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Committee on Finance

HB 2196 HD2, RELATING TO CAREGIVING

**Testimony of Noemi Pendleton
Director of Executive Office on Aging
Attached Agency to Department of Health**

Monday, February 25, 2008

2:00 p.m.

- 1 **Department's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) supports the intent of HB 2196
2 as long as it does not adversely affect the Executive supplemental budget priorities.
- 3 **Fiscal Implications:** There is an unspecified amount of general funds to be appropriated to the
4 Senate and House of Representatives to contract with a qualified consultant to conduct a cash and
5 counseling project and to EOA to expand the KUPUNA CARE program for State Fiscal Year
6 2008- 2009.
- 7 **Purpose and Justification:** HB 2196 extends the Joint Legislative Committee on Family
8 Caregiving; changes the committee's name to the Joint Legislative Committee on Aging in Place;
9 expands the committee's mandate to include aging in place issues related to family caregiving;
10 requires the Aging and Disability Resource Center to report to the committee; requires the Joint
11 Legislative Committee to conduct a Cash and Counseling project; appropriates funds to the Joint
12 Legislative Committee; allows KUPUNA CARE to include overnight, weekend, and emergency
13 respite, as well as provide grants to caregivers and for home modification; appropriates funds to
14 the KUPUNA CARE program.

1 EOA appreciates this proposal. Through Act 204, SLH 2007, EOA had contracted with
2 the University of Hawaii to coordinate family caregiver support services and policies statewide.
3 We are pleased to have worked in partnership with the University, the Joint Legislative
4 Committee, and community stakeholders to have contributed to the research that was cited in this
5 bill. Additionally, we will continue to work together to strengthen and expand KUPUNA CARE
6 services to meet the needs of Hawaii's older adults and their family caregivers. It should be noted
7 that Act 204, SLH 2007, already appropriated an additional \$525,000 to EOA for Kupuna Care
8 services in fiscal year 2008-2009.

9 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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February 25, 2008

The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
House Committee on Finance
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Oshiro and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: HB 2196 HD2 – RELATING TO CAREGIVING

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

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **SUPPORTS HB 2196 HD2**. The purpose of the bill is to: 1) extend the work of the joint legislative committee on family caregiving for one year and appropriate funds to the committee; 2) change the name of the joint legislative committee to the joint legislative committee on aging in place and expand the committee's mandate and focus to include aging in place issues; 3) require the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) to provide an update on the physical site in Hawaii County and the "virtual" site in Honolulu City and County; 4) requires the legislative committee to design a cash and counseling project; 5) appropriate funds to the Kupuna care program and allows Kupuna care to include overnight, weekend, and emergency respite, and grants to caregivers for home modifications.

The Joint Legislative Committee on Family Caregiving (JLCFC) created by Act 285, SLH 2006, was established to address the needs of family caregivers who provide unpaid, informal assistance to a person 60 and older with physical or cognitive disabilities or a grandparent who is a caregiver for a grandchild 18 or younger or 19 or older with physical or cognitive limitations.

Act 204, SLH 2007, allowed JLCFC to continue its work during the 2007 Interim and report to the Legislature. Special Committee Report Number 1 provides the background to JLCFC, a summary of the studies and surveys conducted, including the Family Caregiver Needs Assessment, and the findings and recommendations of the Committee.

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The Council believes that family caregiving plays a crucial role in addressing the needs of the increasing elder and disability populations needing long-term care services and supports in the community and supports the efforts of JLCFC to continue to develop a support system for family caregivers that includes: coordinated services and policies, training and education, respite services, financial incentives, policies on balancing work and caregiving, and a paid family leave program for family caregivers who take time off from work to care for a seriously ill family member.

The Council defers to the Executive Office on Aging for the appropriation necessary for FY 2008-2009 to implement the Kupuna Care Program.

The Council is a member of the Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition, JLCFC, and ADRC Advisory Council, and looks forward to continued involvement in efforts to provide support for family caregivers providing care for their family members in need of long-term care and supports in the community.

We appreciate the opportunity to present testimony in support of **HB 2196 HD2**.

