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COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday April 19, 2010
TIME: 8:30am
PLACE: Conference Room 229
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

<p><u>HCR 13</u> <u>(HSCR1288-10)</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u></p>	<p>EXTENDING THE DEADLINE FOR THE HOME FOR LIFE TASK FORCE TO REPORT ON ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCING BARRIERS TO AGING IN PLACE AND FACILITATING MULTIGENERATIONAL LIVING.</p>	<p>HMS</p>
<p><u>HCR 19</u> <u>(HSCR1290-10)</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u></p>	<p>REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO CREATE A DATABASE RESOURCE WEBSITE TO HOUSE REAL-TIME AVAILABILITY OF ALL JUVENILE SERVICES FROM THE LOWEST LEVEL OF CARE TO THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF CARE FOR THE APPROPRIATE PLACEMENT OF JUVENILES IN HAWAII.</p>	<p>HMS</p>
<p><u>HCR 199, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR1286-10)</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u></p>	<p>REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO CONSIDER CERTAIN FACTORS BEFORE ENTERING INTO CONTRACTS WITH MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE MEDICAID BENEFITS UNDER QUEST MANAGED CARE PLANS.</p>	<p>HMS</p>
<p><u>HCR 256</u> <u>(HSCR1335-10)</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u></p>	<p>REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO EXAMINE AND EVALUATE THE VERACITY, EXTENT, AND EFFECT OF CERTAIN ALLEGATIONS OF SHORTCOMINGS OF PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.</p>	<p>HMS</p>
<p><u>HCR 262, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR1342-10)</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u></p>	<p>REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WAIANAE COAST HOMELESSNESS TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO ADDRESS THE IMMEDIATE, SHORT-, AND LONG-TERM NEEDS OF THE HOMELESS AND THOSE AT-RISK OF BECOMING HOMELESS.</p>	<p>HMS</p>

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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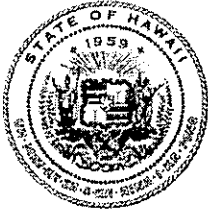
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Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland
Chair

HCR 13



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April 19, 2010

TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

House Concurrent Resolution 13 – Extending the Deadline for the Home for Life Task Force to Report on its Findings and Recommendations for Reducing Barriers to Aging in Place and Facilitating Multigenerational Living

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) supports House Concurrent Resolution 13 requesting extending the deadline for the Home for Life Task Force to report on its findings to reducing barriers to aging in place and facilitating multigenerational living.

Through its numerous phone calls and inquiries, the DCAB staff have observed the difficulties faced by many individuals with disabilities when their physical residence is no longer able to accommodate their mobility limitations. While we review the new construction and alteration of public housing, public-supported housing via tax credits, Hawaiian Homes sites, and transient lodging (shelters) these residential arrangements represent a fraction of the locations where people live. We need to also examine single-family construction and alteration strategies and promote public policies which allow for living in one's home as long as desired.

The 'aging in place' concept not only refers to people who are elderly and want to 'age in place' but for people with disabilities who want to 'live in place.' Both groups have a common desire to stay in a home that is familiar and avoid more costly institutional care.

DCAB was appointed to serve as a member of the task force to ensure issues related to accessibility for individuals with disabilities are included in recommendations made from this task force. We support the resolution to allow the group to progress with this much needed work.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. FLEMING
Chairperson
Legislative Committee

FRANCINE WAI
Executive Director



WORKING TOGETHER TO HELP OTHERS

April 17, 2010

To: COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

From: Lyn Moku, Board of Directors

Hearing: April 19, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Conference Room 229, State Capitol

Subject: **SUPPORT OF HCR 13 EXTENDING THE DEADLINE FOR
THE HOME FOR LIFE TASK FORCE**

Kokua Council, one of Hawaii's oldest advocacy groups, supports HCR 13 requesting extending the deadline for the Home for Life Task Force to report on its findings and recommendations for reducing barriers to aging in place and facilitating multigenerational living.

The Home for Life Task Force was charged with coordinating research and action to reduce barriers and facilitate multigenerational living. Legislators have appointed members to the Task Force, but the Governor has not made her appointments. We must prevent further delays and allow the Task Force to convene and finish their report.

In addition to serving on the Boards of Kokua Council and the Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition, I am the Manager for the Hawaii Office of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. I work directly with people who have multiple sclerosis and their families. A number of our families have three and sometimes four generations living together under one roof. This arrangement allows the adult children (most of whom have full time careers) to help their parents with personal care, transportation, shopping, etc. The grandchildren help with household chores, provide companionship, etc. Family life can be highly rewarding and challenging. Most of the homes are older and are not accessible. Home modifications are expensive. Even though the cost of institutional care is much more costly than most of us can afford, the bigger issue is that most people prefer to age in place at home. The findings of the Home for Life Task Force will benefit generations of families. The MS Society supports HCR 13.

Kokua Council supports extending the deadline for the Task Force to report its findings, and giving the Task Force the authority to select any vacant positions due to non-appointment by the Governor. We ask you to vote in favor of HCR 13. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Testimony by:
Lucy Lessard, PT



**HCR13, Extending the Deadline for the Home for
Life Task Force to Report On Its Findings and Recommendations for Reducing Barriers to
Aging in Place and Facilitating Multi-Generational Living**

**Sen HMS Hearing – Monday, April 19, 2010
Room 229 – 8:30 am**

Position: Support

Chair Chun Oakland, and Members of the Senate HMS Committee:

I am Lucy Lessard, P.T., and Chair of the HAPTA Legislative Committee and member of the Hawaii Chapter – American Physical Therapy Association (HAPTA). The Hawaii Chapter – American Physical Therapy Association (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.

We support this authorization that allows the task force to select and fill positions vacant due to any non-appointment by the Governor, and that allows for extending the deadline for reporting from this task force. As PTs throughout the State, we see Hawaii's older generation living longer and staying at home more often than in other states. We see that there is a chronic lack of long term care, and it is in our collective best interest to keep these citizens in their homes as long as possible.

However, we also see many elders living in unsafe situations due a combination of their impairments and disabilities and the design of their lodging. Elders have unique impairments that require special design elements above and beyond adaptations in order to keep them safe and prevent injuries. Physical therapists, through training and education, have unique skills in dealing with elders who are healthy, impaired and disabled to keep them supported in their homes.

We are very interested in participating in the Task Force and look forward to working with all stakeholders on this important issue. I can be reached at (808) 753-6507 if there are any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony.