sen. Suzanne Chao Oakland

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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Committee on Human Services

DATE: Tuesday, March 17, 2009 (10:45 a.m. Room 329)

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I am 83 years old and a member of the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

Please support the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center and its membership of nearly 2,000 senior citizens with additional State funding in the amount of \$337,000.

I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:
I was with Army National Guard, retired as an E-7. I come to the center 5 times a week and help by volunteering my time. I keep healthy by keeping active and being able to make friends through various activities at the center. I have been a member since 1/28/2002. They have things at the center for me to do instead of staying home and doing nothing.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

I don't know what I would do if there was no center.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Melvin Todd Melvin Todd

Address:

1812 Houghtaling Street, Honolulu, HI. 96817

I voted in 2008

sen. Donna Mercado Kim's area.
Rep. John Mizuno

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With the center what are we supposed to do. No one to talk, no place to exercise and not in the mood for anything. Here we have friends, learn things to do, talk stories and lots of laughs.

There no place like Lanakila Senior Center.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

Sad & lonely. No singing no learning music and no friends.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Lilly G. Uyehara Lilly Uyehara

Address:

1232-A Hala Dr.
1232A Hala Dr., Hon., HI 96817

Rep CH149
Sen OAKLAND

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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*I don't like to stay home
So lonesome
I like to believe by keeping
active I am able to stay
healthy at 87 yrs. old*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

*I will miss coming here I would
have to find something else to do.*

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: X Mary T. Jones Mary Jones

Address: 2001 Aupuni, Hon. 96817
Rep. John Mizuno
Sen. Donna Mercado Kim

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

comradic, learning, socializing, and update on recent happenings and events.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

A lot of the senior citizens will have to find other means of interacting with society.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Helen Ojiri Helen Ojiri

Address:

435 Haweo Place
435 Haweo Pl., Hon., HI 96813

Rep Luke
Sen Oakland

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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Please support the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center and its membership of nearly 2,000 senior citizens with additional State funding in the amount of \$ 337,000.

I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

Companionship
VARIOUS Ethnic Clubs
Delicious Affordable Meals etc.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

Tremendous Negative Impact
Where are all the lonely elderly go (put yourselves) just stay at home and vegetate! (in their shoes)

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

William T. Kiyari ~~W. Kiyari~~

Address:

1515 Auld Ln. How. Ht 96817-2801

Rep CHAIR
Sen OAKLAND

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

I GET DAILY EXERCISE FROM LUK TUNG KUEN AND TAI CHI. I PLAY MUSIC - THE BASS FIDDLE - AND ENTERTAIN THE VARIOUS NURSING HOMES, ADULT DAY CARE CENTERS + CARE HOMES THROUGHOUT THE ISLANDS. I SOCIALIZE AT THE VARIOUS ETHNIC CLUBS.

I am a Lion's Club member.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

I COULDN'T BE DOING ALL THE THINGS THAT I DO. I WOULD MISS THE SOCIALIZING AT THE CENTER.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Eddie Ahyat Eddie Ahyat

Address: 1657-A ALAKEO ST. HON. HI

I AM A CONSTITUENT OF
SEN. SUSAN CHUN OAKLAND
REP. CORINNE KING

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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I am 85 years old and a member of the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior-Center.

Please support the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center and its membership of nearly 2,000 senior citizens with additional State funding in the amount of \$ 337,000.

I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

I go to Center many days a week
Mon - Japanese Club, morning stretch
Wed - morning stretch - ukulele class
Thurs: Oki-nawa Club

Enjoy mingling with old friends &
meeting new ones

Very good to be able to stimulate
mind.. free from dementia

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

a couch potato - looking at TV all day

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Ruby Higa

Address: 1430 Gregory St., Hon., HI 96817

Rep MANAHAN
Sen Kim

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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I am a member of the center for many years. I am active in the Uauios Culture Club such as, ~~the~~ OKIUIAUI Club. I stay active & healthy as a member at the center.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

All my friends are at the center, I would have nowhere to go, I would be left alone.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Yoshiharu Tengan Yoshiharu Tengan

Address:

2951 NUMANA ROAD 96819

2951 Numana Road, Hon., HI 96819

Rep. JOAN MIZUNO
Sen. Donna Mercado Kim

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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nearly 2,000 senior citizens with additional State funding in the amount of
\$337,000.*

I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:
*IT'S A GOOD PLACE TO COME TO MEET NEW FRIENDS. I
WOULDN'T HAVE A PLACE TO GO. AFTER MY WIFE PASSED
AWAY, I CAME HERE FOR SUPPORT. I ALSO HAVE A HOT
LUNCH FROM LANAKILA MEALS ON WHEELS.*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:
*I WOULD HAVE TO STAY AT HOME BY MYSELF, BEING
LONELY.*

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose
Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the
community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: George Yin George Yin

Address: 1346 Ala Mahamoe St 96819
1346 Ala Mahamoe St., Hon., HI 96819

I vote. Sen. Donna Mercado Kim.

