

<u>SB105</u>

Submitted on: 2/25/2013 Testimony for WAM on Feb 26, 2013 10:05AM in Conference Room 211

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| Anna Marie Later | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: Falls remains the number 1 mechanism for trauma related injuries and admissions on Maui!

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| John A. H. Tomoso | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: RE: SB105SD1 RELATING TO HEALTH. Aloha kakou, I am in favor of this bill that requires the Department of Health's Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention System Branch to establish and maintain a statewide fall prevention and early detection program and appropriates funds for the program. (SD1) As a Social Worker who practices, in part, in aging and gerontology services, I am keenly aware that "the fall" can become, for the disabled and frail elderly, the "slippery slide" to not getting better and to further disability and frailty. I believe this program is a crucial "safety net" program. I know that my colleagues in the Maui Falls Prevention Coalition would agree. Mahalo nui, John A. H. Tomoso, MSW, ACSW, LSW 51 Ku'ula Street Kahului, Maui, HI 96732-2906

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| Joy Brann | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: Please support SB105, which begins to address the statewide needs to prepare for, prevent, and reduce the risk and severity of injury from falls. Our increasing aging population and current injury response system are not adequately prepared for or equipped to mitigate the increasing and avoidable fall risk.

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