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The Honorable Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair
House Committee on Human Services
The Thirty-Second Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawai'i
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Representative Mizuno and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: HB415 HD1 Making an Appropriation to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force on Mobility Management, Established Pursuant to Act 214, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013.

The Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities **Supports with Comments HB415 HD1**, which makes an appropriation to the Department of Health to implement the recommendations of the statewide Mobility Management Task Force, established pursuant to Act 214, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2013.

The Council supports the intent of this measure, but we believe the Department of Transportation is better suited to implement the recommendations made by the task force on mobility management. The DoT is the department that would be most effective as their department houses the policies and partnerships needed to improve mobility conditions. We do recommend the Aging and Disability Resource Center and other stakeholder groups are consulted regarding new mobility practices but should not be the implementors.

For any more substantive changes, we defer to the Aging and Disability Resource Center. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **support of HB415 HD1**.

Sincerely,

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Daintry Bartoldus
Executive Administrator

HB-415-HD-1

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Testimony for HUS on 2/9/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Louis Erteschik	Hawaii Disability Rights Center	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We are in support.



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The State Legislature
House Committee on Human Services
Thursday, February 9, 2023
Conference Room 329
9:00 a.m.

TO: The Honorable John Mizuno, Chair
RE: Support for H.B. 415,HD1 Relating to Mobility Management

Aloha Chair Mizuno and Members of the Committee:

My name is Keali'i Lopez and I am the State Director for AARP Hawai'i. AARP is a nonpartisan, social mission organization that advocates for individuals age 50 and older. We have a membership of nearly 38 million nationwide and nearly 140,000 in Hawaii. We advocate at the state and federal level for the issues that matter most to older adults and their families, including transportation.

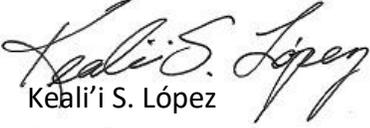
AARP **supports H.B. 415 HD1** to develop and establish a mobility management program that support the counties' growing transportation needs for riders with limited mobility, and/or disabilities including kupuna who need a variety of transportation options. "Mobility management is an integrated strategic approach in coordinating a full range of mobility services in communities and transcends beyond the fixed-route transit services (i.e. public bus system). While no two mobility programs look alike, a robust program typically comprises a multiagency partnership which includes social service agencies, senior programs, non-emergency medical providers and taxi companies; use of information technology systems in real time, and a one-stop travel information and trip planning systems."¹

While the four counties in Hawaii have their respective mobility management programs, the state can further assist them by leveraging federal funds, establishing a statewide purchasing cooperative to procure new vehicles, technologies and equipment and data-sharing across a network of different transportation providers.

It is paramount that Hawaii has a comprehensive transportation system work that can offer consumers efficient, safe, and affordable transportation options and gives them full access to the economic, health and social aspects of their communities.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify in support for **H.B. 415, HD1.**

Sincerely,


Keali'i S. López
State Director

¹ Statewide Mobility Management Report to the Twenty-Ninth Legislature -2015, Hawaii
Department of Health, Executive Office on Aging.

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Submitted on: 2/8/2023 9:20:26 AM

Testimony for HUS on 2/9/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaili Swan	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

i catch the bus everyday and mobility safety is very inportant for me and i strongly support Hb415 please pass this bill thank you

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Testimony of Donald Sakamoto

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Committee on Human Services (HUS) Hawaii State House of Representatives Thirty-second Legislature, regular session of 2023 February 9, 2023, 9:00 AM, hearing on HB415

Good morning chair, vice chair, and members. I am Donald Sakamoto, a member of the National Federation of the Blind of Hawaii, in full support of HB415.

This is a very important bill for those who are disabled and elderly especially, for those who are living on our neighbor islands. A lot of these individuals should be able to live at home with the supports they need so that they can participate in communities that value their contributions especially in rural communities, many residents are without family members nearby to provide transportation and are too frail or disabled to access public transit.

This bill means hope for better opportunities to enable the disabled and elderly people to improve their daily lives.

The bill truly acknowledges the need for a Mobility Management Plan to address the county island concerns of residents who are seeking the best help with their independence, etc. The time is to prepare to have better public transportation services for our neighbor island residents.

Famous “By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail” by Benjamin

Franklin.

I truly urge you all to please support to move this bill forward into law.