Rep Finuigen (R)

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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MY HEALTH + PHYSICAL WELL BEING IS BETTER BECAUSE
OF TAI CHI THAT I DO AT THE CENTER. I ALSO DO
LUK TUNG KUEN FOR EXERCISE. I KEEP MY BALANCE
BETTER THROUGH THESE EXERCISES THAT I DO AT
LANAKILA. I COME TO SOCIALIZE AND TAKE MY HUSBAND
TOO.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:
I WOULD STAY HOME AND HAVE NOTHING TO DO.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Thelma Wong Thelma Wong

Address: 2761 Aulii St., Hon., HI 96817

I VOTE.

REP. CORINNE CHING

SEN. OAKLAND

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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

*Member of the Okunawa Nenchoha Club
" " Jive Dance
" " Exercise Class*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

Many of us seniors come to the Center not only for those programs alone but also for fellowship, talk stories and share experiences that had occurred during the week.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mitsuko

Name:

(Mitsuko) Nakamura

Address:

1324 Ala Puunala St, Hon. 96818

SALT LAKE, GLENDA WAKAI, vote, YES

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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They provide counseling, camaraderie, friendship, & education to many of the seniors who have no family or are alone. They also provide exercise classes to keep the seniors moving, healthy and active.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

Devastating to the many seniors & the community in which they live - It will also impact the budget by requiring more state services & health facilities.
Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Joyce Wong Joyce Wong

Address:

523-2 Pepeekeo Dr

Vote every 2 year Representative
Liese Ward ?
Rep Bora
Sen SLOM (R)

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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I MAKE FRIENDS, I LEARN ALL KINDS OF THINGS, I HAVE SOMEPLACE TO GO. I TEACH TAI CHI FOR 30 YEARS. I EXERCISE, I JOIN THE CHINESE CULTURAL CLUB. WE GO OUT FOR EXCURSIONS ON THE BUS TO FAR PLACES.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

IF I WERE TO STAY HOME, I WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Ruth Pang Ruth Pang

Address: 2527-A Park Hwy. Home A, 96817

Rep Luke
Sen OAKLAND

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I HAVE A PLACE TO GO EVERY MORNING + MEET
OTHERS OF MY AGE + OLDER, WITH OTHER
MEMBERS OF THE CENTER. IT TAKES UP AT LEAST
HALF OF MY DAY + USES UP MY TIME. I GET TO
GO ON EXCURSIONS, DO DIFFERENT KINDS OF ACTIVITIES
AND HAVE ALL THESE READING MATERIALS AROUND.
WHEN I READ, IT KEEPS MY MIND ACTIVE.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

I WOULD STAY HOME AND VEGETATE AND GET OLDER
+ DO NOTHING + HAVE NO PLACE TO GO.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Henry Machado, Jr.

Address:

1806-B Main St. 96817

Henry Machado, Jr.

Rep Craig

Sen OAKLAND

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

I get to socialize, learn arts and crafts, ~~to~~ watch other exercise. ~~Programs~~ I have a chance to enroll in various activities like exercise. Coffee and lunch are very reasonable. The staff are great in that they are kind and compassionate. The multipurpose Senior Center is a place to go.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

disastrous for me because I won't have a place to socialize, to go and learn arts and crafts and exercise.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Julita D. Lopez Julita Lopez

Address: 710 Kuanawai Lane Honolulu HI 96817

Rep. Corinne Ching, Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
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\$ 337,000.*

I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

*Participate in exercise classes such as Beginning
Stretch, Walking Group, yoga to keep the body healthy,
strong and flexible. Mah jong and Noice Ukulele
works the mind and keeps Alzheimer from setting in.
There are excursions and Gourmet lunches that are
planned/scheduled that a person on their own will
never go to. There are club activities/entertainment to
keep the mind and body active.*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

*Become a couch potato, mind and body wasted.
Miss all the wonderful people at Lanakila Center -
staff and friends.*

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose
Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the
community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Phoebe Kimura

Address: 647 Kumuwai Lane, Apt 215 - Honolulu, Hawaii
Rep. Corinne China, Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

*I'm here for companionship, fellowship, staying healthy by enrolling in various exercise classes, dancing and doing volunteer work - helping my fellow seniors.
I enjoy being here - my day is taken up by doing all these fun things. ~~Here~~*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

Drastic!!! I'll be home doing nothing constructive! My mind will be stalled - unmotivated - inactive.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Caroline Tom

Address:

1515 Nukuanu Ave #82

Hono. HI 96817
Rep. Sylvia Luke
Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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I come every day & participate in the different activities. Still learning to play Ukulele w/ a Sr. instructor.

