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House Committee on Health

and

The Honorable Dee Morikawa, Chair  
House Committee on Human Services  
Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
State Capitol  
State of Hawaii  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Belatti, Representative Morikawa, and Members of the  
Committees:

SUBJECT: HB 497 – Relating to Aging

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **SUPPORTS THE INTENT OF HB 497, 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

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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 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 HB 497.**

Sincerely,



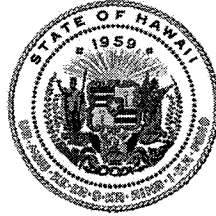
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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB497**  
**Relating to Aging**

REPRESENTATIVE DEE MORIKAWA, CHAIR  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES  
AND  
REPRESENTATIVE DELLA AU BELATTI, CHAIR  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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

Hearing Date: FEBRUARY 13, 2015  
8:30 A.M.

Room Number: CONF. ROOM 329

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 Governor's  
3 Executive 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 for the Elderly;
- 8 4. Various Senior Center Programs;
- 9 5. Healthy Aging Partnership (HAP) Program; and
- 10 6. Alzheimer's disease and related dementia public awareness campaign.

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

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

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

1. Section 1 (page 1). Verbiage request on line 16 to strike out "navigational tool" and replace with a "person centered process" to read, "The legislature further finds that the State's aging and disability resource center is a person centered process intended to navigate and streamline access to long term services and supports for older adults, individuals with disabilities, and family caregivers."
2. Section 2 (page 2). The request should be \$4,145,696 for FY 2015-2016 and FY2016-2017 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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**HB 497 RELATING TO AGING**

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

**Friday, February 13, 2015; Conference Room 329; 8:30 am**

**MCOA's Position:** Maui County Office on Aging (MCOA) is in **strong support** of HB 497 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 HB497 will ensure that state funds are utilized to provide assistance in the

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To promote and protect the well-being of the Older Americans in Maui County.

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.

TO: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair  
Rep. Richard P. Creagan, Vice-Chair

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES  
Rep. Dee Morikawa, Chair  
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FROM: Eldon L. Wegner, Ph.D.  
Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition

HEARING: 8:30 am Friday, February 13, 2015  
Conference Room 329, Hawaii State Capitol

SUBJECT: HB 497 Relating to Aging

POSITION: **The Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition strongly supports HB 497** , 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 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 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 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**. 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 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 HB 497 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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Comments: Our Kupunas needs this kind of assistance . Thank you for allowing us to support

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Testimony by  
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February 13, 2015

### H.B. 497 – RELATING TO AGING

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO supports the general purpose and intent of H.B. 497; however, we cannot support the section of the legislation that exempts the coordinator position from civil service and collective bargaining. We fully recognize the importance of Kupuna Care, protecting our seniors from falls, and establishing an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator position. These important public health initiatives can make a significant difference in protecting our aging community and helping to reduce health care costs.

Excluding the Alzheimer's disease coordinator position from civil service and collective bargaining, as proposed, makes the coordinator an appointed position. These types of positions (exempt excluded) do not have the same rights and benefits as civil service employees and there is no compelling reason to make this position a political appointee.

Therefore, we do not believe there is any justification to change this statutory provision in Section 349-3.2, HRS. There are already far too many exempt employees in the State Executive Branch and such exemptions are inconsistent with the Article XVI, Section 1 of the Hawaii State Constitution and Section 76-1, HRS, which state that positions should be within the civil service system. The Alzheimer's disease and related services coordinator position should remain subject to Chapters 76 and 89, HRS. Without these suggested changes we cannot support Part II of the bill.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify on H.B. 497.

