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March 19, 2008

The Honorable Michael Y. Magaoay, Chair  
House Committee on Legislative Management  
Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
State Capitol  
State of Hawaii  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Magaoay and Members of the Committee:

**SUBJECT: SB 2830 SD2 HD1 – 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 (DOH).

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **SUPPORTS SB 2830 SD2 HD1**. The purpose of the bill is to: 1) extend the work of the Joint Legislative Committee on Family Caregiving (JLCFC) for one year; 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 committee to develop a model for a cash and counseling project and appropriate funds for this purpose; 5) appropriate funds to the Kupuna Care Program to address the waitlist and expand the program; 6) allow Kupuna Care to include overnight, weekend, and emergency respite, and grants to caregivers for home modifications; 7) establish a task force to focus on the needs and issues of grandparents raising grandchildren; 8) appropriate funds to the Executive Office on Aging (EOA) to continue its respite inventory project in collaboration with the University of Hawaii (UH).

In addition, the bill appropriates funds to increase payments for level of care for Adult Residential Care Homes (ARCH) types I and II, and licensed DD domiciliary homes, community care foster family homes, and certified adult foster homes by seven percent from \$641.90 to \$686.83 for level I, and from \$749.90 to \$802.39 for level II, beginning July 1, 2008.

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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.

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 exploring the establishment of a paid family leave program for family caregivers who take time off from work to care for a seriously ill family member.

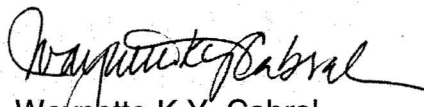
The Council defers to EOA on the appropriation necessary for FY 2008-2009 to implement and expand the Kupuna Care Program and to continue its respite inventory project with UH.

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.

In addition, the Council recognizes the value of care and services that providers of licensed and certified homes provide persons with DD. ARCHs, DD domiciliary homes, community care foster family homes, and certified adult foster homes are part of an array of residential options currently available for individuals with DD. They are an important resource in providing various residential settings to enable people with DD to live in the community. Any increase in the level of care rate of payment, whether by percentage or a flat rate, would help providers address the current cost of living in Hawaii.

We appreciate the opportunity to present testimony in support of **SB 2830 SD2 HD1**.

Sincerely,

  
Waynette K.Y. Cabral  
Executive Administrator

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March 19, 2008

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Michael Y. Magaoay, Chair  
House Committee on Legislative Management

FROM: Lillian B. Koller, Director

SUBJECT: S.B. 2830, S.D. 2, H.D. 1 - RELATING TO CAREGIVING

Hearing: Wednesday, March 19, 2008, 2:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 423, State Capitol

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of S.B. 2830, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, is to extend 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 develop a model for 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; establishes a task force to focus on the needs and issues of grandparents raising grandchildren; appropriates funds to the executive office on aging to continue

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its respite inventory project in collaboration with the University of Hawaii; and increases payments for level of care for ARCH type I and II, licensed developmental disabilities domiciliary homes, community care foster family homes, and certified adult foster homes by 7% from \$641.90 to \$686.83 for level I and from \$749.90 to \$802.39 for level II homes.

**DEPARTMENT'S POSITION:** The Department of Human Services (DHS) appreciates the intent of this bill, however, we cannot support this bill as written because it will have an adverse impact on the priorities in the Executive Supplemental Budget.

We would like to submit information to the Committee concerning the cost impact of Section 13 of this bill regarding the rate increases for ARCHs, RACCs, and other domiciliary care home operations by the proposed 7 percent.

The cost of the proposed 7 percent increase is \$1,304,819 for FY 09 for the increase from \$641.90 to \$686.83 for level I and from \$749.90 to \$802.39 for level II homes.

On prior occasions when the State Supplemental Payment (SSP) has been raised, the increase was in a dollar amount, not a percentage amount. The Department has no opinion on this methodology but wanted to highlight the fact that this is different from past practice.

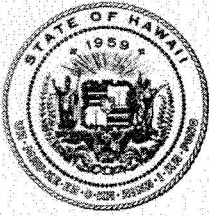
The effect of the proposed increases is to further increase the disparity for the payments between Type I and Type II ARCHs who serve the same clients but have differing operating requirements.



The State of Hawaii also has a Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Agreement with the Social Security Administration which specifies that in each calendar year, DHS shall be required to make at least the same or greater amount of total monetary payments in the form of SSP to populations residing in designated living arrangements. Any time there is an increase in the SSP rate, the increase automatically raises the MOE requirement by that increased amount the following years and on-going indefinitely.

If the Legislature determines that a SSP increase is warranted, the Department respectfully asks that the implementation of the proposed rate increase does not adversely impact nor replace the priorities in the Executive Supplemental Budget.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



## DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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March 19, 2008

### TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

#### Senate Bill 2830, SD2, HD1 – Relating to Caregiving

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) is a statewide board with seventeen (17) members appointed by the Governor, thirteen (13) of whom are persons with disabilities or family members. The Board's mission is to advocate and promote full integration, independence, equal access, and quality of life for persons with disabilities in society. This testimony represents a position voted upon by the Legislative Committee of the Board.

The Board supports Senate Bill 2830, SD2, HD1 which is a comprehensive omnibus bill intending to provide support for family caregivers. House Draft 1 added a new "Part IV" to increase payments for the level of care for adult residential care homes, Types I and II, licensed developmental disabilities domiciliary homes, community care foster family homes, and certified adult foster homes by seven percent.

We recognize the importance of providing a wider range of options to enable individuals who are elderly and frail to remain in their homes or the community rather than seek institutional care. We recommend, however, that the definition of family caregiver be amended to remove the reference to persons age 60 years and older. There are many individuals under the age of 60 for whom the need for ongoing caregiving is identical to those age 60 years and older, and we believe that it is in the best interests of the State to make the system as seamless as possible in terms of caregiving resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

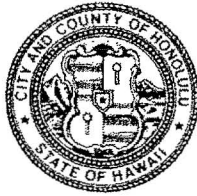
Respectfully submitted,

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Chairperson  
Legislative Committee

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March 19, 2008

The Honorable Michael Y. Magaoay, Chair  
The Honorable James Kunane Tokioka, Vice Chair  
and Members of the Committee on Legislative Management  
The House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Magaoay, Vice Chair Tokioka, and Members:

Subject: Support of SB 2830, SD2, HD1, 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 SB 2830, SD2, HD1, Relating to Caregiving.

SB 2830, SD2, HD1 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 SB 2830, SD2, HD1. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen K. Miyake".

Karen K. Miyake  
County Executive on Aging  
Elderly Affairs Division

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cc: Office of the Mayor

## Carol L. Kanoho

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**From:** manis [manis@lava.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 17, 2008 12:15 PM  
**To:** LMGtestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony SB2830 SD2 Hd1



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Kokua Council Laura Manis Testifier

### COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Rep. Michael Y. Magaoay, Chair  
Rep. James Kunane Tokioka, Vice Chair

March 19, 2008 2:00 PM Conference Room 423

SB 2830 SD2 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 of Kokua Council whose mission includes advocating for 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.

Support for Home and Community based care is financially prudent for the state since this care is much less costly than institutional care. 80 to 90% of care in institutions are supported by Medicaid for which the State must provide 50%.

We ask that you will support this bill.  
Laura G. Manis, Legislative Chair, Kokua Council  
tel. 597-8838

**TO :** HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT  
Rep. Michael Y. Magaoay, Chair  
Rep. James Kunane Tokioka, Vice Chair

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

**SUBJECT: SB 2830 SD2 HD 1 RELATING TO CAREGIVING**

**HEARING:** 2:00 pm Wednesday March 19, 2008  
Conference Room 423, Hawaii State Capitol

**PURPOSE:** An omnibus bill to support the work and recommendations from the Joint Task Force on Family Caregiving, including broadening the name to **Aging in Place** and 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 develop 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; establishes a taskforce to focus on grandparents raising grandchildren, and appropriates funds to the EOA to continue the respite inventory project in collaboration with UH.

**POSITION: PABEA STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE CONTINUED WORK OF THE JOINT TASKFORCE AND SUPPORTS ITS RECOMMENDATIONS. WE HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE ADDED PROVISIONS TO THIS BILL IN HD 1 TO INCREASE PAYMENTS TO RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES AND OTHER RESIDENCES WHICH ARE NOT FAMILY CAREGIVING.**

**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. I am also a professor of medical sociology at UH-Manoa who has worked with elderly services in Hawaii for more than 20 years.

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 aging tsunami facing Hawaii requires that we put in place policies and programs to protect family caregivers and our frail elderly. The focus on **Aging in Place** requires creating an infrastructure of home and community-based care and reducing reliance upon institutional/residential care facilities;
- § Because the needs are so multi-faceted, the taskforce is taking a comprehensive approach and this bill addresses multiple ways of meeting the many different care situations, including support for modifying homes, providing emergency

respite services, developing a cash and counseling program for caregivers, and addressing the issues faced by grandparents raising grandchildren. Funds are also needed to continue data collection on the need for more respite services, and also to address the wait-lists and enable expansion of the Kupuna Care program.

