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Testimony in SUPPORT of **SB0533**, **SD1 Making an Appropriation for the Aging and Disability Resource Center**

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE DEE MORIKAWA, CHAIR REPRESENTATIVE CHRIS TODD, VICE CHAIR

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE DELLA AU BELATTI, CHAIR REPRESENTATIVE BERTRAND KOBAYASHI, VICE CHAIR

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

Hearing Date: March 17, 2017, 9:30 a.m.

Room Number: 329

- 1 EOA's Position: The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department
- 2 of Health, supports this measure, provided that its enactment does not reduce or replace priorities
- 3 within the Administration's budget request.
- 4 Fiscal Implications: This measure appropriates funds for FY 2017-2018 and FY 2018-2019 for
- 5 the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC).
- 6 **Purpose and Justification:** EOA notes that the original appropriation that was in this bill is a
- 7 priority of the Ige Administration. Governor Ige's budget request proposes an increase of
- 8 \$1,710,000 for EOA's base budget for the ADRC bringing the total to \$3,100,000. The ADRC
- 9 helps individuals and their families identify their long-term services and support needs based on
- 10 a person centered process, understand options including the publicly funded services such as

1	Kupuna Care, and develop and implement a comprehensive support plan. Additional
2	supplemental funds will build capacity for EOA and the four county based Area Agencies on
3	Aging to operate their ADRC sites, to implement and sustain statewide fully functional status in
4	accordance with federal requirements, and integrate participant directed supports as a function of
5	the ADRC. During SFY 2016, a total of 24,537 calls were made to the ADRC statewide, an 18%
6	increase in call volume from SFY 2015. The ADRC linked 7,254 older adults to publicly funded
7	(federal and state) long term services and supports.
8	Without additional ADRC funds, the ADRC sites will not be able to maintain fully functional
9	status, manage the anticipated increase in the volume of calls to the ADRC sites, or maintain and
10	grow a steady workforce needed to provide services to our kupuna.
11	Recommendation: EOA favors an increase in the base budget for ADRC, but humbly requests
12	that SB0533 SD1 be advanced in the event that supplemental funding is necessary.

13 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



STATE OF HAWAII STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES 919 ALA MOANA BOULEVARD, ROOM 113 HONOLULU, HAWAII 96814 TELEPHONE: (808) 586-8100 FAX: (808) 586-7543 March 17, 2017

The Honorable Dee Morikawa, Chair House Committee on Human Services and The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair House Committee on Health Twenty-Ninth Legislature State Capitol State of Hawaii Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Morikawa, Representative Au Belatti and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: SB 533 SD1 – Making an Appropriation for the Aging and Disability Resource Center

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **SUPPORTS SB 533 SD1.** The purpose of the bill 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. The Council, as well as individuals with disabilities, advocates, public and private service providers, and other stakeholders, need to be continually involved with the planning and implementation of the ADRCs. We believe identifying and engaging 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 Honorable Dee Morikawa The Honorable Della Au Belatti Page 2 March 17, 2017

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

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony supporting SB 533 SD1.

Sincerely,

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nette K.Y. Cabral, MSW **Executive Administrator**

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POLICY ADVISORY BOARD FOR ELDER AFFAIRS

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TO: Rep. Dee Morikawa, Chair Rep. Chris Todd, Vice Chair COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

> Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

FROM: Sarah Yuan, Vice Chair POLICY ADVISORY BOARD FOR ELDER AFFAIRS

SUBJECT SB 533, SD1 Making an Appropriation for the Aging and Disability Resource Center

- HEARING: Thursday, March 17, 2017, 9:30 AM Conference Room 329
- POSITION: PABEA **strongly supports** SB 533 which appropriates \$1,710,000 for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the same amount for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC).

The PABEA (Policy Advisory 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 its behalf.

The ADRC is a statewide single-access point for information on long-term support options and benefits. It helps individuals and their families to identify their long-term support and service needs, understand their support options (including public and privately funded programs), and develop and activate long-term support and service plans. The EOA has delegated the Area Agencies on Aging to develop and operate the ADRC in their respective counties, using specific standardized tools and processes.

Recent EOA data show that the ADRCs received an average of 159 contacts per day through walk-ins, and inquiries by telephone and website. Of these contacts, about 5% (or 9 older adults per day) were assessed to need a Kupuna Care service(s) for the first time. Almost half (47%) of them were assessed to be at high nutritional risk, about one third (31%) were living alone, and half had 2 or more limitations in performing daily living activities. Over ninety percent of ADRC consumers were satisfied with their ADRC experience.

