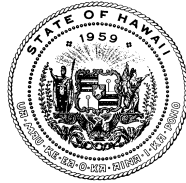


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Testimony in SUPPORT of SB 2085
Relating to Aging

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
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Testimony of Terri Byers
Director, Executive Office on Aging
Attached Agency to the Department of Health

Hearing Date: February 29, 2016 Room Number: 211
9:15am

EOA's Position: The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department of Health, supports this measure provided that its enactment does not reduce or replace priorities within the Administration's supplemental budget request.

Fiscal Implications: This measure appropriates funds for FY17 for the following:

1. The Kupuna Care Program and the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC);
2. Fall Prevention and Early Detection services coordinator position;
3. Healthy Aging Partnership;
4. Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia (ADRD) services coordinator; and
5. ADRD 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) \$1,700,000 for the continued development of

1 the ADRCs statewide, and (2) a \$4,145,695 million increase in EOA's base budget for Kupuna
2 Care.

3 Regarding the funding for the Fall Prevention and Early Detection services coordinator
4 position, the Healthy Aging Partnership, the Alzheimer's' Disease and Related Dementia
5 (ADRD) services coordinator, and the ADRD Public Awareness Campaign, these items are not
6 part of the Governor's budget request. Should there be a surplus of funds available for these
7 measures, we would be supportive as we agree with the concept of this initiative as it is
8 consistent with EOA's goals and objectives. If the Legislature deems these programs necessary,
9 EOA respectfully requests that the Legislature provide the appropriate resources, rather than
10 supplant existing resources, for this proposal.

11 Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Vicki R. Belluomini	Maui County Office on Aging	Support	No

Comments: The programs funded under SB2085 are thriving in Maui County and they result in long-term cost savings for both the county and the state. These programs remain critical to the ongoing support of Maui's senior population. We strongly support the bill.

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February 29, 2016

The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: SB 2085 SD1 – Relating to Aging

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **SUPPORTS SB 2085, SD1, specifically Part II of the bill.** The purpose of Part II is to provide funding to support the 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.

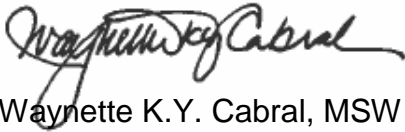
As a systems advocacy agency responsible for statewide planning, coordination, monitoring, evaluation, and advocacy on behalf of individuals with DD and their families, we support a streamlined and user-friendly process for older adults and individuals with disabilities to receive information and be 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 appreciates the legislative changes in the measure that shifts the focus to a person-centered process. Specifically, within SB 2085 SD1, on page 2, PART II, SECTION 3, lines 6-10, "The legislature 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."

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

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **supporting SB 2085 SD1.**

Sincerely,



Waynette K.Y. Cabral, MSW
Executive Administrator



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Chair



February 29, 2016

Senate Ways and Means Committee
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair

Re: **SB 2085 SD1 – RELATING TO AGING**

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

I am Barbara Kim Stanton, State Director of AARP Hawaii. AARP is a membership organization for people age 50 and over with nearly 150,000 members in Hawaii alone. AARP serves as a trusted source on issues critical to people over the age of 50 and their families, and advocates on issues that matter to Hawaii's families – including support for family caregivers, access to affordable health care for all generations, and providing the tools needed to save for retirement.

AARP strongly supports SB 2085 SD1, which appropriates funds for critical aging programs and services in Hawaii, including Kupuna Care, Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC), fall prevention and early detection services, Healthy Aging Partnership, and Alzheimer's disease and related dementia coordinator and public awareness.

Kupuna Care provides vital home and community services to enable our seniors to age-in-place. We support the full funding of \$5.1 m supplemental request and that it be part of the base budget to ensure future stability and a quicker release of funds to reduce delays in services. The \$5.1 m reflects an inflation adjustment of 10% which is necessary as the amount has not been adjusted for several years.

The Aging and Disability Resource Center serves as a statewide single point of entry to connect to long term support programs and benefits. The full \$1.71 m is needed to help complete the statewide buildout.

The Healthy Aging Partnership was unfortunately cut in 2015 for this proven program. The \$485,880 requested will help to restore this valuable program which includes a chronic disease management program and a physical fitness program for the at-risk elderly.

Falls Prevention and Early Detection: We support the \$32,000 for falls prevention and early detection services for the elderly as efforts to prevent falls will enhance the quality of life for our seniors.