- § SD 2 amended the bill by removing the appropriations to the Executive Office on Aging Kupuna program with the intention that these funds would be requested in the Supplemental Budget, especially for Kupuna Care services which is an ongoing program. We agree that these funds should be included in the budget.
- § HD 1 added provisions to increase state payments to adult residential care homes and other residential care arrangements. We have reservations about including these proposals in a bill which has the purpose of supporting family caregivers.

Thank you for considering these requests and we urge your support for this bill.





**To: House Committee on Legislative Management  
Rep. Michael Magaoay, Chair  
Rep. James Kunane Tokioka, Vice-Chair**

**Date: March 19, 2008  
Conference Room 423  
2:00 pm**

**Re: SB 2830, SD2, HD1, RELATING TO CAREGIVING**

Chair Magaoay and Members of the Committee:

My name is Ed Thompson and I am the Associate State Director for Advocacy for AARP Hawaii. We are a membership organization for people 50 and older with 156,000 members in Hawaii. AARP provides access to services and information, meaningful volunteer opportunities, and the opportunity for our members to create positive change in their lives.

AARP supports SB 2830, SD2, HD1.

This bill extends the life of the Joint Legislative Committee on Family Caregiving; changes the committee's name to the Joint Legislative Committee on Aging in Place; and expands the committee's mandate to include aging in place issues related to family caregiving.

Family caregiving plays a crucial role in addressing the needs of our senior and disabled populations that need long-term care services and support in the community. As an alternative to institutional care, many of Hawaii's people have expressed a desire to remain living in their homes and to receive care from family members, friends, and professional caregivers. Hawaii's people should have choices for their care needs.

AARP Hawaii has been an active participant throughout the work of the Joint Legislative Committee on Family Caregiving. We will continue to offer our support to help Hawaii's family caregivers and to help determine how their needs can be supported through public policy.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committees.

(Transmitted by email: [LMGtestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:LMGtestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov) on 3/17/08)

## Hawai'i Alliance for Retired Americans

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Joint statement of Al Hamai, President, and Carol Nitta, Legislative Committee Member, Supporting SB 2830, SD2, HD1, Relating to Caregiving

### **Hearing by House Committee on Legislative Management**

March 19, 2008, 2 p.m. Conference Room 423

Chair Michael Y. Magaoay 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.

HARA supports SB 2830, SD2, HD1 and considers this a high priority bill. The Joint Legislative Committee on Family Caregiving (JLCFC) has performed a great service to the legislature and to our community in identifying and seeking solutions to support the thousands of family caregivers, who daily take care of their loved ones. This bill extends the life of the joint committee, changes its name, expands its role to include aging in place issues related to family caregiving and also appropriates funds to support family caregivers and the Kupuna Care Program.

The members of the JLCFC are commended by HARA for working during the interim to achieve its mandates set forth in Act 204, SLH 2007 and for taking actions during this session on various proposals to better support family caregivers. HARA supports SB 2830, SD2, HD1 and urges your Committee to approve it. Mahalo.

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# Hawaii Aging Advocates Coalition

Testimony to the House Committee on Legislative Management  
Wednesday, March 19, 2008  
Conference Room 423; 2:00pm

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Coalition**

Harry Mattson  
**Kokua Council**

**RE: S.B. No. 2830, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, RELATING TO CAREGIVING.**

Chair Magaoay, Vice Chair Tokioka, 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 LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT  
Representative Michael Magaoay, Chair  
Representative James Tokioka, Vice Chair

FROM: PAT SASAKI

RE: S.B. 2830 S.D. 2, H.D. 1, RELATING TO CAREGIVING

HEARING: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2008  
STATE CAPITOL, CONFERENCE ROOM 423  
2:00PM

POSITION: SUPPORT

My name is Pat Sasaki. I am testifying in support of S.B. No. 2830, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, 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 S.B. No. 2830, S.D. 2, H.D. 1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

To: The Honorable Rep. Michael Y. Magaoay, Chair  
The Honorable Rep. James Kunane Tokioka, Vice Chair  
Members of the Committee on Legislative Management

From: Rose Nakamura, Administrator, Project Dana *Rose Nakamura*

Subject: Testimony of SB 2830, SD 2, HD 1, (HSCR 1125-08)  
Relating to Caregiving

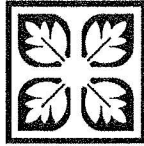
I strongly support SB 2830, SD 2, HD 1, (HSCR 1125-08), Relating to Caregiving. This particular Senate Bill includes appropriating funds to the Kupuna Care Program; consider various options for overnight, weekend, and emergency respite; grants to caregivers as well as other elderly needs.