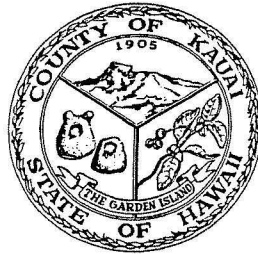
Sincerely,



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COUNTY OF KAUA'I
AGENCY ON ELDERLY AFFAIRS

February 22, 2008

TO: Committee on Finance
The Honorable Marcus Oshiro, Chair
The Honorable Marilyn Lee, Vice-Chair

FROM: Ludvina K. Takahashi
County Executive on Aging

SUBJ: H.B. 2196, H.D. 2 RELATING TO CAREGIVING

Thank you for this opportunity to offer testimony in support of House Bill 2196, H.D. 2. This bill would extend the efforts of the joint legislative committee on family caregiving and include changes to address and expand on issues related to aging in place; continue its work on the development and design of a cash and counseling project; and appropriate funds to the joint legislative committee and support for the Kupuna Care Program through the Executive Office on Aging (EOA).

The work of the joint legislative committee on aging in place is critical for the Aging Network as we focus on our overall planning theme of "Designing Livable Communities for An Aging Society". In our State and Area Plans, we identified the need to support family caregivers and have available in-home and community based long term care options for our older adults. H.B. 2196 would enable the committee to further its work and collaboration with the EOA and Area Agencies on Aging in developing an infrastructure which would not only address the needs of our older adults and family caregivers but provide choices and options to help our kupuna to age in place.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Rep. Marcus Oshiro, Chair

Conference Room 308
February 25, 2008 at 11:15 a.m. (Agenda #2)

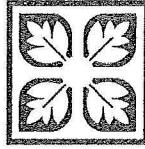
Testimony in support of HB 2196 HD 2.

I am Coral Andrews, Vice President of the Healthcare Association of Hawaii, which represents the entire spectrum of health care, including acute care hospitals, two-thirds of the long term care beds in Hawaii, as well as home care and hospice providers. Thank you for this opportunity to submit written testimony in support of HB 2196 HD 2, which extends the joint legislative committee on family caregiving, changing its name to the joint legislative committee on aging in place. The bill also takes various other steps to support family caregivers.

The relatively good health of Hawaii's population means that there is a large proportion of elderly people. Currently, 17% of the population is 60 years or older. The baby boomers will start to turn 65 by 2011, and by 2030 over one-fourth of the state's population is projected to be older adults. The proportion of those age 85 years and older is growing more than twice as fast as the older population as a whole. Many older people have chronic conditions and need assistance with their care.


As an alternative to institutional care, consumers have expressed a desire to remain living in their homes and to receive care from family members, friends, and professional caregivers. This bill seeks to strengthen the alignment of existing and future organizations whose focus is the development of policies and programs that support family caregivers. As summarized in the SCR 198 Waitlist Task Force Report to the 2008 Legislature, the Healthcare Association of Hawaii supports efforts that enable the work of family caregivers to successfully care for their loved ones at home.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of HB 2196 HD 2.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

TO: Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair
Committee on Finance

FROM: 
Diane M. Terada, Division Administrator

DATE: Monday, February 25, 2008 (11:15 a.m., Room 308)

RE: **Support of HB 2196, HD2 Relating to Caregiving**

Catholic Charities Hawaii (CCH), is a tax exempt, non-profit agency that has been providing social services in Hawaii for over 60 years. The Agency has also been providing supportive home and community based services to elders since 1973 and currently serves approximately 5,000 older persons each year. **We strongly support HB 2196, HD2, Relating to Caregiving, particularly as it pertains to additional funding for Kupuna Care services.**

Catholic Charities Hawaii has provided transportation and housekeeping services, both State-funded Kupuna Care Services, for a number of years. In addition, we have been partners with other aging network providers who also provide essential State-funded Kupuna Care Services such as home-delivered meals, case management, bathing service and more.

State-funded Kupuna Care currently funds a set of basic, essential services that help frail elders remain independent and avoid institutionalization or homelessness. In addition, these services support family caregivers who are providing support to frail elderly relatives who still want to maintain their independence but require supportive services, from family and the community, in order to do so.

