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TESTIMONY  
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TO THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEES  
ON  
HEALTH  
AND  
HUMAN SERVICES & HOUSING

March 12, 2008

SB 3255, SD 2

RELATING TO LONG TERM CARE.

Chair Green, Chair Shimabukuro and committee members, thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 3255, SD2. The State Procurement Office's (SPO) testimony is limited to Section 2, subsection (e) (2) which provides for "non-bid" contracts with consultants.

The SPO does not support the language to exempt from HRS chapter 103D, contracts with consultants to conduct studies for recommending a program and funding mechanism for state long term care services.

Statutory exemptions are contrary to the Hawaii Public Procurement Code (Code), section 103D-102, HRS, on the applicability of the chapter that states in part "... shall apply to all procurement contracts made by governmental bodies whether the consideration for the contract is cash, revenues, realizations, receipts, or earnings, ..." Any governmental agency with the authority to expend funds should be in compliance with chapter 103D, which promotes the policy of fair and equitable treatment of all persons who deal with the procurement system; fosters effective broad-based competition; and increases public confidence in public procurement.

The SPO is against statutorily exempting specific purchases from the Code, as it is not in the best interest of government, the business community, and the general public. The Code establishes a time-tested, fair, and reliable set of rules and processes for award of contracts. The competitive procurement processes of the Code are to insure that all potential providers are afforded the

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opportunity to compete for the required services. To the extent agencies may need specific purchases to be exempted from Code requirements, the Code provides an exemption process.

The Code should not be viewed as an obstacle to a purchasing agency's mission, but rather as the single source of public procurement policy to be applied equally and uniformly to obtain its requirements. It was the legislature's intent for the Code to be a single source of public procurement policy. If individual agencies are exempted and allowed to develop their own individual processes, it becomes problematic for the administration and vendors/contractors that must comply with a variety of processes. Fairness, open competition, a level playing field, and government disclosure and transparency in the procurement and contracting process are vital to good government. For this to be accomplished, we must participate in the process with one set of statutes and rules.

In conclusion, there is no compelling reason to statutorily exempt from chapter 103D, contracts for consultants to conduct studies for recommending a program and funding mechanism for state long term care services. The SPO recommends amending Page 6, line 22 and Page 7, lines 1 through 5, as follows:

- (2) Contract with consultants to conduct the studies, including an actuarial study, as it deems necessary for the purpose of recommending a program and funding mechanism, and reporting to the legislature. ~~Any contract executed pursuant to this paragraph shall be exempt from chapter 103D, Hawaii Revised Statutes; provided that the long term care commission shall endeavor to ensure transparency in the letting of the contract.~~

Thank you.



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2008

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & HOUSING

Testimony by  
Hawaii Government Employees Association  
March 12, 2008

SB 3255, SD2 RELATING TO LONG TERM CARE

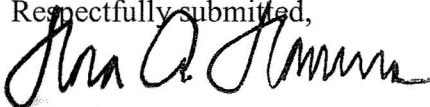
The Hawaii Government Employees Association (HGEA), AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO, represents over 9,000 retirees. We support passage of SB 3255, SD2, which establishes a long-term care commission to research what resources are necessary to meet state long-term care public policy goals and to recommend a program and funding mechanism that can provide these services.

As the baby boomer generation begins to retire, many of them will be the caregivers to their elderly parents who have no long-term care policy because the cost to purchase the insurance is often unaffordable. Many of the families sacrifice out of their own pockets to pay for their parent(s) to stay in a nursing home. This causes financial and emotional challenges for the remaining family members. The demand for long-term care services will significantly increase with our aging population.

By having a long-term care commission, they would be able to consider some of the following programs relating to long-term care services: 1) coordinating case management, service delivery and referrals; 2) encouraging home and community-based care by providing family caregiver support systems over expensive institutional care; 3) expanding training and manpower development programs for the caregivers; 4) developing financial mechanisms to assist the families meet the cost of long-term care and look at other options available for the families.

We need to be proactive and establish a long-term care commission to protect our elderly who will be the direct beneficiaries of this legislation. The funding needed to implement this commission is long overdue. It is a small price to pay to address the needs of our loved ones as the number of people 65 or older will increase by 86% within the next two decades.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 3255, SD2.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Nora A. Nomura  
Deputy Executive Director

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**From:** manis [manis@lava.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 10, 2008 1:04 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** SB 3255 LTC financing

**Attachments:** SB3255 SD2 LTC financing



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Attachment is same as below in case you can't open it. Thanks, Laura Manis  
Kokua Council: Laura Manis Testifier

Hearing of the House Committees on Health and Human Services & Housing March 12, 2008, 8 a.m. Conference Room 329

Chair Josh Green, MD., and Members of the HLT Committee, and Chair Maile S. L. Shimabukuro and Members of the HSH Committee

SB 3255 SD2 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

Strongly Support

I am testifying for Kokua Council with a membership of over 400 young and old people and 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.

