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Committee on Human Services

Rep. John M. Mizuno, Chair

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State Capitol, Conference Room 329

Friday, February 6, 2009; 9:00 a.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON H.B. 324  
RELATING TO SENIOR CENTERS**

The ILWU Local 142 supports H.B. 324, which makes an appropriation for certain senior centers on Oahu.

The four senior centers which would benefit from this appropriation are Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, Kapahulu Senior Center, Moiliili Community Center, and Waikiki Community Center. All of them have a range of programs to help keep seniors healthy and active. The funding will allow these seniors to remain in the community and not be institutionalized.

The ILWU urges passage of H.B. 324. Thank you for considering our testimony.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
Committee on Health

Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair  
Representative Tom Brower, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

FROM: Diane M. Terada, Division Administrator

DATE: Friday, February 6, 2009 (9 a.m., Room 329)

RE: **Support of HB 324, Relating to Senior Centers**

Catholic Charities Hawaii (CCH), is a tax exempt, non-profit agency that has been providing supportive home and community based services to elders since 1973 and currently serves approximately 5,000 older persons each year. **We strongly support this bill, with the following recommended change:**

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This bill will provide funding for a network of senior centers on Oahu that provide vital health education and screenings, fitness, recreation, case management, and other services to enable thousands of senior citizens to maintain wellness, support independence and avoid costly institutionalization and have a history of state funding.

Catholic Charities Hawaii has operated the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center since 1981. Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is a State owned facility that was built as a model senior center for the State of Hawaii in 1969. The Center provides a range of educational, recreational and social services, including:

- Over 40 educational courses, such as Basic English and Stretch & Tone.
- Over 80 recreational courses, such as Tap Dance and Japanese Minyo Dance.
- Sponsorship of 7 ethnic clubs that perpetuate ethnic traditions and promote cultural sharing.
- Health promotion and screening activities, such as monthly blood pressure checks, flu shot clinics, health fairs, and more.
- Annual special events for education and recreation purposes, such as Candidates' Fair and Aloha Festivals.



- Onsite access to professional counseling and case management services – a Catholic Charities licensed social worker is available to Center members and their caregivers to aid in the transition from independence to interdependence.
- Opportunities for over **350** older adults to contribute their time and skills to the community through more than **2,000 hours of volunteer service** annually.

The Center serves senior citizens, age 60 and older. By contract, it serves seniors living in the geographic area bounded by census tracts 38-66 (Kakaako - Nuuanu/Punchbowl – Downtown - Liliha/Kapalama - Kalihi/Palama - Kalihi Valley - Moanalua). Its priority is to serve those in greatest economic and social need, with an emphasis on serving low-income, minority elders. Therefore, seniors who live outside this geographic area and lack access to comparable services due to language, etc. are accepted on a case-by-case basis.

Elders, age 60 and older, represent the fastest growing segment of Hawai'i's population. There are approximately 238,000 Hawai'i residents aged 60 and over, constituting 18.7% of Hawai'i's total population<sup>i</sup>. By the year 2010, this segment is projected to grow by 70% to 299,500 persons (or one in every five persons). And Hawai'i seniors have a longer life expectancy than those across the continental U.S. – 79.8 vs. 76.9 years<sup>ii</sup>.

**Stroke remains the third leading cause of death** in the United States.<sup>iii</sup> It is also the nation's leading cause of long term disability.<sup>iv</sup> It is estimated Americans will have paid about \$65.5 billion in 2008 for stroke-related medical care and disability.<sup>v</sup> An analysis of data on over 60,000 subjects determined that **even moderate exercise on a regular basis can lower the risk of stroke.**<sup>vi</sup>

According to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics survey, **only 2% of adults aged 75 and older were involved in exercise or recreational activity. Fifty-four percent spent their time watching TV.**<sup>vii</sup> It is well established that physical activity has a positive effect on physical health, activity also leads to better mental health and cognitive function.<sup>viii</sup> **Exercise can also reduce the risk of dementia by half, even in people who begin exercising in their 60s.**<sup>ix</sup> Exercise that comes in the form of recreational activities (i.e., hula, line dance, ethnic dance) can also have the same beneficent effects. **Older adults are more likely to self-refer themselves for exercise that comes in the form of a recreational activity (i.e., dance) and they are likely to continue in it for a longer period of time because it is enjoyable.** Lanakila seniors who participate in dance groups also have the added incentive of performing monthly for frail elderly living in institutions. This activity gives them a sense of purpose and usefulness that is essential to well-being.

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**respondents indicated that senior center friends provide them with emotional security.”<sup>xii</sup>**

In general, the Center for Disease Control found that **physically active people have a lower health care cost than inactive people do.**<sup>xiii</sup> The average nursing home cost in the State of Hawai‘i is between \$295<sup>xiv</sup> to \$306 per day.<sup>xv</sup> **For the approximate cost of institutional care for three frail elders, Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center can provide a range of activities to serve well over a thousand older adults annually to help improve health and maintain wellness.**

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center and other senior center programs are cost-effective, preventive alternatives to institutionalization for older adults and give the State the opportunity to save money and to support the desire of older adults to remain independent in their own homes for as long as it is safely possible.

**We ask for your support of HB 324 with the recommended change.** If I can provide any further information, please feel free to contact me via phone at 808-595-5901 or via email at [diane.terada@catholiccharitieshawaii.org](mailto:diane.terada@catholiccharitieshawaii.org). Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

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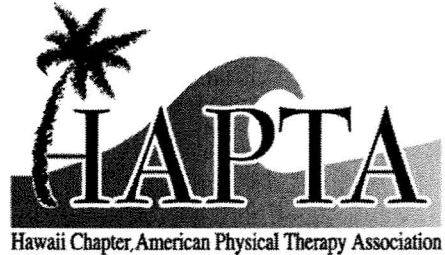
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**Testimony by:  
Lucy Lessard, PT**

**HB 324, Senior Centers  
House HLT/HUS Committees  
Friday, Feb. 6, 2009, Room 329 – 9:00 am**



**Position: Strong Support**

Chairs Yamane and Mizuno and Members of the House HLT/HUS Committees:

I am Lucy Lessard, P.T., and Chair of the HAPTA Legislative Committee and member of the Hawaii Chapter – American Physical Therapy Association (HAPTA). HAPTA is comprised of 300 member physical therapists and physical therapist assistants employed in hospitals and health care facilities, the Department of Education and Department of Health systems, and private practice. Our members represent Hawaii at the national American Physical Therapy Association and are delegates for Pediatrics, Women’s Health, Parkinson’s Disease and other issue sections. We are part of the spectrum of care for Hawaii, and provide rehabilitative services for infants and children, youth, adults and the elderly. Rehabilitative services are a vital part of restoring optimum function from neuromusculoskeletal injuries and impairments.

HAPTA supports healthy lifestyles for seniors, and the provision of senior centers is central to the community network that promotes health in our elderly. Hawaii’s population is aging, and it has a higher proportion of older aged persons than anywhere else in the nation. It is well reported that inactivity, a decreased social network and isolation can be responsible for geriatric depression, which in turn will lead to a decline in health. Physical activity in the elderly has been shown to maintain health and prevent falls, which are a major precipitant of hospitalization, general health decline and institutionalization.

It is in our collective best interests to keep our elderly engaged and active in a safe environment. Our senior centers provide that safe environment. The cost to keep the senior centers functioning will be more than offset with fewer admissions to our hospitals, and fewer elderly being placed in long-term care as they maintain their ability to live independently.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony. I can be reached at (808) 547-6292 if there are any questions.

