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The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Committee on Finance
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Luke and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: SB 964 SD2 HD1 – Relating to Aging

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **SUPPORTS THE INTENT OF SB 964 SD2 HD1, specifically Part I of the bill.** The purpose of Part I is to provide funding to support the State's Kupuna Care Program and Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC).

The Council was a member of the State ADRC Advisory Board back in April 2006, as a result of the Executive Office on Aging (EOA) receiving a Federal grant to embark on establishing a one-stop single entry point for older adults and persons with disabilities. Since then, the project has established a one-stop center on the Islands of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui, and is in the process of developing the Honolulu site. The Council has a Memorandum of Agreement between the Hawaii County Office of Aging, ADRC, which defines the partner roles and responsibilities related to services provided by ADRC and the Council.

As a systems advocacy agency responsible for statewide planning, coordination, monitoring, evaluation, and advocacy on behalf of individuals with DD and their families, we support a streamlined and user-friendly process for older adults and individuals with disabilities to receive information and be able to navigate the service system to access services and supports. Most of the focus thus far in establishing and implementing the ADRCs has been targeted to the aging population.

The Council, as well as individuals with disabilities, advocates, public and private service providers, and other stakeholders, need to be involved with the planning and implementation of the ADRCs. We believe identifying and engaging in partnerships with all stakeholders will contribute to a seamless approach of accessing long-term services

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and supports in a manner that respects individual choice and desire, is person-centered, promotes independence and dignity, and provides individual control over the person's life.

The Council defers to EOA regarding the appropriation amount needed to support the ADRC.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **supporting the intent of SB 964 SD2 HD1.**

Sincerely,



Waynette K.Y. Cabral, M.S.W.
Executive Administrator



Rosie Rowe
Chair

TO: COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair
Rep. Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair

FROM: Sarah Yuan, Ph.D.
Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs

HEARING: 3:30 pm Thursday, April 2, 2015
Conference Room 308, Hawaii State Capitol

SUBJECT: SB 964, SD2, HD1 Relating to Aging

POSITION: **The Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs strongly supports SB 964, SD2, HD1.** This testimony focuses on Part I of the bill relating to Kupuna Care Program and the ADRC (Aging and Disabled Resource Centers).

RATIONALE:

The Policy Board for Elder Affairs has a statutory obligation to advocate on behalf of the senior citizens in Hawaii. While we advise the Executive Office on Aging, we do not speak on their behalf.

The Kupuna Care Program offers home-and-community based services for adults 60 years and older that require assistance. This program's services do not overlap with that of Medicaid and Medicare, but provide high-quality affordable at-home assistance that is essential in supporting elders that need to be cared for. It contributes to preventing and reducing the need for costly facility-based nursing care. Based on DBEDT 2040 Series' projections, older adults (60+) will make up one fourth of Hawaii population by 2020, a 36% increase in population from 2010. The number of the oldest old (85+) is projected to triple from 2010 to 2040. This dramatic increase will come with a soaring demand for long-term care services as the oldest old population tend to have a higher disability rate and are more likely to be widowed and lack family caregiving resources. The PABEA strongly urges the Legislature to provide stable funding for Kupuna Care by increasing the EOA's base budget for the program from \$4.8 million to an approximate \$9 million per year.

The Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) help individuals and their families to identify their long-term supports and service needs, understand their support options (including public and privately funded programs available to them), and develop and activate long-term support and service plans. They also improve the state and county governments' abilities to manage resources and monitor program quality using centralized data collection and evaluation plan. The ADRCs play a critical role in improving access to services for the elderly and people with disabilities. The PABEA strongly supports the development of fully functioning ADRCs in all four counties; when an ADRC becomes fully functional, it will qualify for additional financial support from various federal programs such as Medicare, the Affordable Care Act, and Medicaid. For the additional fund requested in this bill, much of it will be used for the implementation of Honolulu County's new ADRC plan. The PABEA supports the appropriation of addition ADRC funding over the base budget.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify on this bill.

Testifier's Name: Gary Simon
Member
Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA)

Testimony Is Directed To: House Committee on Finance

Measure: SB964 SD2 HD1 RELATING TO AGING

Date & Time of Hearing: Thursday, April 2, 2015, 3:30 p. m.

Position: The Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs strongly
supports SB964 SB2 HB1

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

I am Gary Simon, member 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-seven 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 SB964 SD2 HD1.

The bill includes appropriating funds for the Alzheimer's disease and related dementias coordinator

Alzheimer's disease and related dementias have become a major cause of death in the older population. Alzheimer's disease and other dementia patients frequently require extensive care in the home or in an institutional setting. The Hawaii Executive Office on Aging published *Hawaii 2025: State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias* to address this critical issue, which may ultimately affect as many as half of the 85 and over population.

The State Plan is a blueprint created to greatly improve the way individuals with ADRD and their families will live in and be served by their communities.

A coordinator is needed to develop an implementation work plan specifying the tasks required for fulfilling the blueprint.

Funding the coordinator is imperative to execute the State Plan and is based upon good policy (enhancing the well-being of older adults). Continuing appropriations to fund the coordinator will benefit residents throughout the State.

