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Testimony Is Directed To: House Committee on Finance

Measure: HB1432, HD1 RELATING TO AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTERS

Date & Time of Hearing: Wednesday, February 20, 2013, 2:00 p. m.

Position: PABEA strongly supports HB1432, HD1

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Johanson, and Honorable Members of the House Committee on Finance:

I am Gary Simon, Chair of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA), which is an appointed board tasked with advising the Executive Office on Aging (EOA).

I am testifying as an individual who has worked in healthcare for over twenty-five years, and I am offering testimony on behalf of PABEA.

My testimony does not represent the views of the EOA but of PABEA.

PABEA wholeheartedly supports HB1432, HD1

In collaboration and partnerships between the State Executive Office on Aging and the county Area Agencies on Aging, Hawaii continues to develop one-stop resource centers in each county for long term care information and services for the aged and disabled population.

The ADRCs are good programs (helping older adults and the disabled find options for care and support) based upon good policy (protecting the health and welfare of our elders and our disabled). Continuing development of the ADRCs in our communities will benefit residents throughout the State.

We ask that you amend the bill to reflect an effective date of July 1, 2013.

We urge you to support HB1432, HD1 with the aforementioned requested amendment to the effective date and to recommend its passage, and we thank you for seriously considering the Bill.

Very sincerely, Sary Simon Chair, Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs



HB1432 Submitted on: 2/19/2013 Testimony for FIN on Feb 20, 2013 14:00PM in Conference Room 308

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kathleen Phillips	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill: Appropriates funds to support a statewide aging and disability resource center with sites in each county. Effective July 1, 2050. (HB1432 HD1. This is an answered prayer to those who have to deal with patient\family situations. In order for it to work properly, all things must be in place. Please vote yes for this bill.

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