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## House Committee on Health and Human Services

### H.C.R. 13 Requesting a Study of Various Unresolved Issues Relating to Aging Testimony of Noemi Pendleton Director of Executive Office on Aging Attached Agency to Department of Health

March 17, 2009

10:45 a.m. Conference Room 329

1 **Department's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) supports the intent of these  
2 measures.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None

4 **Purpose and Justification:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) currently has a contract with  
5 the University of Hawaii Center on Aging to be the statewide coordinator for the Caregiver's  
6 Resource Initiative. The objectives stated in these resolutions appropriately fit within the scope of  
7 work of this contract. There are funds in EOA's base budget in the Executive Biennium Budget  
8 proposal to support this effort, so we will gladly work with the Center on continued research and  
9 analysis.

10 However, please note that if these funds are eliminated from EOA's budget, we will be unable to  
11 perform the duties as directed by these resolutions.

12 Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



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## Legislative Testimony

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Testimony Presented Before the  
Joint House Committee on Health and Human Services  
Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 10:45 am  
by  
Virginia S. Hinshaw, Chancellor  
and  
Dr. Kathryn Braun, Interim Director  
University of Hawai'i Center on Aging

**RE: H.C.R. No. 13/H.R. No. 17, REQUESTING A STUDY OF VARIOUS UNRESOLVED ISSUES RELATING TO AGING.**

Chairs Yamane and Mizuno, and Members of the Joint Committee,

My name is Dr. Kathryn Braun, Interim Director of the University of Hawai'i Center on Aging, and I am testifying in support of the intent of this measure.

These resolutions request the UH Center on Aging and the Executive Office on Aging (EOA) to continue to conduct research and analysis of important unresolved aging issues facing Hawaii's older adults and their family caregivers.

The UH Center on Aging currently has a contract with EOA to be the statewide coordinator for the Caregiver's Resource Initiative. The objectives stated in this resolution appropriately fits within the scope of work of this contract. Therefore, we will gladly work with EOA on continued research and analysis.

However, please note that if this contract is discontinued, we will be unable to perform the duties as directed by these resolutions as we will not have the resources to do so.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

**TO :** HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
Rep. Ryan I Yamane, Chair  
Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES  
Rep. John M. Mizuno, Chair  
Rep. Tom Brower, Vice Chair

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

**SUBJECT:** **HCR 13/HR 17 Requesting a study of various unresolved issues related to aging**

**HEARING:** 10:45 am Tuesday, March 17, 2009  
Conference Room 329, Hawaii State Capitol

**POSITION:** **PABEA supports this resolution requesting the Executive Office on Aging and the Center on Aging at the University of Hawaii to continue their research and analysis on a range of issues concerning the development of effective home and community based services, ways to support family caregivers, improving access to services, and enhancing funding for long-term care services.**

**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.

This resolution notes an important list of issues which need further study and analysis. Work has already begun on most of the issues. It is important to re-balance long-term care in our Hawaii to provide more support for home and community based services, which are preferred by families and which are less costly than institutional care. The University has already been working with the EOA on many of these issues and continuation of this effort is very important.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.