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Testimony COMMENTING on HB1916
Relating to Health

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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Testimony of Terri Byers
Director, Executive Office on Aging
Attached Agency to the Department of Health

Hearing Date: January 31, 2018
9:30am

Room Number: 329

EOA's Position: The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department of Health would like to provide comments on HB1916. We support the intent of this measure provided that its enactment does not reduce or replace priorities within the Administration's executive biennium budget.

Fiscal Implications: This measure appropriates funds for FY19 for the Executive Office on Aging to update the state plan on Alzheimer's disease and related dementias in the amount of \$175,000.

Purpose and Justification: Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States and it affects 27,000 Hawaii residents, a number that will increase to 35,000 by the year 2025. In addition, an estimated 66,000 unpaid caregivers in Hawaii provide 74,000,000 hours of unpaid care each year. While the *Hawaii 2025: State Plan Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias* identifies strategies in addressing the multifaceted issues in dealing with the

1 disease, the services and activities needed requires leadership and coordination at a systemic
2 level. Resources are needed to better facilitate and coordinate the collaborative activities to
3 implement and update the Alzheimer's disease and related dementias state plan as well as fulfill
4 the new reporting requirements.

5 **Recommendation:** Funding for updating the Alzheimer's disease and related dementias state
6 plan is not a part of the Administration's budget request. We support advancing this measure
7 provided that its enactment does not reduce or replace priorities with the Administration's
8 budget request.

9 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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To: Committee on Health and Human Services
Representative John Mizuno, Chair
Hawaii State Capitol
415 S. Beretania St, Conference Room 329
Honolulu, HI 96813

Date: January 31, 2018, 9:30 a.m.

RE: HB 1916 – ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS;
EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING; APPROPRIATION
Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT

On behalf of the Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter, we **STRONGLY SUPPORT** HB 1916 that requires the Executive Office on Aging to update the State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias with a necessary appropriation for its implementation and update.

Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias has become an urgent public health issue in America and Hawaii.

- The burden is large as there are approximately 5.5 million people in America, or 1 in 10 Americans aged 65 and older; with about 27,000 in Hawaii living with the disease. By 2025 the burden grows larger as it is projected that 35,000 Hawaii residents will have the disease.
- There is a major impact on the community as there are approximately 66,000 unpaid family caregivers of the disease in Hawaii. These caregivers provide an estimated 20 hours per week of care and 75 million hours per year. The Medicaid costs for caring for Hawaii residents in 2017 is estimated at \$196 million.
- It is the sixth leading cause of death in the nation. 1 in 3 Hawaii kupuna will die from the disease. The number of people affected will continue to rise as the baby boomers grow older.
- Intervention is possible, but largely has not happened. The issues were identified in the Hawaii Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias State Plan released by the Department of Health in 2014.

Unfortunately, the State Plan has been sitting on the shelf for four years. The next step is to implement the Plan by translating the recommendations into actual policies and see that it is carried out. Hawaii will need to enact legislation and develop regulations to improve dementia capability. The last step focuses on executing the programs and enforcement of policies outlined in the State Plan and mandated through legislative and regulatory change.

We urge you to pass this bill. Doing so will allow the Executive Office on Aging to enact legislation, develop regulations, and execute programs. The alternative is to do



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nothing and wait to the absolute last minute when the sheer number of people with dementia and Alzheimer's overwhelms Hawaii.

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Christine Payne
Executive Director
Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter



Testifier's Name: Gary Simon
Director of Corporate Affairs and Advocacy
St. Francis Healthcare System

Testimony Is Directed To: House Committee on Health and Human Services

Measure: HB1916
Requires the Executive Office on Aging to annually update the *State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias*. Appropriates funds.

Date & Time of Hearing: Wednesday, January 31, 2018, 9:30 a. m.

Location: State Capitol Conference Room 329

Position: St. Francis Healthcare System strongly supports HB1916.

Dear Chair Mizuno, Vice Chair Kobayashi, and Honorable Members of the House Committee on Health and Human Services:

I am Gary Simon, Director of Corporate Affairs and Advocacy for St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii.

I am testifying as an individual who has worked in healthcare for over thirty years, and I am offering testimony on behalf of St. Francis Healthcare System.