Respectfully submitted,

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Room 329

HB 497, Relating to Aging

Good afternoon, Chairs Belatti and Morikawa, and Members of the Health and Human Services Committees,

Lanakila Pacific **strongly supports** HB 497, 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 10% increase for the Kupuna Care program 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 250,000 meals each year to over 2,000 Hawaii seniors. 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,

Marian E. Tsuji  
President & CEO

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Director of Lanakila Meals on Wheels



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**Friday, February 13, 2015 – 8:30 a.m.**  
**Conference Room #329**

**House Committees on Health and Human Services**

To: Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair, HLT Committee  
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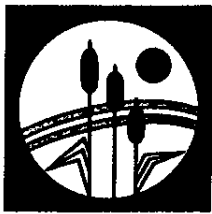
**Re: Testimony in Support**  
**HB497 — Relating to Aging**

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 HB497, 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 HB497.



# MOILIILI COMMUNITY CENTER

House of Representatives  
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Committee on Health and Committee on Human Services

Committee Hearing on **HB 497 – Relating to Aging (Strong Support)**  
Friday, February 13, 2015  
8:30 a.m., Conference Room 329

Chairs Della Au Belatti and Dee Morikawa, Vice-Chairs Richard Creagan and Bertrand Kobayashi, and members of the House Committee on Health; and the Committee on Human Services:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **strong support of HB 497**. 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 thirteen 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 Kapāhulu 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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LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY  
IN **SUPPORT OF**  
HB 497, Relating to Aging

Hearing, Friday, February 13, 2015, 8:30 a.m., Room 329

Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair  
Rep. Richard P. Creagan, Vice Chair  
Members, Committee on Health

Rep. Dee Morikawa, Chair  
Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair  
Members, Committee on Human Services

Aloha

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE), Hawaii State Federation of Chapters, is in support of HB 497, Relating to Aging, that calls for appropriating funds to support the kupuna care program; an aging and disability resource center; the Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator; fall prevention and early detection services for the elderly; various senior center programs; and the healthy aging partnership program. All of these programs reflect admirably on the value that this State places on our kupuna.

Especially, we are supportive of Section 13 of the bill that calls for appropriations to fund a public awareness campaign on Alzheimer's disease and related dementia. Since 1985, NARFE has partnered with the Alzheimer's Association in supporting research into the cause, prevention and treatment of Alzheimer's disease as well as a cure for Alzheimer's and related disorders. Public education on the need for research—our only tool for conquering the disease—also is an important focus.

Respectfully

Joyce Matsuo  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/Legislation

About NARFE

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) is dedicated to protecting and enhancing the earned pay, retirement and health care benefits of federal employees, retirees and their survivors. Founded in 1921, NARFE's legacy spans more than 90 years – working tirelessly in support of our members before Office of Personnel Management, members of Congress and the White House. The Hawaii State Federation of Chapters has 11 chapters that are located on Kauai, Hawaii, O'ahu and Maui.



PROTECTING HAWAII'S OHANA, CHILDREN, UNDER SERVED, ELDERLY AND DISABLED

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TO: Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair  
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FROM: Scott Morishige, Executive Director, PHOCUSED

HEARING: House Committees on Health and Human Services  
**Friday, February 13, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in Conf. Rm. 329**

**Testimony in Support of HB497, Relating to Aging.**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony **in support** of HB497, which would appropriate funds for a long-term care education and awareness campaign, the Kupuna Care program and the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC). PHOCUSED is a statewide coalition of health, housing, and human services organizations committed to strengthening policies and programs that benefit the marginalized and underserved in Hawaii.

Hawaii's population of older adults – our kupuna aged 60 and older – has grown rapidly, and is expected to continue increasing significantly over the next 20 years. With the first group of baby boomers entering this age-phase, the dynamic of our kupuna population is changing. Today's older adults are healthier and more active; they are engaged in social and community activities, and with the proper supports they can maintain this independence and higher quality of living.

The range of services and programs funded for this bill will provide crucial education, wellness, case management, nutrition, fitness, transportation, healthy living, pain management and other supports that support our kupuna to live with the highest levels of independence possible.

Once again, PHOCUSED strongly supports this bill, and we appreciate the opportunity to testify on this important issue. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact PHOCUSED at 521-7462 or by e-mail at [admin@phocused-hawaii.org](mailto:admin@phocused-hawaii.org).