We urge you to support HB964 SD2 HD1 and to recommend its passage, and we thank you for seriously considering the Bill.

Very sincerely,



Gary Simon

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State Capitol, Conference Room 308

Thursday, April 2, 2015; 3:30 p.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON S.B. 964, SD2, HD1
RELATING TO AGING**

The ILWU Local 142 strongly supports S.B. 964, SD2, HD1, which appropriates funds or facilitates programs and positions for: Kupuna Care; the Aging and Disability Resource Centers; an Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Services Coordinator; falls prevention and early detection services for the elderly; the Healthy Aging Partnership; and an Alzheimer's and dementia public awareness campaign.

The need for all of these services and programs is well-documented. Hawaii's population is aging and the "silver tsunami" will soon be upon us—if it hasn't already reached our shores.

Kupuna Care provides home-delivered meals, bathing and chore services, transportation, and case management to help seniors avoid costly institutionalization and keep them living in their own homes. The Healthy Aging Partnership assists participants to engage in education and activities to stay healthy.

Alzheimer's Disease, dementia, and falls are extremely costly. The cost of care for patients with Alzheimer's and dementia and for those who have fallen are astronomical in terms of dollars as well as emotional and physical costs for both the caregiver and receiver of care. Hundreds of thousands of hours are spent each day by caregivers providing services to care for these patients. The impact of Alzheimer's Disease and dementia can be mitigated with medical treatment and medication for the patient and information, education and support for the family. A dedicated coordinator to provide information and resource referrals can help families cope with the ongoing stress and strain of caring for family members with Alzheimer's or dementia. Similarly, the falls prevention coordinator, funded last year, must be maintained to help provide a coordinated response to the problem of elderly people falling and the avalanche of costs for hospitalization, rehabilitation, and long-term care.

The Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) are well on their way to being a "one-stop center" for information and referral services for those needing care and for their families. Additional funding is needed to make the system of ADRCs operational on all islands, particularly on Oahu where the population and the need is the greatest.

The ILWU strongly urges passage of S.B. 964, SD2, HD1. Thank you for considering our testimony.

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RE: SB964 SD2 HD1 RELATING TO AGING

Dear Chairwoman Luke and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 964 SD2 HD1. On behalf of the Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter, I am pleased to extend our full support for SB 964 SD2 HD1, which provides funding for a Alzheimer's disease and Related Dementia Services Coordinator position, a Public Awareness Campaign on Alzheimer's disease, the Kupuna Care Program, the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) and the Healthy Aging Partnership. We are in support of the bill in its entirety, especially in regards to the funding of a Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Services Coordinator and the Alzheimer's disease Public Awareness Campaign.

Alzheimer's disease is a growing epidemic and is now the nation's sixth leading cause of death. Here in Hawaii, more than 26,000 individuals live with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia. Furthermore, 1 in 3 kupuna die from the disease.

Despite the belief of many, Alzheimer's disease is not a normal part of aging. Memory deficits may occur as you grow older but memory loss that disrupts daily life is not a typical part of aging. It is usually contributed to some form of dementia. However, the lack of awareness on such, often results in minimal to no reporting of memory issues to one's physician. The lack of reporting these issues often lead to a failure to obtain an early and appropriate diagnosis.

According to data from the 2011 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), in Hawaii, 9.2% of those aged 60 and over report that they are experiencing confusion or memory loss. Furthermore, nearly 90% of those individuals have not talked to a health care professional about it –the highest among 22 states reporting the data.

Equally alarming is that as many as half of those who meet the diagnostic criteria for dementia have not received a diagnosis from a physician. Early detection and diagnosis are essential to providing the best medical care and outcomes for those at any stage of the disease. Even without a way to cure or slow the progression of dementia, an early formal diagnosis offers the best opportunities for intervention and better outcomes.

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Thus, a public awareness campaign on the warning signs and the importance of early detection is so critical as it will ensure that individuals will obtain an early and appropriate diagnosis. Furthermore, we believe that the original amount requested of \$200,000 for the campaign is appropriate to conduct an effective campaign.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on this legislation and applaud your leadership in bringing it forward.

With best regards,



Christine Payne
Executive Director
Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter



Thursday, April 2, 2015 – 3:30 p.m.
Conference Room #306

House Committee on Finance

To: Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair
Rep. Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair

From: George Greene, President & CEO
Healthcare Association of Hawaii

Re: Testimony in Support
SB964 SD2 HD1 — Relating to Aging

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii's 160 member organizations include all of the acute care hospitals in Hawaii, all public and private skilled nursing facilities, all the Medicare-certified home health agencies, all hospices, all assisted living facilities, durable medical equipment suppliers and home infusion/pharmacies. Members also represent other healthcare providers from throughout the continuum including case management, air and ground ambulance, blood bank, dialysis, and more. In addition to providing quality care to all of Hawaii's residents, our members contribute significantly to Hawaii's economy by employing over 20,000 people statewide.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of SB964 SD2 HD1, which, among other things, appropriates funds for the Kupuna Care program and the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC).