St. Francis Healthcare System wholeheartedly supports HB1916.

The bill requires the Executive Office on Aging to annually update the state plan on Alzheimer's disease and related dementias and appropriates funds for EOA to do so.

My wife and I have been caring for her 102 year old mother, who has progressive dementia, since 1994, i. e. the last twenty-four years. Needless to say, my wife has over the last two plus decades become a beleaguered, but compassionate and loving caregiver.

Alzheimer's disease and related dementias have become a major cause of death in the older population. Alzheimer's disease and other dementia patients frequently require extensive care in the home or in an institutional setting.

In 2014, the Executive Office on Aging published *Hawaii 2025: State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias* to address this critical issue, which may ultimately affect as many as half of the 85 and over population.

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

Sadly, the State Plan has been "stuck in the mud".

An array of dementia services is available in our Hawaiian Islands. However, numerous gaps in vital services exist. Many of these gaps and resolutions already have been identified in the ADRD State Plan. Implementation of the plan and the activities to fill those gaps in services require coordination and resources. HB1916 offers a next step in terms of implementing the recommendations identified by more than forty key stakeholders and executing the actions that would make Hawaii more dementia capable and friendly. The act would allow EOA to enact legislation, develop regulations and plan and implement essential programs.

We must make the needs of families affected by Alzheimer's disease and related dementias a State-wide priority. The current number of individuals affected will only continue to rise as the baby boomers continue to age. This increase in the number of individuals affected by dementia and related disorders will continue to beleaguer our families and our community. We will pay immense costs for the care of individuals with dementia.

The State Plan can guide us to spend private and public funds efficiently and wisely. It can assist us with ensuring that our programs are planned, implemented, operated, and coordinated well and are based upon good policy

We urge you to support HB1916 and to recommend its passage, and we thank you for seriously considering the Bill.

Very sincerely,
Gary Simon
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January 29, 2018

To: The Honorable John Mizuno, Chair
The Honorable Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Health and Human Services

From: Hawaii Public Health Association

Re: **Strong Support for HB1916**

The Hawaii Public Health Association is a group of over 600 community members, public health professionals and organizations statewide dedicated to improving public health. HPHA also serves as a voice for public health professionals and as a repository for information about public health in the Pacific. As many of our members work directly with those affected by Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, as well as their caregivers and families, we understand the significant toll that this disease can have on our communities.

HPHA strongly supports HB1916, which requires the Executive Office on Aging to update the State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias with a necessary appropriation for its implementation and update.

Alzheimer's disease is a growing public health epidemic and is now the nation's sixth leading cause of death. Here in Hawaii, more than 27,000 individuals live with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia and 1 in 3 kupuna will die from the disease. In addition, there are over 66,000 unpaid family caregivers within our state, and the numbers will grow exponentially as our population ages.

We must intervene before it's too late; The State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease was released by the Department of Health in 2014 and has essentially been sitting on the back burner. Despite the array of dementia services available in the community, there are still numerous gaps in services. Many of these gaps and resolutions have already been identified in the ADRD State Plan. Implementation of the plan and the activities to fill those gaps in services require coordination and resources. HB1916 offers a next step in terms of implementing the recommendations identified by more than 40 key stakeholders and carrying out actions that would make Hawaii more dementia capable. The act would allow EOA to enact legislation, develop regulations and execute much-needed programs.

We strongly urge you to pass this bill to support the needs of those affected by Alzheimer's disease or related dementias and their families. The number of individuals affected will only continue to rise—this will continue to take a toll on our families and on our community as we are left to pay hefty costs for the care of individuals with dementia.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on important health issues affecting people in Hawai'i.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colby Takeda'.

Colby Takeda
Board Secretary

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Submitted on: 1/29/2018 10:05:19 AM

Testimony for HHS on 1/31/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities	Support	No

Comments:

**PRESENTATION OF THE
OAHU COUNTY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2018
Wednesday, January 31, 2018
9:30 a.m.
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 329**

RE: Testimony in Support of HB 1916, RELATING TO HEALTH

To the Honorable John M. Mizuno, Chair; the Honorable Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice-Chair and Members of the Committee on Health & Human Services:

Good morning, my name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on House Bill No. 1916, relating to Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias and the Executive Office on Aging. The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of House Bill No. 1916 and support its passage.