EOA also reported a recently completed independent assessment that two ADRCs—Maui and Kauai were fully functioning, meeting all 10 criteria set forth by federal guidelines. Honolulu met 9 of 10 criteria, since it began phasing in the ADRC system in July 2015, and Hawai'i County met 6 criteria and was on track to incorporate new operations. When an ADRC becomes fully functional, it will qualify for additional financial support from various federal programs such as Medicare, the Affordable Care Act, and Medicaid.

The ADRC's base budget is \$1.4 million per year. The appropriation of \$1.7 million is much needed for the further development of the resource centers.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Harry Kim Mayor



C. Kimo Alameda, Ph.D. Executive on Aging

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- TO: Committee on Health Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
- FROM: C. Kimo Alameda, PhD. Executive on Aging
- DATE: March 15, 2017

SUBJECT: HB612/SB533. ADRC request of 1.7 million

Aloha,

Please support our statewide ADRC request of 1.7 million so that we can continue to be the one-stop center for information and assistance, referral, and options counseling for seniors, people with disabilities, and caregivers. This will help sustain the ~\$250K we're getting each year from the State to fund several key positions.

Each year our ADRC touches over 8000 residents seeking answers to questions regarding issues concerning seniors and people with disabilities. We are the link to much needed services and we serve as the hub for those seeking long-term care options.

We know that you've always been supportive of our mission to keep seniors and people with disabilities aging in place and we appreciate your continual support.

Sincerely,

C. Kimo Alameda, PhD Office of Aging, Executive



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THE HONORABLE DELLA AU BELATTI, CHAIR THE HONORABLE BERTRAND KOBAYASHI, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

- FROM: NALANI AKI, COUNTY EXECUTIVE ON AGING DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
- SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR SB 533, SD1 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

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

SB 533, SD1 includes funding for the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC), a program that provides older adults, their caregivers, and persons with disabilities with a single access point to information, and improves access to and the utilization of community-based long-term services and supports. The funding included in this bill is essential to maintain the health and welfare of our most vulnerable seniors and their caregivers, and provides a streamlined process for those we serve. We strongly support funding for SB 533, SD1.

The ADRC is contained in the Federal Older Americans Act (OAA) as amended in 2006. Its vision is "to have Aging and Disability Resource Centers in every community...where people of all incomes and ages can turn for information on the full range of long-term support options and a single point of entry for access to public long-term support programs and benefits." EAD operationalized the ADRC model on July 1, 2015, and has provided over 17,000 options counseling sessions to older adults, caregivers, their family members and the general public.



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The State Executive Office on Aging (EOA) conducted an independent review of each County, a total of four ADRC's. In regard to the implementation and readiness assessment, Honolulu met nine of the 10 criteria evaluated. EAD, in partnership with our service provider agencies, accomplished this level of compliance within our first year of implementation.

During the period of EOA's review (August 15, 2016 through October 25, 2016), EAD conducted 387 assessments for new consumers. Of those assessments, 97 were completed within one day of contacting EAD and 50% (or 194 consumers) within six days.

In addition, over ninety percent of Honolulu ADRC consumers agreed or strongly agreed that they were satisfied with their ADRC experience. The comments and feedback received will assist in improving our ADRC operations.

The funding provided by this bill will allow EAD to continue to serve as the single access point for information on long term services and supports. EAD supports the allocation of funds for the ADRC for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

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



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAI'I

- TO:Representative Dee Morikawa, Chair
Representative Chris Todd, Vice Chair
Committee on Human ServicesRepresentative Della Au Belatti, Chair
Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
Committee on Health
- FROM: Terrence L. Walsh, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer
- DATE: Friday, March 17, 2017 (9:30 a.m., Room 329)

RE: <u>IN SUPPORT of SB 533, SD1, Making an Appropriation for</u> <u>the Aging and Disability Resource Center</u>

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 533, SD1 to provide funding for the Aging and 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 Kupuna Care services.

Catholic Charities Hawai`i is a current provider of Kupuna Care transportation and homemaker services for frail elders. Both of these services require that elders must be assessed and authorized through the Honolulu ADRC in order to initiate or continue services. Catholic Charities Hawaii supports funding for the ADRCs in order to help them continue to work toward effectively meeting the needs of kupuna and their caregivers.