ADRC has proven to be a valuable resource in streamlining access to long-term supports and services for our kupuna and the caregivers who often care for them. Providing them with additional funding in the amount of nearly \$3.4 million as part of the biennium budget would enable it to expand its reach further into the community.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB964 SD2 HD1.



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HAWAII PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION

House Committee on Finance

The Hon. Sylvia Luke, Chair

The Hon. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice-Chair

Testimony on Senate Bill 964 SD 2 HD 1

Relating to Aging

Submitted by Nani Medeiros, Public Affairs and Policy Director

April 2, 2015, 3:30 am, Room 308

The Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA), which represents the federally qualified community health centers in Hawaii, supports House Bill 964, providing needed funding for various programs designed to assist the aging population.

Elderly residents comprise the fastest growing segment of the population here in Hawaii. Among them, falls are the leading cause of fatal injuries and injury related hospitalizations in the state. Cumulatively, these falls account for a yearly average of eighty-two deaths and eighteen hundred hospitalizations, representing a total of over \$65,000,000 per year. In addition to falls, Alzheimer's disease is on the rise in Hawaii. There is also an increasing need for senior centers and various agencies.

Further, there is an ever increasing need for long term care services. In the next twenty years, the population requiring such services will increase by almost two-thirds. Basic education and awareness about these issues, along with the topics of elder abuse and fraud, must be made available for this emerging population. Doing so will serve to both foster a healthier aging population, but also a more fiscally responsible community as a whole.

For these reasons, the HPCA supports this measure. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

TO: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair
Rep. Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair

FROM: Eldon L. Wegner, Ph.D.
Advocacy Chair, Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition

HEARING: 3:30 pm Thursday April 2, 2015
Conference Room 308, Hawaii State Capitol

SUBJECT: SB 964 HD 1 Relating to Aging

POSITION: **The Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition SUPPORTS the intent of SB 964 HD 1**, which appropriates funds for the important public programs of the Executive Office on Aging, including the Kupuna Care services, the continued development of the ADRC's (Aging and Disabled Resource Centers), funding a Coordinator for the Alzheimer's and related dementias program, and the Healthy Aging Program. However, we believe that the original requested amounts in SB 964 be restored as these amounts have been determined by the Kupuna Caucuas and the Executive Office on Aging to be required to meet existing and expanding service needs.

RATIONALE:

I am offering testimony on behalf of the Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition (HFCC), which is a coalition of agencies and individuals committed to addressing the needs and improving the ability family caregivers to provide quality care for their frail and disabled loved ones.

- **The Kupuna Care program** provides needed social supports and services which enable persons to be cared for in their homes and provides support to family caregivers. There will be a growing need for these services as our population ages. The program reduces the need for Medicaid enrollment and expensive residential care. The program serves around 4800 persons. The requested appropriation is \$5.1 million in each FY 2016 and 2017 in addition to the base budget of \$4.2 million in each year. This request reflects a 10% increase for the following reasons: 1) the budget has been flat for a number of years, while the population in need is growing significantly; 2) the program has expanded to cover non-elderly disabled persons, veterans, and certain Medicaid clients needing additional services; and 3) the need to increase the income to providers of services to keep up with inflation.
- **FOR THE REASONS CITED ABOVE, WE REQUEST THAT THE APPROPRIATION BE RESTORED TO THE ORIGINAL REQUEST IN SB 964.**
- **ADRC's (Aging and Disability Resource Centers)**. The Executive Office on Aging is requesting \$1.710 Million for FY 16 and \$1.651 Million for FY 17 in addition to the EOA Base Budget in order to continue implementation of the ADRC's by the county offices on aging. ADRC's serve as **single entry centers for accessing services for the disabled**

and frail elderly and their caregivers. These centers will greatly improve the public's ability to access needed services as well as reduce redundancy and increase coordination in services. When they become fully functional, which is currently the case with Maui and Kauai counties, they also qualify for additional financial support from the federal government, including the Medicare program, the Affordable Care Act, and Medicaid and also become eligible for other grants.

- SB 964 SD 1 reduced the appropriation to 1,052,600 for each fiscal year. This would reduce the funds by more than \$1 million. The priority is to assist Honolulu in creating ADRC's. Honolulu is far behind the other counties, but there is a change in leadership of the Elder Affairs Division and an implementation plan was developed in consultation with EOA in Fall 2014. The reduction of the appropriation would jeopardize developing this important piece of serving the elder population in our state.
- **WE URGE THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO RESTORE THE APPROPRIATION TO THE ORIGINAL AMOUNT REQUESTED IN SB 964**

§ **Funding for a permanent Coordinator of the Alzheimer's and Related Dementias Program.** The Executive Office of Aging is requesting \$23,700 for FY 16 and \$47,400 for FY 17. The first year is half salary, as it will take about six months to establish, recruit, and fill the position. The Coordinator will implement the recommendations from the taskforce and in the strategic plan which was developed in 2014.

