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The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senate Committee on Human Services and Public Housing  
Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
State Capitol  
State of Hawaii  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee:

**SUBJECT: HB 1475 HD2 – RELATING TO SOCIAL SERVICES**

The position and views expressed in this testimony do not represent nor reflect the position and views of the Departments of Health and Human Services.

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities **STRONGLY SUPPORTS HB 1475 HD2**. The purpose of the bill is to establish a personal allowance for individuals residing in care homes, nursing homes, and other long-term care facilities. The provisions in the bill would allow eligible individuals to receive \$50.00 per month for personal allowance. The increase in the amount from the present \$30.00 per month is long overdue and justified based on high cost of living here in Hawaii. With the present \$30.00 per month, that amounts to about \$1.00 per day for miscellaneous needs.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in strong support of HB 1475 HD2.

Sincerely,

  
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Executive Administrator