

SB 964

Measure Title:	RELATING TO AGING.
Report Title:	Kupuna Caucus; Kupuna Care; Aging and Disability Resource Center; Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Services Coordinator; Senior Centers; Fall Prevention and Early Detection Services; Healthy Aging Partnership; Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Public Awareness Campaign; Appropriation (\$)
Description:	Part I: Appropriates funds for the kupuna care program and an aging and disability resource center. Part II: Removes hiring requirement by director of health in accordance with chapters 76 and 89, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for the position of Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator. 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. 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.
Companion:	
Package:	Kupuna Caucus
Current Referral:	HSH/HTH, WAM
Introducer(s):	CHUN OAKLAND, BAKER, ESPERO, GALUTERIA, GREEN, IHARA, Nishihara, Shimabukuro

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Testimony in SUPPORT of SB 964
Relating to Aging

SENATOR SUZANNE CHUN-OAKLAND, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING
AND
SENATOR JOSH GREEN, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Testimony of Caroline Cadirao
Grants Chief, Executive Office on Aging
Attached Agency to the Department of Health

Hearing Date: FEBRUARY 3, 2015 Room Number: CONF. ROOM 016
1:20 P.M.

- 1 **EOA's Position:** 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 supplemental 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. Removes the hiring
7 requirement for the Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator
8 (ADRD);
 - 9 3. Fall Prevention and Early Detection;
 - 10 4. Various Senior Center Programs;
 - 11 5. Healthy Aging Partnership (HAP) Program; and

1 6. Alzheimer’s disease and related dementia public awareness campaign.

2 **Purpose and Justification:** EOA notes that two of the appropriations in this bill are priorities of
3 the Ige Administration. These priorities include (1) \$1,052,600 for the continued development of
4 the ADRCs statewide, and (2) a \$4,145,695 million increase in EOA’s base budget for Kupuna
5 Care.

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

14 **Recommendations:** EOA respectfully requests your consideration of the following
15 recommendations:

- 16 1. Section 1 (page 1). Verbiage request on line 16 to strike out “navigational tool” and
17 replace with a “person centered process” to read, “The legislature further finds that the
18 State’s aging and disability resource center is a person centered process intended to
19 navigate and streamline access to long term services and supports for older adults,
20 individuals with disabilities, and family caregivers.”
- 21 2. Section 2 (page 2). The request should be \$4,145,696 for FY 2015-2016 and FY2016-
22 2017 rather than the sum of \$5,100,000 for the kupuna care program. These additional

1 funds would serve at minimum an additional 800 older adults who have been assessed in
2 need of long term services and supports.

- 3 3. Section 3 (page 2 -3). The request should be \$1,052,600 rather than \$1,710,000 for fiscal
4 year 2015-2016 and 1,052,600 for year 2016-2017 for the continued development of the
5 ADRCs statewide. EOA and the county offices on aging are developing a statewide
6 Aging and Disability Resource Center system for seniors, people with disabilities, and
7 their family caregivers, to access and receive information and resources on long-term
8 supports and services in their respective counties. We are grateful for the \$1.4 million
9 that the Legislature has made as part of the EOA base budget for the ongoing
10 development of the ADRCs statewide. Our additional budget request of represents
11 additional funding for the City and County of Honolulu, the Counties of Maui, Kauai,
12 and Hawaii and for operational costs at EOA.

13 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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February 3, 2015

The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing
and

The Honorable Josh Green, Chair
Senate Committee on Health
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Chun Oakland, Senator Green, and Members of the Committees:

SUBJECT: SB 964 – Relating to Aging

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **SUPPORTS THE INTENT OF SB 964, 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

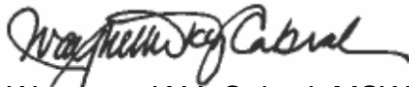
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and supports in a manner that respects individual choice and desire, is person-centered, promotes independence and dignity, and provides individual control over the person's life.

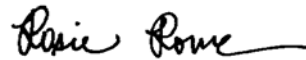
The Council defers to EOA regarding the appropriation amount needed to support the ADRC.