Alzheimer's Program Support. Caregivers for family members who have Alzheimer's disease tend to experience an especially high level of stress due to their continuous and complex needs. The funds for the Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator of \$70,000 is needed to execute the Executive Office on Aging's Alzheimer's Plan. The \$200,000 for the public awareness campaign will help individuals receive early diagnosis of the disease.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

TO: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Diane M. Terada, Division Administrator

DATE: Monday, February 29, 2016 (9:15 a.m., Room 211)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2085, SD1, 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 supports SB 2085, SD1, which will provide funding for many vital aging resources, including Kupuna Care, Aging & Disability Resource Centers (ADRC's), fall prevention and early detection services, Healthy Aging Partnership, and Alzheimer's disease & related dementia coordinator and public awareness. In particular, CCH would like to comment on the following:

KUPUNA CARE SERVICES

Catholic Charities Hawai'i is a current provider of Kupuna Care transportation and homemaker services for frail elders. Through Kupuna Care, CCH Transportation and Homemaker Services also provide relief for caregivers, especially working caregivers who would otherwise have to take time off from work to provide transportation or homemaker assistance 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 increase the base funding for Kupuna Care services. We recommend that this amount become part of the base funding for Kupuna Care services going forward.

AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER (ADRC)

Aging & Disability Resource Centers (ADRC's) are being developed to serve as single entry points for individuals who need information about long term support services. The role of the ADRC's is critical, especially as they serve as the sole entry point to become eligible to receive



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Kupuna Care services. As a provider of Kupuna Care services in the C&C of Honolulu, Catholic Charities Hawaii supports funding for the Honolulu ADRC, which is working to become more effective to meet the needs of kupuna and their caregivers.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i supports funding of \$1.71M for Aging & Disability Resource Centers. We recommend that this amount become part of the base funding for ADRC's going forward.

CLOSING SUMMARY

Helping kupuna remain in their own homes, and helping caregivers to care for elderly relatives at home, is **priceless** in term of quality of life. It is also **cost effective** when you compare:

- The current cost of nursing home care for ONE individual in Hawaii at **\$124,830** per year.ⁱ
- The total amount of funding requested in SB 2085, SD1) will provide **services for THOUSANDS of kupuna and their caregivers.**
- **The same amount of funding can only provide nursing home care for 61 individuals.**

Catholic Charities Hawai'i asks for your support of SB 2085, SD1. For more information or questions, please feel free to contact me at 527-4702.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

ⁱ Genworth 2015 Cost of Care Survey Hawaii:
https://www.genworth.com/dam/Americas/US/PDFs/Consumer/corporate/cost-of-care/118928HI_040115_gnw.pdf



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Honorable Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Committee on Ways and Means
Senate Committee
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415 South Berentania Street
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RE: SB2085 Relating to Aging

Dear Chairwoman Tokuda and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 2085. On behalf of the Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter, I am pleased to extend our full support for SB 2085, which provides funding for a Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services Coordinator position, a Public Awareness Campaign on Alzheimer's disease, the Kupuna Care Program, the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) and the Healthy Aging Partnership. We are in support of the bill in its entirety, especially in regards to the funding of a Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator and the Alzheimer's disease Public Awareness Campaign.

Alzheimer's disease is a growing epidemic and is now the nation's sixth leading cause of death and unfortunately, 1 in 3 kupuna die from the disease. Here in Hawaii, more than 26,000 individuals live with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia. In addition to such, there are over 64,000 individuals within the state of Hawaii who are caregiving for these individuals.

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

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Early detection and diagnosis are essential to providing the best medical care and outcomes for those at any stage of the disease. Even without a way to cure or slow the progression of dementia, an early formal diagnosis offers the best opportunities for intervention and better outcomes.

Thus, a public awareness campaign on the warning signs and the importance of early detection is so critical as it will ensure that individuals will obtain an early and appropriate diagnosis. Furthermore, we believe that the amount requested of \$200,000 for the campaign is appropriate to conduct an effective campaign that will utilize various media sources to provide awareness of the disease and of resources available within the state of Hawaii.



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Despite the array of services available, there are still numerous gaps in services. Some of those gaps and resolutions for such have already been identified in the Hawaii Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias State Plan. Implementation of the plan and the activities to fill those gaps in services require coordination and this again highlights the importance of funding the Dementia Services Coordinator position as this position will conduct such activities.