I am happy with being with others not just family. I like the socialization and learning about different ethnic group foods.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

I would have to find something else to feed my morning - this it would be very hard to replace Lanakila.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Artis Maria Artis

Address:

1657 Alaneo St., Hon., HI 96817

Rep. Corinne Ching
Sen. Suzanne Chao Oakland

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\$ 337,000.*

I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

*Exercise, Sewing - good for me
wife*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

*Play ball at Ala Moana Park
I would really miss Samba*

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose
Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the
community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Marshall T. Tanaka Marshall Tanaka

Address: 3881 A Old Pali Rd., Hon., HI 96817

*Rep. Sylvia Luke
Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland*

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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I am 65 years old and a member of the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

Please support the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center and its membership of nearly 2,000 senior citizens with additional State funding in the amount of \$337,000.

I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

1. Social Interaction, so important to seniors & others.
2. I cannot stress enough the cultural education!
3. Health & safety talk, firemer, police, medical, etc.
4. It's just plain good sense.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

1. There just no many, however they all boil down to pay now or invest now or pay a great deal more later.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

William H. Madigan

William Madigan

Address:

545 Queen St Honolulu, Apt 210 96813

Voted in 2008.

Rep. Tom Bower

Sen. Brickwood Galuteria (I voted for him).

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

I enjoy singing, dancing. I lead to entertain the members. I get satisfaction in that. Compende with ~~my~~ male + female members. I am happy ^{here} on days the center is close, I don't have any place else to go. I feel lost; I miss my center family.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

George Nakamura

George Nakamura

Address:

1611 Kino St.

Haw.

96819

Sen. Danna Mercado Kim
Rep. John Mizuno

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Committee on Health

Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair
Representative Tom Bower, Vice Chair
Committee on Human Services

DATE: Tuesday, March 17, 2009 (10:45 a.m. Room 329)

RE: Support of SB 1679, SD2, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

I am 89 years old and a member of the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

Please support the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center and its membership of nearly 2,000 senior citizens with additional State funding in the amount of \$337,000.

I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

*friendship. talk story. learn how to dance.
enjoy the exercising classes. I am
healthier for coming here. I am happier
and enjoy the friendship. Lots of laughter.*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Elizabeth Farias Elizabeth Farias

Address:

2402 Tantalus Dr. Honolulu 96813

Rep. Sylvia Luke
Sen. Carol Fukunaga

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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\$337,000.***

I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

*Making friends. Have lots of fun.
Enjoy the classes I am enrolled in.
My Dr always ask me if I am still going exercising and walking.
He is very pleased that I do go.*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

*Just stay at home watching TV and do other things. But then I'll
go to the gym.*

**Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose
Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the
community!** Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Jane Tatsuta

Address: 2489 A Booth Rd. Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

I vote Rep. Sylvia Luke
Sen. Chun Oakland

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

Gives me time to be away from home and good comradeship. I like helping other seniors. I enjoy being myself and everyone accepts me like I am.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

I won't have any place close by to go.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

X M/lan Chy Gloria Chong

Address:

1233 Hala Dr. Honolulu 96817

*Rep. Corinne Ching
Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland*

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

When you have Lanakila to go to, you have a reason to get up early, get yourself dressed up. Something to look forward to. If not you would just stay home in your robe + watch TV. Friday I reach class it helps to keep my mind alert. I also attend exercise class. ~~at the~~

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

lunch is also provided twice a week. I also represent FCC at the prog. com. mtg.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Pauline Mationg Pauline Mationg

Address:

1015 N. School St. # 306 96817

Rep. Corinne Ching
Sen. Chun Oakland

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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Please help Hawaii's growing population of Kupuna by providing **ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE SERVICES, SUCH AS:**

- Transportation
- Housekeeping
- Home-delivered meals
- Case Management
- Adult day care
- Attendant care
- Bathing services
- Respite services

I need Kupuna Care services because: I AM A HANDICAPED AND LIMITED TO WHAT I'M ABLE TO DO.

IF I did NOT HAVE THIS HELP, I would: NOT BE ABLE TO UP KEEP MY APARTMENT AND HAVE FOOD TO EAT ALSO TO KEEP MY HYGEN AS I SHOULD OR NEED TO.

Please make additional Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

David K. Ginn

Address:

1111 HALEA DRIVE #102
HONOLULU, HI. 96817

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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Committee on Health

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I am 69 years old and use the Housekeeping service of Catholic Charities Hawaii, which is partially funded through the State Kupuna Care Program.

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- Transportation
- Housekeeping
- Home-delivered meals
- Case Management
- Adult day care
- Attendant care
- Bathing services
- Respite services

I need Kupuna Care services because: I am elderly and have 2 disabilities

If I did NOT HAVE THIS HELP, I would: be placed and live in a traditional nursing home or W.O.

Please make additional Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Joseph Aubrey Duggan, Jr.

Address: 526 Paris St Apt # 211 (W. Channing), H4 96186-1832

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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- Transportation
- Housekeeping
- Home-delivered meals
- Case Management
- Adult day care
- Attendant care
- Bathing services
- Respite services

I need Kupuna Care services because: Disabled

If I did NOT HAVE THIS HELP, I would: I don't know

Please make additional Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Margat Davis

Address: 730 Wilikina Dr. apt 305

Wahauka Hi 96786

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- Transportation ✓
- Housekeeping
- Home-delivered meals
- Case Management
- Adult day care
- Attendant care
- Bathing services
- Respite services

I need Kupuna Care services because:

I don't drive, my husband Paentira has dementia & uses a walker, I have knee problems.

If I did NOT HAVE THIS HELP, I would:

have to take the taxi or friends.

Please make additional Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Paentira & Rebecca Orr

Address:

*4300 Waialae Ave. A2305
Hono. HI 96816*

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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- Case Management
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- Attendant care
- Bathing services
- Respite services

I need Kupuna Care services because: I need transportation

If I did NOT HAVE THIS HELP, I would: go no where

Please make additional Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Vicky Twarda

Address: 47-746 Kama Hwy
96744

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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- ① Transportation
- Housekeeping
- Home-delivered meals
- Case Management
- Adult day care
- Attendant care
- Bathing services
- Respite services

I need Kupuna Care services because:

I NEED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

If I did NOT HAVE THIS HELP, I would:

STAY HOME

Please make additional Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: JEAN ASHIMINE

Address: 45-371 KANAKO ST.
KANEOHE, 96744

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
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- Housekeeping
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- Case Management
- Adult day care
- Attendant care
- Bathing services
- Respite services

I need Kupuna Care services because: I need transportation

If I did NOT HAVE THIS HELP, I would: go nowhere

Please make additional Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Rose Tatalishi

Address: 45-554 Kaloa Pl.

Kaneohe Hi. 96744

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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- Transportation
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- Home-delivered meals
- Case Management
- Adult day care
- Attendant care
- Bathing services
- Respite services

I need Kupuna Care services because:

I don't drive and I don't have a car!!!

If I did NOT HAVE THIS HELP, I would:

Stay home!!!

Please make additional Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Sarah K. Ili
Address: 47-704 Hui Ulii St.
Kaneohe, HI 96744

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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- Transportation
- Housekeeping
- Home-delivered meals
- Case Management
- Adult day care
- Attendant care
- Bathing services
- Respite services

I need Kupuna Care services because:

I need transportation

If I did NOT HAVE THIS HELP, I would:

go no where

Please make additional Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Corazon Cano

Address:

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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Please help Hawaii's growing population of Kupuna by providing ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE SERVICES, SUCH AS:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adult day care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housekeeping | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attendant care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home-delivered meals | <input type="checkbox"/> Bathing services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Case Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Respite services |

I need Kupuna Care services because:

to help me get to the Doctor

If I did NOT HAVE THIS HELP, I would:

Be lost without care and help

Please make additional Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Virginia K. Omond #3 11

Address:

*45-705 Kamehameha Hwy
Kaneohe, HI 96744*

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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Please help Hawaii's growing population of Kupuna by providing ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE SERVICES, SUCH AS:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adult day care |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housekeeping | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attendant care |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Home-delivered meals | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bathing services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case Management | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Respite services |

I need Kupuna Care services because:

NO CARE
DONT DRIVE

If I did NOT HAVE THIS HELP, I would:

NOT BE ABLE TO GO OUT

Please make additional Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Edna Tanouge

Address: 45-705 KAMEHAMEHA HWY #314
KANEHOE

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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- Bathing services
- Respite services

I need Kupuna Care services because: *I would be stuck near leaving the building +*

If I did NOT HAVE THIS HELP, I would: *be lost having no transportation + help cleaning apartment*

