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February 21, 2020

Honorable Representative Sylvia Luke
House Committee on Finance
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 308, 1:30 P.M.
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: HB2099 HD1 RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING.

Dear Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Ty J.K. Cullen, and members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter I am pleased to extend our **strong support** for House Bill 2099 HD1. This measure amends Act 127, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019, which appropriates funds for the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Services Coordinator position within the Executive Office on Aging. This important legislation corrects a small error in the Session Laws of Hawaii 2019 to enable the release of funding for this critically important position.

The position of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Coordinator was established within the Executive Office on Aging by Act 214, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013. That same year, the State of Hawaii recognized the public health crisis of Alzheimer's disease and developed Hawaii 2025: State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias. Unfortunately, while the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Services Coordinator position remains unfilled, insufficient progress is being made towards adopting the recommendations and strategies.

Alzheimer's disease is a growing epidemic and is now the nation's sixth leading cause of death. Here in Hawaii, more than 29,000 individuals live with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia. Additionally, there has been a 294% increase in Alzheimer's deaths in Hawaii since the year 2000.

I appreciate the opportunity to testify in **strong support** of this legislation and applaud your leadership in bringing it forward.

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From: LJ Duenas <ljduenas@alz.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2020 2:07 PM
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Subject: Testimony In Support of HB2099

Dear Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair, Rep. Ty Cullen, Vice Chair, and Members of the House Committee on Finance:

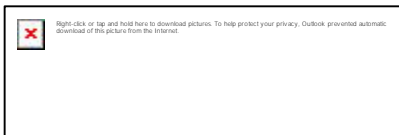
I write in support of HB2099. Alzheimer's disease and related dementias is a public health crisis in Hawaii and requires staff specifically tasked with tackling this issue. A small error in Act 217 of Session Laws of Hawaii 2019 should not hold up the release of funding for this critically important position. Please vote in favor of this amendment to Session Laws of Hawaii 2019.

Advocates have been fighting for a full-time staff position for years. The position of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Coordinator was established within the Executive Office on Aging by Act 214, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013. Let's make 2020 the year we commit to addressing the Alzheimer's public health crisis.

Please support HB2099.

Mahalo,

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HB-2099-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/20/2020 12:25:53 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2020 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Humberto Blanco	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Sylvia Luke and members of the Committee:

I am writing in support of House Bill 2099. Alzheimer's disease is a public health crisis in Hawaii and requires staff specifically tasked with tackling this issue. A small error in Act 217 of Session Laws of Hawaii 2019 should not hold up the release of funding for this critically important position. Please vote in favor of this amendment to Session Laws of Hawaii 2019.

Advocates have been fighting for full-time staff for years. The position of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Coordinator was established within the Executive Office on Aging by Act 214, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013. While this position has remained unfunded, we have made insufficient progress towards making Hawaii dementia capable. Let's make 2020 the year we commit to addressing the Alzheimer's public health crisis.

I ask for your support for this bill.

HB-2099-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/20/2020 12:30:11 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Emily Bustard	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Advocates have been fighting for full-time staff for years. The position of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Coordinator was established within the Executive Office on Aging by Act 214, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013. While this position has remained unfunded, we have made insufficient progress towards making Hawaii dementia capable. Let's make 2020 the year we commit to addressing the Alzheimer's public health crisis.

I ask for your support for this bill.

HB-2099-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/20/2020 12:39:41 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2020 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeanne Yagi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Sylvia Luke and members of the Committee:

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Advocates have been fighting for full-time staff for years. The position of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Coordinator was established within the Executive Office on Aging by Act 214, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013. While this position has remained unfunded, we have made insufficient progress towards making Hawaii dementia capable. Let's make 2020 the year we commit to addressing the Alzheimer's public health crisis.

I ask for your support for this bill.

Mahalo,

Jeanne E. Yagi

HB-2099-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/20/2020 12:45:25 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2020 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nancy Rose	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Chair Sylvia Luke and members of the Committee:

I am writing in support of House Bill 2099. Alzheimer's disease is a public health crisis in Hawaii and requires staff specifically tasked with tackling this issue. A small error in Act 217 of Session Laws of Hawaii 2019 should not hold up the release of funding for this critically important position. Please vote in favor of this amendment to Session Laws of Hawaii 2019.