Although we currently have many worthy and important issues to address in the state, we can not continue to neglect the needs of families affected by Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia. The current number of individuals affected will only continue to rise as the baby boomers continue to age. The increase in individuals affected will continue to take a toll on the family and on our community as we are left to pay hefty costs for the care of individuals with dementia. Providing funding for both the Public Awareness Campaign and the Dementia Services Coordinator will allow for our community to lessen the negative impact that this disease poses if left unaddressed.

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

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "C Payne". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Christine" being more legible than the last name "Payne".

Christine Payne
Executive Director
Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter

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i represent the Hawaii Alliance for Retired Americans (HARA) Legislative Committee. Our committee is in strong support of SB2085 that will have decision making on Monday February 29, at 9:15 in room 211. This is the major bill requesting for aging programs. It is very important to keep these programs properly funded for our seniors. The 2015 Legislative GUTTED this bill and thereby did a disservice to our seniors. Please do not let this happen this year.

Bruce M cCullough, HARA Legislative Committee

TO : SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair

FROM: Eldon L. Wegner, Ph.D.,
Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition (HFCC)

SUBJECT: SB 2085 SD 1 Relating to Aging

HEARING: 9:15 am Monday, February 29, 2016
Conference Room 211, Hawaii State Capitol

POSITION: The Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition **strongly supports SB2085 SD1**, which requests appropriations for the programs of the Executive Office on Aging. These programs offer the critical infrastructure of Long Term Services and Supports which enable frail elders to age in place which support family caregivers.

RATIONALE:

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

SB 2085 is the omnibus aging bill proposed by the Kupuna Caucus. The bill requests appropriations for long-established programs which have demonstrated their successful impact on both frail elders and their caregivers. Unfortunately, the 2015 session reduced or eliminated the requested appropriations, creating a current funding crisis for these programs and making passage of these requests of utmost importance. The Governor has included some of the appropriations in his requested budget, especially for Kupuna Care and for the Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC's).

Brief comments by section:

- 1) The bill proposes an appropriation of \$5,100,000 for the **Kupuna Care program**. The Kupuna Caucus added 10% to the Governor's request since the budget for these services has not adjusted in many years, while inflation and the number of older persons needing these services is increasing.
- 2) The request of \$1.710,000 for **ADRC development** is also included in the Governor's budget. The funds will be distributed to each of the four counties. These centers provide the one-stop access to families facing the crisis of disabling conditions to receive needs assessment, information and referral to programs and resources. The ADRC's statewide are making strong progress for reaching federal recognition of meeting criteria for full-functioning. Maui was the first to reach this goal and has benefitted from additional Affordable Act funds, Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements, and eligibility for federal grants.

- 3) The state plan for **Fall Prevention** was completed several years ago. The request is to provide for resources for a statewide, multidisciplinary, and coordinated program of fall prevention, which would have an important impact in reducing health care expenditures and disability among the older population
- 4) **The Healthy Aging Program** is a public-private partnership to provide two programs which positively impact the health and well-being of the older population, a chronic disease management program and a physical fitness program for the at-risk elderly. The programs are based on evidence based research, and ongoing evaluation by the University of Hawaii has documented reduced hospitalizations, and emergency room use and improvements in fitness and indices of health.

Unfortunately, programs only reach a limited number of persons who could benefit and more resources are needed. However, the 2015 session provided no funding for this program, which has won national prizes, with the result that funds ran out and some programs had to be discontinued this past Fall. **The proven value of the Healthy Aging Partnership to the health and well-being of seniors as well as its benefits in reducing health care costs should make this a high priority for the requested appropriation of \$485,880 in the 2016 Legislative Session.**

- 5) **Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Services Coordinator.** The bill appropriates \$70,000 to EOA who in partnership with the Alzheimers Association will hire a statewide coordinator to implement the recommendations of the state plan which was completed by the taskforce and Executive Office on Aging in Fall 2014. Alzheimers and other dementias are increasing and pose complex needs for care. We urge the Legislature to pass this request so that we can take the needed steps to assist family caregivers and give the best quality care to these individuals.

I urge you to pass this much needed bill. Thank you for allowing me to offer testimony.