Please make additional Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Phyllis Perreia

Address:

45-705 Kam Hwy Apt. 209

Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
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- Transportation ~~XXXX~~
- Housekeeping
- Home-delivered meals
- Case Management
- Adult day care
- Attendant care
- Bathing services
- Respite services

I need Kupuna Care services because:

If I did NOT HAVE THIS HELP, I would:

*I would not have help
to the Doctors and
Shopping for food.*

Please make additional Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

LaVerne Pundigke

Address:

*45-705 Kam Hwy 3B
Kaneohe, HI 96744*

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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- Transportation ✓
- Housekeeping
- Home-delivered meals ✓
- Case Management
- Adult day care ✓
- Attendant care
- Bathing services
- Respite services

I need Kupuna Care services because: I need transportation for shopping and doctors appt.

If I did NOT HAVE THIS HELP, I would: I would have to bother my daughter who works

Please make additional Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Joseph A. Graham

Address: 45705 Kam Hwy #212
Kaneohe HI 96740

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
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- Transportation
- Housekeeping
- Home-delivered meals
- Case Management

- Adult day care
- Attendant care
- Bathing services
- Respite services

I need Kupuna Care services because:

At my age the Body seems to slow down (Not the mind). I don't walk well.

If I did NOT HAVE THIS HELP, I would:

Have to travel by bus and I don't feel secure with my safety.

Please make additional Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Gladys R. Santos

Address:

45-705 Kamehaha Hwy. #110
Haneohe, HI 96747

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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- Adult day care
- Attendant care
- Bathing services
- Respite services

I need Kupuna Care services because: I do not have a car & too hard to transport groceries on the bus.

If I did NOT HAVE THIS HELP, I would: I don't know what I would do.

Please make additional Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Sally S. [unclear] (July 1. [unclear])

Address:

45-705 Kanehama Hwy #308
Kaneohe, HI 96734

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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- Transportation ✓
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- Attendant care
- Bathing services
- Respite services

I need Kupuna Care services because:

Catholic Charities Service I need Really Badly. (If not I am stuck at home and dry up)

If I did NOT HAVE THIS HELP, I would:

Please make additional Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Shigeko Maeda

Address: 2305 Kula Kulea Dr
Hon 96819

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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- Respite services

I need Kupuna Care services because:

a Big Help to where to go

If I did NOT HAVE THIS HELP, I would: not go anywhere

Please make additional Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Melvin Todd

Address: 1812 Houshtaling St.
Honolulu HI 96817.

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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- Respite services

I need Kupuna Care services because:

I have no car

If I did NOT HAVE THIS HELP, I would:

not go shopping

Please make additional Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Ryan Ma

Address:

114 N Kua Kua

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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\$ 337,000.*

I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

*I like some of the food, not all,
like Exercise class, & Club Shows.*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

I stay at home, no good.

*Filled out by
Bill Madigan*

*Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose
Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the
community! Thank you.*

Sincerely,

Name: Florenda J. Taculao Florenda Taculao

Address: 1202 Ahiahi St Honolulu Hawaii
Rep. Corinne Ching
Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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*coming here, meeting people
enjoy the programs - volunteering
staff very nice - I enjoy helping
in the kitchen.*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

I would not know what to do.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Nobuko Hamada Nobuko Hamada

Address: 45-604 Keole St. Kaneohe 96744

Rep. Ken Ito, Sen. Jill Tokuda

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Keep our mind busy & looking forward to come.
Sorry I don't have too much money to help I am on S.S. & supporting my grandon to school.
I do volunteer at Malahia Tuesday to make musubi & Friday to mingle & pt. to sing & help in the music book (to turn it over for some pt.)

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:
Lonely & doesn't know what to do.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Florence Estes

Address: 2520 Puunui Ave., Hon. 96817

Rep Chang
Sen Oakland

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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

Some exercise

" dance

" sing

" crafts

" cook

" play ukulele

" entertain at nursing homes, hospitals

" other interactions

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

Seniors, especially ones that live alone; no social interaction, would cause more health problems.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Anita Hasegawa

Name:

Anita T. Hasegawa

Address:

1828 Young St. Hon., HI 96826

Rep CHOY
Sen TANIUCHI

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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I am 73 years old and a member of the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

Please support the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center and its membership of nearly 2,000 senior citizens with additional State funding in the amount of \$337,000.