Advocates have been fighting for full-time staff for years. The position of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Coordinator was established within the Executive Office on Aging by Act 214, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013. While this position has remained unfunded, we have made insufficient progress towards making Hawaii dementia capable. Let's make 2020 the year we commit to addressing the Alzheimer's public health crisis.

In memory of my father who lived with dementia for 10-15 years, I ask for your support for this bill.

Mahalo!

Nancy Rose

HB-2099-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/20/2020 3:21:31 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2020 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rebecca Halloran	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

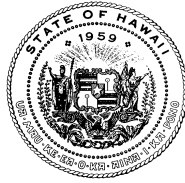
Dear Chair Sylvia Luke and members of the Committee:

I am writing in support of House Bill 2099. Alzheimer's disease is a public health crisis in Hawaii and requires staff specifically tasked with tackling this issue. A small error in Act 217 of Session Laws of Hawaii 2019 should not hold up the release of funding for this critically important position. This position is LONG overdue. Please vote in favor of this amendment to Session Laws of Hawaii 2019.

Advocates have been fighting for full-time staff for years. The position of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Coordinator was established within the Executive Office on Aging by Act 214, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013. While this position has remained unfunded, we have made insufficient progress towards making Hawaii dementia capable. I personally have seen the devastating impact Alzheimer's disease has on families as my grandmother passed away in August after suffering for nearly 12 years. With limited available resources and mounting costs burdening thousands of families, so many people like myself need Alzheimer's to be addressed and supported by our local government. Let's make 2020 the year we commit to addressing the Alzheimer's public health crisis.

I ask for your support for this bill.

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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB2099, HD1
Relating to the Executive Office on Aging**

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
REP. SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR
REP. TY J.K. CULLEN, VICE CHAIR

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

Hearing Date: February 21, 2020
1:30 PM

Room Number: 308

- 1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department
- 2 of Health, supports HB2099, HD1.
- 3 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure was included in the Governor's package but was deleted in
- 4 the Budget Bill HB2200, HD1.
- 5 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose of this bill is to amend Section 4 of Act 127 to
- 6 provide funding as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 to establish, hire and fill one full-
- 7 time equivalent (1.0 FTE) Alzheimer's disease and related dementia coordinator.
- 8 **Recommendation:** Therefore, this is the only vehicle to support the establishment of the
- 9 position. EOA is in full support of this measure to establish, hire and fill one full-time equivalent
- 10 to coordinate the services and support for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related
- 11 dementia.
- 12 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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HB-2099-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/20/2020 6:51:33 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2020 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Gadam	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Sylvia Luke and members of the Committee:

I am writing in support of House Bill 2099. Alzheimer's disease is a public health crisis in Hawaii and requires staff specifically tasked with tackling this issue. A small error in Act 217 of Session Laws of Hawaii 2019 should not hold up the release of funding for this critically important position. Please vote in favor of this amendment to Session Laws of Hawaii 2019.

As a volunteer advocate for the Alzheimer's Association and because of my personal experience, both parents having died with AD, and professional as a Public Health Nurse, I have been fighting for full-time staff for years. The position of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Coordinator was established within the Executive Office on Aging by Act 214, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013. While this position has remained unfunded, we have made insufficient progress towards making Hawaii dementia capable. Let's make 2020 the year we commit to addressing the Alzheimer's public health crisis.

I ask for your support for this bill.

Respectfully,

Mary Gadam

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Feb. 20, 2020

Dear Chair Sylvia Luke and members of the Committee:

I am writing in support of House Bill 2099. As our population ages rapidly - and Hawaii already has the highest proportion of elders in the nation - Alzheimer's disease is a growing public health crisis. It is a disease we all fear, both for ourselves and for our loved ones. Leading a planning effort to address the needs of Alzheimer families requires staff specifically tasked with tackling this issue. A small error in Act 217 of Session Laws of Hawaii 2019 should not hold up the release of funding for this critically important position.