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**Public Hearing by Committees on Health and Human Services**  
**Friday, February 6, 2009 at 9:00 a.m., Conference Room 329**

Testifier's Name: Jill T. Kitamura  
Senior Program Director, Moiliili Community Center

**RE: HB 324 –Makes an appropriation for certain Senior Centers on Oahu**

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on behalf of House Bill 324.

Moiliili Senior Center (under Moiliili Community Center) and Lanakila Senior Centers (under Catholic Charities Hawaii) are included in the State Executive Office on Aging budget (under the Department of Health) at the same funding level for the past 11 years, while operational costs continue to rise each year. Waikiki Community Center and Kapahulu Center also provide activities and services for seniors but are not recipients of monies through the DOH-EOA budget. Our major concern is with the funding cuts being considered by all State Departments. This is a difficult time economically, and therefore hard to balance the budget in consideration of the many needs in the community. As non-profit agencies, we face this daily.

At Moiliili Community Center, the appropriation we are requesting is less than half the cost of direct operational expenses. Our senior participants, on their fixed income are willing to put in a share of the costs, but many cannot afford to pay the full cost. Moiliili Community Center and the Senior Center program fund raises the rest of the costs. Without the assistance from the State, we would not be able to provide these activities and services at an affordable level to many. Do we want more seniors needing Long Term Care services for a longer period of time? At a very large cost to the State? Or do we want to keep them active and involved for as long as possible? At a total cost of about \$210 per person per year?

Senior Center programs are important in keeping seniors involved with others, with the community; assisting them to maintain their independence with information, resources and with maintaining their social, mental, and physical health. The exercise classes are the most popular – whether it is tai chi, or yoga, or stretching classes. Seminars are held regularly to keep people informed on various topics or resources. Research has shown that keeping the mind active is important: talking with others, mah jongg, soroban, line dancing, painting, are all fun ways to keep the mind active. It is also a place for caregivers to find some respite for themselves - taking exercise, ukulele, or a craft. Not only do participants gain better health, but find the socializing

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aspect beneficial and enjoyable. The older seniors (in the 80's and 90's) serve as role models for the younger seniors, sharing and teaching them many things.

Last year, over 12,000 hours were put in by volunteers at the Moiliili Senior Center – through teaching or leading classes or groups, doing crafts for the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society's layette program; performing at Day Cares, Intermediate Care Facilities, and special events; providing community service; assisting in the office; working in the Thrift Shop; and assisting others at the Center. These are valuable assets but are not possible without someone to coordinate all these areas.

Our participants range in age from 60 to 101. They range in income from minimum to high. They range in physical abilities from the healthy hikers to those with walkers or canes. They range in mental abilities from the alert to early Alzheimer or dementia. They are many who cannot read or understand English well, and need assistance in day-to-day activities, letter reading or the filing of forms. Aside from the classes and activities, we provide one-to-one services, giving information and referral to community resources, assisting with transportation to the doctors, marketing assistance, and telephone reassurance. Without the subsidy, these services would end. They could not afford to pay the actual per unit costs, nor pay for translation services, nor for a taxi service. These seniors would not be able to access the benefits in the community.

I ask for your support for House Bill 324. Thank you for your time and attention.

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Kapahulu Center is located in the middle of Kapahulu, serving the elderly for approximately 27 years. The program was first administered by the University of Manoa and later the Moiliili Community center. Kapahulu Center became a 501(c)3 non-profit organization in 1996. The Center provides a range of educational, recreational and social services, including:

- Over **15** educational courses, such as Foreign Language and culture.
- Over **24** recreational courses, such as Ukulele and Hawaiian Quilting.
- Health promotion and screening activities, such as monthly blood pressure checks and a variety of workshops.
- Opportunities for over **60** older adults to contribute their time and skills to the community through more than **1,500 hours of volunteer service** annually.

Kapahulu Center

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**From:** Tony Lenzer [Tlenzer@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2009 6:48 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony - HLT/HUS Hearing, 2/6/09, 9:00 a.m., Room 329

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 324

Chairs Yamane and Mizuno:

My name is Anthony Lenzer. I am a Professor Emeritus and Former Director of the Center on Aging at the University of Hawaii. 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 EOA but of the Board.

PABEA is in strong support of HB 324, which provides funding for grants to help support four senior centers on Oahu. This bill rightly indicates that such centers provide invaluable services to seniors, which enhance their quality of life. However, the bill cannot convey what such centers really mean to their members. For many older adults, senior centers are "a home away from home." They offer opportunities for friendships and social support, which are especially important for those with few or no family members. They provide leadership and service opportunities, which enhance the person's sense of dignity and worth. They challenge "old dogs" to learn "new tricks."

PABEA recognizes the financial difficulties facing state government, but hopes that the Legislature will, to the greatest extent possible, preserve the social safety net on which so many in our community depend.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
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*Please support the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center and its membership of nearly 2,000 senior citizens with additional State funding in the amount of \$337,000.*

I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

*See attached*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

*See attached*

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

*Sally Joyce*  
Sally Joyce

Address:

*261-A N. Hainakua Dr.*  
Rep. Sylvia Thieten, Sen. Fred Hemmings

**Lanakila Multi-purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:**

Thanks to Lanakila Multi-purpose Senior Center, there is no time to feel alone; therefore, there is no time for self-pity. I have a place to be and people to see, and I have so much to look forward to each day.

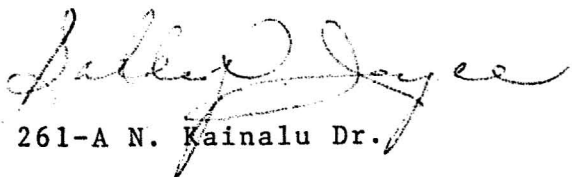
There are always activities to participate in. As for me, I take ukulele and yoga classes on Mondays; I play Mah Jong on Tuesdays; I take computer class on Fridays; and I've been a member of the Japanese and Okinawan clubs for more than 10 years. I've also had the chance to give back to the Center by volunteering in the front office and thrift shop. All these things keep my mind sharp and my body strong.

By staying active at Lanakila, I'm able to achieve my maximum potential at this age. I feel healthy, useful and confident in myself.

**If there was NO Lanakila Multi-purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:**

Being a widow, I would find myself confined mostly at home without much to do. I'd miss the opportunity to socialize with old and new friends, the very people who have become part of my extended family. I can truly say life would be meaningless without Lanakila, and I'd start to feel like a victim of old age.

It is my hope and I pray that with your support, Lanakila will continue to enrich the lives of senior citizens for generations to come. We would be most grateful!

  
261-A N. Kainalu Dr.

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

*We meet new people, we learn about others and their lives and talked about our life experiences, we laugh, which laughter is the best medicine.*

*Professional speakers come to this center who inform and educate the members on the latest topics on health which the center have an annual health fair, identity theft, speakers from the police department, fire department, current legislative issues that concern the elderly (over)*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

*We will be staying at home and deteriorate real fast. And next you know, we will be using a cane and walker, than unable to walk, than in the nursing home*

**Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community!** Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Jane S. Higa

Address:

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VOTE (YES)

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and many other topics. These lectures are free of charge.

We have activities programs that stimulate our heart, mind and body. With these activities, we are releasing our stress. Also every Thursday, we have free blood screening.

