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**Senate Committee on Ways and Means**

**Chair Donovan M. Dela Cruz**

**Vice Chair Sharon Y. Moriwaki, and**

**Honorable Members**

**LATE**

**Regarding H.B. 2224 HD2 Relating to Long-Term Care**

**April 4, 2024 10:15 a.m. Room 211**

**Testimony** of John C (Jack) Lewin MD,

Administrator, Hawai'i State Health Planning and Development Agency

**Position: SUPPORT**

**Fiscal Implication:** One new long-term care planner position. Declares general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded.

**Purpose and Justification:**

The Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA) **supports** this measure, provided that its enactment does not reduce or replace priorities with the Administration's budget request.

**Fiscal Implications:** Appropriates funds to establish a long-term care planner position. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded.

**Purpose and Justification:** Requires the Executive Office of Aging (EOA) to create a comprehensive long-term care master plan to accomplish long-term care policy goals that, when implemented, ensure the availability of a full continuum of institutional and community-based services. Establishes a long-term care planner position within the EOA to oversee the development and implementation of

the long-term care master plan. Requires the EOA to submit a report to the Legislature.

SHPDA and EOA were co-conveners of a Long-term Care summit in February 2024. One of the components that was clear from the summit is that health care and long-term care cannot continue to work in parallel. To effectively plan for the overall continuum of care requires an integrated approach to healthcare which includes long-term care services.

We propose to add the following two amendments:

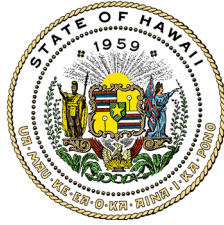
Add the following language to Page 4 line 12, SECTION 2. (a) The executive office on aging shall establish a comprehensive long-term care master plan in coordination with the State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA)

Page 5, line 7 prior to section (b), add the following:

(5) SHPDA shall consult with EOA and EOA shall consult with SHPDA in the development of a long-term care plan as part of an overall healthcare system plan.

**Recommendation:** SHPDA supports the intent of this measure.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.



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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB2224 HD2  
RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE**

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
SENATOR DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, CHAIR  
SENATOR SHARON Y. MORIWAKI, VICE CHAIR

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

Hearing: Thursday, April 4, 2024, 10:15 A.M., Conference Room 211

- 1 **EOA Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department of
- 2 Health (DOH) **supports** this measure, provided that its enactment does not reduce or replace
- 3 priorities with the Administration's budget request.
- 4 **Fiscal Implications:** Appropriates funds to establish a long-term care planner position.
- 5 Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded.
- 6 **Purpose and Justification:** Requires EOA to create a comprehensive long-term care master plan
- 7 to accomplish long-term care policy goals that, when implemented, ensure the availability of a
- 8 full continuum of institutional and community-based services. Establishes a long-term care

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2 term care master plan. Requires the EOA to submit a report to the Legislature.

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10 Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA).

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12 (5) EOA shall consult with SHPDA and SHPDA shall consult with EOA in the development of a  
13 long-term care plan as part of an overall healthcare system plan.

14 **Recommendation:** EOA supports the intent of this measure.

15 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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**The State Legislature  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Thursday, April 4, 2024  
Conference Room 211, 10:15 a.m.**

TO: The Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz Chair  
FROM: Keali'i Lopez, State Director, AARP Hawai'i  
RE: Support for H.B. 2224 HD2 Relating to Long Term Care

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz 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.

**AARP supports H.B. 2224 HD2 requiring the Executive Office on Aging (EOA) to create a comprehensive long term care master plan that will ensure the availability of a full continuum of institutional and community based services. It also includes the establishment of a long term care planner within EOA.**

Back in 2008, AARP played a key role in establishing the initial Hawaii long term care commission that was tasked to address the state's long term care system. A report was submitted to the legislature in 2012 with recommendations to improve and strengthen it. Since then, the state long term care system has evolved over the last 12 years, particularly with the expansion of home and community based services (HCBS), and the impact of COVID has certainly revealed new challenges and opportunities. We are also facing a health care workforce shortage especially in the long term care industry that continues to be challenging as the demand for more care increases with our aging population. We support this initiative that will provide an updated and comprehensive master plan of Hawaii's long term care system, look at new trends and explore more options in long term financing and home and community based services, and recommend additional system improvements that are needed.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify in strong support of H.B. 2224, HD2.

Thursday, April 4, 2024 at 10:15 am  
Conference Room 211

**Senate Committee on Ways and Means**

To: Chair Donovan M. Dela Cruz  
Vice Chair Sharon Y. Moriwaki

From: Paige Heckathorn Choy  
Associate Vice President, Government Affairs  
Healthcare Association of Hawaii

Re: **Testimony in Support**  
**HB 2224 HD 2, Relating to Long-Term Care**

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH), established in 1939, serves as the leading voice of healthcare on behalf of 170 member organizations who represent almost every aspect of the healthcare 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 30,000 people statewide.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide **support** for on-going measures to create a strong, comprehensive long-term care system in the state. We have worked extensively with our partners at the Executive Office on Aging (EOA), the MedQUEST division, the Department of Health, and others on ensuring that long-term care providers are receiving adequate reimbursement for services provided, and support in resolving a critical workforce shortage that is compromising access to care for residents across the state.

There are many different providers, stakeholders, advocates, and agencies who must work together to ensure that we have an equitable, affordable, and available long-term care system. This work is tremendous in both importance and difficulty and we look forward to EOA identifying a partner that has knowledge of home- and community-based services and providers to carry this work out. We are grateful that the legislature is considering this measure to support efforts to focus on the needs of long-term care providers.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.