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COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND PUBLIC HOUSING Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

Thursday, February 7, 2008 1:15 p.m Conference Room 016

SB 3255 RELATING TO LONG TERM CARE. Establishes a long term care commission to research what resources are necessary to meet state long term care public policy goals and to recommend a program and funding mechanism that can provide these services. Appropriates funds. Sunsets on 12/01/10.

Strongly Support

I am testifying for Kokua Council with a membership of over 400 young and old people as well as the Legislative Committee of PABEA and the Hawaii Alliance of Retired Americans.

The need for this study has become a compelling interest to the state and to the growing numbers of people who will need protection against the high cost of long term care. By the year 2020, one in every four Hawaiian residents will be 60 years and older.

Average daily rates as of 12/31/99, Utilization Report September 2000 by the State Health Planning & Development Agency (SHPDA) showed the following:  
Cost is \$62,000-\$81,000/yr for nursing homes, up from \$45,000 in 1992 85% of long term care is provided by families and friends who pay for most of the expense out of their own pockets.

We support this Bill's goals for a commission that considers affordability, coverage of the majority of the LTC risk population, decreases dependency on Medicaid and encourages community education and choices.

We ask that you will support this bill.

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