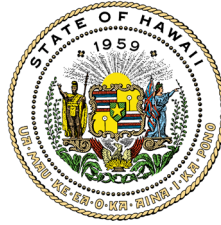


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Testimony in SUPPORT of HB 1074
Relating to the Executive Office on Aging

COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE
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Testimony of Caroline Cadirao
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Attached Agency to the Department of Health

Hearing Date: February 28, 2023
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EOA's Position: The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department of Health, strongly supports the HB1074, Relating to the Executive Office on Aging Kupuna Care Program.

Purpose and Justification: The purpose of this bill is to clarify the definitions of "caregiver support services", "kupuna care services", and "respite care" in section 349-16 HRS.

In 2022, Act 160 combined the Kupuna Care and Kupuna Caregiver programs. Currently, as written, the definitions for "caregiver support services" and "respite care" only apply to employed caregivers. This measure will allow for all caregivers (employed and not employed) to receive caregiver support services and respite care. Additionally, the definition for "Kupuna Care services" will be amended to be available to all care recipients, caregivers and employed caregivers.

Fiscal Implications: This measure does not request an appropriation.

Recommendation: EOA is in strong support of this administrative bill. If this bill does not pass, care recipients and their non-employed caregivers will not be able to access services and supports under Kupuna Care.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

THE KŪPUNA CAUCUS



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COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

Rep. Mark M. Nakashima, Chair

Rep. Jackson D. Sayama, Vice Chair

CONCERNING: HB1074

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

Aloha Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Sayama and members of the Committee

The Kūpuna Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i has an enrolled membership of more than 2,000 politically aware and active seniors. Our Caucus urges you to support HB 1074.

This bill defines and clarifies the services and responsibilities involved for the many services our caucus has been testifying for when it comes to the needs of the Kūpuna in Hawaii.

This bill recognizes the need to organize and be clear concerning all the support services a senior requires so that funding and duties can be fully understood.

Our Caucus urges you to approve this bill.

Martha E Randolph for the Kūpuna Caucus
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