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

Sincerely,



Waynette K.Y. Cabral, MSW
Executive Administrator

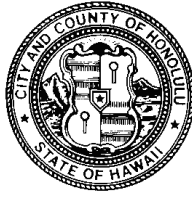


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TESTIMONY OF GARY K. NAKATA, ACTING DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
BEFORE THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING
AND HEALTH

Tuesday, February 3, 2015, 1:20 p.m., Conference Room 016

SENATE Bill 946, "RELATING TO AGING"

Position: In Support

TO: The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Human Services and Housing

The Honorable Josh Green, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Health

The Elderly Affairs Division (EAD) is Honolulu's designated Area Agency on Aging and operates in accordance with the Older Americans Act of 1965 to coordinate, advocate and improve services to assist older persons in leading independent, meaningful and dignified lives in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

This bill includes funding for important programs that support the needs of the increasing population of elderly residents in Hawaii. The funding included in this bill is essential to the health and welfare of our most vulnerable seniors and their caregivers. We strongly support funding for the following programs in SB 964:

Kupuna Care. The Kupuna Care program includes essential services that support the needs of the increasing population of frail elderly residents in Hawaii. These services provide assistance to frail older adults who cannot live at home without adequate help from family or formal services. They include services such as attendant care, case management, chore, home-delivered meals, homemaker, personal care, and transportation.

Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC). The ADRC is contained in the Federal Older Americans Act (OAA) as amended in 2006. Its vision is "to have Aging and Disability Resource Centers in every community...where people of all incomes and ages can turn for information on the full range of long-term support options and a single point of entry for access to public long-term support programs and benefits." The OAA provided very limited federal funds to develop,

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implement, or sustain this venture. Thus we support the allocation of \$1,710,000.00 for fiscal year 2015-2016 and \$1,651,300.00 for fiscal year 2016-2017.

Fall Prevention. Falls are among the leading causes of hospitalization and severe injury among the elderly. This oftentimes preventable occurrence can seriously affect the quality of life for the elderly individual and also impacts healthcare costs for the community at large. The \$32,000.00 being requested will allow for the further development of fall prevention interventions statewide.

Senior Centers. Home and Community-Based Supportive Services enable seniors to remain in their homes for as long as possible. These services include multi-purpose senior centers that coordinate and integrate services for older adults, such as congregate meals, community education, health screening, exercise/health promotion programs, and transportation. The socialization and recreation opportunities offered by senior centers are crucial in keeping seniors active and engaged, one of the most effective ways of preventing or delaying loneliness, isolation, depression, and related declines in mental and physical health.

Healthy Aging Partnership Program. Through the Healthy Aging Partnership, EAD implements Stanford University's Chronic Disease Self-Management Program, an evidence-based program that provides education, training, and support groups to persons with chronic conditions to assist them in managing their own care. The Enhance Fitness is an exercise program and focuses on maintaining strength, flexibility, and balance to maintain health and function of older adults. The results of both programs have been overwhelmingly positive. In addition, other evidence-based self-management programs have been introduced for arthritis and diabetes. We would urge the committee to consider funding these programs in light of the rising healthcare costs associated with the rapidly growing elder population in Hawaii.

We urge the Committee on Human Services and Housing and the Committee on Health to support funding of these vital programs. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



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SB 964 RELATING TO AGING

Testimony of Deborah Stone-Walls
Executive on Aging, Maui County Office on Aging (MCOA)

Tuesday, February 03, 2015; Conference Room 016; 1:20 pm

MCOA's Position: Maui County Office on Aging (MCOA) is in **strong support** of SB 964 with particular attention to the Sections that appropriate funds for the Kupuna Care Program, Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC), the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia (ADRD) Services Coordinator, Fall Prevention and Early Detection Services for the Elderly, the Healthy Aging Partnership (HAP) Program, and the ADRD Public Awareness Campaign. MCOA supports the intent to appropriate service to various Senior Centers on Oahu but provides no specific legislative testimony as those services occur outside of the MCOA jurisdiction.