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.

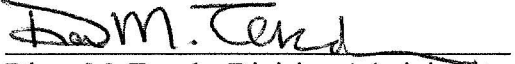
Caregiving Services/Options: Caregiving is everybody's business and at some point in everyone's life, one will be faced with challenging caregiving responsibilities. Relief assistance and caregiving support are essential to avoid physical and emotional stress to both the caregiver and the frail elder.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

Funding for SB 2830, SD1,HD 1, (HSCR 1125-08) Relating to Caregiving 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.



## CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

TO: Representative Michael Y. Magaoay, Chair  
Representative James Kunane Tokioka, Vice Chair  
Committee on Legislative Management

FROM:   
Diane M. Terada, Division Administrator

DATE: Wednesday, March 19, 2008 (2:00 p.m., Room 423)

RE: **Support of SB 2830, SD2, HD1 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 SB 2830, SD2, HD1, Relating to Caregiving, particularly as it pertains to additional funding for Kupuna Care services, and recommend additional funding of \$970,861.**

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.

**The Consequence 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. For example, **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.

**Catholic Charities Hawaii asks for your support of SB 2830, SD2, HD1, Relating to Caregiving. Thank you.**



# HAWAII COALITION OF CAREGIVERS

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March 17, 2008

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Testimony in Support of SB 2830, SD2, HD1 - LMG - Mar. 19, 2008, 2:00 p.m., Rm. 423

Chair Magaoay, Vice Chair Tokioka, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Coalition of Caregivers (HCCG) emphatically supports SB2830, SD2, HD1 relating to the increase of reimbursement rates for domiciliary care provided in licensed developmental disabilities domiciliary homes, community care foster family homes, and certified adult foster homes, and adult residential care homes.

HCCG's testimony in strong support can be summarized in one sentence: Level I caregivers provide 24/7 care 365 days a year for a flat-rate of \$1,200 per month, which calculates to approximately \$42 per day or \$1.67 per hour. The plight of caregivers covered by this bill can be characterized as downright deplorable.

The skyrocketing costs of providing care to the elderly and disabled make it nearly impossible to operate. Caregivers must pay their mortgage for their homes, most of which is used by the residents. Caregivers must also pay for electricity, water, and sewer costs that residents use; for property taxes, general excise taxes, and income taxes; for food, and kitchen, bathroom, and laundry supplies consumed by residents; for their cars and gasoline used to bring their residents to the doctor; for the insurance they are required to carry; for any entertainment they are expected to provide their residents. How do you stretch \$1.67 for all of these costs and still make a living?

This dire situation forces caregivers to live by their wits having to fend for their own health insurance, retirement savings, and other fringe benefits employees sometimes take for granted. Many cannot afford to purchase medical insurance for their family, which now averages \$1,000 per month. Ironically, the residents who they care for have medical insurance provided free of cost courtesy of the government. Forget about a retirement program.

Caregivers have little or no privacy and must make financial sacrifices to even leave their own homes. 24-hour care literally means 24-hour care. To even leave their homes, caregivers must use part of the \$1.67 per hour they earn to pay substitutes who earn an average of \$10 per hour. Caregivers have no vacation, no sick leave, funeral leave, jury leave or any other fringe benefits. And we wonder why almost all caregivers are immigrants and/or elderly. And we wonder why no student in our schools today are saying, "I want to grow up being a care home operator."

Notwithstanding the lack of financial incentives, caregivers tirelessly provide personalized virtual one-on-one hands-on care to their residents. On a daily basis, caregivers cook for their residents menus that are mandated by the State; they clean the house so that they can meet stringent standards of cleanliness; they bathe their residents; they help residents use the bathroom; they dress their

residents; they take their residents to medical appointments; they ensure that residents take their medicine; they do the laundry soiled by their residents; and after all this, they entertain their residents and help their residents preserve their dignity giving them the feeling that they still belong in the community. All this for \$1.67 per hour. What a bargain!

Sadly, even after caregivers take their residents in and treat them as members of their own family, residents sometimes become combative and verbally abuse their caregivers. Some of them hit or spit at their caregivers. At the same time, the State hovers over the caregivers looking for any sign of abuse or neglect. When a resident loses weight, the State accuses caregivers of not feeding their residents. When a resident gains weight, the State screams improper nutrition.