## THE QUEEN'S HEALTH SYSTEMS

**HB 497, Relating to Aging  
House Committee on Health  
House Committee on Human Services  
Hearing—February 13, 2015 at 8:30 AM**

**Dear Chairwoman Belatti, Chairwoman Morikawa, and Members of the House  
Committees on Health and Human Services:**

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 HB 497, 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.

*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.*

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.



## CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

TO: Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair                      Rep. Dee Morikawa, Chair  
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Committee on Health                      Committee on Human Services

FROM: Diane M. Terada, Division Administrator

DATE: Friday, February 13, 2015 (8:30 a.m., Room 329)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of HB 497, 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 HB 497**, 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**

HB 497 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.*"<sup>i</sup> 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.*"<sup>ii</sup> 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.<sup>iii</sup> 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 HB 497. 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](mailto:diane.terada@catholiccharitieshawaii.org). Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

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

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

<sup>iii</sup> 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](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.

**Testimony in Support, Zonta Club Of Hilo, for HB 497, Relating to Aging**

Hearing before the Committees for Health (HLT) and Human Services and Housing (HUS)

Friday, February 13, 2015, 8:30 am; State Capitol Conference Room 329

Representative Della Au Belatti and Representative Dee Morikawa, 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 bill, HB 497, 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 House Bill 497, 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 HB 497 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, 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



Friday, February 13, 2015

Relating To House Bill 497  
Testifying in Support

Aloha Chair Belatti, Chair Morikawa, Vice-Chair Creagan, Vice-Chair Kobayashi, and Members of the House Committees on Health and Human Services,

The Democratic Party of Hawaii **supports HB497 Relating to Aging**, which appropriates funds for a variety of programs for older adults.

We know that our kupuna population is growing and we need to prepare to address their needs. According to the Executive Office on Aging, Hawaii's population who are 60 years and older will increase by over 60% by 2030. Additionally, by 2035, close to one in three individuals will be an older adult. We also know that one in every three seniors who die each year has Alzheimer's disease or related dementia. And annually, 85 seniors die, 1,960 are hospitalized and 8,700 are treated in emergency rooms as a result of falling.

The funds requested in this bill will help to keep our kupuna healthy so they can age in place. Funds for Kupuna Care, senior centers, and healthy aging partnership programs provide safety net services for older adults. The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) serves as an important resource and referral tool for individuals, their families and their caregivers. The Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator and the fall prevention and early detection coordinator positions will enable the Department of Health to better serve our seniors in these areas. And the public awareness program for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia will help communicate the importance of early detection and accurate diagnosis for this disease.

At its 2014 Convention, the Democratic Party of Hawaii passed resolution HHS 2014-01 Urging Community Support for Our Kupuna which urged the state, county, private providers and individuals to work together to prepare for the needs of our aging population. This bill will allow us to accomplish that goal. We urge your support of HB 497.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,  
The Legislation Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii



February 13, 2015

House Committee on Health  
Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair

House Committee on Human Services  
Representative Dee Morikawa, Chair

Re: **HB 497, RELATING TO AGING**

Chair Belatti, Chair Morikawa, and members of the committees:

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 HB 497, 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 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.

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%.<sup>1</sup> The population of residents ages 85+ increased by 431.5% in that same thirty-year period.<sup>2</sup>

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.

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

<sup>2</sup> 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.

**We urge you to support HB 497** and the increase in funding for Kupuna Care that it represents.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



**House Committee on Health**

The Hon. Della Au Belatti, Chair

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**Testimony in Support of House Bill 497**

**Relating to Aging**

**Submitted by Robert Hirokawa, Chief Executive Officer**

**February 13, 2015, 8:30 am, Room 329**

The Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA), which represents the federally qualified community health centers in Hawaii, supports Senate Bill 497, 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.