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I am 92 years old and a member of the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

IT MAKES ME STILL STRONGER, ACTIVE, LIVELY, & HAPPY. I FEEL SAFE AT LANAKILA, MY FAMILY KNOWS THAT I'M SAFE HERE. I STILL GO OUT TO ENTERTAIN WITH THE HULA CLASS AND WE MAKE PEOPLE IN THE NURSING HOMES HAPPY. I GET MORE EXERCISE HERE SO IT KEEPS ME HEALTHY SO I FEEL I CAN LIVE TO 100 THE WAY I FEEL NOW. I DON'T FEEL AS THOUGH I'M 92 - THE CENTER KEEPS

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

I WOULD BE FEELING SO LOST & LONELY & I'D GROW OLDER, FEEL MY AGE & WOULDN'T LIVE TO 100 YRS. OLD. →

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Sincerely,

Name:

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Salud "Sally" Bosuego

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YES, I VOTE.

SEN. CHUN - OAKLAND

REP. JOHN MIZUNO

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ME FEELING YOUNGER. I'VE BEEN COMING HERE SINCE I WAS 60 — 32 YEARS AGO! AS SOON I WAKE UP IN THE MORNING, I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO COMING TO LANAKILA + PLANNING WHAT I'M GOING TO DO FOR THE DAY.



TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
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DATE: Friday, February 6, 2009 (9 a.m., Room 329)

RE: Support of HB 324, Relating to Senior Centers

I am 74 years old and a member of the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

**Please support the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center and its membership of nearly 2,000 senior citizens with additional State funding in the amount of \$337,000.**

I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

*Now retired living a simple life, joined Lanakila to continue to build a strong healthy friendship besides family my family. The enjoyment of meeting seniors like having discussions or conversation about the same problems help me feel worth while living way more than anything. Our programs consist of fire, Police, National Security, Banking departments & many more. Health is number one HMSA, Aloha Care Kaiser etc. gives us useful information besides reading in papers or TV. Social Services! Our staff members are very alert, open & helpful in giving us seniors immediate care when needed -*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

*what seemed to be empty & sterile becomes joyful & exciting with blessed staff & volunteers.*

**Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community!** Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Margaret Amano Margaret Amano

Address: 1538 Hanai Loop  
1538 Hanai Loop, Hon. HI 96817

Rep Mizuno  
Seu Kim

Many times calling family members to pick up  
or have someone call 911.  
Most importantly the workers staff speaks the  
the language thats needed especially in  
Japanese.

Our staff have made arrangements for events  
that no other community center provides.  
Sea life Park, Arizona Memorial, Blairdell center,  
concerts, Hawaii Theater, luncheon, Waikiki Hotels,  
& many more with Roberts Transportation & Our  
Own Catholic Charity has its a task no other  
community center able to provide  
Also leadership training, Meals on wheels,  
Social Events

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LMPSC offers so many courses. I am enrolled in Luk Tung, Stretch 'N Tone, HULA, Walking Group, Line Dance. Because I experienced a bad fall last November 2008, at the Harris United Methodist Church, I am so grateful to have been able to support myself from this, due to exercise class from Denise Werle. I am so glad that I knew how to brace myself when I got caught off guard, stumbled on an exposed tree root, knowing that I also carried a box of their famous Cherry Pie. Blood splattered all over on my right knee cap, even Carol Wong, a fellow LMPSC & neighbor where we live, was concerned. Bruised knee cap, I hobbled my way home to the apartment nearby, daughter-in-law applied ice packs, wiped →

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be: All the activities, ethnic groups, excursions, workshops for us seniors to be alert at all times, like traffic safety, fall prevention, pedestrian safety to name a few, has impacted my daily life - I find myself participating in volunteer entertainment at nursing homes, etc. I even took on the challenge of writing for →

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Sincerely, Florence Menor

Name: Florence Menor

Address: 1515 Nuuanu Ave. #172, Honolulu HI 96817  
Rep. Sylvia Luke  
Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland

me up, cleaned bruised knee, applied full on ice pack again.  
Next morning, swelling lessened. I even did deep breathing  
to take in fresh air, prepared myself (psyched myself and  
stayed calm as possible). Did you know that I was more concerned  
about the cherry pie, with a question like "Is the cherry pie  
in one piece?" "Yes, it certainly was! I'm so happy to know  
that my body is flexible, which helped me in balancing myself  
THANK GOD FOR EXERCISE PROGRAMS AT LANAKILA MULTI-PURPOSE Senior Center

the Lanakila  
the Kuyuna News for the Japanese Cultural Club. Did you  
know that I bravely asked Mary Sueda, president of the Japanese  
Club that I would try my hand at writing (basically, I am  
really a reserved person). If Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior  
Center did not exist, there would certainly be a tremendous  
void - and I would not have had the opportunity to socialize,  
be alert and productive, live a healthy lifestyle to its  
fullest. The center is well organized, patient, caring staff -  
always ready to listen to our Senior concerns.

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I COME TO LANAKILA TO TAP DANCE AND TO BE IN THE JAPANESE CULTURAL CLUB + OKINAWAN CULTURAL CLUB. I LEARN SO MUCH WHEN I SEE OTHERS AND GET SO MUCH INFORMATION. I KEEP BUSY—MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY ACTIVE. I GET STIMULATION WHEN I SEE MY FRIENDS. I CAN SOLVE <sup>my</sup> PROBLEMS BY TALKING WITH THE OTHER MEMBERS AND I AM GRATEFUL FOR MY HEALTH WHEN I COMPARE MYSELF TO OTHERS. ALSO I FIND THAT MY PROBLEMS ARE NOTHING, COMPARED TO THEIRS. I FIND WHEN I JUST STAY AT HOME, MY LEGS GET WEAK. MY DAUGHTER IS VERY VERY HAPPY THAT I COME TO A PLACE LIKE THIS, THAT I HAVE →

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

I WOULD ONLY STAY HOME + WATCH TV + EAT + GET FAT + ALL MY AILMENTS WOULD COME OUT. YOU MAGNIFY YOUR PAIN IF YOU'RE NOT ACTIVE. WHEN YOU COME TO LANAKILA, YOU FORGET ABOUT YOUR PAIN + PROBLEMS.

***Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community!*** Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Amy J. Tari Amy Tari

Address:

7182 Kamilo St. Yes, I vote  
Rep. Gene Ward  
Sen. Sam Stone

SOME KIND OF OUTLET. ALSO, I LEARN NEW THINGS FROM THEIR EDUCATIONAL SPEAKERS + BRING THE INFORMATION HOME TO MY DAUGHTER. A LOT OF TIMES, WE DON'T KNOW, BUT WE LEARN FROM THE EXPERTS THAT COME HERE TO TALK, <sup>+ ARE NOT AWARE</sup>

I HAVE BEEN TAP DANCING FOR OVER 20 YEARS AND IT MAKES ME FEEL STRONGER - IF NOT, I WOULD HAVE QUIT. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE UP MORE ACTIVITIES BUT BECAUSE I LIVE FAR, I ONLY COME 3 TIMES A WEEK. WHEN I SEE THE OTHER MEMBERS WHO ARE OLDER THAN ME, IT GIVES ME MORE INCENTIVE TO KEEP EVEN BUSIER.

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I'm 92 years old, I was grew up on Kunawai Lane (Liliha). I've been a member since I was 50 years old (back then, you could be younger and join the senior center). The center keeps me busy and I stay younger. You can't tell me I don't look younger. If everybody can do that, they can enjoy the center. You don't want to stay in care homes and all you see if the disabled who can't do things. You rather come here. I come 2 days a week. I used to come more times a week and do karate, hula with Aunty Mary Cash and Alii`manu O`kai. I used to go out to perform, too. I joined the cultural clubs even when I was on crutches. I've been in a wheelchair 2 years now, but I have to come to the Center at least twice a week. I still run bingo for my Hawaiian Club for 30 years now.