Little do people realize that caregivers comprise an integral part of Hawaii's health care system. In hospital terminology, HCCG's members have a total of about 4,000 "beds". What happens if these beds vanished because caregivers could no longer operate making \$1.67 per hour? Where would these residents go? What would the State do? Should the State send them to nursing homes that charge an average of \$7,000 per month per resident as opposed to \$1,200 in a care home? Who would pay for this?

A 7% raise would bring Type I hourly rates to \$1.78 per hour as opposed to \$1.67, far short of minimum wage, which is now \$7.25 per hour. Nevertheless, 7% would go a long way to encouraging caregivers to continue to provide a service without which the State cannot go without. It would be the first step in ensuring this industry survives.

Some may say, caregivers got a \$100/month raise a few years ago. Prior to 2006, however, caregivers did not receive a raise for about 10 years. Others may cite to the shrinking state budget. Sometimes, however, we must make difficult choices by looking at the necessity and value of the service caregivers provide relative to other competing interests. HCCG urges lawmakers to make the policy decision that will show that the caregiving industry that lawmakers values their service and that they care about providing home and community based care to the elderly and disabled. Hospitals and nursing homes do not have the capacity. We will all grow old at some point. Where will we go?

Very truly yours,

The Hawaii Coalition of Caregivers (HCCG)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bryan P. Andaya

Attachments (Testimony in favor of HB2136 Relating to 7% Increase in Reimbursement Rate)

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About HCCG

HCCG consists primarily of four organizations working in collaboration towards the common mission of uniting the home and community based care giving industry to improve the quality of care provided to elderly and developmentally disabled clients in various home and community based programs, as well as to improve the state of the industry. HCCG members include: The Alliance of Residential Care Administrators (ARCA), the Preferred Care Providers (TPCP), the United Group of Home Administrators (UGHO), and the Adult Foster Home Association of Hawaii (AFHA). Together, members of the four organizations have a membership of almost 1,500 and comprise about 90% of the home and community-based care givers in the State of Hawaii.

The Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Committee on Legislative Management  
Rep. Michael Y. Magaoay, Chair  
Rep. James Kunane Tokioka, Vice Chair

State Capitol, Conference Room 423  
Wednesday, March 19, 2008; 2:00 p.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON S.B. 2830, SD2, HD1  
RELATING TO CAREGIVING**

The ILWU Local 142 supports S.B. 2830, SD2, HD1, 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 S.B. 2830, SD2, HD1. 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 Michael Y. Magaoay, Chair  
Representative James Kunane Tokioka, Vice Chair  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

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

Date: Wednesday, March 19, 2008 2:00 p.m. – Room 423

Subject: **SUPPORT OF SB2830 SD 2 HD 1 RELATING TO CAREGIVING**

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society supports SB2830 SD2 HD1 which 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 develop a model for 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; establishes a task force to focus on the needs and issues of grandparents raising grandchildren; appropriates funds to the executive office on aging to continue its respite inventory project in collaboration with the University of Hawaii. Increases payments for level of care for ARCH types I and II, licensed developmental disabilities domiciliary homes, community care foster family homes, and certified adult foster homes.

For the past two or more years, community agencies and individuals have met regularly with the Joint Legislative Committee on Family Caregiving to provide input on the needs of informal, unpaid family caregivers. Most of the community representatives attending these meetings and Legislative hearings are affiliated with the elderly and/or provide services to caregivers and care recipients. Everyone involved in this process recognizes the urgency in planning for the future of Hawaii's aging population and the looming long-term care crisis. The National MS Society also recognizes that this Bill specifically supports the elderly and trusts it is the first step in providing these same services and benefits to people with multiple sclerosis, other chronic diseases, and people with disabilities who are in need of services but are in the "gap" group—they do not qualify for services because of their age.

Studies and surveys conducted in 2007-2008 were presented to the Joint Legislative Committee and provided important information about Hawaii's aging population and the wants and needs of family caregivers. In line with national trends, the expressed desire of most people, community agencies and health organizations, these reports support "aging in place." Institutional care is more costly and beyond consideration for many, as confirmed in written testimony submitted by Kurt Kawafuchi, Director of Taxation, on HB 584 HD2 dated March 13, 2008. Mr. Kawafuchi stated: "...As of 2003, the statewide average annual cost of a room in a skilled nursing facility was \$105,028 for a private room and \$95,597 for a semi-private room..." There are wait lists for long-term care beds and services. In some cases, there are no provider lists. In other cases there are few, if any, qualified or trained providers, and in-home services are not always covered by health plans or Medicare.