February 29, 2016 at 9:15 AM
Conference Room 211

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

To: Chair Jill N. Tokuda
Vice Chair Donovan M. Dela Cruz

From: George Greene
President and CEO
Healthcare Association of Hawaii

Re: **Testimony in Support**
SB 2085 SD 1, Relating to Aging

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH), established in 1939, serves as the leading voice of healthcare on behalf of 180 member organizations who represent almost every aspect of the health care continuum in Hawaii. Members include acute care hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies, hospices, assisted living facilities and durable medical equipment suppliers. In addition to providing access to appropriate, affordable, high quality care to all of Hawaii's residents, our members contribute significantly to Hawaii's economy by employing over 20,000 people statewide.

We would like to thank the committee for the opportunity to **support** SB 2085 SD 1, which, among other things, appropriates funds for the Kupuna Care program and the Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs). The ADRCs have proven to be a valuable resource in streamlining access to long-term supports and services for our seniors and their caregivers. Providing this program with an additional \$1.7 million in funding would enable it to expand its reach further into the community, particularly on Oahu.

We are appreciative of efforts to maintain and strengthen needed community resources, and would request that your committee favorably report this legislation. Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kelly Penn	Alzheimer's Association Aloha Chapter	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chairwoman Tokuda and Committee Members: Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 2085. I am pleased to testify in full support for SB 2085, which provides funding for an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services Coordinator position, a Public Awareness Campaign on Alzheimer's disease, the Kupuna Care Program, the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) and the Healthy Aging Partnership. My interest in this bill relies on my experience with Alzheimer's/Dementia individuals who suffer on a day to day basis beside their families, friends, loved ones and care givers. My grandfather had Alzheimer's for many years and our family suffered through many trials and tribulations with him. I don't want to see this happen to other people, even though I know it is happening on a day to day basis. I also work on a daily basis with Alzheimer's/Dementia residents. In my daily work I'm a Director of Therapeutic Recreation. I modify specialized activities to enhance their daily quality of living. Through these activities I work with their mind, body and soul to reduce stress and modify behaviors. But I have seen too many family members suffer with guilt because they didn't know what to do for their loved one with Alzheimer's. This is why this bill is so important to be passed. Alzheimer's disease is a growing epidemic and is now the nation's sixth leading cause of death and unfortunately, 1 in 3 kupuna die from the disease. Here in Hawaii, more than 26,000 individuals live with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia. In addition to such, there are over 64,000 individuals within the state of Hawaii who are caregiving for these individuals. Despite the belief of many, Alzheimer's disease is not a normal part of aging. Memory deficits may occur as you grow older but memory loss that disrupts daily life is not a typical part of aging. It is usually contributed to some form of dementia. However, the lack of awareness on such, often results in minimal to no reporting of memory issues to one's physician. The lack of reporting these issues often lead to a failure to obtain an early and appropriate diagnosis. According to data from the 2011 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), in Hawaii, 9.2% of those aged 60 and over report that they are experiencing confusion or memory loss. Furthermore, nearly 90% of those individuals have not talked to a health care professional about it –the highest among 22 states reporting the data. Early detection and diagnosis are essential to providing the best medical care and outcomes for those at any stage of the disease.

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THE QUEEN'S HEALTH SYSTEMS

To: The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair
Members, Committee on Ways and Means

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

Date: February 26, 2016

Hrg: Senate Committee on Ways and Means Hearing; Monday, February 29, 2016 at 9:15am
in Room 211

Re: **Support for SB 2085, SD1, Relating to Aging**

My name is Paula Yoshioka, and I am a Senior Vice President at The Queen's Health Systems (Queen's). I would like to express my **strong support** for SB 2085, SD1, which would fund integral community-based programs that coordinate services for individuals who require post-acute care services.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify in support for legislation that helps our seniors age in place. In particular, we are pleased that this bill provides for the funding of Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) and the Kupuna Care Program. One of the major goals of the *Affordable Care Act (ACA)* was to encourage a better balance in the continuum of care, especially between community-based long term care services and institutional care. ADRCs play a critical role in this continuum, by allowing seniors to avoid costly hospitalizations and to recover in the home, which is more cost-effective and comfortable for families.

ADRCs play a key role in helping promote coordination between hospitals and the elderly support programs offered within the community. The additional \$1.7 million in funding for ADRCs, would strengthen the ability of the program to reach more of our seniors.