Some of the challenges that Catholic Charities Hawaii faces in providing State-funded Kupuna Care Services include:

- **Kupuna Care funds are based on a unit cost that does not cover the total cost of providing service.** As a result, nonprofit providers are struggling to continue to provide Kupuna Care services because they are funding a larger balance of cost in order to provide these services.
- **Community Need for service is growing and the frailer population of elders now served by Kupuna Care service providers means a higher level of service is needed** to help these elders maintain their independence.
- **Continued wait list for Housekeeping Services** which means elders who may be at risk of eviction must wait for three or more months in order to receive services.



- **Flat or reduced Federal funding** for elderly services, which has a domino effect on Kupuna Care clients.

The Consequences of Not Providing More Funding for State Kupuna Care Services

- **Missed opportunities to keep elders out of costly institutions.** At a cost of approximately \$7,000 a month per person for nursing home care, it is much more cost effective, and humane, to keep elders as well as possible in the communities in which they want to remain. **Additional funding of \$750,000 for State Kupuna Care will provide additional services for hundreds of seniors. This same amount could only support about nine elders in nursing homes for a year.** The cost of institutional care eventually becomes a burden on taxpayers and government since State-funded Kupuna Care program targets those in greatest need.
- **Wait lists will grow.** The longer that elders must wait for service, the greater the risk that their will **lose their ability to live independently in a safe, dignified environment.**

Catholic Charities Hawaii asks for your support of HB 2196, HD2, Relating to Caregiving. Thank you.

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Transmitted by email, February 23, 2008

Hearing by House Committee on Finance

February 25, 2008, 11:15 a.m. Conference Room 308

Joint statement of Al Hamai, President, and Carol Nitta, Legislative Committee Member, **Supporting HB 2196, HD2, Relating to Caregiving**

Chair Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair and Members of the Committee,

We are submitting testimony on behalf of the Hawaii Alliance for Retired Americans (HARA). HARA represents 17,000 retirees, members of the above organizations and individuals. We are a chapter of the Alliance for Retired Americans (ARA), a national advocacy organization for retirees.

Last year, HARA supported the establishment of Joint Legislative Committee on Family Caregiving (JLCFC) which worked conscientiously in the interim to achieve its mandates set forth in Act 204, SLH 2007. For its efforts and achievements, the Committee is commended. And we believe that the Committee will continue to do its good work. So HARA is pleased to support HB 2196, HD2. It extends the life of JLCFC, to be renamed the Joint Legislative Committee on Aging in Place and expands its role to include aging in place issues related to family caregiving, expands kupuna care, requires the Hawaii Aging and Resource Center to report to the Committee, and also provides grants to family caregivers and for home modifications to facilitate aging-in-place.

We appreciate very much your efforts in allocating resources to this Joint Legislative Committee and in supporting the programs and activities identified and supported in this bill.

HARA supports HB 2196, HD2 as a high priority bill and urges your Committee to approve it. Mahalo.

Ke hana like nei na ku puna i 'oi loa a'e 'o Hawai'i
Senior citizens working together for a better Hawai'i

Hawaii Aging Advocates Coalition

Testimony to the House Committee on Finance
Monday, February 25, 2008
Conference Room 308; 11:15am; Agenda #2

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RE: H.B. No. 2196, H.D. 2, RELATING TO CAREGIVING.

Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Wes Lum and I am testifying on behalf of the Hawaii Aging Advocates Coalition (HAAC). **HAAC strongly supports this measure.**

This bill reflects many of the recommendations of the Joint Legislative Committee on Family Caregiving (Committee). In making its recommendations, the Committee examined the research and data provided by the studies conducted during this past legislative interim, and focused on addressing the immediate needs of family caregivers, as well as facilitating the development of a comprehensive, community based family caregiver support system.

We applaud the Committee for its excellent and thorough work, and for submitting a final report that was done well.