I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

First the Lanakila Multi-purpose Senior Center has the best office staff they are very helpful and the members are so very very friendly. I look forward to Yehus class. Entertainment is great. ~~Ex~~ Field trip great! I do volunteer work in the craft class.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

I would have no place to go and will miss all my friends.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Elorence A. Higa

Address: 1009 McCandless Ln. Hon. 96817

Rep CHING
Sen OAKLAND

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
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RE: Support of SB 1679, SD2, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

I am 75 years old and a member of the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

Please support the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center and its membership of nearly 2,000 senior citizens with additional State funding in the amount of \$337,000.

I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

*Attend exercise classes
Ethnic clubs
Guest speakers on health, safety and financial health, scam alerts*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

*No associating with other seniors for fellowship
No sharing knowledge & skills we acquired during our years of working*

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Wilma Yee Wilma Yee

Address: 223 Jack Lane, Hon., HI 96817

*Rep CHING
Sen OAKLAND*

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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RE: Support of SB 1679, SD2, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

I am 75 years old and use the Housekeeping service of Catholic Charities. Hawaii, which is partially funded through the State Kupuna Care Program.

Please help Hawaii's growing population of Kupuna by providing ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE SERVICES, SUCH AS:

- Transportation
- Housekeeping
- Home-delivered meals
- Case Management
- Adult day care
- Attendant care
- Bathing services
- Respite services

I need Kupuna Care services because:

Cannot do it anymore. Due to medical problems.

If I did NOT HAVE THIS HELP, I would: suffer.

Please make additional Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Richard Brumbyke

Address:

25 Aukahi 403
Kaunua, HI 96734

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
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RE: Support of SB 1679, SD2, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

I am 71 years old and use the Home Care service of Catholic Charities Hawaii, which is partially funded through the State Kupuna Care Program.

Please help Hawaii's growing population of Kupuna by providing **ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE SERVICES, SUCH AS:**

- Transportation
- Housekeeping
- Home-delivered meals
- Case Management
- Adult day care
- Attendant care
- Bathing services
- Respite services

I need Kupuna Care services because:

I am permanently disabled

If I did NOT HAVE THIS HELP, I would:

have hard time to do chores, would probably not do them,

Please make additional Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: KAIKILANI OYAMA

Address: 730 CAPT COOK #738
HONOLULU HI 96813

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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- Transportation
- Housekeeping
- Home-delivered meals
- Case Management
- Adult day care
- Attendant care
- Bathing services
- Respite services

I need Kupuna Care services because:

I am handicapped

IF I did NOT HAVE THIS HELP, I would:

Cannot afford this service. If services are not available no one to help me remain independent

Please make additional Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Betty R. Ota

Address:

25 Aulike St Apt 411

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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- Transportation
- Housekeeping
- Home-delivered meals
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- Bathing services
- Respite services

I need Kupuna Care services because:

life has gotten harder for me due to chronic medical problems such as arthritis, high blood pressure, multiple allergies, & cost of medical + drugs.

If I did NOT HAVE THIS HELP, I would:

I don't know what I could do. I already try to do as much as I can. My income is low.

Please make additional Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Elaine Pulprey

Address:

25 Aulike St #413
Kailua, HI 96734

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I need Kupuna Care services because:

I need transportation service

If I did NOT HAVE THIS HELP, I would:

Not able to come to the senior meal site

Please make additional Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Helen Toyama

Address: 45-371 Kanako St.
Kaneohe, 96744

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- Housekeeping
- Home-delivered meals
- Case Management
- Adult day care
- Attendant care
- Bathing services
- Respite services

I need Kupuna Care services because:

I do not drive. Visit husband at Leleha Healthcare Center and need transportation for my doctor appointments.

If I did NOT HAVE THIS HELP, I would:

Need to take the taxi, which is very expensive.

Please make additional Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Jane S. Kinoshita

Address: 525 Prospect St.

Honolulu, HI 96813

**STATE OF HAWAII
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
HOUSE HEALTH COMMITTEE
HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Hearing: Tuesday, March 17, 2009 – 10:45AM
Conference Room: 329**

RE: SB 1679

IN STRONG SUPPORT

Dear Committee Members,

My name is Jay Raymundo and I am the Chief Operating Officer of Aloha Habilitation Services, a home and community-based Medicaid waiver provider for individuals with developmental disabilities and mental retardation (DD/MR).

Currently our organization serves 130 individuals of the roughly 2500 individuals with DD/MR in the State Hawaii. The services that we provide include, Personal Assistance Habilitation (PAB), Residential Habilitation (RES/HAB), CHORE Services, Skilled Nursing and Respite. Approximately 30 individuals of the 130 have Respite services as agreed upon in their Individual Service Plans (ISP) – a plan which is basically an assessment of the individual with DD/MR created by a team of social workers, providers, families/friends, guardians/legal representatives, and other professionals such as nurses, physical therapists, psychiatrists, behaviorists, and other allied health professionals.

