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March 13, 2008

The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland
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 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 relating to family caregiving; 3) require the aging and disability resource center (ADRC) to provide an update on the physical site in Hawaii County and the "virtual" site planned for the Honolulu City and County; 4) require the legislative committee to design a cash and counseling project; 5) appropriate funds to the Kupuna care program and allow 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.

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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.


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 Fiscal Year 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,


Waynette K.Y. Cabral
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Senate Committee on Human Services and Public Housing

HB 2196 HD2, RELATING TO CAREGIVING

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

Thursday, March 13, 2008

1:15 p.m.

1 **Department's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) has concerns regarding HB 2196
2 HD2 in that the appropriation will impact the priorities of the Executive Supplemental Budget.

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 HD2 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

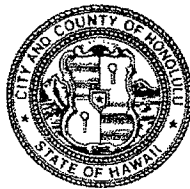
1 respice, as well as provide grants to caregivers and for home modification; appropriates funds to
2 the KUPUNA CARE program.

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

11 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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March 13, 2008

The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
The Honorable Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair
and Members of the Committee on Human Services and Public Housing
The Senate
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Ihara, and Members:

Subject: Support of HB 2196, HD2, Relating to Caregiving

The Elderly Affairs Division is an Area Agency on Aging designated by the State Executive Office on Aging under the Older Americans Act of 1965. We strongly support HB 2196, HD2, Relating to Caregiving.

HB 2196, HD2 would assist the Executive Office on Aging in partnership with the Area Agencies on Aging to increase the operating budget for the Kupuna Care program. These funds will allow the Area Agencies on Aging to increase the amount of services it can provide to meet the needs of the increasing number of frail elderly individuals in the community. We also strongly support the inclusion of the Kupuna Care Program and Caregiver Support funds as part of the base budget to reduce administrative costs of utilizing these funds and to maximize the framework of long-term care and caregiver services that already exist in each county.

We urge the committee to pass HB 2196, HD2. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Karen K. Miyake".

Karen K. Miyake
County Executive on Aging
Elderly Affairs Division

CY:ab
cc: Office of the Mayor

The Twenty-Fourth Legislature
Regular Session of 2008

THE SENATE
Committee on Human Services and Public Housing
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

State Capitol, Conference Room 016
Thursday, March 13, 2008; 1:15 p.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON H.B. 2196, HD2
RELATING TO CAREGIVING**

The ILWU Local 142 supports H.B. 2196, HD2, which is an "omnibus" measure related to "aging in place" issues, including family caregiving and Kupuna Care, and extends the Joint Legislative Committee on Family Caregiving while changing its name to the committee on "Aging in Place."

As the need to plan for our aged population increases, the importance of the Joint Legislative Committee on Family Caregiving becomes more and more apparent. The first "baby boomers" will turn 65 in less than five years. Hawaii may not be ready for the large increase of older residents, especially the huge number of those over the age of 80.

The Joint Legislative Committee is attempting to address the needs of Hawaii's aged population, but its work is not finished. Support for family caregivers is needed, not just for respite but for financial assistance in the form of "cash and counseling" programs. Funding for Kupuna Care needs to be increased. The problems of aging and caring for the aged must be addressed.

The ILWU urges passage of H.B. 2196, HD2. However, we also urge that the Legislature consider a source of funding for these programs to assist the aged. A tax earmarked for caregiving programs and Kupuna Care may be what is needed.

Thank you for considering our views on this matter.



SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & PUBLIC HOUSING
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

Conference Room 016
March 13, 2008 at 1:15 p.m.

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 testify 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.

Hawai'i Alliance for Retired Americans

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Transmitted by email, March 10, 2008

Hearing by Senate Committee on Human Services and Public Housing

March 13, 2008, 1:15 p.m. Conference Room 016

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

Chair Suzanne Chun Oakland, 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, 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 under its more appropriate new name, the Joint Legislative Committee on Aging in Place (JLCAP). This bill also expands JLCAP's 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 Senate Committee on Human Services and Public Housing
Thursday, March 13, 2008
Conference Room 016; 1:15pm**

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**Harry Mattson
Kokua Council**

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

Chair Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Ihara, 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 : Committee on Human Services and Public Housing
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