We would ask for your strong support in funding post-acute care services for our seniors, especially through the ADRCs.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

RE: SB2085 Relating to Aging

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Despite the array of services available, there are still numerous gaps in services. Some of those gaps and resolutions for such have already been identified in the Hawaii Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias State Plan. Implementation of the plan and the activities to fill those gaps in services require coordination and this again highlights the importance of funding the Dementia Services Coordinator position as this position will conduct such activities.

Although we currently have many worthy and important issues to address in the state, we can not continue to neglect the needs of families affected by Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia. The current number of individuals affected will only continue to rise as the baby boomers continue to age. The increase in individuals affected will continue to take a toll on the family and on our community as we are left to pay hefty costs for the care of individuals with dementia. Providing funding for both the Public Awareness Campaign and the Dementia Services Coordinator will allow for our community to lessen the negative impact that this disease poses if left unaddressed.

Thank you,

Ashley Studerus

Aloha Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz and committee members:

I am a senior citizen and a resident of House District 19 and Senate District 9. I am an active member of AARP, Kokua Council and the Hawaii Alliance of Retired Americans. I am also part of the Legislative Committee of PABEA.

I strongly support SB2085. Kupuna Care assists a gap group of seniors who do not qualify for Medicaid nor are they able to afford the home health and related services to enable them to age in place and avoid the high cost of nursing home care. The Kupuna Care appropriation has been in the base budget at \$4.8M and supplemented every year at \$4.2M for a total of \$9M. In 2015, unfortunately, that supplement was reduced to \$3M. As a result many programs had to be scaled back and fewer elderly were able to be served.

It is imperative that Kupuna Care be fully funded. As the aging populations increases, it is incumbent upon all of us to care for our frail elderly and enable them to remain in their own homes as long as possible.

Likewise, the Aging and Disability Resource Center, which functions well on some islands and is struggling on others, must be funded to link seniors to vital resources, again with the goal of aiding seniors to age in place.

Falls among seniors cost Hawaii hundreds of millions of dollars each year. We must begin to work on fall prevention and early detection to reduce these needless costs and, again, enable seniors to age in place.

In the same vein, Healthy Aging Partnerships are evidence-based programs which keep seniors active and healthy.

Alzheimer's Disease is one of the costliest diseases in the nation and the only one which is neither preventable nor curable. Hawaii must fund programs to coordinate services for the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

Barbara J. Service

Re: SB2085 – Relating to Aging

Aloha Chairwoman Tokuda and Committee Members:

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 2085. I testify wholeheartedly in full support for SB2085, which provides funding for an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services Coordinator position, a Public Awareness Campaign on Alzheimer's disease, the Kupuna Care Program, the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) and the Healthy Aging Partnership.

A public awareness campaign on the warning signs and the importance of early detection of Alzheimer's disease is crucial as it will ensure that individuals will obtain an early and appropriate diagnosis. The requested amount of \$200,000 for the campaign is appropriate to conduct an effective campaign that will utilize the network of media sources to provide awareness of this devastating disease, and of the resources available within the state of Hawaii.

It is also very important that there will be appropriate resources in the community to assist a family once a diagnosis has been made. Alzheimer's Association provides many services to family caregivers, but more must be done. There are many governmental and private services available. Unfortunately, the community is not aware of all of these vital services readily available to them. The networking and coordination of such vital services will allow for the successful care and support for families in need. Therefore, having a Dementia Services Coordinator, whose role is to coordinate services to families so they may receive the most valuable assistance, is essential.

The needs of families affected by Alzheimer's disease or related dementia must be addressed. Those afflicted with Alzheimer's disease or related dementia will continue to rise as Hawaii Nei's aging population continues to increase. The care of individuals affected by this disease will take a mental, physical and financial toll on an affected individual's family caregivers and on our community.

The importance of providing funding for both the Public Awareness Campaign and the Dementia Services Coordinator will allow for family caregivers and our community impacted by this devastating disease to be more educated and informed, and to bring forth awareness of the invaluable services in our state. Again, affected individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia and those family caregivers with healthcare and other subsequent concerns will continue to grow with Hawaii Nei's increasing aging population. It must be addressed. Please support SB2085.