House Bill No. 1916, is in accord with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it requires the executive office on aging to annually update the state plan on Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. The DPH Platform

provides that we “support the establishment of adequate mental health and statewide drug rehabilitation programs set up in conjunction with policing policies aimed at enabling all that seek assistance to obtain whatever support assistance is needed to allow them to remain free of drug dependence.” (Platform of the DPH, P. 7, Lines 382-384 (2016)).

Given that House Bill No. 1916 requires the executive office on aging to annually update the state plan on Alzheimer’s disease and related mental health issues, it is the position of the OCC Legislative Priorities Committee to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ **Melodie Aduja**

Melodie Aduja, Chair, OCC Legislative Priorities Committee

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Submitted Public Testimony
Committee on Health and Human Services
HB 1916 Wednesday, January 31, 2018
Room 329 9:30 am Hawaii State Capital

Aloha:

Mukashi Mukashi Urashimawa
Tasuketa kameni tsurerarete
Ryugujoe Kitemireba
Enimo Kakenai Utsukushisa

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These are the words that my hanai obachan Fumiko Shiomi and I would sing to each other whenever we saw each other. My obachan lived till she was 99 years old. It is a story of an injured and lost turtle and how we as strangers often must perform act of kindness to insure the safety of others. For we are truly our brothers keepers. In this case the boy's kindness was rewarded by being taken to Atlantis.

I sagaciously support the passage of HB 1916 for this is what we can do not only for our keikis in our Hawaiian island ohana but for our kapuna too of which will benefit all of us with quality longevity.

Mahalo

Respectfully Submitted

PMAzinga
Alzheimer Association Advocate

Committee on Health and Human Services
Representative John Mizuno, Chair

Hearing Date: January 31, 2018 at 9:30 a.m., Conference Room 329

RE: HB1916 - Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias; Executive Office on Aging; Appropriation

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB1916. My name is Lyn Moku. I am testifying as a family caregiver and an advocate for our Kupuna and family caregivers.

The *National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease*, which President Obama signed into law in January 2011, set forth five goals, including the development of effective prevention and treatment approaches for Alzheimer's disease and related dementias by 2025. This is a national plan-not a federal one, because reducing the burden of Alzheimer's will require the active engagement of both the public and private sectors.

The Hawaii 2025: State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease & Related Dementias dated December 2013 was the result of a group of community stakeholders collaborating since 2011 to identify challenges and barriers and seek solutions for the ever-increasing threat of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias in Hawaii. The Hawaii Executive Office on Aging provided staff support and coordination and was committed to continue to prioritize the implementation of Hawaii's first plan. The plan was released by the Executive Office on Aging and endorsed by Governor Abercrombie and former EOA director Wesley Lum.

The State Plan laid the foundation for all sectors of our state to "...increase early and accurate diagnosis of dementia, support research efforts, improve treatment after diagnosis, support our family caregivers, improve healthcare delivery systems, expand access to crucial home and community-based services, and provide housing, financial and legal services that are affordable and accessible to all."

As noted in the *Next Steps: Discussion of the Hawaii 2025: State Plan*, "...The Hawaii Executive Office on Aging will continue to provide staff support to keep implementation moving forward, convene groups, set agendas and identify champions. Additionally, Executive Office on Aging and strategic partners will collaborate to: celebrate and publicize the state plan; inventory existing statewide services and gaps to being dementia capable; and, seek funding and partners for a public awareness campaign." It is a plan we can all be proud of, but it needs to be implemented and progress reported.

My mother was diagnosed with early dementia in her sixties. Within three years she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and I became her primary caregiver. I was also working full-time and became her legal guardian. As the disease progressed and she required 24/7 supervised care we had to place my mother in a foster home. Within ten years her mind and body were destroyed by Alzheimer's disease and she passed away. I know how devastating dementia and Alzheimer's disease can be for the person, their families and friends, and for family and professional caregivers. The financial, emotional, mental and physical cost to care for someone with this disease is more than most people can afford, and there are not enough services to meet the needs of our growing aging population.