If this place shut down, it would be horrible! My brother passed away this Monday. Today I just had to get out of the house and be here.

Annie Hinch, age 92  
842 Kunawai Lane  
Hon., HI 96817

I vote every year. Rep. Ching is for my area. *Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland*

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Annie T. Hinch*

Ann Hinch



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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

- (a) A PLACE TO SOCIALIZE AND BOND.
- (b) TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VARIOUS CLASSES OFFERED.
- (c) KEEPS MY MIND ACTIVE.
- (d) GIVES OTHERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AS OFFICERS TO CLUBS, COMMITTEES, ETC.
- (e) EXCURSIONS TO VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS TO FENTER-TAIN OTHER SENIORS AND PATIENTS.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

- (a) MEMBERS SUCH AS MY FATHER-IN-LAW (a4) WOULD STAGNATE IN HEALTH & MIND.
- (b) THERE WOULD BE AN ABSENCE OF QUALITY OF LIFE.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Member Hawaii State AFL-CIO

Name:

RICHARD M. TADA

Address:

2942 HOLEA WAY  
HONOLULU, HI 96819

Rep. John Mizuno, Sen. Donna Mercado Kim



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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

*coming here, meeting people  
enjoy the programs - volunteering  
Staff very nice - I enjoy helping  
in the kitchen.*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

*I would not know what to do.*

***Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.***

Sincerely,

Name: Nobuko Hamada Nobuko Hamada

Address: 45-604 Keole St. Kaneohe 96744

Rep. Ken Ito, Sen. Jill Tokuda

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I am 70 years old and a member of the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

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\_\_\_\_\_.

I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:  
I AM A VOLUNTEER TAISHO KOTO INSTRUCTOR. THROUGH MUSIC STRANGERS BECOME FRIENDS AND AS THEY GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER, THEY START HELPING EACH OTHER. WE SOMETIMES VISIT CARE HOMES TO PERFORM AND SHARE THE JOY OF MUSIC. LANAKILA MULTI-PURPOSE SENIOR CENTER IS A COMMUNITY WHERE SENIORS CONTINUE TO LEARN. I STRONGLY HOPE THAT SUCH A PLACE WILL NOT BE CLOSED BECAUSE WE AS SENIORS HAVE A LOT TO OFFER, EVEN THOUGH OUR BODIES AND MINDS ARE DECLINING AS WE AGE. PLEASE DO NOT CLOSE THE CENTER.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

WHERE WOULD THOSE 2000 MEMBERS GO?

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: YASUKO TAKEUCHI

Address: 543 ULULANI ST. KAILUA, HAWAII 96734

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
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WE ARE ~~RE~~ 86 + 83 years old and a member of the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.  
I am 86 + 83

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I COME TO LANAKILA TO EXERCISE DOING TAI CHI, KIATSU AND EXERCISE WITH KARATE. I ALSO HAVE LUNCH WITH LANAKILA MEALS ON WHEELS EVERY TUESDAY. I LIKE TO SOCIALIZE WITH OTHER PEOPLE, MEET NEW PEOPLE. WITH KARATE, I DID AN EXHIBITION AT A SENIOR BUILDING. WITH KIATSU WE LEARN TO MASSAGE. I FEEL I'M HEALTHIER BECAUSE I EXERCISE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO ATTENDING. WE KEEP OUR MINDS ACTIVE.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

IF I STAYED HOME, I'D GO CRAZY, DOING NOTHING. I THINK MY HEALTH WOULD DETERIORATE. GOING TO ALL THESE CLASSES, WE AVOID GOING TO CARE HOME & SAVES THE STATE MONEY.

**Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community!** Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Koichi Masaki Betty Masaki Koichi Masaki, Betty Masaki

Address:

416 Iolani Ave. #6813 H.I.  
416 Iolani Ave., Hon., HI 96813

Rep Luke  
Sen FUKUDA

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
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I COME TO LANAKILA AT LEAST 3 TIMES A WEEK FOR HULA CLASS, OKINAWAN CLUB + JAPANESE CLUB. ALL MY FRIENDS ARE HERE SO I CAN SEE THEM. IF NOT, BECAUSE I LIVE ALONE, I WOULD HAVE ~~AT NONE~~ NO ONE TO TALK TO. WHEN I DANCE HULA, I'M EXERCISING.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

I WOULD JUST STAY HOME + HAVE NO ONE TO TALK TO + I'D GO "PUPULE."

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Yoshiko Ishikawa Yoshiko Ishikawa

Address: 2417 WILSON STREET HON., HI 96817

YES, I VOTE.

Rep MIZUNO

SEN KIM

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I'm kept very busy with the different activities such as Luk Tung Kuen, Kiatsu, Lei making and volunteering, especially volunteering, I just love it. The main reason why I'm at Lanakila, is to get over the grief I had over losing my husband five years ago. The doctor told me that I have to keep busy and go out everyday to get over the grief I was suffering or else, he was going to prescribe antidepressants to me. I'm out everyday, meeting the various members at Lanakila and socializing and learning the different activities. Doing the volunteer work, I learn so much and also since I was a secretary before, I love to do office work, especially filing so that takes up time during the day. The reason why I took lei making is because my granddaughter is graduating in June and I'm learning to make these beautiful ribbon leis. The exercising helps me a lot mentally and physically. And meeting such nice members and nice office staff, I'm just elated to be here.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

I would be so lost, then I wouldn't be able to participate in these activities and I wouldn't be able to work with such nice staff people and members. I would be so depressed, I wouldn't have been able to get over this grief and maybe have to take medication.

***Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.***

Sincerely,

Name: Evelyn D. Kuromoto Evelyn Kuromoto

Address: 88 Piikoi Street, #2405 Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

Yes, I vote.

Rep Brower

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*It has become a second home to us where we can interact with fellow seniors and enjoy many activities/classes/excursions. The seniors in turn would go to various nursing homes and senior centers to share what they have learned/acquired from LMPSC to give quality of life to those who are unable to come to LMPSC.*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

*Disaster. The goal is to enjoy the quality of life and remain as independent as long as we can. In other words live (enjoy life) and not spend with requirement for a caregiver.*

**Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community!** Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Rose Tanimoto Rose Tanimoto

Address:

2945 Pahoe Ave Pl., Honolulu 96817-1414

Rep casing

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*Helps to keep me fit (mentally & physically) and with the very informative presentation speeches on health, safety, management of assets, etc. are very ~~informative~~ educational. Classes, too, are ~~very~~ not only enjoyable, but also very educational.*

*Without the center, I would be being nothing & would ~~be~~ not stay away at home!*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

J. Sugihara Jean Sugihara

Address:

704 N. Kuakini St., Hon., HI 96817

Rep Luke



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① I ~~get~~ <sup>get</sup> to meet lots of seniors that need to ~~keep~~ <sup>keep</sup> up their moral. At time you feel depress and so coming here at Lanakila for meetings, it make people very happy. We all look forward to meet friends and chit-chat, and lots more that we seniors do need this gathering.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

I able to do things, yet, But I do look forward to come to this center. Meet all my friends and And always look forward for it.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Lillian Y. Gima Lillian Gima

Address:

3095 Numana Road

Honolulu, Hawaii 96819-2906

Rep. John Mizuno, Sen. Donna Mercado Kim



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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

*I get my exercise here  
I do crafts  
I get to meet friends & socialize w/ them  
Go on excursions.  
Have lunch w/ friends  
Learn how to keep healthy by eating healthy  
and keeping active.*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

*Great - as I wouldn't have any place to go  
- would miss my friends, my exercise, etc.*

***Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.***

Sincerely,

Name:

Gwen K. Perry Gwen Perry

Address:

1563 Kalaepaa Dr., Hon., HI 96819

Rep. MIZUNO  
Sen. Kim

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I have been a member of the center for many years. Through the years, the center has provided me with activities and classes that has kept me healthy and active. I am currently a member of the Japanese and Okinawan culture club. I also enjoy taking craft classes on Monday and also believe that the exercise that I get with the stretch & tone class help me to be healthier and enjoy a longer life. Please keep the center open for all seniors.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

I would not be able to see and talk to the other members, my friends. I would only stay at home and do nothing, but stare at the four walls.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: HELEU HIRATA Helan A. Hirata

Address: 3060 NUMANARD HOUE, HI 96819

Rep. John Mizuno, Sen. Donna Mercado Kim

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I'm 78, music and all what I do at Lanakila keeps me young. As soon as I came senior citizen I joined Lanakila. I started playing music when I came here and they had hula. Then I started my own ukulele class even though I hadn't played long time - I ended up teaching. We go out every month to perform at nursing homes, care homes and hospitals. I only knew a little hula before I took classes at Lanakila. Then I'd dance and hula with them, too. Music and dance makes us happy. The hula keeps the body healthy and kept me young. And make lot of friends here.

If this place were gone, the older folks poor thing! The students (mine, the seniors), they come early and it's good for their mind, not just to sit. What they gonna do without it? They would be sad I think. The nursing home patients are so appreciative of our entertainment, very happy. If the Center were gone, they wouldn't have that. And it save them (nursing homes) lot of money, too, as they don't have to pay for the entertainment. We give them joy and happiness. The patients are smiling.

Ellen Kong, age 78 (still singing, dancing, teaching ukulele and performing)  
1135 Kaumailuna Place  
Hon., HI 96817

I vote and my Rep. is Corinne Ching. *Sen. Chun Oakland*

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Ellen Kong*

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I am 86 years old and a member of the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.


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The Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me and other seniors because we have a pleasant place to get together and share our common stories. Best of all we have create pleasant camaraderie.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, can you imagine what all the elderly will be doing? They would probably be twiddling their thumbs, their aging would go faster, and many would probably pass away faster.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Alice Masuda  
  
2454 Puunui Avenue  
Honolulu, HI 96817

Rep. Corinne Ching, Sen. Chun Oakland

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
Committee on Health

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Committee on Human Services

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I'm 81 year old (year of the ox). I was born and raised in Hana, Maui. My husband was a policeman in Maui and I followed him to Honolulu. I've been a member at Lanakila 10 years and I love it, love it, I join all the clubs. At the clubs I learn about their culture, understand little bit about their language, join in their singing. The speakers are very helpful. Most of our seniors ride the van here, so it's safer. I'm the President of the Portuguese Cultural Club. My club members love this center: they have no other places to go! They eat lunch here and they learn exercise, how to take care of their body, their health. They love it!

I talked to some of the older ones, and they said if this place closed down they would stay home, look at the walls and cannot walk no more.

Ellen Kahalehoe, age 81  
444 Kauhane Street  
Hon., HI 96813

I vote every year, I even work at the precinct in Papakolea for 5 years. My Rep. is Sylvia Luke. *Sen. Carol Fukunaga*

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Ellen Kahalehoe*

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My name is "Slim" (Shizuichi Nishizuka), age 83 (year of the Ox), and a Korean War Veteran. I've been at Lanakila since 1991, and I come 5 days a week to the Center. If the state took Lanakila away, I have no place to go. I go to the Japanese club meeting, do volunteer work (like set up chairs), all kind activity that we do, meet people make friends.

If I didn't have this place, I'd do practically nothing. I used to like fishing, but now no more fishing sport. This place keeps me healthy, in other words, whatever we do here, keeps your mind awake. And actually you're active. This place has plenty people depend on it, good place for the old folks over here.

Shizuichi Nishizuka (83 yrs. old)  
268 San Antonia Avenue  
Hon., HI 96813

My Representative is Sylvia Luke. *sen. Carl Fukunaga*

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

*S. Nishizuka*

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
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Yoshimori "Mori" Miyashiro, I'm 82, I was a farmer, hog raiser. I grew up in Ewa. I come to Lanakila Monday through Friday. Nothing to do at home, so I come here everyday. I'm a widower, live all by myself. I go to Okinawa and Japanese Club. I'm in good health, take no medication. Before I used to walk everyday to the Center. But I was hit in the crosswalk and now too old. So I walk half-way, half-way catch the bus.

Here I meet all my friends. I used to go Ala Moana but hardly meet anybody. Here I see him (points to "Slim" and smiles).

Yoshimori "Mori" Miyashiro (82 yrs. old)  
1420 C Kam IV Road  
Hon., HI 96819

I vote every year. Donna Mercado Kim is for my area.

Rep. John Mizuno

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
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Tomie "Elsie" Higa, 81 years. I've been a member since 1993. I come 3 days a week. I have Japanese and Okinawa Club and Luk Tung Kuen (exercise). Here I meet new friends and socialize. When you're home nobody to talk to, I'm all by myself. I'm a widow and live alone. The clubs have entertainment and start the meeting with exercise. I like the culture. I joined Luk Tung because there are 36 movements for the body. Before I took Luk Tung, I used to have cramps all over my body, especially my feet. I don't have the cramps as often now. I'm also more flexible now. Sometimes I fall. I will go to one of the fall prevention talks they have here.

If this place were to close down, what am I going to do? For the folks older than me, they might just "go out" (pass away). That's how it is. They go so quick.

Tomie "Elsie" Higa, age 81  
55 S. Kukui St., # D1212  
Hon., HI 96813

I vote every year. I voted for Rep. Karl Rhoads. Sen. Suzie Chun-Oakland is my area.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Tomie Higa



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I am 64<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> years old and a member of the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

***Please support the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center and its membership of nearly 2,000 senior citizens with additional State funding in the amount of \$337,000.***

I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

It has helped me so much due to my health issues. I have a brighter look in life. LMPSC means so much personally to me to mingle with all of the seniors is so uplifting. A center like this is very beneficial in many ways. I have learned a lot, for this center also educate us seniors. For the length of time I've joined this center my mental & physical condition has improved!

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

There would be no stress release, depression sets in, health issue escalates, lonely, will miss my classes, friends, staff - I'll be so sad. I'm sure I'm not the only one that will feel the lost!!

**Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community!** Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Uelen L. Castellan Helen Castillon

Address: P.O. Box 17136 Honolulu HI 96817  
2527 Hoenui St., Hanalei, HI 96819

Rep Mizuno

Sen Kim

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

1. WEEKLY ATTENDANCE ALLOW ME TO REACQUAIN WITH MANY FAMILIAR FRIENDS AND TOGETHER WE ENJOY THE VARIOUS INTERESTING PROGRAMS.
  2. WEEKLY ATTENDANCE GIVES ME OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND TOGETHER WE ENJOY OUR WANNING YEARS.
  3. SOME OF US ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN THE VARIOUS CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND CLASS ACTIVITIES.
  4. <sup>TO</sup> SOME OF US - THIS IS THE ONLY FACILITY AVAILABLE FOR US TO ASSEMBLE TO ENJOY - HAPPY ACTIVITIES FOR OUR OLD AGE.
- If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

*LONESOME AND CATHSTROPHE LIFE.*

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

100th Battallion Veteran

Name:

Takejiro Higa

Address:

1430 GREGORY ST. HONOLULU, HI. 96817

Rep MANAHAN  
Sen Kim

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
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I am 73 years old and a member of the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