The Hawaii County Advisory Committee on Aging has supported the creation of this position in the Executive Office of Aging and was disappointed that it got stalled. Preparedness before a crisis gets out of hand is essential! Please vote in favor of this amendment to Session Laws of Hawaii 2019.

Thank you for your leadership.

Meizhu Lui, Chair
Hawaii County Advisory Committee on Agings

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HB-2099-HD-1

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Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2020 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rick Tabor	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Sylvia Luke and members of the Committee:

02/20/2020

Rick Tabor here on behalf of the Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter and as a private Pauoa Valley home owner with a career in mental health and eldercare. I am writing in support of House Bill 2099. As we've discussed, over the past year, Dementia related Alzheimer's issues has become a national health crisis. In Hawaii there are currently 29,000 islanders diagnosed with a dementia diagnosis. We believe that number is half if the total and at least 65,000 of our residence are suspending their careers to care for a loved one.

Dementia/Alzheimers individuals requires specialized care from qualified staff specifically skilled to understand and care provide for a Dementia/Alzheimer's unique needs.

I'm trying to understand the small error in Act 217 of Session Laws of Hawaii 2019 that's effecting the Alzheimer's coordinator position we discussed and saw approved in our last session. The Dementia/Alzheimer's community is hopeful this up won't delay the release of funding much longer, for the critically important position we've needed for many years. I trust you understand the importance of the Alzheimers Coordinator position and will find a way to vote in favor of the amendment to Session Laws of Hawaii 2019.

Advocates have been advocating with faith, hope and prayers for a full-time Alzheimers Coordinator position for many years. The position of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Coordinator was originally established within the Executive Office on Aging by Act 214, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013. Sadly, this position has remained unfunded, the Dementia/Alzheimers community has seen little progress and even with all the Alzheimers Association and other nonprofits have contributed, we have made insufficient progress towards making Hawaii a dementia capable state. Hopefully we can make 2020 the year we commit to addressing the Alzheimer's public health crisis. I ask for your support for this bill.

Since we last talked, I've been appointed to a few new roles. I'm now the Kokua Council's First Vice President. HMoW's has elected me to their Board and named me their Secretary. Our Rotary Club of Honolulu's Kokua Kupuna Committee started the 'Gift of Sound' hearing aid project. I'm the chair of that committee. And I was named RYLA's (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) Co-Chair. I'm still an active HPGS (Hawaii Pacific Gerontological Society) Board Member and Club 100 lifetime member.

My mother continues to struggle with dementia, but our family and her neighbors do what they can to help her out. I talk with her frequently. Some days are very hard for her. She refuses most of the helpful options available to her. And that makes caring for her difficult. She's like many who struggle with Dementia related issues. However, in her lucid moments, she'll look around, think and say, 'I'm doing better than most people at my age. Who knew I'd be doing so well & 85 in September? Not bad, huh?'

My family usually sigh and say, 'she's going to out-live us all, isn't she?' And I never share the fact, that 50% of the untrained family caregivers pass away before the person they're caring for does.' I joined The Dementia in The Family Workshops as their Caregiver Self-Care and Mindfulness Trainer. We do quarterly trainings (free) on Oahu & will soon go outer island. Anything we can do to help folks dealing with Dementia/Alzheimers issues would appreciated.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this important matter. Have a great day.

Sincerely,

Rick Tabor

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February 20, 2020

Testimony – House Bill 2099, HD 1 – Relating to the Executive Office on Aging

Committee on Finance

Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair

Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair

Dear Representative Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and members of the Committee on Finance

I am writing in support of House Bill 2099. As we are aware, Alzheimer's disease hundreds of citizens in Hawaii. In the Session Laws of Hawaii 2019, legislation to staff an Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Coordinator was passed, relative to Act 214 of the Session Laws of Hawaii 2013. However additional legislation is needed at this time to have the position. This bill provides such ability.

I ask for your support for this bill.

Sincerely,

Calvin M. Hara
Executive Director and Administrator

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HB-2099-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/20/2020 8:32:41 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2020 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Poki'i Balaz	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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I ask for your support for this bill.

Dr. Poki'i Balaz