§ **Healthy Aging Partnership Program.** The program is a joint effort by the EOA, County offices on Aging, non-profit senior services providers, and the University of Hawaii. It offers two evidence-based programs:

- 1) **Better Choices, Better Health (Ke Ola Pono –Healthy Living)** is a nationally-acclaimed Chronic Disease Self Management Program designed for people with chronic diseases to better manage their symptoms and improve their overall health , enrolling people with diabetes, heart diseases, arthritis, hypertension, and other chronic conditions.
- 2) **Enhance Fitness** is a group exercise program and complements the Better Choices, Better Health workshops.

Evaluation research conducted by the University of Hawaii at Manoa Center on Aging shows that the Healthy Aging Partnership program reduced hospital stays, emergency room use, and falls among the frail elderly and increased physical functioning, thus resulting in substantial reductions health care costs.

The programs funded through SB 964 are the heart of our efforts to address the many needs of our vulnerable senior population, who face many challenges in their older years. The proportion of our budget which is devoted to these worthy services is relatively small, but in most instances has the potential to actually save on potential costs as well as assure a quality of life to our vulnerable citizens.

Thank you for allowing me to testify on this bill.

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Testimony of Al Hamai in support of SB964, SD2, HD1, Relating to Aging

Via email to: FINtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

House Committee on Finance Hearing April 2, 2015, 3:30 p.m. Conference Room 308

Chair Sylvia Luke and Committee Members,

HARA strongly supports SB964, SD 2, HD1, which incorporates the Kupuna Legislative Caucus Package on aging that includes many of the major legislative priorities of HARA and many other senior and aging advocacy organizations. SB964, SD2 HD1 provides funding for such critical programs as: the Kupuna Care Program; additional funding to implement the statewide Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) system for seniors; for fall prevention services; for the healthy aging partnership; and appropriating funds for the urgently needed Alzheimer's and related dementia public awareness campaign. All well proven programs that have met many needs of seniors and caregivers.

We urge your Committee to approve SB964, SD2, HD1.

Mahalo and Aloha.

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, with 21,000 members statewide. HARA is an affiliate of the Alliance for Retired Americans (ARA), a national advocate for seniors with 4 million members. For info on the ARA go to:
www.retiredamericans.org

HARA Affiliates: HGEA Retirees, HSTA-Retired, ILWU Retirees, UPW Retirees, AFT Retirees, Kokua Council, Hawaii Family Caregivers Coalition, Kupuna Education Center.



THE QUEEN'S HEALTH SYSTEMS

To: Chair Sylvia Luke
Vice Chair Scott Y. Nishimoto
House Committee on Finance

From: Paula Yoshioka
Senior Vice President
The Queen's Health Systems

Re: SB 964 SD 2 HD 1, Relating to Aging
Hearing—April 2, 2015 at 3:30 PM

The Queen's Health Systems would like to provide strong support for SB 964 SD 2 HD 1, which would fund critical community-based programs that coordinate services for individuals who require post-acute care services.

Many of the programs and authorizations in this bill are important to helping our seniors age in place. We were heartened to see that this legislation included funding to help establish senior centers that can enable our kupuna to engage in fitness, recreation and wellness activities. At North Hawaii Community Hospital, which is part of QHS, seniors are invited to continue to use the gym equipment at the rehabilitation clinic after their recovery from an injury. Staff at the hospital can attest that the gym at the facility is likely the most attended gym in the area, and helps seniors to stay active.

We would, in particular, like to highlight our support for the funding included in this measure for the aging and disability resource centers (ADRCs). Since the passage of the *Affordable Care Act* in 2010, the health care system has focused on making sure patients and their primary care providers are able to navigate the continuum of care to get necessary services prior to and following an acute episode. Following this continuum of care, which ADRCs are a part of, allows seniors to avoid costly hospitalizations and to recover in the home, which is more cost-effective and comfortable for families.

ADRCs are crucial in the continuum of care because they help to connect patients with the services they need to age in place. For example, ADRCs can offer nutrition programs that help to keep seniors healthy, avoiding a costly acute episode. If a patient does have an acute episode, then ADRCs are critical partners with providers, patients and families in coordinating services that help patients recover in their homes.

We would ask for your strong support in funding post-acute care services for our seniors, especially through the ADRCs. Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

The mission of The Queen's Health Systems is to fulfill the intent of Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV to provide in perpetuity quality health care services to improve the well-being of Native Hawaiians and all of the people of Hawai'i.



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Room 308

SB 964, SD2, HD1 Relating to Aging

Good afternoon, Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee on Finance,

Lanakila Pacific **strongly supports** SB 964, SD2, HD1 Relating to Aging to provide critically needed services for our most vulnerable elderly neighbors. Although our preference is that ongoing support be provided in the base budget, this measure provides essential supplemental funding for Kupuna Care services which are designed to prevent more costly care.

The Kupuna Care program funding is necessary because the need for services far exceeds current resources due to 13 years of flat funding that hasn't kept pace with inflation, let alone the spike in the elderly population. The base budget for Kupuna Care services of \$4.85 million has not been increased since 2002, while Hawaii's senior population has increased by 30% and the costs of living in Hawaii continue to rise. Supplemental funding is requested every year; however, this is not sustainable and should be part of the Executive Office on Aging's budget.