First the Lanakila Multi-purpose Senior Center has the best office staff. They are very helpful and the members are so very very friendly. I look forward to Yhus class. Entertainment is great. ~~Ex~~ Field trip great! I do volunteer work in the craft class.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

I would have no place to go and will miss all my friends.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Elorence A. Higa

Address: 1009 McCandless Ln. Hon. 96817

Rep CHING  
SEN OAKLAND

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
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I am 75 years old and a member of the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

*attend exercise classes  
Ethnic clubs  
Guest speakers on health, safety and financial  
health, scam alerts*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

*No associating with other seniors for fellowship  
No sharing knowledge & skills we acquired during  
our years of working*

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Wilma Yee Wilma Yee

Address:

223 Jack Lane, Hon., HI 96817

Rep CHING

Sen OAKLAND

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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

KEEPS ME ALERT AND ACTIVE  
EXERCISE CLASS (KIATSU)  
MEETING NEW FRIENDS  
PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAMS

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

BOREDOM - PERHAPS NOT ABLE TO  
PARTICIPATE IN MANY ACTIVITIES

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: O. HAMADA Ora Hamada

Address: 633 NALANUI ST. #307 HONOLULU, HI 96817

Rep Chair

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

I am in the JAPANESE & OKINAWA CULTURE CLUB.  
I am also in various activities, such as the  
karaoke club. I have been a member, 10 yrs at the  
center.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

I would lose in touch with all my friends  
at the center. I would have no where to  
go if the center closes.

*Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.*

Sincerely,

Name: MAE M. YOSHIMURA Mae M. Yoshimura

Address: 1491 Mahiolo St Honolulu HI 96819

Rep Finlayson (R)

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

*Fellowship with friends  
make new friends  
socialize and enjoy the fellowship  
Be happy all days.*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

*Very devastating.  
Very lonely*

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Ruth Y. Onaga Ruth Onaga

Address:

933 Aliamano Pl.  
933 Aliamano Pl., Hon., HI 96818

Rep WAKAI  
Sen SAKAMOTO

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
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*Attend the Lanakila Okinawan Club meeting new friends & old friends. Center has many activities such as Okinawa Dances, Karaoke, Line-Dance, Mahjong, Hula, and many more.*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

*Lonesome. No meeting place*

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Annie Shimabukuro Annie Shimabukuro

Address:

2122 Apia Ln Hon., HI 96817

Rep CHAIRS

Sen OAKLAND



TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
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Keep our mind busy & looking forward to come.  
Sorry I don't have too much money to help I am  
on S.S. & supporting my grandon to school.  
I do volunteer at Malahia Tuesday to make musubi  
& Friday to mingle & pt. to sing & help in the music  
book (to turn it over for some pt.)

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:  
Lonely & doesn't know what to do.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Florence Estes

Address: 2520 Puunui Ave., Hon. 96817

Rep Chang  
Sen Oakland

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*It helps me by being active and enjoy myself fellowship with these nice members of the center.*

*I'm glad to attend the center.*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

*I had to look for other places to keep myself busy.*

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Miura

Name:

Eleanor J. Miura

Address:

2407 Kula Kōlea Dr Hon., 96819

Rep MIZUNO

Sen Kim

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
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I have some place to go and things to do. I come to the center 3 times a week. The center helps me with exercising in order to keep healthy.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

If there was no center, I'll just stay home and do nothing.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

*M.S.* *Chock*

Mabel Chock

Name:

Address:

71 Kawanana Koa Place, Honolulu, HI. 96817

Rep. Corinne Ching  
Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
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*Companionship  
Arts & Crafts - learning new projects  
Keep me occupied at home with doing new projects*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

*Loneliness*

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Micasa G. Asato

Address: 47-640 Hui Uhibi St, Kaneohe, HI 96744  
Rep. Jessica Wooley, Sen. Clayton Hee

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
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*To attend programs ~~you~~ get alot of help from the social worker regarding my <sup>social</sup> Security. I attend hula classes also.*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

*Without the help of Lanakila social worker, I wouldn't know how to answer the letters regarding my SS (social security)*

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:  Maria Asuncion P. Toraja Maria Toraja

Address: P.O. BOX 357 Kaneohe Hi. 96744

Rep. Kenneth Ito  
Senator Clayton Hee

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
Committee on Health

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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

*fellowship, volunteering, important information,*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

*Everyone would be lost, how to spend the day. Everyone will be very lonely - No one to talk to. Don't know what's happening.*

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

STELLA OKUMA stella okuma

Address:

2478 TUSITALA ST. #211 HAWAII 96815

*REP. SCOTT NISHIMOTO, yes (vote)  
SEN GALUTERIA  
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TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

*Some exercise*

*" dance*

*" sing*

*" crafts*

*" cook*

*" play ukulele*

*" entertain at nursing homes, hospitals*

*" other interactions*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

*Seniors, especially ones that live alone; no social interaction, would cause more health problems.*

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Anita Hasegawa

Name:

Anita T. Hasegawa

Address:

1828 Young St. Hon., HI 96826

Rep CHOI

Sen TANIUCHI

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:  
I was with Army National Guard, retired as an E-7. I come to the center 5 times a week and help by volunteering my time. I keep healthy by keeping active and being able to make friends through various activities at the center. I have been a member since 1/28/2002. They have things at the center for me to do instead of staying home and doing nothing.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

I don't know what I would do if there was no center.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Melvin Todd Melvin Todd

Address: 1812 Houghtaling Street, Honolulu, HI. 96817

I voted in 2008

sen. Donna Mercado Kim's area.  
Rep. John Mizuno



TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
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*With the center what are we supposed to do. No one to talk, no place to exercise and not in the mood for anything. Here we have friends, learn things to do, talk stories and lots of laughs.*

*There no place like Lanakila Senior Center.*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

*Sad & lonely. No singing no learning music and no friends.*

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Lilly Uyehara Lilly Uyehara

Address:

1232-A Hala Dr.  
1232A Hala Dr., Hon., HI 96817

Rep CH149  
Sen OAKLAND

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
Committee on Health

Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair  
Representative Tom Brower, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

DATE: Friday, February 6, 2009 (9 a.m., Room 329)

RE: Support of HB 324, Relating to Senior Centers

I am 82 years old and a member of the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

*Please support the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center and its membership of nearly 2,000 senior citizens with additional State funding in the amount of \$337,000.*

I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

*I don't like to stay home  
So lonesome  
I like to believe by keeping  
active I am able to stay  
healthy at 87 yrs. old*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

*I will miss coming here I would  
have to find something else to do.*

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: X Mary T. Jones Mary Jones

Address: 2001 Aiepunui, Hon. 96817  
Rep. John Mizuno  
Sen. Donna Mercado Kim

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
Committee on Health

Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair  
Representative Tom Brower, Vice Chair  
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I am 78 years old and a member of the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

*Please support the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center and its membership of nearly 2,000 senior citizens with additional State funding in the amount of Enough at least to keep us going for the time being \$337,000*

I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

*comradie, learning, socializing,  
and update on recent happenings and  
events.*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

*A lot of the senior citizens will  
have to find other means of interacting  
with society.*

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Helen Ojiri Helen Ojiri

Address:

435 Haweo Place  
435 Haweo Pl., Hon., HI 96813

*Rep Luke  
Sen OAKLAND*

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
Committee on Health

Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair  
Representative Tom Brower, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

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I am 70 years old and a member of the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

*Please support the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center and its membership of nearly 2,000 senior citizens with additional State funding in the amount of \$ 337,000.*

I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

Companionship  
VARIOUS ethnic clubs  
Delicious Affordable Meals. etc.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

Tremendous Negative impact  
where are all the lonely elderly! go (put yourselves) just stay at home and vegetate! (in their shoes)

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: William T. Kiyari ~~W. Kiyari~~

Address: 1515 Auld Ln. How. Hc 96817-2801

Rep CHAIRS  
Sen OAKLAND

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

I GET DAILY EXERCISE FROM LUK TUNG KUEN AND TAI CHI. I PLAY MUSIC - THE BASS FIDDLE - AND ENTERTAIN THE VARIOUS NURSING HOMES, ADULT DAY CARE CENTERS + CARE HOMES THROUGHOUT THE ISLANDS. I SOCIALIZE AT THE VARIOUS ETHNIC CLUBS.