Comprehensive support systems will have to be developed to support people who want to “age in place,” their caregivers, and their families.

The MS Society is concerned about people with multiple sclerosis, other chronic diseases, the elderly and people with disabilities of all ages. We support the:

- Expansion of public and private long-term care options, especially those that keep individuals in the community and functioning at the highest possible level.
- Development of a coordinated approach to the delivery of care to help assure that the best combination of health care and other services is provided.

We recognize the importance and urgency of this Bill. Please support SB 2830 SD2 HD1 related to caregiving. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Testimony in Support of **SB 2830 HD1**  
COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT  
March 19, 2008 at 2:00 pm in Conference Room 423

Rep. Michael Y. Magaoay, Chair; Rep. James Kunane Tokioka, Vice Chair and LMG members:

I am Esther Pascual, the President of the United Group of Home Operators (UGHO), an organization of the Hawaii Coalition of Care Givers (HCCG) which represents over 500 ARCH's and Adult Foster Homes caring for over 2,500 of Hawaii's fragile Elderly & Physically Challenged.

We unanimously SUPPORT **SB2830 HD1** in part which asks for an increase of the current level of care payments for ARCH types I and II, licensed developmental disabilities domiciliary homes, community care foster family homes, and certified adult foster homes by 7% from \$641.90 to \$686.83 for level I and from \$749.90 to \$802.39 for level II beginning on 7/1/08. Further, we also support **SB2830 HD1** to appropriate an unspecified amount of monies in FY 2008-2009 to the Department of Human Services for level of care payments for ARCH's, DD domiciliary, foster homes, and adult foster homes.

The current level of payments by the State to Type I and II Adult Residential Care Homes, hereafter referred to as "ARCH's" and foster homes has not kept up with the steady increase in the cost of living here in the State of Hawaii.

The relevant Federal and State rules and regulations are very stringent, calling for strict requirements which are costly, as well as an increase in costs related to personnel and Insurance. Each passing year the cost of operating our Care Homes has increased, without a corresponding increase in payments.

The majority of ARCH residents in Hawaii are Medicaid Clients. We believe that without an increase in the payments made by the State, many of our ARCH operators will no longer be able to afford to care for our beloved elderly. This would truly be a tragedy not only for our elderly, but for their family members as well, who rely upon the compassion and loving care provided by our Adult Residential Care Home administrators/caregivers.

We are in favor of a cost-of-living adjustment index built into the State's payment schedule which would hopefully result in payments being pegged to the Consumer Price Index (CPI). In this manner, we believe that fairness will be restored, and the integrity of the payment process will be insured.

We are hopeful that your committees see fit to pass **SB2830 HD1** to provide a more fair compensation to the unsung hero's who unselfishly open their hearts and homes to Hawaii's Frail Elderly and Physically Challenged people at the current rate of approximately \$1.50 per hour per resident.

Thank you for allowing us this opportunity to testify IN SUPPORT of this bill.

# Filipino American Citizens League

Jake Manegdeg, President  
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## TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB 2830 SD2 HD1 RELATING TO CAREGIVING

House Committee on Legislative Management  
March 19, 2008, 2 p.m.  
Hawai'i State Capitol Conference Room 423

Report Title: Joint Legislative Committee on Family Caregiving; Kupuna Care; Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Task Force; Respite Care; Appropriations (\$)

To: Honorable Rep. Michael Y. Magaoay, Chair  
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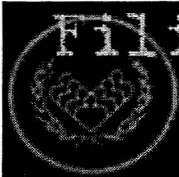
From: Jake Manegdeg, President, Filipino American Citizens League

My name is Jake Manegdeg. As president of the Filipino American Citizens League, I strongly support this bill. The Filipino American Citizens League was formed over ten years ago to contribute to the advancement of civil rights and social justice for minority groups, underserved populations, and vulnerable communities through education, advocacy, and social action.

The Filipino American Citizens League strongly supports all the provisions outlined in this bill. Hawai'i's community-based, domestic care providers, which is comprised largely of Filipinos, contributes significantly to easing the bed shortage and quality care needed for the growing population of elderly who need residential, long term care services. Our Filipino community is highly committed to ensure that Hawai'i's families have a viable and affordable option to care for its frail family members in a home atmosphere. At the same time, Hawai'i's families should have financial support so they can care for relatives and keep their family together as long as possible, rather than in an institution. This bill will ensure a continuum of long term care options to nursing home facilities. Please support these humanitarian and affordable initiatives to the problems of caring for our vulnerable loved ones. Thank you very much for hearing this bill, and for the opportunity to submit our strong support. Please vote yes to its passage.