FROM: Eldon L. Wegner, Ph.D.,
PABEA (Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs)

SUBJECT: **HB 2196 HD2 Relating to Caregiving**

HEARING: 1:15 pm Thursday, March 13, 2008
Conference Room 016, Hawaii State Capitol

PURPOSE: An omnibus bill to support the work and recommendations from the Joint Legislative Task Force on Family Caregiving, including changing the name to **“Aging in Place”** and broadening the scope to include aging in place issues related to family caregiving; requires the Aging and Disability Resource Center to report to the taskforce; undertakes to design a cash and counseling project; expands Kupuna Care to include overnight, weekend and emergency respite and grants to caregivers for home modification, and appropriates funds to Kupuna Care.

POSITION: **PABEA strongly supports the continued work of the Joint Legislative Taskforce and supports its recommendations.**

RATIONALE:

I am offering testimony on behalf of PABEA, the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, which is an appointed board tasked with advising the Executive Office on Aging (EOA). My testimony does not represent the views of the EOA but of the Board.

§ PABEA is grateful for the dedicated work of the Joint Taskforce for undertaking to develop a comprehensive set of policies to support family caregiving and aging in place. The growing elder population and the need to support families and minimize reliance on institutions make this a critical area for increased policies and programs for the state;

§ Medicaid waiver cash and counseling programs have shown themselves to be successful in other states, through providing financial assistance along with consumer education to increase

consumer direction over care. The recommendation is to create a program which would provide some financial assistance to low income, non-Medicaid caregivers in Hawaii.

- § The Aging and Disability Resource Center is an exciting restructuring to create a single-access system and to integrate aging and disability services. The development of these centers by our counties needs to be coordinated with the work of the Taskforce;

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- § Extends the Kupuna Care program to provide overnight, weekend, and emergency respite services. An inventory of respite services in the state conducted for the Joint Taskforce showed that this was an urgent need in providing support to family caregivers;
- § Extends the Kupuna Care program to provide grants to caregivers for home modification. In some instances, home modification will enable persons to remain safely in their own homes.
- § Finally, this bill will also appropriate additional funds to the Kupuna Care program in order to address the waitlist for services and to extend services to support caregivers and aging in place.

Thank you for allowing me to testify.

TO: SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND PUBLIC HOUSING
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Les Ihara, Vice Chair

FROM: PAT SASAKI

RE: HB 2196, HD2 RELATING TO CAREGIVING

HEARING: THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2008
STATE CAPITOL, CONFERENCE ROOM 016
1:15 PM

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.

To: The Honorable Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
The Honorable Sen. Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Human Services and Public Housing

From: Rose Nakamura, Administrator, Project Dana

Subject: Testimony of HB 2196,HD2 (HSCR850-08) Relating to Caregiving

I strongly support HB 2196, HD2 Relating to Caregiving. This particular Senate Bill includes appropriating funds to the Kupuna Care Program; consider various options for overnight, weekend, and emergency respite; grants to caregivers as well as other elderly needs.

The elderly would prefer to age in place in their homes. However, many of Hawaii's Kupuna need additional assistance from the State of Hawaii in order to remain at home.

Kupuna Care: Additional funding is so much needed to assist elderly in managing their Activities of Daily Living (ADL's) and/or their Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADL's) enabling them to live independently in the community. Services which Kupuna Care provides are responses to basic needs that add to the quality of life for frail elders. Many seniors are isolated, lonely, helpless and need some assistance in coping with daily living.

Caregiving Services/Options: Caregiving is everybody's business and at some point in everyone's life, one will be faced with challenging caregiving responsibilities. Relief assistance and caregiving support are essential to avoid physical and emotional stress to both the caregiver and the frail elder. The caregiving crunch is facing us very seriously.

Funding for HB 2196, HD2 (HSCR850-08) from the State of Hawaii is imminent as assistance for chronic care and caregiving are two of the most needed services. I urge you to strongly support and approve the funding of much needed services. Hawaii's elders need your sensitive support. Thank you very much.

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From: manis [manis@lava.net]
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COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND PUBLIC HOUSING Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair Senator
Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

Thursday, March 13, 2008 1:15 p.m. Conference Room 016

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.

We ask that you will support this bill.

Laura G. Manis, Legislative Chair, Kokua Council
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