A reduction in Respite services will have a significant impact on our individuals receiving this service. Respite services are meant to help relieve families who are not able to care for their children or relatives because these families (particularly the parents of these individuals) are well in their 70s or even 80s, and some of them have health challenges of their own. As much as these families would like to help their children or relatives with DD/MR, it can be very difficult for them, especially in our economic situation.

Having a care provider or direct support worker provide respite services will ensure that the individual with DD/MR will have the support to maintain health and safety standards in times when the family is unable to do so. Therefore, I am in strong support of SB 1679 which will allocate some funds, if not, restore all funds back into the DD/MR DD Division Respite program.

Thank you for your support as well!!

Jay Raymundo

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I COME TO LANAKILA TO TAP DANCE AND TO BE IN THE JAPANESE CULTURAL CLUB + OKINAWAN CULTURAL CLUB. I LEARN SO MUCH WHEN I SEE OTHERS AND GET SO MUCH INFORMATION. I KEEP BUSY—MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY ACTIVE. I GET STIMULATION WHEN I SEE MY FRIENDS. I CAN SOLVE ^{my} PROBLEMS BY TALKING WITH THE OTHER MEMBERS AND I AM GRATEFUL FOR MY HEALTH WHEN I COMPARE MYSELF TO OTHERS. ALSO I FIND THAT MY PROBLEMS ARE NOTHING, COMPARED TO THEIRS. I FIND WHEN I JUST STAY AT HOME, MY LEGS GET WEAK. MY DAUGHTER IS VERY VERY HAPPY THAT I COME TO A PLACE LIKE THIS, THAT I HAVE →

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

I WOULD ONLY STAY HOME + WATCH TV + EAT + GET FAT + ALL MY AILMENTS WOULD COME OUT. YOU MAGNIFY YOUR PAIN IF YOU'RE NOT ACTIVE. WHEN YOU COME TO LANAKILA, YOU FORGET ABOUT YOUR PAIN + PROBLEMS.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Amy J. Tari Amy Tari

Address: 7182 Kamilo St. Yes, I Vote
Rep. Gene Ward
Sen. Sam Stone

SOME KIND OF OUTLET. ALSO, I LEARN NEW THINGS FROM THEIR EDUCATIONAL SPEAKERS + BRING THE INFORMATION HOME TO MY DAUGHTER. A LOT OF TIMES, WE DON'T KNOW BUT WE LEARN FROM THE EXPERTS THAT COME HERE TO TALK, ^{+ ARE NOT AWARE}

I HAVE BEEN TAP DANCING FOR OVER 20 YEARS AND IT MAKES ME FEEL STRONGER - IF NOT, I WOULD HAVE QUIT. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE UP MORE ACTIVITIES BUT BECAUSE I LIVE FAR, I ONLY COME 3 TIMES A WEEK. WHEN I SEE THE OTHER MEMBERS WHO ARE OLDER THAN ME, IT GIVES ME MORE INCENTIVE TO KEEP EVEN BUSIER.

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\$337,000.**

I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

*Now retired living a simple life, joined Lanakila to
continue to build a strong healthy friendship besides family
my family. The enjoyment of meeting seniors like having
discussions or conversation about the same problems help
me feel worth while living way more than anything.
Our programs consist of Fire, Police, National Security,
Banking departments & many more. Health is Number One
HMSA, Alpha Care Kaiser etc. gives us useful information
besides reading in papers or TV.
Social Services Our staff members are very alert, open & helpful
in giving us seniors immediate care when needed -*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

*what seemed to be empty & sterile becomes
joyful & exciting with blessed staff & volunteers.*

**Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose
Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the
community!** Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Margaret Amano Margaret Amano

Address: 1538 Hanai Loop
1538 Hanai Loop, Hon. HI 96817

Rep Mizuno
Sen Kim

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Many times asking family members to pick up
 or their own mail etc.
 Most importantly the workers day opera the
 the language that needs especially in
 papers.
 Our day have made arrangements for events
 that no other community center provides.
 Dear hip hop, Angina Memorial, Black Hill center,
 Leno, Almond, Kinsman, Wabibi, etc.
 a many more with Rights Organization + Our
 Even Catholic Charity has its a track in other
 community center etc to provide
 Also conducting training, Meet in vehicles
 & social events

