



**Before the Committee on Health and
Committee on Human Services and Housing**

**LATE
Testimony**

DATE: January 23, 2008

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 329

**Re: HB 2196 Relating to Caregiving
Testimony of NFIB Hawaii**

This testimony is presented on behalf of the National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB) with respect to HB 2196 Relating to Caregiving.

NFIB is the largest advocacy organization representing small and independent businesses in Washington, D.C. and all 50 state capitols, with more than 1,000 members in Hawaii and 600,000 members nationally. NFIB members are a diverse group consisting of high-tech manufacturers, retailers, farmers, professional service providers and many more.

NFIB agrees that caregiving is an important issue, with the potential to affect many businesses as well as families. We are concerned that wage replacement that may be available to employees potentially places an administrative burden on employers who must collect and then remit these contributions. We take no position on this bill but want to continue to have a place in this important discussion. We are opposed to legislation that would place additional financial or administrative burden on business, particularly small businesses.

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Date: January 23, 2008
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Measure Number – HB 2196

Committee is requesting 5 copies.

Thank you.

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HB 2196, RELATING TO CAREGIVING

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

Wednesday, January 23, 2008

9:00 a.m.

1 **Department's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) supports the intent of HB2196 as
2 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 the
2 University of Hawaii to coordinate family caregiver support services and policies statewide. We
3 are pleased to have worked in partnership with the University, the Joint Legislative Committee,
4 and community stakeholders to have contributed to the research that was cited in this bill.
5 Additionally, we will continue to work together to strengthen and expand KUPUNA CARE services
6 to meet the needs of Hawaii's older adults and their family caregivers. It should be noted that Act
7 204, SLH 2007, already appropriated an additional \$525,000 to EOA for Kupuna Care services in
8 fiscal year 2008-2009.

9 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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

The ILWU Local 142 supports H.B. 2196, 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. 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.

TO: Representative Josh Green, MD, Chair
Representative John Mizuno, Vice Chair
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DATE: Wednesday, January 23, 2008 (9:00 a.m., Room 329)

RE: Support of HB 2196, Relating to Caregiving

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I am 105 years old and receive **HOUSEKEEPING** services from Catholic Charities Hawaii, which is partially funded through the State Kupuna Care Program.

Please help Hawaii's growing population of Kupuna by providing **ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE SERVICES, SUCH AS:**

- Transportation
- **Housekeeping/Chore**
- Home-delivered meals
- Case Management
- Adult day care
- Attendant care
- Bathing services
- Respite services

I need **HELP** with **HOUSEKEEPING** because:

I AM UNABLE TO DO IT MYSELF.
I HAVE MEDICAL PROBLEMS.

If I did NOT have **HELP WITH HOUSEKEEPING**:

I WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY.

Please make additional Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: SONIA WALLACE

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TO: Representative Josh Green, MD, Chair
Representative John Mizuno, Vice Chair
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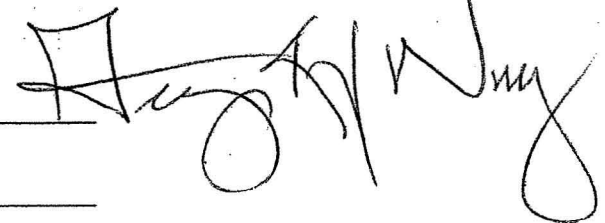
I need **HELP** with **HOUSEKEEPING** because:

I'm a **DISABLED VETERAN** w/ **NUMEROUS HEALTH ISSUES**, **HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE**, **ARTHRITIS** IN VARIOUS JOINTS, **HEARING & SIGHT PROBLEMS**. I'm **DIVORCED** & **ALL MY CHILDREN RESIDE ON THE EAST COAST**. I LIVE ALONE. **IT DID NOT HAVE HELP WITH HOUSEKEEPING**. I'D HAVE TO HIRE SOMEONE THUS STRAINING MY **MEAGER FIXED INCOME** & **W/O**. I'VE **ELIMINATED TRAVELING ALTOGETHER** BECAUSE **PROPERTY TAXES** HAVE RISEN TO **HEIGHTS UNPLANNED FOR DURING EMPLOYMENT YRS.**

Please make additional Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

George K. F. Wong 

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TO: Representative Josh Green, MD, Chair
Representative John Mizuno, Vice Chair
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I am 75 years old and receive **HOUSEKEEPING** services from Catholic Charities Hawaii, which is partially funded through the State Kupuna Care Program.

Please help Hawaii's growing population of Kupuna by providing **ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE SERVICES, SUCH AS:**

- Transportation
- **Housekeeping/Chore X**
- Home-delivered meals
- Case Management
- Adult day care
- Attendant care
- Bathing services
- Respite services

I need **HELP** with **HOUSEKEEPING** because:

I am unable to walk without a walker - would lose balance without help.

If I did **NOT** have **HELP WITH HOUSEKEEPING**:

*would not have help to shop for food
would not be able to put clothes in laundry machine
to be clean or do other housekeeping chores*

Please make additional Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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