However, we are concerned about programmatic details in the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) program . While we are in support of this comprehensive package that provides grossly needed resources to address the growing needs of Hawaii's senior population, we are concerned that most of the focus has been targeted to the aging population. To ensure a seamless system of accessing services in a manner that respects individual choice and desires, the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, as well as individuals with disabilities, advocates, public and private service providers, and other stakeholders, need to be involved with the planning and implementation of the ADRCs.

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As a Kupuna Care service provider, Lanakila Meals on Wheels serves more than 2,000 Hawaii seniors every day or more than 250,000 meals each year. Our average meal recipient is a woman of Asian or Pacific Island descent, 83 years old with an income of less than \$1,000 per month. Our staff and volunteers deliver much more than a nutritious meal, as they may be the only person that our Kupuna will spend time with each day.

Providing Kupuna Care Services, which enables seniors to stay in their homes and avoid costly institutionalization, can be the difference between \$170 for a month of home delivered meals vs. \$9,034 for a month of a semi-private room in a nursing facility.

While more long-term support is needed to meet the growing needs with one of the fastest growing senior populations and the longest life expectancy in the nation, this measure is a vital part of the solution as it will provide critically needed and more cost-effective services for our most isolated and vulnerable elderly neighbors. Aging network providers cannot meet the current and growing demand for services when faced by years of flat or reduced State and Federal funding.

We urge you to support Hawaii's Kupuna by supporting ongoing funding for Kupuna Care as it provides essential services for the most vulnerable senior citizens in Hawaii.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Lanakila Meals on Wheels

Testimony in Support, Zonta Club Of Hilo, for SB 964 SD2, HD 1 Relating to Aging

Hearing before the Committee on Finance

Thursday, April 2, 2015, 3:30 pm; State Capitol Conference Room 308

Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair, Representative Scott Y. Yoshimoto, Vice Chair and Committee Members

My name is Charlene Iboshi and I am writing on behalf of the Zonta Club of Hilo. Zonta is an international organization of business and professional women whose mission is to advance the status of women and girls.

We voted recently to support this Kupuna Caucus bill, SB 964 SD 2, HD1 relating to aging. As an organization, we realize that aging issues disproportionately impact women for two main reasons; 1) greater social, medical and economic costs associated with longer life-expectancies; and 2) women still bear most of the responsibilities of elder caregiving. Many of our members are "Baby Boomers" or in the "Great Generation," so we understand the challenges of being an "elder."

We fully support SB 964 SD 2, HD1, Relating to Aging, which reflects the needed funding to address the growing social and economic challenges facing the elders. We request the original funding levels request of \$5.1 million in each year to the base budget of 4.8 million for each FY 2016 and 2017, totaling \$9.9 million yearly, reflecting a 10% increase. The 10% increase reflects the growing elder and disabled population and inflation. The \$4.8 base budget has not increased since 2001.

The omnibus funding items recommended by the Kapuna Caucus and PABEA (Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs) were fully vetted and a product of well-researched and responsible recommendations. We support funding as provided: Part I: Appropriates funds for the kupuna care program and aging and disability resource centers. Part II: Appropriates funds for the Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator. Part III: Appropriates funds for fall prevention and early detection services for the elderly. Part IV: Appropriates funds for various senior center programs on Oahu, although none for Neighbor Islands. Part V: Appropriates funds to support the healthy aging partnership program. Part VI: Appropriates funds for an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia public awareness campaign.

Since my retirement as the Hawaii County Prosecutor, I have involved myself in organizations, such as the Zonta Club of Hilo, which support a healthy and safe community, especially for women and children. To reduce economic and social costs facing the elders, disabled and their care-givers, a plan with collaborative, comprehensive implementation of "best practices" are critical. The plan must include a government and community "support net."

The funding proposals in SB 964 SD2, HD 1 would reduce the overall societal and economic costs by using prevention measures and avoiding costly institutional care.

The Legislature should adopt the Kupuna Caucus and PABEA recommendations to support the economic and social vitality of our growing elder populations. This support is especially helpful to women, who do the caregiving primarily, then become the cared for elder as they become frail and unable to take care of themselves because of their longer life expectancies.

The funding will be helpful for Hawaii County, which has the challenge of being the largest county with strained infra-structure. Our super-rurality makes any delivery of services for elders and disabled more challenging. Collaboration is our strength, but we continue to have the unfortunate status of being the county with the most "challenging" economic and social negative social indicators, including inadequate public transportation and insufficient primary health care services. Hawaii County growing elder and disabled population is outpacing the current resources. Over 21% of the population is over 60.

Please provide adequate funding, as requested initially, for self-help strategies with "one stop" access through the ADRCs, strengthening of community through healthy aging, maintaining cost-effective elder services, such as Kupuna Care, for aging without institutional care, and creation of a dementia/alzheimer coordinator, and falls prevention and dementia awareness campaign.

Thank you for your expected support and opportunity to testify.