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LMPSC offers so many courses. I am enrolled in Luk Tung, Stretch 'N Tone, HULA, Walking Group, Line Dance. Because I experienced a bad fall last November, 2008, at the Harris United Methodist Church, I am so grateful to have been able to support myself from this, due to exercise class from Denise Werle, I am so glad that I knew how to brace myself when I got caught off guard on an exposed tree root, knowing that I also carried a box of their famous Cherry Pie - Blood splattered all over on my right knee cap, even Carol Wong, a fellow LMPSC & neighbor where we live was concerned. Bruised knee cap, I hobbled my way home to the apartment nearby, daughter-in-law applied ice packs, wiped →

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be: All the activities, ethnic groups, excursions, workshops for us seniors to be alert at all times, like traffic safety, fall prevention, pedestrian safety to name a few, has impacted my daily life - I find myself participating in volunteer entertainment at nursing homes, etc. I even took on the challenge of writing for →

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely, *Florence Menor*

Name: Florence Menor

Address: 1515 Nuuanu Ave. #172, Honolulu HI 96817
Rep. Sylvia Luke
Sen. Sazarne Chun Oakland

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the Kanakura News for the Japanese Cultural Center. Did you know that I bravely asked Mary Suda, president of the Japanese Club that I would try my hand at writing (basically, I am really a reserved person). If Kanakura Multi-Purpose Senior Center did not exist, there would certainly be a tremendous void - and I would not have had the opportunity to socialize, be alert and productive, live a healthy lifestyle to its fullest. The center is well organized, patterned, caring staff - always ready to listen to our Senior concerns.

one up, cleaned bruised knee, applied full on ice pack again. Next morning, swelling lessened. I even did deep breathing to take in fresh air, prepared myself (psychical myself and stayed calm - as possible) Did you know that I was more concerned about the chompy pie, with a question like "Is the chompy pie in one piece? Well, it certainly was. I'm so happy to know that my body is flexible, which helped me in balancing myself. THANK GOD FOR EXERCISE PROGRAMS AT KANAKURA MULTI-PURPOSE SENIOR CENTER

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We meet new people, we learn about others and their lives and talked about our life experiences, we laugh, which laughter is the best medicine.

Professional speakers come to this center who inform and educate the members on the latest topics on health which the center have an annual health fair, identity theft, speakers from the police department, fire department, current legislative issues that concern the elderly (over)

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

We will be staying at home and deteriorate real fast. And next you know, we will be using a cane and walker, than unable to walk, than in the nursing home

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Jane S. Higa

Address:

1116 Halona St.

Rep. Corrine CHILDS VOTE (YES)
Sen. Chun Oakland

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and many other topics. These lectures are free of charge.
We have activities programs that stimulate our heart, mind and body. With these activities, we are releasing our stress. Also every Thursday, we have free blood screening.

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

See attached

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See attached

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose
Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the
community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Sally Joyce Sally Joyce

Address:

261-A N. Hainaku Dr.
Rep. Sylvia Thieten, Sen. Fred Hemmings

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To: House Health and Human Services Committee Chairs
Re: Senate Bill 1679 SC2, Rainy Day Fund
Scheduled: March 17, 2009, 10:45 a.m., Conference Room 329
From: JoAnn Farnsworth

I am writing requesting that the Governor of the State of Hawai'i and State Legislature include \$9,000,000 in funding for Hawaii Healthy Start for the fiscal year 2009-2010 State Budget, in order to keep vital services in place and prevent total elimination of the program.

As a result of Hawaii's leadership and commitment to its children we have been looked upon for over twenty years as a model in the nation for comprehensive support for families and children in order to ensure the best possible outcomes for their physical, emotional and mental health.

We have implemented a model comprehensive system that begins with support, education and guidance for parents of our youngest children, our Healthy Start program. This is a broad net cast widely across our state reaching our most vulnerable and isolated families. No other program has this reach or ability. Not only does this effort prevent abuse and neglect of children, but it fosters their emotional and developmental health and supports their parents through difficult times and their own challenges with domestic violence and substance abuse.

Together with the changes that have been made to our child welfare system of increasing voluntary support programs for parents that are community based and culturally appropriate, we have a system of care that is truly working. As valuable as the changes to our child welfare system have been we cannot neglect or dismiss lightly what research has shown us over and over again of the damage to our youngest children who experience trauma and neglect on their projected lifetime developmental outcomes. Healthy Start is the only way we can systematically reach families in our state with children during this most important time.

These two aspects, casting a broad net and services targeted to families known to be in danger, complement and support each other; one will not thrive without the other.

As we look to the future and better economic times the missing piece in a truly comprehensive system for our children from birth to five remains a quality early education experience that provides for family support.