# **HARA** Voice of Hawaii's Seniors

*Hawaii Alliance for Retired Americans, An Affiliate of the Alliance for Retired Americans  
1953 South Beretania Street, Suite 5C, Honolulu, Hawaii 96826*

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Testimony of Al Hamai in support of HB497, Relating to Aging

## **House Committees on Health and on Human Services February 13, 2015, 8:30 a.m. Conference Room 329**

Chair Belatti (HLT), and Chair Morikawa (HUS) and Committee Members,

HARA strongly supports HB 497, 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. HB 497 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 supporting senior centers and 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 HB 497.

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](http://www.retiredamericans.org)*

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

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State Capitol, Conference Room 329  
Friday, February 13, 2015; 8:30 a.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON H.B. 497  
RELATING TO AGING**

The ILWU Local 142 strongly supports H.B. 497, which appropriates funds or facilitates programs and positions for: Kupuna Care; the Aging and Disability Resource Center; an Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia services coordinator; specified senior centers; falls prevention and early detection services; 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.

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. Services offered at senior centers like Lanakila, Kapahulu Center, Moiliili Community Center, and Waikiki Community Center help seniors maintain their independence through physical activity, mental stimulation, and socialization. In addition, 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 and education 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 a 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 their families. Additional funding is needed to make the system of ADRC's operational on all islands, particularly on Oahu where the population and the need is the greatest.

The ILWU strongly urges passage of H.B. 497. Thank you for considering our views.

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**HB497**

Submitted on: 2/5/2015

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TO: Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair of Committee on Health  
Representative Richard P. Creagan, Vice Chair, Committee on Health  
Members of Committee on Health

DATE: Friday, February 13, 2015  
PLACE: State Capitol Room, House Conference Room 329  
TIME: 8:30 am  
SUBJECT: HB 497 Relating to Aging

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a written testimony in support of HB 497 – Relating to Aging.

As Administrator of Project Dana, a volunteer caregivers program, I am in support of HB 497 – Relating to Aging as it promotes aging in place in Hawaii's Community.

HB 497 – Relating to Aging: Funding for the 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 in their homes.

Please support HB 497 – Relating to Aging.

Thank you very much,

Rose Nakamura,

Project Dana

TO: Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair  
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**Transportation Services** are important to me because:

*They take me to Lanikula Senior Center,  
Doctor's Appointments, marketing, etc*

***Please support Kupuna Care funding for all Kupuna who wish to remain in the community and avoid costly (and unwanted) institutional care! Mahalo.***

Print Name: Alia K. Y. Sasan

City & Zip Code: Honolulu, Hawaii 96826

TO: Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair  
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**Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:**

*it provides us in the district with a sense of community - provides us w/ leadership & activities which promote well being (intellectual & physical) that are not costly.*

**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:

Alice J. Kotake

Address:

Honolulu, HI 96817  
City Zip Code

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*I cannot walk too far because I have shortness of breath. I must walk slowly*

***Please support Kupuna Care funding for all Kupuna who wish to remain in the community and avoid costly (and unwanted) institutional care! Mahalo.***

Print Name: Ann Kinoshita

City & Zip Code: Honolulu, HI 96817

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

*They have all kinds of exercises and different ethnic clubs that we can join.  
I take fitness exercises to stretch my muscles and learn to keep my balance to prevent falling and my breathing has improved. It keeps me from getting stiff and heading over (my question).  
I enjoy talking to everyone that I meet at this center and keeps my mind sharp.*

**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: Ann Kiriakou

Address: Honolulu 152 96817  
City Zip Code

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*I enjoy being with members of the Center I enjoy singing Hula & exercise. Keeps me being active I like teaching hula to any one*

**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:

*Elizabeth Betty Parker*

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RE: **IN SUPPORT of HB 497, 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 <sup>seniors</sup> 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:

Onna K.O. Chock

Address:

Honolulu, 96813

City

Zip Code

TO: Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair  
Rep. Richard Creagan, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services & Housing

Rep. Dee Morikawa, Chair  
Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair  
Committee on Health

DATE: Friday, February 13, 2015 (8:30 a.m., Room 329)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of HB 497, Relating to Aging**