Very Sincerely,

Jake Manegdeg, President, Filipino American Citizens League



# Filipino Coalition for Solidarity

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From: Charlene Cuaresma, MPH, President, Filipino Coalition For Solidarity

My name is Charlene Cuaresma. As president of the Filipino Coalition for Solidarity, I am submitting testimony in strong support of this bill. Since its inception in 1990, the Coalition has represented more than 50 Filipino community leaders whose aim is to work for social justice issues to empower Filipinos to make socially responsible contributions to Hawai'i and our global neighbors through education, advocacy, and social action.

Hawai'i's family and domestic caregivers issues are complex, but both are based on the value of caring for inter-generation relatives and loved ones, economic justice, and parity for the vital cost savings provided to our state's economy. Your support of this measure is important to build a sensible continuum of care that strengthens, not weakens, the foundation for community-based leadership in caregiving. The Filipino Coalition For Solidarity joins Hawai'i's families and communities to ensure that family and domestic caregivers are equipped with the necessary resources, training, and respect from regulating agencies for their integral part as primary stakeholders in addressing the critical demands of long term care facing Hawai'i and the nation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important bill. Your consideration to champion its passage is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

Charlene Cuaresma  
President, Filipino Coalition for Solidarity



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From: Amy Agbayani, Assistant Vice Chair  
National Federation of Filipino American Association Region XII

My name is Amy Agbayani. The National Federation of Filipino American Associations Region XII strongly supports this bill. I serve as NaFFAA Region XII Assistant Vice Chair, which represents the interests of Filipinos in Hawai'i, Guam, and the Commonwealth of Northern Marianas Islands. NaFFAA Region XII is an affiliate of the National NaFFAA. Washington policy-makers, private industry and national advocacy groups recognize NaFFAA as the Voice of Filipinos and Filipino Americans throughout the United States. We are a non-partisan, non-profit national affiliation of more than five hundred Filipino-American institutions and umbrella organizations that span twelve regions throughout the continental United States and U.S. Pacific territories.

The cost born by family and domestic caregivers, and the necessity of government regulations have not kept up with the true costs to these caregivers, who value keeping the family together as long as possible, and who have made a commitment to providing an affordable option to caring for the sick. NaFFAA is proud to advocate for the well thought out measures outlined in this bill that identify critical support needed to strengthen community-based care. This investment acknowledges the dignity and ability of family and domestic caregivers to maintain a high standard of patient care, while at the same time provide for their own families.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill. Your help to vote yes is important.

Sincerely,

Amy Agbayani, Ph.D., Vice Chair, NaFFAA Region XII



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From: Beatrice Ramos-Razon, President, NAMI  
(Nursing, Advocates & Mentors, Inc.)

My name is Beatrice Ramos Razon. I am speaking as the founder and president of NAMI (Nursing, Advocates & Mentors, Inc.). NAMI's membership is comprised of over 75 nurses, allied health care professionals, and Filipino leaders, who are dedicated to improve the health of Hawaii's people by addressing the global issues of a worldwide nursing shortage through the training and mentoring of foreign medical graduate nurses to pass Hawaii's nurses board exams.

NAMI is in strong support of this bill and all of its provisions to assist family and domestic care providers to make ends meet, while at the same time keep up with the actual 24/7 costs of caring for vulnerable family and community members with special needs. This comprehensive bill for caregivers sets precedence and recognizes the need to support families and family-based care providers. No doubt, there is a need for institutional care. But what this bill proposes is to strengthen the integrity and roles of family and domestic caregivers, while at the same time reduce taxpayers' burden of soaring costs of nursing home facilities.

We are grateful that your committee is hearing this bill, and respectfully ask for your support to enact it.

Sincerely,

Beatrice Ramos Razon, RN, FACDA  
President, Nursing Advocates and Mentors, Inc.





# OAHU FILIPINO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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From: Franklin Borromeo, President  
 Oahu Filipino Community Council

My name is Franklin Borromeo, president of the Oahu Filipino Community Council. OFCC is an umbrella organization comprised of sixty-two members (62) that represent a network of non-profit civic groups with a unified vision to improve the lives of our Filipino communities.