Mahalo,

Elaine Aotaki

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Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair
State Capitol, Conference Room 211
Monday, February 29, 2016; 9:15 a.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON S.B. 2085, SD1
RELATING TO AGING**

The ILWU Local 142 **strongly supports** S.B. 2085, SD1, which appropriates \$5.1 million for Kupuna Care, \$1.71 million for the Aging and Disability Resource Center, \$32,000 for fall prevention and early detection services for the elderly, \$485,880 for the Healthy Aging Partnership program, and \$70,000 for an Alzheimer's Disease and related dementia services coordinator and \$200,000 for an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia public awareness program.

The need for all of these services and programs is well-documented. Hawaii's population is aging and the "silver tsunami" is already upon us. All of the programs proposed for appropriations will help prevent costly institutionalization, medical care, and hospital care.

Kupuna Care provides home-delivered meals, bathing and chore services, transportation, and case management to help seniors remain in their own homes. The Aging and Disability Resource Centers in each county are "one-stop shops" to assist caregivers and the elderly and disabled themselves to navigate and access needed services and resources. Fall prevention is vitally important to reduce the need for medical services and inpatient admissions. The Healthy Aging Partnership is a program that facilitates chronic disease management and exercise and fitness programs for the elderly to maintain their health. Alzheimer's Disease and related dementia are a rapidly growing concern among the elderly and, unless addressed soon, will account for a considerable portion of the resources needed for long-term services and supports.

All of these programs are vitally needed, but even the appropriations requested cannot provide services to everyone who needs them—which demonstrates how the needs of the aging and disabled are growing.

The ILWU strongly urges passage of S.B. 2085, SD1. Thank you for considering our views.

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RE: SB2085 Relating to Aging

Dear Chairwoman Tokuda and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 2085. I am pleased to testify in full support for SB 2085, which provides funding for an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services Coordinator position, a Public Awareness Campaign on Alzheimer's disease, the Kupuna Care Program, the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) and the Healthy Aging Partnership.

My grandfather Ray slowly deteriorated due to Alzheimer's disease, passing away when I was a teenager. Watching my grandfather lose his identity was one of the hardest situations my family has ever had to cope with. I live with images of how this incurable disease changed him; dealing with the grief of his passing was not easy.

Ever since my grandfather's death, I have wanted to do something to raise awareness and funds to combat Alzheimer's. This progressive disease doesn't only rob the mind, it also breaks the hearts of family members who helplessly watch as their loved one slips away.

As time went on, my grandfather, who had always been an impeccable dresser, no longer seemed to care about his appearance. He would mix prints with plaids, and chose to wear the same red sweater every day, even though he had a closet full of clothes. Eventually, he had to go into a 24-hour nursing facility, as he would wander at all times of night and became combative towards my grandmother. A few short months later, he passed away.

His bout with the disease was relatively short in comparison to that of many victims, but his condition, decline and death have had a lasting effect on me. Since his death, more attention has been given to Alzheimer's; however, more attention is needed.

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

there are over 64,000 individuals within the state of Hawaii who are caregiving for these individuals.

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

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

Early detection and diagnosis are essential to providing the best medical care and outcomes for those at any stage of the disease. Even without a way to cure or slow the progression of dementia, an early formal diagnosis offers the best opportunities for intervention and better outcomes.

Thus, a public awareness campaign on the warning signs and the importance of early detection is so critical as it will ensure that individuals will obtain an early and appropriate diagnosis. Furthermore, we believe that the amount requested of \$200,000 for the campaign is appropriate to conduct an effective campaign that will utilize various media sources to provide awareness of the disease and of resources available within the state of Hawaii.

While it is important for individuals to get the early diagnosis, it is also equally important that there be appropriate resources in the community to assist a family once a diagnosis has been made. Although the Alzheimer's Association provides numerous services to family caregivers, there are still many services that are needed beyond what they provide. There are many entities, governmental and private, who provide an array of services, however, it is not cohesive and the general public is often not aware of what is available. Coordination of such services will allow for the successful care and support for families affected by the disease. Thus, having a Dementia Services Coordinator, whose role is to coordinate services is necessary to ensure that families receive the help that is needed.

Despite the array of services available, there are still numerous gaps in services. Some of those gaps and resolutions for such have already been identified in the Hawaii Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias State Plan. Implementation of the plan and the activities to fill those gaps in services require coordination and this again highlights the importance of funding the Dementia Services Coordinator position as this position will conduct such activities.