I am 80 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:**

*I come here I am very happy*

*I can learn something*

**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:

CHOY, CHOW FOOK

Address:

Honolulu HI 96815  
City Zip Code

TO: Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair  
Rep. Richard Creagan, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services & Housing

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Committee on Health

DATE: Friday, February 13, 2015 (8:30 a.m., Room 329)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of HB 497, Relating to Aging**

I am 81 years old and receive Transportation Services. I urge you to provide funding for Kupuna Care services and to make sure that these vital services can be provided for Kupuna, like me, so we can remain independent in our homes for as long as possible.

Transportation Services are important to me because:

*I'm not able to drive +  
ride public bus to take me to my  
doctor's appt.*

***Please support Kupuna Care funding for all Kupuna who wish to remain in the community and avoid costly (and unwanted) institutional care! Mahalo.***

Print Name: Christopher S. Sasaki

City & Zip Code: Honolulu, HI 96818

TO: Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair  
Rep. Richard Creagan, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services & Housing

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Transportation Services are important to me because:

*We have no one to rely on. We are getting frail & this transportation is most gratifying. At this point we are most satisfied with your services. Thank you.*

***Please support Kupuna Care funding for all Kupuna who wish to remain in the community and avoid costly (and unwanted) institutional care! Mahalo.***

Print Name: Clara Murasaki

City & Zip Code: Honolulu, HI 96816

TO: Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair  
Rep. Richard Creagan, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services & Housing

Rep. Dee Morikawa, Chair  
Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair  
Committee on Health

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**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 center where seniors come to learn, play and serve. There are many activities that the seniors participate in to keep their minds alert and to remain healthy. We have many speakers and activities for different holidays. There are events to prolong our life. There are social activities to help us meet new friends and to do enjoyable activities.*

**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:

Dorothy Mau

Address:

Honolulu, HI 96816  
City Zip Code

Rep. Dee Morikawa, Chair  
Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair  
Committee on Health

**RE: IN SUPPORT of HB 497, Relating to Aging**

**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.**

- 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. — 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.**

Name: Edouard K. Frank

Address: Honolulu, HI 96817  
City Zip Code

TO: Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair                      Rep. Dee Morikawa, Chair  
Rep. Richard Creagan, Vice Chair              Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services & Housing      Committee on Health

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**Transportation Services** are important to me because:

*I need to go to the doctor*

***Please support Kupuna Care funding for all Kupuna who wish to remain in the community and avoid costly (and unwanted) institutional care! Mahalo.***

Print Name: Eleanor Kashiwada

City & Zip Code: Honolulu, HI 96813

TO: Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair  
Rep. Richard Creagan, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services & Housing

Rep. Dee Morikawa, Chair  
Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair  
Committee on Health

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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:

Emilio Watanabe

Address:

Honolulu, HI

City

Zip Code

96826

TO: Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair  
Rep. Richard Creagan, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services & Housing

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Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair  
Committee on Health

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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:

Helen Palama

Address:

Hon, HI  
City

96817  
Zip Code

TO: Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair  
Rep. Richard Creagan, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services & Housing

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Committee on Health

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

*I love dancing and I need the exercise.*

**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:

Gladys M. Martin

Address:

Honolulu, HI 96818  
City Zip Code

TO: Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair  
Rep. Richard Creagan, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services & Housing

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Committee on Health

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**Transportation Services** are important to me because:

THEY TAKE ME TO LANAKILA FOR MY CLASSES. I DON'T  
DRIVE AND NO TRANSPORTATION. I GO TO THE LANAKILA  
CENTER TO KEEP ME HEALTHY AND GOING.