Implementation of the ***State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease & Related Dementias*** is critically important. HB1916 would allow the Executive Office on aging to enact legislation and work collaboratively to meet the growing needs of people throughout the state affected by Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

In the same way that we will all become a caregiver and a care recipient, we will all be affected by dementia and Alzheimer's disease in some way.

Nothing has been done to move this Plan forward and now is the time to act. Can we count on you?
Thank you for your consideration and support of this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyn Moku

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Testimony for HHS on 1/31/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laurel Coleman MD		Support	No

Comments:

Dear legislators,

I support HB 1916 to require the the Executive Office on Aging to update the State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease with the necessary appropriation for implementation and ongoing updates.

I am a geriatric physician from Kauai, and previously served on PABEA during this administration. I did not see a commitment to persons living with dementia, or their caregivers despite the fact that there are a growing number of our neighbors and family affected. There was little attention to the growing problem of dementia as a problem that the State of Hawaii recognized or saw the need for leadership.

Most states have state plans for Alzheimers and dementia. Some have incredible, strategic commitments (like New York, Texas, Maine, and others) because they see it as an investment for their citizens. If family caregivers are unprepared or uneducated about how to best care for someone with dementia or they do not have any community resources that help them, then their loved one is much more likely to transition into the long term care system. This costs the state more money in the long run as most of those people spend down resources and turn to Medicaid to cover their long term care costs.

In addition, loving family caregivers burn out, often having left their jobs, and in many cases their health from this stressful job. Caregivers need our support, and they need the State of Hawaii to help enable and coordinate more options to help them.

The Office on Aging should help promote healthy aging, but it should not continue to avoid prioritizing an important issue - the growing number of our citizens with dementia.

We need to join the vast majority of other states who have state plans - or we will fail our most vulnerable friends and neighbors.

Laurel Coleman MD

Kauai

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Testimony for HHS on 1/31/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marissa Petriello Westlake		Support	No

Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 1916. I am pleased to testify in full support for HB1916, which requires the Executive Office on Aging to update the State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias with a necessary appropriation for its implementation and update.

I have two members in my family that have been effected by the disease. My aunt has been suffering with the disease for over ten years. The finanical and emotional stress that has been put on my family is tremendous!

Alzheimer's disease is a growing epidemic and is now the nation's sixth leading cause of death. Here in Hawaii, more than 27,000 individuals live with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia and 1 in 3 kupuna will die from the disease. In addition to such, there are over 66,000 unpaid family caregivers within our state. And the numbers will grow exponentially as our population ages.

We must intervene before it's too late. The State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease was released by the Department of Health in 2014 and has essentially been sitting on the back burner. Despite the array of dementia services available in the community, there are still numerous gaps in services. Many of these gaps and resolutions have already been identified in the ADRD State Plan. Implementation of the plan and the activities to fill those gaps in services require coordination and resources. HB1916 offers a next step in terms of implementing the recommendations identified by more than 40 key stakeholders and carrying out actions that would make Hawaii more dementia capable. The act would allow EOA to enact

legislation, develop regulations and execute much-needed programs.

We strongly urge you to pass this bill. 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 related dementias. 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.

Thank you,

Marissa Westlake

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As a former instructor of English as a Second Language in the Community Schools for Adults, I have observed all of my students’ language growth for several years, including my elder students. Unfortunately, when students have Alzheimer’s disease or dementia, they can no longer function in activities of daily living or even in their first or additional language. This language deterioration occurred in one of my students at the Community Center where the class had formed a nice community over the semester that I was teaching. I noticed a decline in this student’s English while her Japanese friends noticed that she was not even making sense in Japanese. Before the end of the semester, she could no longer follow the class and eventually stopped attending.

Also, in my own mixed methods research of language needs for adult immigrant home care workers in Hawai‘i, I discovered that home care worker employers want more Alzheimer’s training for their workers. They also want training to help their home care workers communicate with Alzheimer’s patients who can no longer communicate. Imagine if workers who normally care for elders every day need training, how much more for the family who cares for a their loved ones with this disease?

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Thank you,

Kendi Ho
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I am in full support of HB1916, which requires the Executive Office on Aging to update the State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias with a necessary appropriation for its implementation and update.

My grandmother struggled with vascular dementia, and my family and I cared for her for over 11 years at home prior to her passing. Several years later, my husband's grandmother was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, and as a family we watched the disease progress relentlessly.