Catholic Charities Hawai`i supports funding of \$1.71M for Aging & Disability Resource Centers.

- We recommend that some of the funding from SB 533, SD1 be used for additional training of ADRC staff so that they may continue to improve their skills and knowledge to help them in conducting assessments and referrals.
- We also hope that regular updates to the data in the Executive Office on Aging's report, <u>http://health.hawaii.gov/opppd/files/2016/10/Act-138-EOA-Annual-Report-111416.pdf</u>, will be provided to the public so that continual improvements can be made to the ADRC processes in every county.

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. Catholic Charities Hawai`i asks for your support of



Catholic Charities Hawai`i Testimony on SB 533, SD1 Making an Appropriation for the ADRC House Committees on Human Services & Health Friday, March 17, 2017 (9:30 a.m. Room 329) Page 2 of 2

SB 533, SD1. For more information or questions, please contact Diane Terada, Division Administrator, at 527-4702.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.



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Friday, March 17, 2017, 9:30 A.M. Conference Room 329

SB533,SD1 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

Good morning, Chairs Morikawa and Belatti, Vice Chairs Todd and Kobayashi, and members of the Human Services and Health Committees.

Lanakila Pacific supports <u>SB533 SD1</u> to fund the Aging and Disability Resource Center which provides kupuna and individuals with disabilities with a single point of entry for information and long-term care options. The Honolulu ADRC, which was operationalized less than two years ago, continues to build capacity. Funding is necessary to fully realize the growing demand for services, and to provide training for the staff to deal with the increasingly complex needs of the senior population.

The Executive Office on Aging submitted its report on the effectiveness of the ADRCs in each county. This should not be a one-time report. Rather, on-going data collection and analysis should be a standard for the continuous quality improvement of our ADRCs. Our aging kupuna are a vulnerable population, and the timeliness of actual service delivery is critical to effectively support aging in place.

Lanakila Pacific has served Hawaii's communities for over 77-years. As an Aging and Disability Resource Center service provider, Lanakila Meals on Wheels served more than 2,500 Hawaii kupuna last year. Over 45% of the kupuna responding to our 2016 survey reported the meal they received from Lanakila Meals on Wheels was the only meal they ate that day. Over 50% reported our staff or volunteer was the only person they saw that day.

With the continued growth and demands to support Hawaii's kupuna, we urge you to advance SB 533 SD1. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian E. Tsuji President & CEO Lori Lau Director, Meals on Wheels



March 17, 2017 at 9:30 AM Conference Room 329

House Committee on Human Services House Committee on Health

To: Chair Dee Morikawa Vice Chair Chris Todd

> Chair Della Au Belatti Vice Chair Bertrand Kobayashi

From: Paige Heckathorn Senior Manager, Legislative Affairs Healthcare Association of Hawaii

Re: Testimony in Support SB 533 SD 1, Making an Appropriation for the Aging and Disability Resource Center

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH), established in 1939, serves as the leading voice of healthcare on behalf of 160 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 committees for the opportunity to **support** SB 533 SD 1, which would provide an appropriation to continue their implementation of a statewide aging and disability resource center (ADRC) that ensures that the body is fully functional and serves as a single entry point for individuals and families seeking long-term supports and services. The ADRCs that have been established across the counties have proven to be an invaluable resource in streamlining access to long-term supports and services for our seniors and their caregivers. Ensuring adequate funding for this project is important because it will help to connect users with the full menu of services available in the continuum of care, in particular home- and community-based services that help seniors live more full, independent lives.

We humbly ask for your support on this matter. Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.



The House Committees on Human Services and Health Friday, March 17, 2017 9:30 a.m. Conference Room 329

RE: SB 533, SD1 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

To: Representative Dee Morikawa, Chair Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair

AARP is a membership organization of people age fifty and over with nearly 150,000 members in Hawaii. AARP advocates and provides information on issues that matter to our kupuna and their families, including affordable, accessible, quality health care, financial resiliency, and livable communities.

AARP testifies in <u>strong support</u> of SB 533, SD1 to appropriate funding to the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC).

The ADRC provides a critical access for the public to obtain needed information and resources for their long term care services and support. This one-stop shop helps people identify and navigate the available community resources, understand the different options, and obtain the appropriate care that best meet their needs.