Purpose and Justification: Census projections indicate that the senior population in Hawaii will almost double between the period between 2010 and 2020 with the highest percentage increase occurring in those over the age of 85. In order to minimize the potential **financial strain** of the burgeoning aging population on the State, **proactive** efforts are required now. ***Keeping seniors healthy and at home is the most cost-effective manner*** to address the needs of one of our most valuable societal resources, and SB 964 will ensure that state funds are utilized to provide assistance in the

community at a much lesser financial drain than institutional services.

Kupuna Care: Each County Area Agency on Aging (AAA) oversees a variety of home and community-based service areas designed specifically to ensure that elders have the care they need in the least restrictive, and often most economical, setting as possible in order to assist Hawaii's kupuna to lead independent, meaningful, and dignified lives. These state funds are targeted to those who are frail and vulnerable and who do not have access to other services. AAAs have consistently succeeded in reaching the objective to prevent and/or delay the need for more restrictive levels of care.

Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC): Implemented on Maui on April 16, 2012, the ADRC has allowed MCOA to improve efficiency and effectiveness in working with elders and family caregivers across a broad spectrum of functional abilities and financial standing. The ADRC is designed to serve as a highly visible and trusted resource agency where people with disabilities of all ages can find information on the full range of long-term support options and can access a single point of entry to public long-term support programs and benefits. Benefits of the ADRC include but are not limited to:

- Efficient Screening and Referral: The HI ADRC Intake process provides a concise indication of individual functional needs supports as well as personal resources available to assist in meeting functional needs.
- Better care for seniors and ease of access for family caregivers: The ADRC is designed to serve as a highly visible and trusted resource agency where people with disabilities of all ages can find information on the full range of long-term support options and can access a single point of entry to public long-term support programs and benefits.
- Comprehensive **individualized** interventions: The HI ADRC Assessment Tool provides in-depth information regarding individual circumstances, needs, and appropriate interventions in twenty-seven (27) Clinical Assessment Protocols (CAPS). When a CAP is "triggered," there is a clear indication not only that

assistance is likely needed, but also **what type of intervention is most appropriate**. For instance, if the Falls CAP is triggered, MCOA staff can determine the likely reason for the risk for a fall and speak with the elder and/or family member regarding appropriate interventions. If the risk of fall is most likely due to poor lighting, for instance, a plan to increase light in poorly illuminated areas would result. The most dramatic use of the CAP information to date at MCOA occurred in FY 2014. MCOA partnered with the University of Hawaii—Maui Campus School of Nursing to conduct an in-depth review of all 202 individuals who had triggered at moderate to high risk of Falls. The review resulted in the identification of 85 seniors who were most likely at risk to fall due to a particular medication or a combination of medications. Prior to the ADRC tool implementation, MCOA knew that seniors in general were at risk for falls, but we had no way to clearly identify which senior risked a fall and what intervention would most likely result in reducing that risk of a fall. This type of data allows MCOA to better focus interventions. Rather than using public resources to focus on lighting or environmental factors, any risk for falls due to medication risks would best first be addressed by referring those seniors to their Primary Care Physician or to a Pharmacist for medication reconciliation. In short, the ADRC Assessment tools allows MCOA personnel to **effectively target interventions** resulting in a much **more efficient use of public funds**.

- Increased AAA capacity to target services to those most at need: Through the Intake and Assessment process, MCOA gathers functional and financial data that assists employees in effectively and efficiently identifying those individuals who demonstrate the greatest need. The HI ADRC Assessment process allows the identification of those individuals at the lowest income and highest risk. The Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended in 2006 tasks Area Agencies on Aging to target services to older individuals with: greatest economic need; greatest social need; those at risk for institutional placement; low-income minority older individuals; older individuals with limited English proficiency; and older individuals residing in rural areas. The ADRC tools allow us to easily comply with

this federal requirement and thereby utilize public funds in the most efficient manner.

- Ease of access to Quality Improvement Information: Through the ADRC information system, MCOA now has a means to track the actual success of services in helping seniors remain at home. For example, the Assessment tool identifies those individuals who have a CAPS trigger for Institutional Risk. AAAs using the ADRC system can now quantify the number of individuals who continue to live in the community through support of home and community-based services. This ability to objectively quantify the effectiveness of service delivery in order to ensure the best use of public funds has not been present in Hawaii previously.

Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders (ADRD) Coordinator: The increasing numbers of the aging population means that the incidence of Alzheimer’s disease and related disorders will also rise. In order to effectively plan and implement statewide services to seniors and caregivers, coordination at the state level is necessary to avoid duplication and to maximize resources. By removing the requirement for the Executive Office on Aging to hire an ADRD Coordinator, EOA will have increased flexibility to contract a qualified Coordinator.

Falls Prevention and Early Detection: MCOA supports the statewide approach to not only reduce the impact of falls on individuals and the community as a whole but to also work towards increasing the emphasis on prevention and early detection. This issue is costly not only to seniors in terms of overall health status, but to our society.

Healthy Aging Program (HAP): MCOA assists seniors and individuals over the age of 55 to improve overall health through two evidence-based programs—Better Choices, Better Health (using Stanford’s Chronic Disease Self-Management—CDSMP—and Diabetes Self-Management—DSMP—Programs) and EnhanceFitness™ (EF). Because our population is aging rapidly and funding amounts for home and community-based services cannot keep pace with this increase, MCOA believes that efforts to improve overall health of seniors and their family caregivers is paramount to ensuring independence and dignity. In Maui County, Better Choices, Better Health (BCBH) and EF assisted over 400 seniors and individuals over the age of 55 to improve overall

health in FY14. Over 350 people engaged in evidence-based exercise programs through EF since the inception of this program on Maui. Successful implementation of these programs will eventually lead to MCOA's ability to directly bill Medicare for each participant, thereby lessening the State and County burden to provide these important interventions. Funding for the HAP appropriated by this bill will support direct services to seniors statewide that have been proven to improve health, increase self-management of chronic illness, increase strength and flexibility, and generally assist seniors in living at home in a more healthy manner. While we cannot ignore those who need assistance with the basic functions of daily living, we must also work diligently to assist our aging citizens and their family caregivers to live as healthily as possible for as long as possible in the most cost effective manner as possible.

ADRD Public Awareness Campaign: MCOA believes a coordinated, statewide effort to highlight the importance of preparedness with regard to ADRD is critical. As the population increases, the incidence of ADRD will increase. Early detection and accurate diagnosis will only occur to the extent to which the public is aware of this critical health issue.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding this measure.

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February 3, 2015

Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

Senate Committee on Health
Senator Josh Green, Chair

Re: **SB 964, RELATING TO AGING**

Chair Chun Oakland, Chair Green, and members of the committees:

I am Joshua Wisch, AARP Hawaii Director of Advocacy. 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, Relating to Aging. We are submitting this testimony specifically to support the increase in funding for the Kupuna Care program reflected in section 2 of the bill.

From 2002 until 2014 funding for Kupuna Care stayed flat. Yet during that same time the number of seniors ages 60+ 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.

While the legislature did appropriate additional monies for Kupuna Care, 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 older adult population increased by approximately 139.8% while the total population increased by only 34.2%.¹ The population of residents ages 85+ increased by 431.5% in that same thirty-year period.²

In light of this dramatic demographic shift showing that the number of seniors who need assistance from Kupuna Care will likely skyrocket, current funding for the program is not adequate.

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

² Id.

The 10% increase for the Kupuna Care program reflected by the \$10.2 million in funding for the biennium in section 2 of the bill is a reasonable increase. It will provide additional resources to this critical program that provides services for Hawaii's fastest growing group of residents.

Conclusion

We urge you to support SB 964 and the increase in funding for Kupuna Care that it represents. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Josh Green, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Senator Josh Green, Chair
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DATE: Tuesday, February 03, 2015
TIME: 1:20 pm
PLACE: Conference Room 016
State Capitol

Aloha,

On behalf of our kupuna, please support passage of SB 964.

In particular, we are in strong support of Part 3, a \$32,000 appropriation for fall prevention and early detection which will support the statewide approach to prevent and reduce the impact of falls among older adults.

