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HB7, RELATING TO THE ELDERLY

Testimony of Wes Lum Director, Executive Office on Aging Attached Agency to Department of Health

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1 EOA's Position: The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) supports the intent of this measure,

2 provided that its enactment does not reduce or replace priorities within our Biennium Budget

3 Request.

4 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure creates the Hawaii Kupuna Trust Fund, which comprises of

5 public and private funding to meet the outstanding and future needs of Hawaii's elderly and

6 dependent adult population.

7 **Purpose and Justification:** EOA supports the concept of the Hawaii Kupuna Trust Fund as a

8 creative way of financing programs and services to strengthen elderly and dependent adult care.

9 Additionally, the work of the Advisory Board will incentivize the development of innovative

10 services that help older adults remain in their homes and communities with maximum

11 independence and dignity.

We note that this measure uses the term "dependent adult," which was deleted from
Section 346-222, HRS (the adult protective services statutes). We would recommend that the term

- 1 "dependent adult" be replaced with the term and definition of "vulnerable adult," which can also
- 2 be found in Section 346-222, HRS. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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