In Hawaii, more than 27,000 individuals live with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia and 1 in 3 kupuna will die from the disease. In addition to such, there are over 66,000 unpaid family caregivers - like my mom, my mother-in-law, and myself - within our state. And the numbers will grow exponentially as our population ages.

It's imperative that we intervene before it's too late. The State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease was released by the Department of Health in 2014 and has essentially been sitting on the back burner. Despite the array of dementia services available in the community, there are still numerous gaps in services. Many of these gaps and resolutions have already been identified in the ADRD State Plan. Implementation of the plan and the activities to fill those gaps in services require coordination and resources. HB1916 offers a next step in terms of implementing the recommendations identified by more than 40 key stakeholders and carrying out actions that would make Hawaii more dementia capable. The act would allow EOA to enact legislation, develop regulations and execute much-needed programs.

I strongly urge you to pass this bill to help ease the burden placed on island families grappling with the complexities of this devastating disease.

Mahalo for your time and consideration of this critically important issue.



Ivy Castellanos

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Submitted on: 1/29/2018 3:38:50 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sheryl Kutter		Support	No

Comments:

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My name is Sheryl Kutter. I am the primary caregiver to my spouse who is in his 80's and in the early stages of dementia. My father and aunt both passed from Alzheimer's disease. Therefore, I am well aware how important it is to have an updated state plan in place for Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. That is why I am putting my full support behind HB1916.

Alzheimer’s disease is a growing epidemic and is now the nation’s sixth leading cause of death. Here in Hawaii, more than 27,000 individuals live with Alzheimer’s disease or a related dementia and 1 in 3 kupuna will die from the disease. In addition to such, there are over 66,000 unpaid family caregivers within our state. And the numbers will grow exponentially as our population ages.

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Thank you,

Sheryl Kutter

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeanna Rimmer	1973	Support	No

Comments:

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My mother passed away with early onset Alzheimer's when she was 66 years old. Signs of the disease began to show in her late 50's and my mother needed around the clock care by age 63 as we could no longer meet her needs and keep her safe at home. The amount of effort required by caretakers is enormous and it is not something that everyone, family or friends can do. As a manager of a hospice facility on the Big Island I also witnessed the needs of alzheimer's patient and families - it is an exhausting effort for everyone with very little community resources.

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Thank you,

Jeanna Rimmer

HB-1916

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Diane Poche Maragos		Support	No

Comments:

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My husband was diagnosed in 2016 and being a caregiver has ruined my life. If I were a rat I could at least jump off a sinking ship.

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fill those gaps in services require coordination and resources. HB1916 offers a next step in terms of implementing the recommendations identified by more than 40 key stakeholders and carrying out actions that would make Hawaii more dementia capable. The act would allow EOA to enact legislation, develop regulations and execute much-needed programs.

We strongly urge you to pass this bill. 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 related dementias. 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.

Thank you,
Diane Poche Maragos

HB-1916

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Testimony for HHS on 1/31/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Nako	Edward Jones	Support	No

Comments:

Committee on Health and Human Services

Representative John Mizuno, Chair

Hawaii State Capitol

415 S. Beretania St, Conference Room 329

Honolulu, HI 96813

January 31, 2018, 9:30 a.m.

RE: HB 1916 – ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS; EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING; APPROPRIATION

Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 1916. I am pleased to testify in full support for HB1916, which requires the Executive Office on Aging to update the State Plan on Alzheimer’s Disease and related dementias with a necessary appropriation for its implementation and update.

Edward Jones supports the [Alzheimer's Association](#) and its mission to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. That’s why we’re strategic partners with the Alzheimer's Association® as the National Presenting Sponsor of the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's®.

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Mahalo,

David Nako

HB-1916

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Caroline Witherspoon		Support	No

Comments:

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I’ve lost two family members to Alzheimer’s disease and age-related dementia, including my grandfather, Bob Temple, and my grandma, Norma Zug. It is a growing epidemic and it needs our attention now.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony in support of HB1916.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Javier Mendez-Alvarez		Support	No

Comments:

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HB-1916

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Colette W.		Support	No

Comments:

Please support and pass HB1916.