HAAC strongly supports this measure and asks for your favorable consideration. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

TO: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair
Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair

FROM: PAT SASAKI

RE: HB 2196, HD2 RELATING TO CAREGIVING

HEARING: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2008
STATE CAPITOL, CONFERENCE ROOM 308
11:15AM

POSITION: SUPPORT

My name is Pat Sasaki. I am testifying in support of H.B. No. 2196, H.D. 2 Relating to Caregiving.

Mahalo to Hawaii Legislators for sustaining your commitment to the issues and needs of Hawaii's fast-growing older population. From the plight of children lacking responsible parents to the day-to-day economic struggles of working families, older adults play critical roles in the lives of Hawaii's citizens.

Supporting the aging network of services means providing just that bit of extra help that sustains a family's ability to function and avoid abandoning or neglecting older adult family members.

Older adults themselves keep many of Hawaii's families going. They share their life savings to help pay for living and education expenses. They provide childcare for working parents that includes transportation, feeding, and nurturing. They are also the ones who assume child-raising responsibilities and costs when parents are absent or incapable.

I urge your passage of this measure. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Laura Manis Testifier

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

MONDAY, February 25, 2008, 11:15 A.M., Conference Room 308

HB 2196 HD 2 RELATING TO CAREGIVING. Extends the joint legislative committee on family caregiving; changes the committee's name to the joint legislative committee on aging in place; expands the committee's mandate to include aging in place issues related to family caregiving; requires the aging and disability resource center to report to the committee; requires the joint legislative committee to conduct a cash and counseling project; appropriates funds to the joint legislative committee; allows kupuna care to include overnight, weekend, and emergency respite, as well as provide grants to caregivers and for home modification; appropriates funds to the kupuna care program

SUPPORT

This testimony is being submitted on behalf Kokua Council whose mission includes advocating for the health of the elderly and those vulnerable populations who can not advocate for themselves.

We are pleased to support this bill for the following reasons. Changing the name of the task force acknowledges the reality that frailness includes being unable to do chores such as housekeeping, shopping, yard work, all of which enables people to stay at home. This will expand the scope of this very valuable committee and help relieve the pressure on caregivers as well as the burden on long term care facilities.

The other components of this omnibus bill cover existing gaps in services, such as Kupuna Care for emergencies, overnight and weekend care and help with financing home modification. We also support financing existing programs (Kupuna Care) to shorten wait lists, and to continue and implement the valuable work of the joint committee on caregiving and the one-stop resource center for aging and disability.

This bill recognizes that home and community-based care is cheaper than institutional care, that money is saved by both the state and by families, that family caregivers are mostly unpaid but need help to continue their work, and Medicaid costs can be better contained if caregivers are sustained.

We ask that you will support this bill.

Laura G. Manis, Legislative Chair, Kokua Council
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FINtestimony

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To: Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
 Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair
 COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

From: Lyn Moku, Division Manager Phone: 808- 532-0806
 National Multiple Sclerosis Society

Date: February 25, 2008 – 11:15 a.m. – Conference Room 308

Subject: **WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2196, HD2 RELATING TO CAREGIVERS**

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society supports HB 2196, HD2 which extends the joint legislative committee on family caregiving (JLCFC); changes the committee's name to the joint legislative committee on aging in place; expands the committee's mandate to include aging in place issues related to family caregiving; requires the Hawaii aging and disability resource center to report to the committee; requires the joint legislative committee to design a cash and counseling project; appropriates funds to the joint legislative committee; allows kupuna care to include overnight, weekend, and emergency respite, as well as provide grants to caregivers and for home modification; appropriates funds to the kupuna care program.

With regard to the long-term care needs of people with multiple sclerosis and their families, the elderly, and people with chronic diseases and disabilities, the MS Society supports the

- expansion of public and private long-term care options, especially those that keep the individual at home or in the community as long as possible and functioning at the highest possible level;
- development of a coordinated approach to the delivery of an individual's care to help assure that the best combination of health care and other needed services is provided;
- establishment of programs to help the caregiver cope with constant, often overwhelming duties;
- the development of a comprehensive community-based family caregiver support system.

The appropriation of funds to the kupuna care program supports aging in place and family caregivers.

Please support HB 2196, HD 2. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in favor of this Bill.

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