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February 21, 2008

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Baker and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: SB 2830 SD1 – 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 SD1**. The purpose of the bill is to: 1) extend the work of the joint legislative committee on family caregiving for one year and appropriates funds for 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; 3) require the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) to provide an update on the physical site in Hawaii County and the "virtual" site in Honolulu City and County; 4) requires the committee to develop a model for a cash and counseling project; 5) appropriate funds to the Kupuna Care Program and allows Kupuna Care to include overnight, weekend, and emergency respite, and grants to caregivers for home modifications; 6) establish a task force to focus on the needs and issues of grandparents raising grandchildren; and 7) appropriate funds to the Executive Office on Aging (EOA) to continue its respite inventory project in collaboration with the University of Hawaii (UH).

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. 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.

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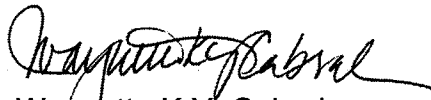
The Council believes that family caregiving plays a crucial role in addressing the needs of the increasing elder and disability populations needing long-term care services and supports in the community and supports the efforts of JLCFC to continue to develop a support system for family caregivers that 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 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.

We appreciate the opportunity to present testimony in support of **SB 2830 SD1**.

Sincerely,



Waynette K.Y. Cabral
Executive Administrator

TO : SENATE COMMITTEE WAYS AND MEANS
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Shan S. Tsutsui, Vice Chair

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

SUBJECT: SB 2830 SD1 Relating to Caregiving

HEARING: 9:30 am Thursday, February 21, 2008
Conference Room 211, 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.

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 to 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 respites 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.

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

Hawaii Aging Advocates Coalition

**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Thursday, February 21, 2008
Conference Room 211; 9:30am**

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

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Tsutsui, 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: SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Senator Roz Baker, Chair
Senator Shan Tsutsui, Vice Chair

FROM: PAT SASAKI

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

HEARING: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2008
STATE CAPITOL, CONFERENCE ROOM 211
9:30AM

POSITION: SUPPORT

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

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From: Howard & Susan Miyamoto [miyamotoh002@hawaii.rr.com]
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To: **COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**
 SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER: CHAIRWOMAN
 SENATOR SHAN S. TSUTSUI: VICE CHAIRMAN

NOTICE OF DECISION MAKING

DATE: Thursday, February 21, 2008
 TIME: 9:30 a.m.
 PLACE: Conference Room 211
 State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

To: COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
 SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
 SENATOR SHAN S. TSUTSUI, VICE CHAIR

From: Susan Miyamoto, MSW student-University of Hawaii
 Date: February 21, 2008
 Subject: Support of SB 2830, SD1 (SSRCR2118) RELATING TO CAREGIVING

My name is Susan Miyamoto. I am currently a MSW student at the University of Hawaii – Manoa Campus. I am hereby submitting this written testimony in support of SB 2830,SD1 (SSRCR2118) : RELATING TO CAREGIVING.

Traditionally, old age has been associated with illness, retirement and epitomized as a “dependent” stage of life. Currently, present aging policies and programs echo this outdated thinking and really do not reflect the current realities of aging. Active aging reflects the desire and ability of many elder individuals to remain engaged in economically and socially activities. Active aging also translates to allowing an older adult to age in place in the comfort of their own home. When an elder’s needs become more prominent and pronounced with time, the older individual can still remain in their environment with the help of an informal caregiver. Informal caregivers are the backbone of long term care. Their work is often times hidden from the public as their services are done in the privacy of the elder’s domain. Therefore, informal caregivers are often invisible and their services are vastly underrated. However, when comparing their economic value expended to the actual paid out costs of nursing home care and health care expenses, informal care giving not only saves the public tremendous amounts of money in tax payer dollars, it also avails monies for other programs.

As a former caregiver to my mother for eight years, I am very familiar with having to take care of a loved one while managing my own life. I was juggling a fulltime career, attending classes part time at the University of Hawaii and caring for my family while also caring for my mother. Although I found great satisfaction in being able to give back to my mother for all that she sacrificed for me, I also realized that care giving is one of personal, economic and career sacrificing. I found myself going to work late, taking off from work, and leaving suddenly for emergencies that became more frequent as

mom grew older. Mom subsisted on a small Social Security check. She enrolled in HMSA 65C Plus to offset her medical needs. She was also supplemented by Medicare. Because she lived very frugally, she was ineligible for public assistance and therefore fell into the "gap" group. Before long, I was taking out monies from the family budget to help supplement the incidentals that mom needed. After several years of taking out small sums, the amount taken out of the family budget became a noticeable expense. Yet, some how we all managed; and mom allowed her feelings to be put aside. She had always been in control of her finances and her life, but as circumstances changed and she had very little control of her life.

As a former caregiver, an advocate for active aging and a concerned citizen, I am in support of SB2830 and the omnibus family caregiver bill. "The cash and counseling project for non-Medicaid participants to direct and manage their personal assistance services according to their own specific needs , while enabling family care givers to receive a level of financial recognition and support" would empower the elder recipient. He/she would have the autonomy and responsibility to make choices and decisions in his/her health care, thereby restoring the self dignity that may have been taken away from the elder as he/she grew older with time. These funds would also help the caregiver appropriate funds to the care of the recipient, lessening the financial strain on the caregiver's personal budget. This is a positive approach for a win-win situation for all concerned.

The work of the informal caregiver would then be placed in public view and recognized as a vital part of active aging for the older adult. I urge that you pass this resolution SB 2830, SD1. Thank you for this opportunity to submit this testimony in support of these bills.

Sincerely,
Susan Miyamoto

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Committee on Ways and Means

SB 2830 SD 1, RELATING TO CAREGIVING

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

Thursday, February 21, 2008

9:30 a.m.

- 1 **Department's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) supports the intent of SB 2830
- 2 SD 1 as long as any proposed appropriation does not adversely affect 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:** SB 2830 SD 1 is the family caregiver omnibus bill which:
- 9 Extends the Joint Legislative Committee on Family Caregiving; changes the committee's name to
- 10 the Joint Legislative Committee on Aging in Place; expands the committee's mandate to include
- 11 aging in place issues related to family caregiving; requires the Aging and Disability Resource
- 12 Center to report to the committee; requires the Joint Legislative Committee to develop a model for
- 13 a cash and counseling project; appropriates funds to the Joint Legislative Committee; allows
- 14 Kupuna Care to include overnight, weekend, and emergency respite, as well as provide grants to

1 caregivers and for home modification; appropriates funds to the Kupuna Care program; establishes
2 a task force to focus on the needs and issues of grandparents raising grandchildren; appropriates
3 funds to the Executive Office on Aging to continue its respite inventory project in collaboration
4 with the University of Hawaii.

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

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

18 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



Laura Manis Testifier

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COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Shan S. Tsutsui, Vice Chair

Thursday, February 21, 2008 9:30 a.m. Conference Room 211

SB 2830 SD1 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: Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Shan Tsutsui, Vice-Chair**

**Date: February 21, 2008
Conference Room 211
9:30 am**

Re: SB 2830, SD1, RELATING TO CAREGIVING

Chair Baker 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, SD1.

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.

We applaud the Joint Legislative Committee on Family Caregiving for its continued work relating to caregiving. AARP Hawaii has been an active participant throughout the work of the committee. 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 committee.



SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair

Conference Room 211
February 21, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.

Testimony in support of SB 2830 SD 1.

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 submit written testimony in support of SB 2830 SD 1, 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 SB 2830 SD 1.