Charlene Iboshi, Zonta Club of Hilo



April 2, 2015

House Committee on Finance
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair

Re: **SB 964 SD 2, HD 1, RELATING TO AGING**

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto and members of the committee:

Introduction

AARP is a membership organization of people fifty and over with nearly 150,000 members in Hawaii alone. AARP advocates for issues that matter to Hawaii families, including the high cost of long-term care; access to affordable, quality health care for all generations; providing the tools needed to save for retirement; and serving as a reliable information source on issues critical to people over the age of fifty.

AARP Hawaii strongly supports SB 964 SD 2, HD 1, Relating to Aging, but recommends amendments.

We are submitting this testimony specifically to support the increase in funding for the Kupuna Care program reflected in section 2 of the bill.

Specifically, we respectfully request:

- (1) That this committee restore the \$5,100,000 in yearly supplemental funding for Kupuna Care that was originally provided for in SB 964; and
- (2) That this supplemental amount be incorporated into to the base budget of the Kupuna Care program, rather than just adding it a separate supplemental appropriation.

We suggest a 10% increase in funding to be incorporated into the base budget

Since 2002 the base funding for Kupuna Care has stayed flat at approximately \$4.8 million while demand for long-term care services continued to grow. In past years, the legislature has added additional supplemental appropriations. Since 2012 these supplemental appropriations have been approximately \$4.2 million per year. As a result, funding for Kupuna Care for the past two to three years has remained at approximately \$9 million per year, through a mix of base budget and supplemental appropriations. In other words, biennium budgeting for the Kupuna Care in recent years has looked something like this:

Past Biennium Budgeting

	Year 1	Year 2
Base Budget	\$4.8 million	\$4.8 million
Additional Supplemental One-Time Appropriations	\$4.2 million	\$4.2 million
Total	\$9 million	\$9 million

We recommend that the additional funding that has been provided to Kupuna Care in recent years be increased from \$4.2 million to \$5.1 million and that amount be added to the Kupuna Care program's base budget. If adopted, this would change biennium budgeting for the Kupuna Care program to look like this:

Recommended Biennium Budgeting

	Year 1	Year 2
Base Budget	\$9.9 million	\$9.9 million

That would result in a modest 10% increase in overall funding for the program. Importantly, by shifting the additional monies from supplemental appropriations and into the base budget it would also provide for more stability and reliability in the program.

Adding the funds to the base budget will increase efficiencies

In order for the state and the Area Agencies on Aging ("AAAs") to most effectively manage public funds and serve older adults, they must be able to plan accordingly. Having the funds as a secured budget amount in the base budget will allow the state and the AAAs to do better advance planning, which in turn will allow them to enter into contracts for services and supports that will better serve both the agencies themselves as well as the seniors they are serving.

The need will only increase as the senior population continues to grow

From 2002 until now, however, the number of seniors ages 60 and over increased in Hawaii by approximately 70,000. Additionally, the population that the Kupuna Care program must serve has grown still larger since legislation enacted last year expanded eligibility for Kupuna Care to Medicaid recipients.

This program needs more resources to be as effective as it can be in helping Hawaii's rapidly growing population of seniors lead independent, meaningful, and dignified lives in their own homes and communities. Over a thirty-year period (1980-2010), the population of people ages 60 and over increased by approximately 139.8% while the total population increased by only

34.2%.¹ The population of residents ages 85 and over increased by 431.5% in that same thirty-year period.²

The additional funding we are requesting could serve hundreds of additional seniors beyond those who would be served with EOA's existing funding request

According to the Hawaii State Plan on Aging, there were 277,400 people in the 60-and-over age bracket in 2010. The projection is that there will be 373,650 people in that same age bracket in 2020. Keeping funding flat in light of that increase makes us fear that services provided under the program will not reach as many seniors as they should as the population continues to grow.

The Executive Office on Aging noted on its factsheet³ that the \$4.1 million it has requested would support either:

- 493 people, where those people are the most frail and vulnerable with three or more ADL dependencies and eligible for nursing home level of care; or
- 3,621 people, where these are the eligible individuals with at least two ADL dependencies and at risk of becoming the most frail and vulnerable segment of our population.

The additional 10% in funding we have requested will support an additional 115 people with three or more ADL dependencies or 834 people with at least two ADL dependencies, beyond those who would already be reached with EOA's existing funding request. In other words, this increased funding would support a new total of either:

- 608 people, where those people are the most frail and vulnerable with three or more ADL dependencies and eligible for nursing home level of care; or
- 4,455 people, where these are the eligible individuals with at least two ADL dependencies and at risk of becoming the most frail and vulnerable segment of our population.

That's a real, tangible difference. Each one of those people is a father, mother, grandparent, or spouse that needs help.

¹ Hawaii State Plan on Aging, October 11, 2011 – September 30, 2015, Executive Office on Aging.

² Id.

³ See Kupuna Care Fact sheet, revised 2/9/2015.

Conclusion

For these reasons, we respectfully request that you support this bill and restore funding under section 2 to \$5,100,000 for FY 2015-2016 and \$5,100,000 for FY 2016-2017, and include these sums in the Kupuna Care program's base budget.