I am a Lion's Club member.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

I COULDN'T BE DOING ALL THE THINGS THAT I DO. I WOULD MISS THE SOCIALIZING AT THE CENTER.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Eddie Ah Yat Eddie Ah Yat

Address:

1657-A ALANEO ST. HON. HI

I AM A CONSTITUENT OF  
SEN. SUSAN CHUN OAKLAND  
REP. CORINNE KING

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
Committee on Health

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Representative Tom Brower, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

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I am 85 years old and a member of the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

*Please support the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center and its membership of nearly 2,000 senior citizens with additional State funding in the amount of \$337,000.*

I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

I go to Center many days a week  
Mon - Japanese Club, morning stretch  
Wed - morning stretch - ukulele class  
Thurs: Okinawa Club

Enjoy mingling with old friends &  
meeting new ones

Very good to be able to stimulate  
mind, free from dementia

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

a couch potato - looking at TV all day

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Ruby Higa

Address:

1430 Gregory St., Hon, HI 96817

Rep MANAHAN  
Sen Kim

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

I am a member of the center for many years. I am active in the Uaivaoos Culture Club such as, OKIUIKAI Club. I stay active & healthy as a member at the center.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

All my friends are at the center, I would have nowhere to go, I would be left alone.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Yoshiharu Tengan Yoshiharu Tengan

Address:

2951 NUMANA ROAD 96819  
2951 Numana Road, Hon., HI 96819

Rep. JOHN MIZUNO  
Sen. Donna Mercado Kim

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
Committee on Health

Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair  
Representative Tom Brower, Vice Chair  
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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

MY HEALTH + PHYSICAL WELL BEING IS BETTER BECAUSE OF TAI CHI THAT I DO AT THE CENTER. I ALSO DO LUK TUNG KUEN FOR EXERCISE. I KEEP MY BALANCE BETTER THROUGH THESE EXERCISES THAT I DO AT LANAKILA. I COME TO SOCIALIZE AND TAKE MY HUSBAND TOO.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

I WOULD STAY HOME AND HAVE NOTHING TO DO.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Thelma Y Wong Thelma Wong

Address: 2761 Aulic St., Hon., HI 96817

I VOTE.

REP. CORINNE CHING

Sen OAKLAND



TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
Committee on Health

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Representative Tom Brower, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

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I am 67 years old and a member of the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

**Please support the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center and its membership of nearly 2,000 senior citizens with additional State funding in the amount of \$ 337,000 .**

I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

*They provide counseling, camaraderie, friendship, & education to many of the seniors who have no family or are alone. They also provide exercise classes to keep the seniors moving, healthy and active.*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

*Devastating to the many seniors & the community in which they live - It will also impact the budget by requiring more state services & health facilities.*  
**Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community!** Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Joyce Wong Joyce Wong

Address:

523-2 Pepeekeo St

*Note every 2 year* Representative  
*Lene Ward?*  
Rep Berg

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

I HAVE A PLACE TO GO EVERY MORNING + MEET  
E OTHERS OF MY AGE + OLDER, WITH OTHER  
MEMBERS OF THE CENTER. IT TAKES UP AT LEAST  
HALF OF MY DAY + USES UP MY TIME. I GET TO  
GO ON EXCURSIONS, DO DIFFERENT KINDS OF ACTIVITIES  
AND HAVE ALL THESE READING MATERIALS AROUND.  
WHEN I READ, IT KEEPS MY MIND ACTIVE.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

I WOULD STAY HOME AND VEGITATE AND GET OLDER  
+ DO NOTHING + HAVE NO PLACE TO GO.

*Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.*

Sincerely,

Name:

Henry Machado Jr HENRY MACHADO JR

Henry Machado, Jr.

Address:

1800-B Main St. 96817

Rep calling  
Sen OAKLAND

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
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Representative Tom Brower, Vice Chair  
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I am 71 years old and a member of the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

*Participate in exercise classes such as Beginning Stretch, Walking Group, yoga to keep the body healthy, strong and flexible. Mah jong and Noize Ukulele works the mind and keeps Alzheimer from setting in. There are excursions and Gourmet lunches that are planned/scheduled that a person on their own will never go to. There are club activities/entertainment to keep the mind and body active.*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

*Become a couch potato, mind and body wasted. Miss all the wonderful people at Lanakila Center - staff and friends.*

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Phoebe Kimura

Address: 647 Kaimawai Lane, Apt 215 - Honolulu, Hawaii  
Rep. Caroline Abino - Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
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Representative Tom Brower, Vice Chair  
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I am 92 years old and a member of the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

*Please support the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center and its membership of nearly 2,000 senior citizens with additional State funding in the amount of \$337,000.*

I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

IT'S A GOOD PLACE TO COME TO MEET NEW FRIENDS. I WOULDN'T HAVE A PLACE TO GO. AFTER MY WIFE PASSED AWAY, I CAME HERE FOR SUPPORT. I ALSO HAVE A HOT LUNCH FROM LANAKILA MEALS ON WHEELS.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:  
I WOULD HAVE TO STAY AT HOME BY MYSELF, BEING LONELY.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

George Yin George Yin

Address:

1346 Ala Mahamoe St 96819

1346 Ala Mahamoe St., Hon., HI 96819

*I vote. Sen. Donna Mercado Kim.*

Rep Finuigeh (R)

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
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Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair  
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Committee on Human Services

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I am 77 years old and a member of the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

*Please support the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center and its membership of nearly 2,000 senior citizens with additional State funding in the amount of what ever amount the State can do, to help. \$337,000.*

I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

*Member of the Okuniawa Nenchoha Club  
" " Jive Dance  
" " Exercise Class*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

*Many of us seniors come to the Center not only for those programs alone but also for fellowship, talk stories and share experiences that had occurred during the week.*

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Mitsuko*

Name:

*(Mitsuko) Nakamura*

Address:

*1324 Ala Puumalu St, Hon. 96818*

*SALT LAKE, GLENDA WAKAI, VOTE YES*

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
Committee on Health

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Representative Tom Brower, Vice Chair  
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*Please support the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center and its membership of nearly 2,000 senior citizens with additional State funding in the amount of \$337,000.*

I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

I MAKE FRIENDS, I LEARN ALL KINDS OF THINGS, I HAVE SOMEPLACE TO GO. I TEACH TAI CHI FOR 30 YEARS. I EXERCISE, I JOIN THE CHINESE CULTURAL CLUB, WE GO OUT FOR EXCURSIONS ON THE BUS TO FAR PLACES.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

IF I WERE TO STAY HOME, I WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Ruth Pang Ruth Pang

Address: 2517-A Palis Hwy. Home A, 96817

Rep Luke  
Sen OAKLAND

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
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Committee on Health

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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

I enjoy coming to the center because I am treated well by friends and staff. I attend Japanese club, Hawaiian Club, Portuguese Club and Bible study - I am at the center four times a week.