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. Many studies have already been done, each considering different alternatives or financing.

It is time to update and reconsider these studies in view of rising health care costs and the growing elderly population in this state. We must prepare before we are in a time of crisis.

The high cost of long-term care is unaffordable for most Hawaii people since nursing home stays usually exceed \$100,000 a year. Most people cannot afford LTC insurance nor are they eligible because of preexisting conditions common at the age when people start considering long term care. 85% of long term care is provided by families and friends who pay for most of the expense out of their own pockets causing severe financial and emotional damage.

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.

Laura G. Manis, Legislative Chair, Kokua Council Member Legislative Committee PABEA tel. 597-8838

# Hawai'i Alliance for Retired Americans

AFT Hawaii Retirees

HGEA Retirees

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Kokua Council

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UPW Retirees

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(Submitted by email to [HLTtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:HLTtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov) March 8, 2008)

Joint statement of Al Hamai, President, and Carol Nitta, Legislative Committee Member, Supporting SB 3255, SD2, Relating to Long Term Care

## **Hearing of the House Committees on Health and Human Services & Housing**

**March 12, 2008, 8 a.m. Conference Room 329**

Chair Josh Green, MD., and Members of the HLT Committee, and Chair Maile S. L. Shimabukuro and Members of the HSH 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 3255, SD2, which proposes to establish a long term care commission to research the resources needed to implement a state long term care public policy goals and to recommend a program and funding mechanism.

One of the major concerns of seniors and retirees is the increasing costs of long term care services—what will happen to them in the event that they can no longer live independently and require continual care and also how will they be able to pay for such services. Their concerns are not only for themselves but also for their loved ones, whose need for long term care will surely affect them not only in their pocket books but also mentally and physically as well. With our aging population, this concern is truly a major community concern.

The time for legislative action is now to establish a state policy of long term care and a program to implement such policy, along with the fair funding plan. The establishment of a LTC Commission, empowered to complete its task, will be a major step to address a major community concern. HARA urges the House HLT and HSH Committees to approve SB 3255, SD2. Mahalo.

*Ke hana like nei na kupuna i 'oi loa a'e 'o Hawai'i*  
Senior citizens working together for a better Hawai'i

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# Hawaii Aging Advocates Coalition

## Testimony to the Joint Senate Committee on Health and Human Services and Housing

Wednesday, March 12, 2008  
Conference Room 329; 8:00am

### Founding Organizations

City & County of Honolulu  
Elderly Affairs  
Karen Miyaki  
Craig Yamaguchi

City & County of Honolulu  
Service Providers  
Tony Wong

FACE  
Stan Bain  
Jim Howell

Hawaii Caregiver Coalition  
Tony Lenzer

HARA  
Al Hamai  
Bruce McCullough

Hawaii County Office on Aging  
Alan Parker  
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Hawaii County Service Providers  
Debra Nakaji

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Lyn McNeff

Kauai Agency on Elderly Affairs  
Kealoha Takahashi

Kokua Council  
Larry Geller

Maui County Office on Aging  
John Tomoso

Maui County Service Providers  
Kathy Louis

Maui Long Term Care Partnership  
Rita Barreras

PABEA  
Gary Simon  
Eldon Wegner

Co-Conveners  
Wes Lum  
Hawaii Caregiver Coalition

Harry Mattson  
Kokua Council

### RE: S.B. No. 3255, S.D. 2, RELATING TO LONG TERM CARE.

Chairs Green and Shimabukuro, and Members of the Joint Committee,

My name is Wes Lum and I am testifying on behalf of the Hawaii Aging Advocates Coalition (HAAC). **HAAC supports this measure.**

We support a Commission that brings all of the key stakeholders together to develop, among other things, a financing mechanism for a statewide long-term care infrastructure to ensure the quality of life of Hawaii's older adults and their family members.

HAAC supports this measure and asks for your favorable consideration. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
Rep. Josh Green, M.D., Chair

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & HOUSING  
Rep. Maile Shimabukuro, Chair

Conference Room 329  
March 12, 2008 at 8:00 a.m.

**Testimony in support of SB 3255 SD 2.**

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 testify in support of SB 3255 SD 2, which creates a long term care commission that will recommend a program and funding mechanism to provide the services necessary to meet the state's long term care public policy goals.