To: Chair House Committee on Finance, Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair

Date: April 2nd, Thursday, 3:30 pm

Re: SB 964, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, Relating to Aging (Kupuna Care Funding)

Chair Luke and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to express my STRONG SUPPORT to the above bill.

The 60+ population in Hawaii has rapidly grown and continue to grow. In fact, over the last 10 years, that population group has swelled up by 70,000.

The Kupuna Care has been providing important basic needs for our seniors such as hot meals, transportation, and personal care assistance. The costs of these services are also rising. But the budget for the Kupuna Care has not moved for the last 10 years.

The program needs financial assistance to keep it effective and stable. A modest 10% will keep the program running for seniors who really need some basic assistance. It will provide additional resources to this critical program that provides services for Hawaii's fastest growing group of residents.

Sincerely,

Ramon Sumibcay, MHA, BSN, RN
MAJ (Ret. US Army)

TO:
Sylvia Luke, Chair
Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Committee on Finance

FROM: Krystle Rasos
University of Hawaii at Manoa
1460C Pukele Ave, Honolulu, HI 96816

HEARING: Thursday, April 02, 2015; 3:30pm

SUPPORT SB964 SD2, HD1 RELATING TO AGING

My name is Krystle Rasos; student at University of Hawaii at Manoa School of Social Work. I am testifying in support of SB964 in appropriating funds for: the Kupuna care program and the aging and disability center, the Alzheimer's Disease and related Dementia services coordinator position, fall prevention and early detection services for the elderly, the healthy aging partnership program for the department of health's executive office of aging, and to establish an Alzheimer's Disease and related Dementia public awareness campaign.

I am currently in the masters of social work program specializing in gerontology, with years of employment and practicum experience with the older adult population. I am testifying to advocate for our Kupunas; that they continue to receive and be offered necessary services that maintain their independence in their own homes and in the community.

Many of us are aware that by 2030, there be more than one fourth of an increase of people aged 60 and older in Hawaii. Therefore, the older adult population will need as many resources and services to help preserve their quality of life and autonomy. I believe that by supporting this bill, the older adult population will continue to spread their cultural knowledge in our communities.

Please support SB964 SD2, HD1 for the appropriating funds that enhance and support the health and well-being of older adults in our community.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
lois crozer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Alzheimers and dementia is a growing threat to our aging population. Falling, where most elderly break their hips and are admitted to the hospital costs our healthcare system millions of dollars annually and it can be prevented with better education and attention to the aging. This bill addresses these steps to protect our Kupuna. Thank you.

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james crowe	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hawaii seniors have a unique, valuable place in the strength of Hawaii's citizens' every day life. Supporting seniors' dignity and independence strengthens Hawaii families, the core of our entire society. Supporting seniors is in fact underpinning your own family in Hawaii.

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To: House Committee on Finance, Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair

Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2015

Re: SB 964 S.D. 2, H.D. 1, Relating to Aging (Kupuna Care Funding)

My name is Chalintorn N. Burian, Ph.D., and I am writing in STRONG SUPPORT of SB 964, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, Relating to Aging (Kupuna Care Funding).

The goal of Kupuna Care is to enable Hawaii seniors to lead independent, meaningful, and dignified lives in their own homes and communities. It will allow seniors basic needs like hot meals, transportation, and personal care assistance.

As the population of seniors in Hawaii is fast increasing, we can expect that more and more seniors will have need of the home and community based services that Kupuna Care provides. Although from 2002 until now the base budget for Kupuna Care stayed relatively flat, yet during the same time the number of seniors ages 60+ increased in Hawaii by approximately 70,000. Providing more seniors with these services is the reason for the \$5.1 million in additional funding reflected in the original bill. It will provide additional resources to this critical program that provides services for Hawaii's fastest growing group of residents.

The one-time appropriations provided by the legislature to augment the base budget in recent years have been welcome and helpful. But we need to do more.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in strong support of SB 964 S.D. 2, H.D. 1, Relating to Aging (Kupuna Care Funding).

Sincerely,

Chalintorn N. Burian, Ph.D.

Paauiilo-Mauka, The Big Island of Hawaii
Phone: (808) 775-1064

To: House Committees on Finance
Date: Thursday, April 2, 3:30 p.m.
Place: Conference Room 308
Re: SB 964, S.D.2 , H.D. 1 Relating to Aging

Honorable Chair Luke and Committee members,

My name is Esther Ueda, and I am writing to request your support of SB 964, S.D.2 , H.D. 1 Relating to Aging.

I feel it is very important to support the various Kupuna Care Programs. I have been a Meals on Wheels volunteer and delivered meals to the elderly for 15 years, and I know how important these types of services are to the elderly who may be homebound, have little family support, or have working children who need help in providing care services for their parents.

Also regarding the Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator - I also strongly support this measure.

My father has advanced Alzheimers, and my sister and I have been trying to learn more about the disease and looking for all the services that can help us. Having a coordinator that could help raise awareness in these matters would be extremely helpful to everyone in our situation.

Alzheimer's is a very heartbreaking condition. My father's condition has taken a very emotional toll on all of us –it is very difficult to watch someone who was very successful and competent slowly slip away and forget those close to him.