***Please support Kupuna Care funding for all Kupuna who wish to remain in the community and avoid costly (and unwanted) institutional care! Mahalo.***

Print Name: GRACE K. TANOMYE

City & Zip Code: Honolulu Hi. 96817

TO: Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair  
Rep. Richard Creagan, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services & Housing

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Committee on Health

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**Transportation Services** are important to me because:

*I cannot drive a car and have no means  
of getting to visit my husband @ Leahi  
Hospital.*

***Please support Kupuna Care funding for all Kupuna who wish to remain in the community and avoid costly (and unwanted) institutional care! Mahalo.***

Print Name: HILDA M. REMEDIO

City & Zip Code: HONOLULU HI 96825

TO: Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair  
Rep. Richard Creagan, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services & Housing

Rep. Dee Morikawa, Chair  
Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair  
Committee on Health

DATE: Friday, February 13, 2015 (8:30 a.m., Room 329)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of HB 497, Relating to Aging**

I am 65 years old and receive Transportation Services. I urge you to provide funding for Kupuna Care services and to make sure that these vital services can be provided for Kupuna, like me, so we can remain independent in our homes for as long as possible.

**Transportation Services** are important to me because:

*My medical condition*

***Please support Kupuna Care funding for all Kupuna who wish to remain in the community and avoid costly (and unwanted) institutional care! Mahalo.***

Print Name: Huvert L. Mihic

City & Zip Code: Honolulu, HI 96813

TO: Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair  
Rep. Richard Creagan, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services & Housing

Rep. Dee Morikawa, Chair  
Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair  
Committee on Health

DATE: Friday, February 13, 2015 (8:30 a.m., Room 329)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of HB 497, Relating to Aging**

I am 75 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 keeps me healthier and have a chance to meet many people. I enjoy the instructors in tap dancing, tai chi & hula.  
Sharon S. Lanakila*

**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: Sharon S. Lanakila

Address: Honolulu HI 96817  
City Zip Code

TO: Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair  
Rep. Richard Creagan, Vice Chair  
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Committee on Health

DATE: Friday, February 13, 2015 (8:30 a.m., Room 329)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of HB 497, Relating to Aging**

I am 79 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 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

Zip Code

TO: Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair  
Rep. Richard Creagan, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services & Housing

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Committee on Health

DATE: Friday, February 13, 2015 (8:30 a.m., Room 329)

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I am 81 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:**

*of the experiences 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:

Lean Axumina

Address:

Honolulu  
City

96817  
Zip Code

TO: Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair  
Rep. Richard Creagan, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services & Housing

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Committee on Health

DATE: Friday, February 13, 2015 (8:30 a.m., Room 329)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of HB 497, Relating to Aging**

I am 74 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:**

The Center provides my wife and me with the opportunity to take classes in a non-threatening environment. The Sahn Bo Dahn <sup>exercise</sup> classes enable us to keep our body and mind active. We are able to counteract the fears of getting older by keeping us active. Why pay for hospital and institutional costs when investing in the Center can keep the seniors independent?

**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:

*Paul H. K. K. K.*

Address:

Honolulu, HI 96817  
City Zip Code

TO: Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair  
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Committee on Human Services & Housing

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RE: **IN SUPPORT of HB 497, Relating to Aging**

I am 73 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:**

*The center provides many programs and activities for us to attend.*

**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: Helen Katahira

Address: Hon. 96817  
City Zip Code

TO: Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair  
Rep. Richard Creagan, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services & Housing

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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:

*As a senior citizen it is important that we keep our mind + body functional and "fine tuned"*

*At Lanakila Center I'm able to do so by joining with other seniors ~~two~~ such programs — Sohm Bo Dam and Tai Chi several times a week. I am grateful for such programs + that the city cares for the seniors.*

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:

*Lei-Jayne Moy*

Address:

*Honolulu*  
City

*96822*  
Zip Code

TO: Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair  
Rep. Richard Creagan, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services & Housing

Rep. Dee Morikawa, Chair  
Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair  
Committee on Health

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RE: **IN SUPPORT of HB 497, Relating to Aging**

I am 84 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:**

*I took care of my in laws who were in the 90's until 96 1/2 year. The LMPSC center served as a respite for me. My mother in-law also had slight alzheimer's.*

*It provides me with good health and energy in my daily life. I do Tai Chi + I am Bo Dahn exercises.*