Every hour, 24 hours a day in our Hawaii, a senior is transported by ambulance to an Emergency Room for a fall injury. That is over 8,700 per year. That is too many. The impact on our medical system is stifling and the pain and suffering is staggering.

The early detection aspect is for expanding the awareness and use of electronic alarm devices that allow seniors to notify emergency services that they have fallen and need assistance. Early detection can save lives.

Please support passage of SB 964.

Sincerely,

Steve M Tokita

President, Caring Transitions of Honolulu



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Josh Green, Vice Chair
Committee on Human Services and Housing

Senator Josh Green, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Committee on Health

FROM: Diane M. Terada, Division Administrator

DATE: Tuesday, February 3, 2015 (1:20 p.m., Room 016)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 964, Relating to Aging**

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, which will provide funding for Kupuna Care and senior centers.

KUPUNA CARE SERVICES

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 the additional funding of \$5.1M to be added to the base funding for Kupuna Care services.

SENIOR CENTERS

SB 964 also supports a network of senior centers on Oahu that provide vital health education and screenings, fitness, recreation, case management, and other services to enable thousands of senior citizens to maintain wellness, support independence and avoid costly institutionalization and have a history of state funding.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is a State owned facility that was built as a model senior center for the State of Hawaii in 1969. The Center has been operated by CCH since 1981.



As indicated in Hawaii's 2013 Profile of Successful Aging, "*Supportive relationships, interactions with the environment, engagement in social activities . . . all have positive correlations on the well-being of older adults.*"ⁱ The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also advises older adults that "*regular physical activity is one of the most important things you can do for your health. It can prevent many of the health problems that seem to come with age.*"ⁱⁱ Senior centers are accessible and popular places where elders gather for this type of social engagement and physical activity that contribute to their well-being.

Catholic Charities Hawai`i supports funding for the senior centers, including **\$185,000 for the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.**

Senior centers and Kupuna Care services help to meet the overall community goal of helping seniors remain independent in the community and prevent more costly (and often public funded) institutional care.

The current cost of nursing home care for ONE individual is \$121,545 per year.ⁱⁱⁱ **The total amount of funding requested for BOTH Kupuna Care and senior centers would pay for a year of:**

- **Nursing home care for only 45 elders**
- **Kupuna Care services and senior center activities for THOUSANDS of elders – so that they can remain in their own homes, independent and active in the community!**

Catholic Charities Hawai`i asks for your support of SB 964. 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.

ⁱ Executive Office on Aging – Department of Health, "Profile of Successful Aging Among Hawaii's Older Adults", January 2013.

ⁱⁱ <http://www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity/everyone/guidelines/olderadults.html>

ⁱⁱⁱ Genworth Financial, Cost of Care Survey 2014, March 25, 2014.

https://www.genworth.com/dam/Americas/US/PDFs/Consumer/corporate/130568_032514_CostofCare_FINAL_nonsecure.pdf Note: Calculated on Median Annual Rate for nursing home (semi-private room) in State of Hawaii.

TO: SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Josh Green, Vice Chair

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
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FROM: Eldon L. Wegner, Ph.D.
Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition

HEARING: 1:20 pm Tuesday, February 3, 2015
Conference Room 016, Hawaii State Capitol

SUBJECT: SB 964 Relating to Aging

POSITION: **The Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition strongly supports SB 964**, 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.

RATIONALE:

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

- **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. The program enables frail elders to be cared for at home and there will be a growing need for the services. The program reduces the need for Medicaid enrollment and expensive residential care. The program serves around 2500 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 needs if 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.

§ **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 continued 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**. 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 county, they also qualify for additional financial support from the federal government, including the Medicare program, the Affordable Care Act, and Medicaid and become eligible for other grants.

- § 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 provides, 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.



Tuesday, February 3, 2015 – 1:20 p.m.
Conference Room #016

The Joint Senate Committees on Human Services and Housing and Health

To: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair, HSH Committee
Senator Josh Green, Vice Chair, HSH Committee

Senator Josh Green, Chair, HTH Committee
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair, HTH Committee

From: George Greene
President & CEO
Healthcare Association of Hawaii

Re: Testimony in Support
SB964— 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, which, among other things, appropriates funds for the Kupuna Care program and the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC).