The Oahu Filipino Community Council strongly supports this bill, because family and domestic caregivers have a vested interest in healthy communities that keep families in tact, and keep family members, when deemed appropriate, in community-based care settings for as long as possible. The costs to support this community model of care make good business sense, when compared to the costs of maintaining corporate structures in long term care industries.

Thank you for accepting our testimony. Please enact this much needed bill.

Sincerely,

Franklin Borromeo  
 President, Oahu Filipino Community Council

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From: Tessie Oculito, RN, President  
Philippine Nurses Association-Hawaii

My name is Tessie Oculito. I am happy to strongly support this bill, as president of the Philippine Nurses Association-Hawaii (PNAH). PNAH is a national affiliate of the Philippine Nurses Association of America. Our shared mission is to uphold and foster the positive image and welfare of our constituent members; to promote professional excellence and contribute to significant outcomes to healthcare and society. We uphold the vision to be an organization responsive to its constituent needs, and to be a force in the world arena of nursing.

As nurses, we have been in the forefront of long term care issues locally, nationally, and globally. We fully support the provisions of this bill, which represents the type of support that is much needed at the community level of care. Investment in family and domestic caregivers with resources and training today will pay off in many measurable ways in the future, as long term care costs become compounded. Family and domestic caregivers are the frontline in protecting community health. This direction and attention in health planning needs further study to document best management practices and cost benefits to Hawai'i families and our economy.

We appreciate your help in its passage. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Sincerely,

Tessie Oculito, RN





# UNITED FILIPINO COUNCIL OF HAWAII

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From: Don Alvarez, Immediate Past President, United Filipino Council of Hawaii

**The United Filipino Council of Hawaii (the Council) strongly supports this measure relating to caregiving.** Founded in 1959 to help Filipinos in Hawai'i play a larger role in the State of Hawaii, the mission of the Council is to promote a sense of unity, friendship, camaraderie and mutual assistance among Filipinos in Hawaii while promoting and perpetuating the Filipino heritage and culture. Today, the Council consists of six Island Councils with jurisdiction over 100+ Filipino organizations and a combined membership of about 10,000 from every major island in the State.

We stand united with the people of Hawai'i who value the ability to care for our family members. When that is not possible, Filipinos, who constitute an overwhelming majority of domestic caregivers, are committed to provide both families and the government, an affordable and quality homelike alternative, whenever possible, to costly institutional long term care facilities. We support the measures outlined in this bill to provide the resources, policies, and collegial working relationships among regulating agencies, family, and domestic caregivers. Key to strengthening our community's caregiving capacity is support for reasonable training and reimbursement that reflects the true costs to meet government standards and guidelines to safeguard community-based care. Your return in investment today will build the infrastructure for strengthening families to play a vital role in keeping the rising costs of family caregiving and aging down. Thank you very much for hearing this important bill and for the opportunity to provide this testimony. **Please vote yes.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Alvarez, Immediate Past President  
United Filipino Council of Hawaii

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# CONGRESS OF VISAYAN ORGANIZATIONS

## TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB 2830 SD2 HD1 RELATING TO CAREGIVING

House Committee on Legislative Management  
March 19, 2008, 2 p.m.  
Hawai'i State Capitol Conference Room 423

Report Title: Joint Legislative Committee on Family Caregiving; Kupuna Care;  
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Task Force; Respite Care; Appropriations (\$)

To: Honorable Rep. Michael Y. Magaoay, Chair  
Honorable Rep. James Kunane Tokioka, Vice Chair  
Honorable Committee Members:  
Rep. Pono Chong, Rep. Lynn Finnegan, Rep. Blake Oshiro

From: Margarita Hopkins, President  
Serafin Colmenares, Jr., Ph.D., Executive Vice President  
Congress of Visayan Organizations

Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair; Honorable Les Ihara, Vice Chair; and  
Members of the Senate Human Services and Public Housing Committee:

My name is Margarita Hopkins, President of the Congress of Visayan Organizations, a statewide umbrella organization representing 22 unit organizations of Visayan ancestry.

On behalf of the Congress of Visayan Organizations, we submit strong support of this bill. We uphold its provisions to support the ability of family and domestic caregivers to be the first line of long term care stakeholders. We believe that people should have a choice and the means afforded to them to retain the integrity and dignity of keeping the family together in times of hardship and sickness. We appreciate the services of institutional care, but the cost is prohibitive, and lacks the warmth of a family atmosphere. Basic expenditures invested in family and domestic caregivers will be a tremendous help to offset the soaring costs of institutional care.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify. Please consider voting yes to this bill.

Sincerely,

For the President:  
Serafin Colmenares Jr.  
Executive Vice President