**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: Lynn DeRiga

Address: Honolulu, HI 96817  
City Zip Code

TO: Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair  
Rep. Richard Creagan, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services & Housing

Rep. Dee Morikawa, Chair  
Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair  
Committee on Health

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RE: **IN SUPPORT of HB 497, Relating to Aging**

I am 77 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:

*I and my wife enjoy and need the many activities that take place at Lanakila Center. We benefit <sup>rather</sup> more when we participate with a group, than as individuals.*  
*G. Moy*

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, *George J. Moy*

Name: GEORGE J. MOY

Address: HONOLULU HI 96822  
City Zip Code

TO: Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair  
Rep. Richard Creagan, Vice Chair  
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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:

喜欢来这裡听政府对老人的政策和联络朋友  
听唱歌和这裡运动活动。

translation: I love coming here to know more about the news in the community. I can meet my friends, sing songs, exercise and do all kind of activities.

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: Neng Li

Address: Honolulu HI  
City Zip Code

TO: Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair  
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Committee on Human Services & Housing

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

*We need center to meet people close to our ages. We also need exercise in groups to encourage others in group activity. Many friends form with this activity here.*

**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:

Milina Gee

Address:

Honolulu, HI 96817  
City Zip Code

TO: Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair  
Rep. Richard Creagan, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services & Housing

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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

TO: Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair  
Rep. Richard Creagan, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services & Housing

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**Transportation Services** are important to me because:

There is a way for me to get home from lanakila activities. The lanakila activities are a very important part of our life to keep active and healthy.

***Please support Kupuna Care funding for all Kupuna who wish to remain in the community and avoid costly (and unwanted) institutional care! Mahalo.***

Print Name: Sally Shimabukuro

City & Zip Code: Honolulu HI 96817

TO: Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair  
Rep. Richard Creagan, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services & Housing

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

我参加这个会, 结识朋友, 参加活动  
活跃身心, 增加知识。

Translation: I like to meet friends in this senior center.  
Activities help me to know more about  
this community.

**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: Sau Yee Lim

Address: Honolulu HI 96817  
City Zip Code

TO: Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair  
Rep. Richard Creagan, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services & Housing

Rep. Dee Morikawa, Chair  
Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair  
Committee on Health

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RE: **IN SUPPORT of HB 497, Relating to Aging**

I am 96 years old and receive Transportation Services. I urge you to provide funding for Kupuna Care services and to make sure that these vital services can be provided for Kupuna, like me, so we can remain independent in our homes for as long as possible.

Transportation Services are important to me because:

*I don't have reliable  
transportation. I appreciate  
CC Transportation service very  
much.*

***Please support Kupuna Care funding for all Kupuna who wish to remain in the community and avoid costly (and unwanted) institutional care! Mahalo.***

Print Name: Shizue Kakazu

City & Zip Code: Honolulu, 96818

TO: Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair  
Rep. Richard Creagan, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services & Housing

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Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair  
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**Transportation Services** are important to me because:

dialysis

***Please support Kupuna Care funding for all Kupuna who wish to remain in the community and avoid costly (and unwanted) institutional care! Mahalo.***

Print Name: SOON OK KIM

City & Zip Code: Honolulu, HI 96822

TO: Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair  
Rep. Richard Creagan, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services & Housing

Rep. Dee Morikawa, Chair  
Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair  
Committee on Health

DATE: Friday, February 13, 2015 (8:30 a.m., Room 329)

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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:

*I need playmates at my age.  
activities to look for to*

*I need, to see as much  
smiling faces as I can*

*Yes 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:

Walter Chun

1/30/2015

Address:

Honolulu, HI

96813

City

Zip Code

TO: Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair  
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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.

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Name: Lin How Lum Yee

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我参加这个会想结识朋友参加活动, 活跃身心  
增加知识. 我喜欢唱歌.

Translation: I love meeting friends here. Good for  
my body & mind. Increase my knowledge.  
I love singing

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*Yui Kun Huang*

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