HAH believes that the 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.

February 2, 2015

Please support passage of SB 964

Hawaii's elder population is growing faster than anywhere else in the United States. Complexity of the aging process coupled with its associated cost highlights the need to support programs designed to help our Kupuna age safely and with dignity.

Falls, lack of transportation, caregiver burnout and isolation are among the leading issues contributing to the deterioration of our Kupuna. The consequences of which are unwanted visits to the emergency department, hospitalization and/or institutionalization. These are often the last places our elders prefer to be.

In 2014, Kaiser Permanente began innovative collaborations with members of the Kupuna Care network along with the Fall Prevention Consortium. Prevention and early detection of medical and non-medical issues in the community are focal points for partnership in 2015 and beyond. Key to this is the crucial funding passage of SB 964 provides.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Rudy Marilla
Vice President, Clinical Operations Support & Community Benefit



MOILIILI COMMUNITY CENTER

Senate, Hawaii State Legislature
Committee on Human Services & Housing
and Committee on Health

Committee Hearing on **SB 964 – Relating to Aging (Strong Support)**
Tuesday, February 03, 2015
1:20 p.m., Conference Room 016

Chairs Suzanne Chun Oakland and Josh Green, Vice-Chair Glenn Wakai, and members of the Senate Committee on Human Services & Housing; and the Committee on Health:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **strong support of SB 964**. I am Nadine Nishioka, Executive Director of the Moiliili Community Center. I am testifying in **strong favor** of this measure and refer **particularly to Parts I and IV relating to the funding of the Kupuna Care program and the Senior Center programs**. The Moiliili Community Center is requesting \$50,000 for its Senior Center program.

Many of the programs under non-profits, like those assisting the elderly, face the anxiety of providing needed services to a rapidly growing (daily, 10,000 people turn 60 in the USA) aging population with funding that has remained the same for over twelve years, while costs keep rising.

The senior center programs at the different community centers (Moiliili Community Center- Senior Center program, Catholic Charities – Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, Waikiki Community Center and Kapahulu Center) help the senior to remain independent at home and in their community; a cost saving alternative to being institutionalized. Being socially involved keeps the mind active, exercise classes help with one's physical fitness, learning new things and the awareness of resources in the community -- all contribute to the well being of the senior. These seniors not only gain personally but contribute back to the community in many ways.

Kupuna Care Services are essential to helping seniors stay in their homes as long as possible. They provide important services, such as case management, transportation, bathing, meals and respite for the caregiver. Seniors can and will contribute for services, but many cannot afford the actual cost of these services. These lower income, gap group individuals will fail very quickly, needing institutional care earlier than if intervention services were readily available.

I urge you to please consider programs and services for seniors to be one of your utmost priority areas.

Thank you very much for your kind attention and consideration.

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TO: Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland, Chair of Committee on Human Services
Senator Josh Green, Chair of Committee on Human Services
Members of Committee on Human Services

Senator Josh Green, Chair of Committee on Health
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair of Committee on Health
Members of the Committee on Health

DATE: Tuesday, February 3, 2015
PLACE: State Capitol Conference Room 016
TIME: 1: 20 pm
SUBJECT: Testimony in support of SB 964 - Relating to Aging
Testimony in support of SB 296 - Relating to Caregiving

Chairs Chun-Oakland and Green and Committee Members of Human Services and Committee Members on Health

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT OF SB 964 - Relating to Aging AND SB 296 - Relating to Caregiving

As Administrator of Project Dana, a volunteer caregivers program, I am in strong support of SB 964 and SB 296 as they promote aging in place in Hawaii's community.

SB 964 Relating to Aging: Funding for Kupuna Care program, Aging and Disability Resource Center, Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator, fall prevention and early detection services for the elderly, senior centers to promote healthy aging, and Alzheimer's disease and related dementia public awareness campaign are necessary to allow older adults to live independently.

SB 296 – Relating to Caregiving: A post discharge care plan for patients by hospitals to include obtaining caregiver information and basic training for family caregivers promotes quality living and reduces readmissions.