Although we currently have many worthy and important issues to address in the state, we can not continue to neglect the needs of families affected by Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia. The current number of individuals affected will only continue to rise as the baby boomers continue to age. The increase in individuals affected will continue to take a toll on the family and on our community as we are left to pay hefty costs for the care of individuals with dementia. Providing funding for both the Public Awareness Campaign and the Dementia Services Coordinator will allow for our community to lessen the negative impact that this disease poses if left unaddressed.

Thank you,

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To: Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair

Date: February 29, 2016, Conference Room 211, 9:15 a.m.

Re: **SB 2085 SD1 – RELATING TO Aging
Testimony in Strong Support**

Chair Tokuda and Committee Members:

I **strongly support** SB2085 SD1, and in particular the provisions relating to the appropriation of \$70,000 for an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator position and \$200,000 for an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia public awareness program.

Families rarely talk about how Alzheimer's disease is impacting them. But I am compelled to provide this testimony in memory of my father and on behalf of the literally thousands of individuals and unpaid family caregivers that are affected by Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. There are currently 26,000 Hawaii residents living with Alzheimer's disease and that is expected to increase by 35% to 35,000 in 2025.

As a caregiver for my father, I learned first-hand that there is no cure for Alzheimer's and it is the most expensive disease in America. My father passed away from Alzheimer's about 2 years ago. I personally saw how the disease robbed my father of his ability to control his emotions; behavior; mobility; bodily functions, and ultimately his ability to speak and show his love and appreciation to my mother. He passed away one week short of my parent's 60th wedding anniversary.

Alzheimer's is devastating as it destroys the brain. People are so terrified of the disease that they fear even thinking about it, much less planning for the possibility of getting the disease. But Hawaii cannot hide from Alzheimer's as it affects 1 in 9 people over age 65, and 1 in 3 people over age 85.

While there is not yet a cure or even a way to slow Alzheimer's, the quality of life for those living with the disease can be improved and associated costs decreased. The first step is to pass legislation to fund an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia service coordinator position and a public awareness program.

The 2015 legislature almost appropriated funds for the coordinator position and a public awareness program, but it failed to pass on the last day of Conference Committee last year. However, your committee has the opportunity to take a strong a proactive stand by passing the Alzheimer's provisions of this bill. This first step will make a huge difference in the lives of the thousands of individuals, caregivers, and families in Hawaii struggling with this disease. Alzheimer's has already devastated too many Hawaii families, it is a ticking time bomb, and the legislature cannot ignore the burden and impact of the disease any longer.

I urge you to pass the Alzheimer's provisions in this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Sincerely,

Steve Tam
Hawaii Kai

February 28, 2016

SB 2085 RELATING TO AGING

MSW Candidate, Honolulu (UH MSW Program)

Monday, February 29, 2016; Conference Room 211; 9:15 am

To: The Honorable Suzanne Chun-Oakland, Chair and representatives of the committee.

Dear Chairman and Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services.

This is my testimony submitted in support of the Senate Bill 2085 S.D.1. I am writing my testimony in support of the Hawaii Healthy Aging Partnership (HHAP). I feel that it's such an important service gap in Hawaii's service continuum by focusing on health promotion and disease prevention for the multicultural population in Hawaii. I am a strong believer that programs provided by HHAP reduced hospital stays, emergency room use, and falls among the frail elderly and increased physical functioning, thus resulting in substantial reductions in health care costs. I believe that the goal of the program is not only going to benefit the elders in our communities but to the whole family system. The goal of this proposed plan is to bring programs and adapt two evidence-based health promoting programs to the multicultural population of Hawaii. These programs are: Enhance Fitness (an exercise program for seniors) and Chronic Disease Self-Management Program is a six week program for people living with all types of combinations of chronic conditions (high blood pressure, cancer, being overweight, diabetes, stroke, asthma, diabetes, heart disease, and arthritis).

I can honestly say that supporting this bill will only help to continue to provide health promoting and disease prevention guidelines, and educating the community on evidence-based programs will continue to increase the benefits to the people of Hawaii by:

- a) Providing additional funding and educational guidance to community outreach centers (increase support and training to those centers already incorporating the HAP approach).
- b) Continue to reach disadvantaged/ low income population (increase awareness in those remote areas of the island). I would like to thank the senate for taking the time for helping those in need of this service. I am a social work student at the University of Hawaii and have witness offhand the benefits that the proposed services can bring to our community.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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