As a result of work that the Healthcare Association of Hawaii has prepared in response to SCR 198 *"Requesting the Healthcare Association of Hawaii to examine the problem of patients in acute care hospitals waitlisted for long term care and to propose solutions"*, we are acutely aware of the imperative to map out a long range plan that summarizes sustainable solutions for providing sufficient services and funding for long term care across the continuum. In addition, Hawaii is in dire need of utilizing a demand model that is sensitive to a series of factors that contribute to demand/utilization at all levels of service. To date, we have not utilized a tool like this to contribute to deliberate planning for long term care services.

This bill is long overdue because it will take years to develop the services and mechanisms to fund a long term care system for Hawaii that can accommodate all of the needs.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB 3255 SD 2.



COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

# public policy center

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I AT MĀNOA

TO: The Honorables Green and Shimabukuro, Chairs  
The Honorables Mizuno and Rhoads, Vice Chairs  
Committee on Health and Committee on Human Services and Housing

FROM: David Nixon, Associate Professor  
Social Sciences Public Policy Center  
University of Hawaii at Manoa

RE: Testimony in support of SB3255, SD2  
Scheduled for Wednesday, March 12, 8am, Conference Room 329

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB3255 SD2. **We are strongly supportive of the construction of a serious long-term care task force, charged with assessing the daunting public policy challenges facing Hawaii.** Because of the public policy challenges that must be confronted as the baby boom generation reaches maturity, aging policies constitute an important element of the research agenda for the Public Policy Center. In 2006, we conducted a study of tax credits for long-term care insurance, at the request of the Legislators in Residence for the UH College of Social Sciences. That research is continuing in academic articles and at professional meetings. Last fall we conducted a cost-benefit analysis of a proposed tax credit for family caregivers, on behalf of the Joint Legislative Committee on Family Caregiving.

**I am confident that we have the expertise and capacity to serve in the role described in SB3255 SD2.** The Public Policy Center is named as the coordinator for the proposed long term care commission. Given appropriate support over the span indicated in the legislation, we are in a position to assemble the research capacity of many specialists in various departments of the University of Hawaii, with a particular focus on practical, evidence-based policy analyses. We have a particular desire to make sure that the recommendations and conclusions are more than just a consensus of opinions about what might work. We envision making sure that the task force poses specific questions, and that some very high quality and specific research answers are obtained through contracts with key researchers, perhaps facilitated by special data access from the task force members, so that there are some solid bases for assessing the success potential for the various recommendations.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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**From:** Barbara Hao [mrs\_ski40@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 11, 2008 9:31 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony

Testimony for SB3255, SD2 Relating to Long Term Care

TO: House Committee on Health  
Rep. Josh Green, M.D., Chair  
Rep. John Mizuno, Vice Chair

House Committee on Human Services and Housing

Rep. Maile Shimabukuro, Chair  
Rep. Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair  
DATE: March 12, 2008  
Conference Room 329  
8 a.m.

RE: SB3255, SD2, Relating to Long Term Care

Chairs Green and Shimabukuro and members of the committees:

My name is Baarbar Stremski, a member of AARP, and concerned about the rising cost of healthcare in Hawaii. I strongly support SB3255, SD2, which proposes to establish a long-term care commission to recommend a program and funding mechanism to provide the services necessary to meet the state's long term care goals.

A major concern of seniors or retirees like me is the increasing cost of long-term care services. I want to know what will happen to me in the event that I can no longer live independently, require continual care, and pay for these services. These concerns are not only for me but also for my family and loved ones, including friends that will face this impending crisis.

The time for legislative action is now to establish a state policy of long term care and a program to implement such policy, along with a fair funding program. The establishment of a Long Term Care Commission, empowered to complete this task, will be a major step to address this concern.

Please approve SB3255, SD2.

Thank you for allowing me to testify before your committee.

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**From:** Al Beeman [albeeman@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 11, 2008 10:53 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Hearing March 12, Room 329 8 am 6 copies -In Favor of SB3255

Testimony for SB3255, SD2 Relating to Long Term Care

TO: House Committee on Health  
Rep. Josh Green, M.D., Chair  
Rep. John Mizuno, Vice Chair

House Committee on Human Services and Housing  
Rep. Maile Shimabukuro, Chair  
Rep. Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

DATE: March 12, 2008  
Conference Room 329  
8 a.m.

RE: Testimony In Favor of SB3255, SD2, Relating to Long Term Care

Aloha Chairs Green and Shimabukuro and members of the committees:

My name is Al Beeman, a member of AARP in Hilo and I am concerned about the rising cost of healthcare in Hawaii. I strongly support SB3255, SD2, which proposes to establish a long-term care commission to recommend a program and funding mechanism to provide the services necessary to meet the state's long term care goals.