Please support SB964, S.D.2., H.D.1

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Esther Ueda
Pearl City, Hawaii

April 1, 2015

To : House Committee on Finance, Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair

RE: SB 964, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, Relating to Aging (Kupuna Care Funding)

Hearing: April 2, 2015

Most honorable Chair Luke and committee members:

I Support this measure.

Please provide your attention and your affirmative vote to this measure.

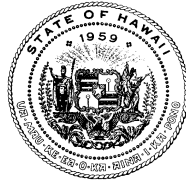
Senior population is growing in all states...and because of our healthy lifestyle, the senior population segment is growing most in the State of Hawaii.

An increase in the Kupuna Care funding is necessary to provide the extension of cost-efficient programs and services to the Kupuna Care Programs. To be most effective, the request of 10% increase should be incorporated into the program's base budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Olah
Honolulu Resident

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Testimony in SUPPORT of SB964 S.D. 2 H.D.1

RELATING TO AGING

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

REPRESENTATIVE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR
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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Testimony of Terri Byers
Director, Executive Office on Aging
Attached Agency to the Department of Health

Hearing Date: April 2, 2015, 3:30 p.m. Room Number: 308

- 1 **Office Testimony:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency supports this
- 2 measure, provided that its enactment does not reduce or replace priorities within the
- 3 Administration's biennial budget request.
- 4 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure appropriates funds for FY16 for the following:
- 5 1. The Kupuna Care Program and the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC);
- 6 2. The Alzheimer's disease and Related Dementia services coordinator;
- 7 3. Fall Prevention and Early Detection;
- 8 4. Healthy Aging Partnership (HAP) Program; and
- 9 5. Alzheimer's disease and related dementia public awareness campaign.

1 **Purpose and Justification:** EOA notes that two of the appropriations in this bill are priorities of
2 the Ige Administration. These priorities include funding for the continued development of the
3 ADRCs statewide and (2) an increase in EOA's base budget for Kupuna Care.

4 Regarding the funding of Falls Prevention and Early Detection, Healthy Aging Partnership
5 Program and the Alzheimer's disease and related Dementia public awareness campaign, these
6 are not part of the Governor's budget request. Should there be a surplus of funds available for
7 these measures; we would be supportive as we agree with the concept of this initiative as it is
8 consistent with EOA's goals and objectives. If the Legislature deems these programs necessary,
9 EOA respectfully requests that the Legislature provide the appropriate resources, rather than
10 supplant existing resources, for this proposal.

11 **Recommendations:** We respectfully request that a correction be made on page 4, PART III,
12 Section 6, Lines 10 & 11. It currently read, "Falls among elderly also result in almost
13 \$1,200,000 in Physician and Hospital charges." This amount is a misquote of huge proportion
14 that if left in error will minimize the issue. We request that it reads, "Falls among elderly also
15 result in almost **\$102,950,000** in Physician and Hospital charges." This data is crucial to
16 understand the cost and impact on our medical system not to mention the pain and suffering of
17 kupuna.

18 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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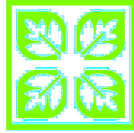
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Comments: The population of seniors in Hawaii is skyrocketing and we can expect that more and more seniors will have need of the home and community based services that Kupuna Care provides. These are important and basic needs like hot meals, transportation, and personal care assistance. Providing more seniors with these services is the reason for the \$5.1 million in additional funding reflected in the original bill. It will provide additional resources to this critical program that provides services for Hawaii's fastest growing group of residents.

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 964, SD2, HD1: RELATING TO AGING

TO: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair; Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice-Chair; and Members, House Committee on Finance

FROM: Diane M. Terada, Division Administrator

Hearing: Thursday, April 2, 2015; 3:30 PM; Conference Room 308

Catholic Charities Hawai`i (CCH) is a tax exempt, non-profit agency that has been providing supportive home and community based services to elders since 1973 and currently serves over 4,000 older persons each year.

CCH strongly supports SB 964, SD2, HD1 which will provide additional Kupuna Care funding and other needed services for older adults and their caregivers in the State of Hawai`i.

Catholic Charities Hawai`i is a current provider of Kupuna Care transportation services to help frail elders get to necessary medical, nutrition and other services. Through Kupuna Care, CCH Transportation also provides relief for caregivers, especially working caregivers who would otherwise have to take time off from work to provide transportation for their elderly relatives.

Kupuna Care services addresses the overall community goal of helping seniors remain independent in the community and prevent more costly institutional care – as well as supporting caregivers. Kupuna Care services provide a safety net for all kupuna and their caregivers who cannot afford to pay for in-home and community based services and are unable to receive these services through other means.

Catholic Charities Hawai`i supports additional Kupuna Care funding be added to the base budget of the Executive Office on Aging for each of fiscal years 2015 and 2016.

Catholic Charities Hawai`i asks for your support of SB 964, SD2, HD1. If I can provide any further information, please feel free to contact me at 808-527-4702 or via email at diane.terada@catholiccharitieshawaii.org. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.



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