Please support SB 964 – Relating to Aging and SB 296- Relating to Caregivers

Thank you very much,

Rose Nakamura,

Project Dana



THE QUEEN'S HEALTH SYSTEMS

**SB 964, Relating to Aging
Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing
Senate Committee on Health
Hearing—February 03, 2015 at 1:20 PM**

My name is Paula Yoshioka, and I am a Senior Vice President at The Queen's Health Systems (QHS). I would like to provide my support for SB 964, 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. I was heartened to see 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.

I would, in particular, like to highlight our support for the \$3,361,300 included in this legislation to fund 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.

While we cannot confirm the veracity of the data presented in this bill, it is clear to the front-line providers at QHS that funding aging and kupuna care services in the community is necessary to keeping our seniors healthy and independent. For this reason, I would ask for your support of this bill, in particular the funding for 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.

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

Hearing before the Committees for Human Services and Housing(HSH) and Health (HTH)

Tuesday, February 30, 2015, 1:20 pm; State Capitol Conference Room 016

Senator Chun-Oakland and Senator Green, Chairs, and Committee Members

My name is Charlene Iboshi and I am writing on behalf of the Zonta Club of Hilo. Zonta Club 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 bills, SB 964, related 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 Senate Bill 964, Relating to Aging, which reflects the needed funding to address the growing social and economic challenges facing the elders. 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 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" is key. The plan must include a government and community "support net."

The funding proposals in SB 964 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 and 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. Please provide adequate funding for self-help strategies with "one stop" access through the ADRCs, prevention of falls, strengthening of community through healthy aging, and maintaining cost-effective elder services, such as Kupuna Care, for aging without institutional care, and creation of a dementia/alzheimer coordinator a

Thank you for your expected support and opportunity to testify.

Charlene Iboshi, Zonta Club of Hilo

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Submitted on: 2/2/2015

Testimony for HSH/HTH on Feb 3, 2015 13:20PM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbara J. Service	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is Barbara Service and I live in the 9th Senatorial District and the 19th Representative District. I am a member of AARP, HARA and Kokua Council. I strongly urge your support of SB964 regarding Kupuna Care. Kupuna Care assists seniors who do not qualify for Medicaid but who cannot afford \$25 to \$30 per hour to pay for the care that they may need for a few hours per week in order to remain in their own homes. Other provisions include services regarding Alzheimer's Disease and fall prevention. Please support this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lynn Murakami-Akatsuka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support SB964 to be passed and receiving the funding for each of the Part I through Part VI as noted in the bill. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Josh Green, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Senator Josh Green, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

DATE: Tuesday, February 03, 2015
TIME: 1:20 pm
PLACE: Conference Room 016
State Capitol

Aloha,

On behalf of our kupuna, please support passage of SB 964.

In particular, we are in strong support of Part 3, a \$32,000 appropriation for fall prevention and early detection which will support the statewide approach to prevent and reduce the impact of falls among older adults.

Every hour, 24 hours a day in our Hawaii, a senior is transported by ambulance to an Emergency Room for a fall injury. That is over 8,700 per year. That is too many. The impact on our medical system is stifling and the pain and suffering is staggering.

The early detection aspect is for expanding the awareness and use of electronic alarm devices that allow seniors to notify emergency services that they have fallen and need assistance. Early detection can save lives. As an Occupational Therapist, I work with many people who are recovering from injuries after a fall. Many lose their independence and rely on family and friends for assistance during their recovery. An ounce of prevention is truly worth more than a pound of cure for our kupuna.

Please support passage of SB 964. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Lynn Sialana, OTR
Staff Occupational Therapist at Prime Care Services Hawaii
Member of State of Hawaii Fall Prevention Consortium

To: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair of the Committee on Human Services and Housing

Senator Josh Green, Chair of the Committee on Health

Members of the Committee on Human Services and Housing

Members of the Committee on Health

Date: February 3, 2015

Place: Conference Room 016

Time: 1:20 pm

Subject: Testimony in support of SB964 - Relating to Aging

Chair Chun Oakland, Chair Green, and Members of the Committees,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of SB964 - Relating to Aging.