A major concern of seniors or retirees like me is the increasing cost of long-term care services. I want to know what will happen to me in the event that I can no longer live independently, require continual care, and pay for these services. These concerns are not only for me but also for my family and loved ones, including friends that will face this impending crisis.

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My healthcare costs have risen more that \$50 per month for the two of us every year that I have been retired and this does not include Long Term Care coverage. There is no way that anyone living on a fixed income can afford these increases. Our state, our people and especially our Kupuna need to have a plan to deal with the looming Long Term Care crisis.

Please approve SB3255, SD2. Thank you for allowing me to testify before your committee.

Me ka mahalo,

Al Beeman

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RE: SB3255, SD2, Relating to Long Term Care

Chairs Green and Shimabukuro and members of the committees:

My name is Charlotte K. Lum, a member of AARP, and concerned about the rising cost of healthcare in Hawaii. I strongly support SB3255, SD2, which proposes to establish a long-term care commission to recommend a program and funding mechanism to provide the services necessary to meet the state's long term care goals.

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**From:** Mark Koppel [koppelm@mac.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 11, 2008 2:26 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** SB3255, SD2 RELATING TO LONG TO TERM CARE

Dear Sirs/Madams

Please find attached a copy of my testimony for SB 3255, SD2 Relating to Long Term Care

Testifier: Mark A Koppel

The Committees: House Health and Human Services Committees

Date & Time: Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 8:00 am in Conference Rm. 329

Measure Number: SB 3255, SD2

Number of Copies: 6 Copies

Thank you for your help with this matter.

Testimony for SB3255, SD2 Relating to Long Term Care

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DATE: March 12, 2008  
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RE: SB3255, SD2, Relating to Long Term Care

Chairs Green and Shimabukuro and members of the committees:

My name is Mark A Koppel, a member of AARP, and concerned about the rising cost of healthcare in Hawaii. I strongly support SB3255, SD2, which proposes to establish a long-term care commission to recommend a program and funding mechanism to provide the services necessary to meet the state's long term care goals.

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Please approve SB3255, SD2.

Thank you for allowing me to testify before your committee.

Long Term Care often allows people to "Age in Place", which is much cheaper than a nursing home. If the State takes over payments after an extended period of time, policies can be bought much more cheaply by individuals.

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Chairs Green and Shimabukuro and members of the committees:

My name is RAFAELA DE JESUS, a member of AARP, and concerned about the rising cost of healthcare in Hawaii. I strongly support SB3255, SD2, which proposes to establish a long-term care commission to recommend a program and funding mechanism to provide the services necessary to meet the state's long term care goals.

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RE: SB3255, SD2, Relating to Long Term Care

Chairs Green and Shimabukuro and members of the committees:

My name is Signe Stephens, a member of AARP, and concerned about the rising cost of healthcare in Hawaii. I strongly support SB3255, SD2, which proposes to establish a long-term care commission to recommend a program and funding mechanism to provide the services necessary to meet the state's long term care goals.

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Thank you for allowing me to testify before your committee.

*I am 59 and very concerned  
about the above issue!*

*Signe Stephens*

*P.O. Box 331*

*Hakalau, HI 96710*

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Chairs Green and Shimabukuro and members of the committees:

My name is James Stephens, a member of AARP, and concerned about the rising cost of healthcare in Hawaii. I strongly support SB3255, SD2, which proposes to establish a long-term care commission to recommend a program and funding mechanism to provide the services necessary to meet the state's long term care goals.

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Thank you for allowing me to testify before your committee.

*I'm 61 and very concerned about this issue.*

*James Stephens  
Box 331*

*HAWAII, HI 96710*



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My name is Lorene Baptiste Gngg, a member of AARP, and concerned about the rising cost of healthcare in Hawaii. I strongly support SB3255, SD2, which proposes to establish a long-term care commission to recommend a program and funding mechanism to provide the services necessary to meet the state's long term care goals.

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*I am 75 yrs old and Long term  
Care will be knocking on my  
door soon - Need help !!*

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My name is MARK KUYUNA, a member of AARP, and concerned about the rising cost of healthcare in Hawaii. I strongly support SB3255, SD2, which proposes to establish a long-term care commission to recommend a program and funding mechanism to provide the services necessary to meet the state's long term care goals.

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Thank you for allowing me to testify before your committee.

I AM 67 YEARS OLD  
M. KUYUNA

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Chairs Green and Shimabukuro and members of the committees:

My name is Lucie F Hopp, a member of AARP, and concerned about the rising cost of healthcare in Hawaii. I strongly support SB3255, SD2, which proposes to establish a long-term care commission to recommend a program and funding mechanism to provide the services necessary to meet the state's long term care goals.

