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Testimony in SUPPORT of SB 1373 SD1 Relating to the Executive Office on Aging Administrative Claiming Special Fund

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EOA's Position: The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department of Health, strongly supports the SB1373 SD1, Relating to the Executive Office on Aging Administrative Claiming Special Fund.

Purpose and Justification: The purpose of this bill is to clarify the allowable revenues to be deposited into the Executive Office on Aging's Administrative Claiming Special Fund, 349-5.5 HRS. In 2019, the Executive Office on Aging (EOA) established a special fund into which Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC) funds can be deposited for services for kupuna and individuals with disabilities who need long-term services and supports. MAC funds are reimbursements for administrative work performed by entities in the state who have assisted Medicaid clients or individuals eligible for Medicaid.

Currently the special funds are for claimable Medicaid activities performed by the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) sites. This measure would increase MAC claiming and

add EOA programs, namely the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP) and the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), who already provide services to Medicaid beneficiaries.

Fiscal Implications: By expanding MAC to include EOA programs (LTCOP and SHIP), the federal revenue projected will increase over and above the 1.8 million projection for 2024.

Recommendation: EOA is in strong support of this administrative bill, which makes a language change in EOA's statute (Chapter 349-5.5 HRS), to bring additional federal revenue into the state.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.