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House Committee on Legislative Management

SB 2830 SD 2 HD1, RELATING TO CAREGIVING

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

Wednesday, March 19, 2008

2:00 p.m.

1 **Department's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) has concerns regarding SB 2830
2 SD 2 HD1 as certain provisions in the bill would negatively impact the Executive supplemental
3 budget priorities.

4 **Fiscal Implications:** There is an unspecified amount of general funds to be appropriated to the
5 Senate and House of Representatives to contract with a qualified consultant to conduct a cash and
6 counseling project and to EOA to expand the KUPUNA CARE program and to continue its respite
7 inventory project with UH School of Social Work for State Fiscal Year 2008- 2009.

8 **Purpose and Justification:** Your Committees have amended this bill by inserting a new "PART
9 VI" to this measure to increase payments for the level of care for adult residential care homes
10 types I and II, licensed developmental disabilities domiciliary homes, community care foster
11 family homes, and certified adult foster homes by seven percent from \$641.90 to \$686.83 for level
12 I and from \$749.90 to \$802.39 for level II.

13 SB 2830 SD 2 HD1 is the family caregiver omnibus bill which:

1 Extends the Joint Legislative Committee on Family Caregiving; changes the committee's name to
2 the Joint Legislative Committee on Aging in Place; expands the committee's mandate to include
3 aging in place issues related to family caregiving; requires the Aging and Disability Resource
4 Center to report to the committee; requires the Joint Legislative Committee to develop a model for
5 a cash and counseling project; appropriates funds to the Joint Legislative Committee; allows
6 Kupuna Care to include overnight, weekend, and emergency respite, as well as provide grants to
7 caregivers and for home modification; appropriates funds to the Kupuna Care program; establishes
8 a task force to focus on the needs and issues of grandparents raising grandchildren; appropriates
9 funds to the Executive Office on Aging to continue its respite inventory project in collaboration
10 with the University of Hawaii.

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

19 EOA would be pleased to continue working with the School of Social Work to expand the
20 current respite inventory as long as any appropriations do not negatively affect the Executive
21 supplemental budget priorities. EOA also supports the establishment of a task force to focus on the
22 needs of and issues facing grandparents raising grandchildren. EOA is pleased to be named as a
23 member of the Task Force, and we will participate to our full extent.

24 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

To: Representative Michael Y. Magaoay Chair
Representative James Kunane Vice Chair

From: Mark Giblin, Caregiver

Date: Wednesday, March 19, 2008

Subject: Support of SB 2830 SB 2 HD 1/with amendments, Relating to Caregivers

Mr. Chairman, Vice Chairman, Members of the Committee.

I support SB 2830 with the name change "Aging in Place," although on page three Paragraph B. I would like to see under the definition of "family caregiver" a person age sixty or older be deleted.

Members of the disability community under the age of sixty, whose caregivers are providing for them, are being betrayed by being left out of the bill.

Last night on national television there was an article portraying a fourteen-year-old girl and her mother providing for her father who was fifty five years of age with dementia. This is only one of the hundreds of thousands or more providing for families or individuals within a family who are in need of constant care, and family caregivers are not available.

Many people today and many families are able to eat together, take walks, go to the movies and other events, and they take all these activities for granted. Yet there are diseases such as multiple sclerosis which continue to take its toll, and such families are not able to have this kind of family life. In these families, some family member must help their loved ones with a transfer from bed to wheelchair, showering, dressing, preparing meals, etc. MS is typically diagnosed in people aged between twenty and forty five years old. Are we going to leave caregivers for these people behind, which Senate bill 2830 presently does, or can we define family caregivers to include just that: family caregivers of all ages?

I hope you will address this oversight and amend SB2830 so that caregivers are not limited to people providing care only for those sixty or older.

Thank you

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RE BILL #: SB2830 HD-1
Attn; Ways & Means Committee

To Whom It May Concern,

I, Mila Castro (PRIMARY CAREGIVER) together with my husband (Benny Castro) my substitute strongly support (Bill # SB 2830 HD-1) **AFHA**, because I feel we are underpaid & having a hard time on my budget. Every time I go to the market, prices had really gone up, but not or pay. For the sake of the AFHA caregivers who work 24-7 they need to be compensated.

Sincerely,



Mila L. Castro
(Primary Caregiver)
(AFHA member since 1999)

TESTIMONY

Testifier's Name: Maria Etrata, President
Home & Community Svcs. Inc. and
Preferred Home & Community Based Services
President. The Primary Care Providers of Hawaii

Day, Date, and Time of Hearing: Wednesday, March 19, 2008, 2:00 p.m.

Measure Number: SB 2830 SD2 HD1 - RELATING TO CAREGIVING

Please accept my testimony in strong support of SB2830SD2HD1 on behalf of members and staff of Home & Community Services & Preferred Home & Community Based Services, an adult Day Program for the Elderly & DD/MR clients both day care Facility and outreach program which I serve as its President on both agencies and also serve as President & Founder of The Primary Care Providers of Hawaii, Inc, as association whose members are Care Home Operators, Foster Home Operators, RACC Homes, Domiciliary Homes, Independent Contractors providing Personal Care, Respite Care, Habilitation and other waiver services, which we serve Caregivers throughout Oahu & outer Islands such as Big Island, Maui, Kauai. This raise for the Caregivers regardless of what Caregiving setting they belong to is "TOO LONG OVERDUE" and I hope & pray to God that "you" as the Legislators will see to it that it will pass. Please open your hearts and do the right thing for our "CAREGIVERS". Think of the baby boomers across the horizon who are aging, we need to increase recruitment for new caregivers to take care of the State's aging population. You Legislators are the life of the industry, whatever you do will determine the future of the State's aging population.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify in strong support of SGB2830 SD2 HD1. God Bless Us. All~!!!!!!MAHALO & MABUHAY TO ALL!!!!

Respectfully submitted by:


Maria A. F. Etrata

Name of Committee: House Legislative Management

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The Honorable Michael V. MAGAHOY Chair
House Committee on Reg. Management
Twenty-Fourth Reg.
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Honolulu, Hawaii; 96813

Subject: SB 2830 SD2 HDI - Relating
to caregivers.

I Doreen D. TORRES am asking
for this bill to be passed.

Due to the cost of living that has
gone up.

Also I'd like for you to take into
consideration that we work 24 hours
a day. We also work on Holiday's
with out any extra pay.

Thank You
Doreen Torres

MARCH 19, 2008

JONATHAN HANKS (CAREGIVER & OFFICER & AFTA)

I strongly support this
this level ⁵⁸ 2030. a 7% pay
increase I believe is strongly
overdue.

Jonathan P. Hanks

19 MAR '08

ROBERT GUSMAN - CAREGIVER
GUSMAN ADULT Foster HOME

I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB2830 TO COMPENSATE ALL
THE HARDWORK CAREGIVERS PROVIDE FOR THEIR CLIENTS.

Robert Gusman

3-19-08

To whom it may concern,

I strongly support SB 2830. We need a raise because the cost of living is very expensive. We also hire somebody to watch our ch if we bring them to the Doctor appt. Thank you very much.

FROM: Floreelisa Tomas
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