We support that the ADRC be fully funded to continue the statewide buildout for all four counties.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

- TO : HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES Rep. Dee Morikawa, Chair Rep. Chris Todd, Vice Chair
- **FROM:** Eldon L. Wegner, Ph.D., Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition (HFCC)
- SUBJECT: SB 533 SD1 Making an Appropriation of \$1,710,000 in the 2017 and 2018 Budget years for the Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC's)
- **HEARING:** 9:35 AM Thursday, February 23, 2017 Conference Room 211, Hawaii State Capitol
- **POSITION**: The Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition **strongly supports SB 533 SD 1** which proposes annual appropriations for the Aging and Disability Resource Centers in order for these centers to reach Federal recognition as fully functioning in all four countiesa of Hawaii.

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 of family caregivers and improving the ability of family caregivers to provide quality care for their frail and disabled loved ones.

- The request of \$1.710,000 for **ADRC development** in each budget year is also included in the Governor's budget. The funds will be distributed to each of the four counties to continue to implement the Executive Office on Aging's statewide plan to achieve fully functioning ADRC's in 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 in Hawaii have shown to be a significant help to families and our vulnerable elderly. Their development also includes many improvements to standardizing protocols and data collection, making possible closer monitoring of programs and systematic evaluation of outcomes.
- 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. Kauai has also achieved federal recognition and is benefiting from this status. The Honolulu ADRC has made rapid progress and the Hawaii County is also close to being fully functioning, but these counties need continued appropriations to achieve completion.

The Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition urges you to approve this appropriation.

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<u>SB533</u>

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House Joint Committees on Human Services and Health

Chairs Dee Morikawa and Della Belatti

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Room: 329

RE: SB533, SD1 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of SB533 appropriating funds ARDC. My name is Linda Dorset and I am a concerned aging resident and live in the Wailuku area. I want to once again emphasize the importance of this program. Maui already has this program and it has been very successful. This is where the frail elderly and disabled citizens can turn to get information on available and suitable services when they find themselves helpless and resourceless. Statistics show that the number of these people living in poverty has risen to 25%, the number unable to perform acitivities of daily living is 31%, and the number at risk foe nutritional deficiency is 61%; more funding is needed to keep up.

ARDC also provides prevention and educational programs such as Healthy Aging and exercise programs. These programs are very popular and proven effective, but need to be expanded. Also the other neighbor islands have not been able to implement this program for lack of funds.

Please support this funding.

Mahalo

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Vicki Franco <vicki.franco@gmail.com> Wednesday, March 15, 2017 8:45 PM HUStestimony SB 533, SD1 Aging and Disability Resource Center

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Committees on Human Services and Health

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Conference Room 329

RE: SB 533, SD1 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE

CENTER

To: Representative Dee Morikawa, Chair

Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair

I am a member of AARP in Hawaii. AARP advocates and provides information on issues that matter to our kupuna and their families, including affordable, accessible, quality health care, financial resiliency, and livable communities.

I am in <u>strong support</u> of SB 533, SD1 to appropriate funding to the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC).

The ADRC provides a critical access for the public to obtain needed information and resources for their long term care services and support. This one-stop shop helps people identify and navigate the available community resources, understand the different options, and obtain the appropriate care that best meet their needs. With Hawaii having the largest population of senior citizens over the age of 85 in the country, it is imperative that you, our legislators do all you can to provide the resources to assist the caregivers have the tools needed to care of their loved ones.

I support that the ADRC be fully funded to continue the statewide buildout for all four counties.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Victoria Franco

Manoa Resident

William Beadle 1720 Ala Moana, 1406A Honolulu, HI 96815

To: Joint Committee on Human Services and Health, Chairs Dee Morikawa and Dello Belatti

Date: March 15, 2017

RE: Senate Bill 533/SD1

The purpose of this correspondence is to express my **strong support for SB 533/SD1**, which provides funding for the Aging and Disability Resource Centers. ADRCs are a vital one stop shop for persons seeking information and advice about services for themselves or loved ones. The ability to make one phone call to a resource center and be directed to the right agency or program is a time and money saver for both client and provider. ADRCs provide a smooth entrance into the support systems necessary for our elderly and disabled populations, speeding access to services.

I am in support of SB 533/SD1, because ADRCs are an efficient way to steer clients to service providers.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for SB 533/SD1.

