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To the Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services who are having a public hearing at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 24, 2008 in Room 106

Aloha kakou,

Our jursidiction, as well as the others in Hawai'i Nei too, I'm sure, is in need of opportunities and options to deliver respite services and resources. We are formally identifying and engaging of a growing number of family caregivers. The casework situations reflect the depth and breath of caregiving reallities in families of all socio-economic levels. I am in support of S.B. 2048, which appropriates funds to the Executive Office on Aging to continue its respite inventory project in collaboration with the University of Hawai'i at Manoa School of Social Work. Such research, analyses and reportage have helped the aging network and I wish for it to continue.

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