I learn how to exercise & balance myself and this helps my overall being & health. The services that I receive help me to keep active and healthy.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

I'm AT Home all by myself and I cannot stay home by myself. I'll probably go to an Assisted living place. I would honestly be lost without the center.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Gladys M. Muramoto Gladys Muramoto

Address: 2526 Henry Street, Honolulu, HI. 96817

Sylvia Luke is my Representative.  
Sen. Suzanne Phun Oakland



TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
Committee on Health

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Representative Tom Brower, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

*I get to socialize, learn arts and crafts, watch other exercise. ~~My~~ I have a chance to enroll in various activities like exercise. Coffee and lunch are very reasonable. The staff are great in that they are kind and compassionate. The multipurpose Senior Center is a place to go.*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

*Disastrous for me because I won't have a place to socialize, to go and learn arts and crafts and exercise.*

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Julita D. Lopez Julita Lopez

Address:

710 Kuananai Lane Honolulu HI 96817  
Rep. Corinne Ching, Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland



TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

I WAS TOLD TO KEEP ACTIVE BY MY DOCTOR BECAUSE I HAVE PROBLEMS WITH MY LEGS, OTHERWISE, I WOULD BE MORE DEPENDENT. I TAKE UKULELE AND I GO OUT TO ENTERTAIN OTHER PEOPLE IN NURSING HOMES, CARE HOMES & ADULT DAY CARE CENTERS. I TAKE HULA LESSONS & THAT HULA LESSON TEACHES ME THE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE. WE GET TOGETHER & SOCIALIZE WITH EACH OTHER. WE PERFORM FOR OTHER PEOPLE TOO. I COME TO THE TAP DANCE CLASS. THE TAP CLASS IS SURE A GOOD EXERCISE CLASS. WE COME HERE ALMOST EVERYDAY JUST TO CHIT-CHAT WITH PEOPLE - ALL THE <sup>WAY</sup> FROM AIEA.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

WE WOULD HAVE TO LOOK FOR ANOTHER PLACE - JOIN A DIFFERENT GROUP. WE WOULD MISS OUR FRIENDS HERE. WE WOULD HAVE TO DO MORE YARD WORK TO GET EXERCISE.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Violet C. Ho

Violet Ho

Address:

99-655 Aiea Hts Dr

Aiea, HI 96701 sen. David Ige

I do Vote.

~~Mark Takai~~ is my  
Representative Blake K. Oshiro

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
Committee on Health

Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair  
Representative Tom Brower, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

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I am 79 1/2 years old and a member of the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

*I'm here for companionship, fellowship, staying healthy by enrolling in various exercise classes, dancing and doing volunteer work - helping my fellow Seniors.*

*I enjoy being here - my day is taken up by doing all these fun things. ~~Here~~*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

*Drastic!!! I'll be home doing nothing constructive! My mind will be still - unmotivated - inactive.*

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Caroline Tom

Address:

1515 Nuxanna Ave #82

Hono. HI 96817  
Rep. Sylvia Luke  
Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

*I come every day + participant in the different activities. Still learning to play Ukulele. w/ a sr. instructor.*

*I am happy with being with others not just family. I like the socialization and learning about different ethnic group foods.*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

*I would have to find something else to fill my morning - this it would be very hard to replace Lanakila*

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

*~~Maria~~ Artis* Maria Artis

Address:

1657 Alaneo St., Hon., HI 96817

Rep. Corinne Ching  
Sen. Suzanne Chan Oakland

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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

*Exercise, Sewing - good for me  
wife*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

*Play ball at Glassboro Park  
I would really miss Samba*

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Marshall Tanaka Marshall Tanaka

Address:

3881 A Old Pali Rd., Hon., HI 96817

Rep. Sylvia Luke  
Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
Committee on Health

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Committee on Human Services

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I am 65 years old and a member of the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

*Please support the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center and its membership of nearly 2,000 senior citizens with additional State funding in the amount of*  
\$337,000.

I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

1. Social Interaction, so important to seniors & others.
2. I cannot stress enough the cultural education!
3. Health & safety talk, fire mer, police, medical, etc.
4. It's just plain good sense.

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

1/0: There just no many, however they all boil down to pay now or invest now or pay a great deal more later.

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: William H. Madigan William Madigan

Address: 545, Queen, St Honua'ika Ho, Apt 210 96813

Voted in 2008. Rep. Tom Brower  
Sen. Brickwood Galuteria (I voted for him).

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
Committee on Health

Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair  
Representative Tom Brower, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

DATE: Friday, February 6, 2009 (9 a.m., Room 329)

RE: Support of HB 324, Relating to Senior Centers

I am 89 years old and a member of the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

*Please support the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center and its membership of nearly 2,000 senior citizens with additional State funding in the amount of \$337,000.*

I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

*friendship. talk story. learn how to dance.  
enjoy the exercising classes. I am  
healthier for coming here. I am happier  
and enjoy the friendship. Lots of laughter.*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Elizabeth Farias Elizabeth Farias

Address:

2402 Tantalus Dr. Hon 96813

Rep. Sylvia Luke  
Sen. Carol Fukunaga

TO: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
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*Making friends. Have lots of fun.  
Enjoy the classes I am enrolled in.  
My Dr. always ask me if I am still going exercising and walking.  
He is very pleased that I do go.*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

*Just stay at home watching TV and do other things. But, then I'll go to the gym.*

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Jane Tatsuta

Address: 2489 A Booth Rd. Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

*I vote* Rep. Sylvia Luke  
Sen. Chun Oakland



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I am 68 years old and a member of the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

*Gives me time to be away from home and good comradeship. I like helping other seniors. I enjoy being myself and everyone accepts me like that.*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

*I won't have any place close by to go.*

***Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community!*** Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

*X* Maria Ching *Gloria Chong*

Address:

1233 Hala Dr. Honolulu 96817

Rep. Corinne Ching  
Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland



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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

*When you have Lanakila to go to, you have a reason to get up early, get yourself dressed up. Something to look forward to. If not you would just stay home in your robe & watch TV. Friday I teach class it helps to keep my mind alert. I also attend exercise class.*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

*lunch is also provided twice a week. I also represent FCC at the prog. center. My -*

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

*Pauline Mationg*

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Address:

*1015 N. School St. # 306 96817*

*Rep. Corinne Ching  
Sen. Chun Bakland*

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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

*I like some of the food, not all,  
Like Exercise class, & Club Shows.*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

*I stay at home, no good.*

*Filled out by*

*Bill Madigan*

*Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.*

Sincerely,

Name: Florenda J. Taculao Florenda Taculao

Address: 1702 Ahiahi St. Honolulu Hawaii  
Rep. Corinne Ching  
Sen. Suzanne Chao Oakland

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I Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center benefits me (and other seniors) in these ways:

- 1- Friendships -
- 2- Involvement to Serve
- 3- Reason to Schedule Events
- 4- Reason to Wake-up each day
- 5-

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

*Disasterous,*

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

*Patricia Warren*

Address:

*1001 N. School St 621*

*Honolulu 96817*

*Rep. Corinne Ching, Sen. Chun Oakland*

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*I enjoy singing, dancing I used to entertain the members. I get satisfaction in that. Comrade with ~~my~~ male & female members. I am happy <sup>here</sup> on days the center is close, I don't have any place else to go. I feel lost; I miss my center family.*

If there was NO Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, the impact would be:

Please make additional funds for senior centers, like Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

George Nakamura

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Address:

1611 Kino St. Haz. 96819

Sen. Donna Mercado Kim  
Rep. John Mizuno