Aloha, Bill Beadle

Waikiki

Aloha Chair Morikawa, Vice Chair Todd, Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Koabayashi and committee members.

I am a senior citizen and a resident of House District 19 (your district, Rep Kobayashi) and Senate District 9. I am a member of AARP, Kokua Council, the Hawaii Alliance of Retired Americans and the Legislative Committee of PABEA.

I'm testifying in strong support of SB533 to make an appropriation for the Aging and Disability Resource Centers. The ADRC is the one-stop shop for those looking for services to enable their loved ones to remain in their own homes as long as possible. As the number of aged increase, so does the need for the ADRC's. While Maui and Kauai have ADRC's which function well, funds are needed to bring Honolulu and the Big Island to a higher standard.

Please support SB533, SD1 to ensure that the ADRC's get the support they need.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Barbara J. Service

March 16, 2017

TO: House Committee on Human Services Rep. Dee Morikawa, Chair And

TO: House Committee on Health Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair

Hearing Date: 3/17/2017 Conference Room 329

RE: **SB 533, SD1** - MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER.

Testimony in Support

Most Honorable Chairs Dee Morikawa and Della Au Belatti, and Committee Members:

Please support this measure to appropriate funding for the aging and disability resource center - a very needed resource center for caregivers and seniors to access long-term support programs and benefits.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Olah Honolulu resident



TO: House Joint Committee on Human Services and Health, Representatives Dee Morikawa and Della Belatti, Chairs Date: Friday, March 17, 2017, State Capitol Conference Room 329, 9:30 a.m. RE: SB 533 SD1 APPROPRIATION FOR THE AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

To Chairs Morikawa and Belatti and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in support SB 533 SD1, appropriation for the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) because individuals and families need a source for information on their long term care services and supports. My name is Paul Nishimura and I am a 59 year old resident of Waipahu. The ADRC provides a one stop shop to help navigate available community resources and appropriate care.

I heard numerous times that people did not know about all the services that were available through government and non-profit providers. People need a resource they can go to that will match them up with the appropriate provider when time is critical. It is a waste of time and an unneeded source of stress form them to go from agency to agency in search of information.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Paul Nishimura Waipahu The Twenty-Ninth Legislature Regular Session of 2017



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Committee on Human Services Rep. Dee Morikawa, Chair Rep. Chris Todd, Vice Chair Committee on Health Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

State Capitol, Conference Room 329 Friday, March 17, 2017; 9:30 a.m.

STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON S.B. 533, SD1 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

The ILWU Local 142 **supports** S.B. 533, SD1, which makes an appropriation for the Aging and Disability Resource Center.

The Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) in each county are "one-stop shops" to assist caregivers as well as the elderly and disabled themselves to navigate and access needed services and resources. The ADRCs are run by the Area Agencies on Aging and may operate differently on each island, but the intent is to provide information and referral services for elderly and disabled individuals who need assistance to continue to live at home.

The ILWU urges passage of S.B. 533, SD1. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.



KAPI'OLANI PALI MOMI



March 17, 2017/9:30 a.m. Conference Room 329

House Committee on Human Services **House Committee on Health**

- To: Representative Dee Morikawa, Chair Representative Chris Todd, Vice Chair
- From: Michael Robinson Vice President – Government Relations & Community Affairs

Re: SB 533 SD1 – Testimony in Support

My name is Michael Robinson, Vice President, Government Relations and Community Affairs at Hawai'i Pacific Health (HPH). Hawai'i Pacific Health is a not-for-profit health care system with over 70 locations statewide including medical centers, clinics, physicians and other caregivers serving Hawai'i and the Pacific Region with high quality, compassionate care. Its four medical centers – Kapi'olani, Pali Momi, Straub and Wilcox – specialize in innovative programs in women's health, pediatric care, cardiovascular services, cancer care, bone and joint services and more. Hawai'i Pacific Health is recognized nationally for its excellence in patient care and the use of electronic health records to improve quality and patient safety.

I am writing in support of SB 533 SD1 which appropriates funds for the aging and disability resource center.

The State of Hawai'i's Aging and Disability Resource Center is an important program that streamlines access to resources essential for older adults, individuals with disabilities, and family caregivers. Hawai'i Pacific Health supports SB 533 which enables the Aging and Disability Resource Center to continue and expand its important work to provide community based solutions to older adults and individuals with disabilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.