My name is Maria Raiza Morales. I am an undergraduate student at the School of Social Work at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, and a resident of Ewa Beach.

I am also a student intern at Project Dana. My educational practice in this agency increased my awareness on the difficulties our elderly and their families face in our community. One of such difficulties they experience is how to navigate through the vast and varied social services available in the community. At times, having so much options prevents our elderly and their family from connecting to these services, while there are also times that they are unaware of a service available to them for they are discouraged to wade through these services. Therefore, having the Aging and Disability Resource Center and the Kupuna Care program is important for our elderly and their families to aid them on connecting to appropriate services.

Providing transportation and friendly visit services to participants of Project Dana have also increased my awareness on supporting the need of our elderly to continue living independently in the residence of their choice. However, for our elders to continue such lifestyle, we must also support the continual development of our community that takes incorporates the needs of our elders. Therefore, having a reserved space, such as the Senior Centers, where our elders can perform or receive information on a healthy living lifestyle like exercising, proper diet, and socializing with their peers. Having Fall Prevention and Early Detection services and coordinator will also help our elders identify ways of preserving their independence through maintaining a safe living environment.

My work with an elder diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and their family developed my awareness for the need of public awareness and education on this disease and other dementia related conditions. Often, my elder finds the need to apologize to me, his family, and everyone he interacts with for his condition. He extends the burden of the disease to himself, and is ashamed of this burden to everyone

around him. Often, families are ashamed of the disease and the burden, which prevents them from seeking information on the disease and services available for the elderly in the community.

Please support all of Hawai'i's citizens by aiding our elders and their family.

Maria Raiza Morales

Ewa Beach Resident

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Sincerely,

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Stanley Michaels
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Age 73

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair Senator Josh Green, Chair
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RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 964, Relating to Aging**

I am 62 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

It provides affordable activities that address physical fitness, health and mental stimulation. Special presentations keep us up to date with current medical findings to help us / inform of how to age in a healthy way. I've also met wonderful seniors here, people who demonstrate living intergenerationally since the ^{seniors} age range spans approximately 40 years!

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive (and unwanted) institutional care. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Donna K.O. Chock

Address:

Honolulu, 96813

City

Zip Code

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair Senator Josh Green, Chair
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Committee on Human Services & Housing Committee on Health

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RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 964, Relating to Aging**

I am 70 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

- it is a "safe" place to socialize, be educated (i.e. Safety... Health... Recreation, etc.) with friends new and old.
 - it is a great place to keep one in touch ^{actively} with "Seniors" happenings... in the community as well as nationally.
 - your support is greatly needed and will be much appreciated by seniors like me. ^{Maui}
- Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive (and unwanted) institutional care. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Edouard K. Frank

Address:

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TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair Senator Josh Green, Chair
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RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 964, Relating to Aging**

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Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

*of the exercises and meeting of
all different ages of people -
Continuously learning different
things*

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive (and unwanted) institutional care. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Jean Acumina

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Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

可以認識多些朋友. 大家交換一些生活上的趣事
及參加一些會內所組織的活動

Translation: I can meet a lot of friends. I enjoy talking stories with them and do activities together.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive (and unwanted) institutional care. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: THI, RICHARD C

Address: HON 96817
City Zip Code

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Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

It is a blessing that we have Lanakila Center as our second home where we can come to partake our retired senior life. Please continue this most fulfilling and enjoyable part of our life. Mahalo.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive (and unwanted) institutional care. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Emiko Watanabe

Address:

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96826

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Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

This is the best place to be. You meet old friends + get in with the wonderful programs here. I look forward to coming here as much as I can.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive (and unwanted) institutional care. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Helena Palama

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Hon, HI
City

96817
Zip Code

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Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

I look forward to meeting old friends, learning new things and sharing.

It is close to my home.

I can afford the cost.

Thank you, Catholic Charities.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive (and unwanted) institutional care. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Lin How Lum Yee

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It focuses upon the physical-mental-social well being of seniors. The multitude of activities provides options and opens doors to new and healthy opportunities!

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive (and unwanted) institutional care. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Jane Wakukawa

Address:

Honolulu, Hawaii

City

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