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*I am 73 years old, and I am  
scared about the rising cost  
of long term health  
services.*

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My name is *Betty C. Friend*, a member of AARP, and concerned about the rising cost of healthcare in Hawaii. I strongly support SB3255, SD2, which proposes to establish a long-term care commission to recommend a program and funding mechanism to provide the services necessary to meet the state's long term care goals.

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*Betty C Friend - I am 83 years old.  
15-2745 Kahaala St.  
Pahoa, Hi 96778*

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My name is Cecelia Luiz, a member of AARP, and concerned about the rising cost of healthcare in Hawaii. I strongly support SB3255, SD2, which proposes to establish a long-term care commission to recommend a program and funding mechanism to provide the services necessary to meet the state's long term care goals.

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P.O. Box 383  
Papaikou, Hi.  
96781

~~I~~ I'm 89 y.oold

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My name is Juanita M. Madera, a member of AARP, and concerned about the rising cost of healthcare in Hawaii. I strongly support SB3255, SD2, which proposes to establish a long-term care commission to recommend a program and funding mechanism to provide the services necessary to meet the state's long term care goals.

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*I'm 69 years old and very concerned about this issue.*

*Juanita M. Madera  
HCR 1 Box 5739  
Keaau HI 96749-9409*

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My name is W. Valon Rapozo, a member of AARP, and concerned about the rising cost of healthcare in Hawaii. I strongly support SB3255, SD2, which proposes to establish a long-term care commission to recommend a program and funding mechanism to provide the services necessary to meet the state's long term care goals.

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*I am now 80 yrs. of age & healthy - but would feel very secure knowing this will be available for me, when in need.*

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My name is *Kevin E Lewis*, a member of AARP, and concerned about the rising cost of healthcare in Hawaii. I strongly support SB3255, SD2, which proposes to establish a long-term care commission to recommend a program and funding mechanism to provide the services necessary to meet the state's long term care goals.

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*P.O. Box 1691  
Kaanapali HI 96749  
It's a good one for Hawaii*



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My name is T. Britton Porteus, a member of AARP, and concerned about the rising cost of healthcare in Hawaii. I strongly support SB3255, SD2, which proposes to establish a long-term care commission to recommend a program and funding mechanism to provide the services necessary to meet the state's long term care goals.

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Thank you for allowing me to testify before your committee.

Age 70  
T. Britton Porteus  
15-586 N Pani Mauka  
Pahoa, HI 96778

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My name is Kiyoshi Fujimoto, a member of AARP, and concerned about the rising cost of healthcare in Hawaii. I strongly support SB3255, SD2, which proposes to establish a long-term care commission to recommend a program and funding mechanism to provide the services necessary to meet the state's long term care goals.

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Thank you for allowing me to testify before your committee.

*I am 63 years old.*

*Kiyoshi K. Fujimoto  
P.O. Box 637  
Pepeekeo, HI 96783*

*K. E. Lewis*

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My name is EDMUND F. AUSTEN, a member of AARP, and concerned about the rising cost of healthcare in Hawaii. I strongly support SB3255, SD2, which proposes to establish a long-term care commission to recommend a program and funding mechanism to provide the services necessary to meet the state's long term care goals.

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*I'm 79 years old and ask that you please  
improve this Bill SB3255, SD2. Thank You*

*Edmund F. Austen*

*P.O. Box 4637*

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*9 am 68 years old*

My name is Margaret Elcock, a member of AARP, and concerned about the rising cost of healthcare in Hawaii. I strongly support SB3255, SD2, which proposes to establish a long-term care commission to recommend a program and funding mechanism to provide the services necessary to meet the state's long term care goals.

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*M H Elcock*

*1875 KALAWIWAOLE AVE #206  
Hilo, HI 96720*

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My name is Thelma Stephenson, a member of AARP, and concerned about the rising cost of healthcare in Hawaii. I strongly support SB3255, SD2, which proposes to establish a long-term care commission to recommend a program and funding mechanism to provide the services necessary to meet the state's long term care goals.

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*Thelma Stephenson (age 77)*  
*160 Hualaha St.*

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My name is Enrique Madera, a member of AARP, and concerned about the rising cost of healthcare in Hawaii. I strongly support SB3255, SD2, which proposes to establish a long-term care commission to recommend a program and funding mechanism to provide the services necessary to meet the state's long term care goals.

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Thank you for allowing me to testify before your committee.

*My name is Enrique A Madera I'm 70 years old  
P.O. Box 1249 Raha HI 96778*