



To: House Committee on Legislative Management
Representative Tokioka, Chair
Representative Oshiro, Vice-Chair

Date: April 5, 2010 - Conference Room 423 – 3:35 p.m.

Re: **HCR 155 REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO AUTHORIZE THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON AGING IN PLACE TO CONTINUE TO MEET AND CARRY OUT THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE.**

Chair Tokioka, Vice Chair Oshiro, and Committee Members:

My name is Barbara Kim Stanton, State Director of AARP Hawaii. AARP is a membership organization of people 50 and older with 150,000 members in Hawaii. We are committed to championing access to affordable, quality health care for all generations, providing the tools needed to save for retirement, and serving as a reliable information source on issues critical to Americans age 50+.

AARP strongly supports HCR 155. This measure requests the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to authorize the Joint Legislative Committee on Aging in Place to continue to meet and carry out the work of the committee.

Over the past four years, the Joint Legislative Committee on Aging in Place has been a leader in developing public policies to support family caregivers in the areas of coordinated services and policies, education and training, balancing work and eldercare, respite services, and financial incentives. As a result of their work, the Kupuna Education Center at Kapiolani Community College was established, over \$2 million was appropriated for Kupuna Care services to reduce wait lists and expand services, over 10 research studies were conducted to base legislation in hard data, and over \$1 million was appropriated to establish the Aging and Disability Resource Center.

AARP Hawaii supports the continuation of the Joint Legislative Committee on Aging in Place and asks for your favorable consideration of this measure.

Testimony by:
Lucy Lessard, PT



**HCR155/HR93, Requesting the President of the Senate
and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to Authorize the Joint Legislative
Committee on Aging In Place to Continue to Meet and Carry Out the Work of the
Committee**

**Hse LMG Hearing – Monday, April 5, 2010
Room 423 – 3:35 pm**

Position: Support

Chair Tokioka, and Members of the Hse LMG 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 express support for the continuation of the Joint Legislative Committee on Aging in Place. 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.

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.

Taking care of our elders and ensuring that they can remain in their homes as long as possible requires a multi-disciplinary and broad community network approach. The Joint Legislative Committee on Aging in Place provides the coordination and focus of this critical work.

I can be reached at (808) 735-6507 if there are any questions. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony.

The Twenty-Fifth Legislature
Regular Session of 2010

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Committee on Legislative Management
Rep. James Kunane Tokioka, Chair
Rep. Blake K. Oshiro, Vice Chair

State Capitol, Conference Room 423
Monday, April 5, 2010; 3:35 p.m.

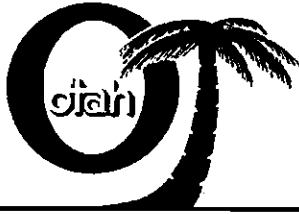
**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON H.C.R. 155 / H.R. 93
Requesting the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives
to Authorize the Joint Legislative Committee on Aging in Place
to Continue to Meet and Carry Out the Work of the Committee**

The ILWU Local 142 supports H.C.R. 155 and H.R. 93, which will allow the Joint Legislative Committee on Aging in Place (JLCAIP) to continue its work through June 2012.

For the past several years, the JLCAIP has been the group that has focused attention on the needs of the swiftly growing elderly population. Next year, the first Baby Boomers will reach Medicare age while the population of those over 80 continues to increase. The explosion of Hawaii's elderly population will need even more programs and resources, not less.

The work of the JLCAIP is not done. Recent articles in the Honolulu Advertiser point to problems in Hawaii's long-term care system that legislation has failed to address. We still don't have an effective means of informing the public about the quality of care homes and nursing homes. We still don't have long-term care ombudsmen and Sage PLUS staff who can effectively serve all islands. We still don't have full funding for an Aging and Disability Resource Center statewide that can assist families needing care for their loved ones. We still don't have adequate funding for the Kupuna Care Program, a recognized and proven aid to seniors seeking to avoid institutionalization and remain at home. We still don't have a paid family leave program to assist family caregivers.

The ILWU urges adoption of H.C.R. 155 and H.R. 93 and continuation of the Joint Legislative Committee on Aging in Place. Thank you for considering our views.



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII

1360 S. Beretania St., Suite 301, Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

Testimony by:

Avis Sakata, OTR

**HCR 155/HR93, Requesting the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives to
Authorize the Joint Legislative Committee on Aging in Place to Continue to Meet and Carry Out the
Work of the Committee**

House LMG Hearing – Monday, April 5, 2010

Room 423 – 3:35 pm

Position: Support

Chair Tokioka, and Members of the House LMG Committee:

I am Avis Sakata, OTR and president of the Occupational Therapy Association of Hawaii, (OTAH), which represents 507 occupational therapists (OTs) licensed in Hawaii. OT's work in many settings throughout the State, including hospitals, schools, prisons, skilled nursing to private facilities and community-based programs.

Occupational Therapy is a science driven, evidenced-based profession that enables people of all ages, from infants to the elderly, to live life to its fullest by helping them promote health and prevent or live better with illness, injury or disability. Occupational Therapists are recognized members of the Healthcare Rehabilitation team which is comprised also of physicians, nurses, physical therapists, speech therapists, social workers and others. As a healthcare provider, OTs provide, but are not limited to: 1) assessment and evaluation of our patients/clients needs and development of an appropriate treatment plan, 2) interventions focused on daily living skills (including self-care), work readiness, play or educational performance skills, 3) and interventions that include sensorimotor, neuromuscular functioning, cognitive or psychosocial components.

OTAH supports the authorization of the continued meeting of the Joint Legislative Committee on Aging in Place, and the extended reporting deadline. The public and private sector collaboration in this effort is an important foundation for meeting the needs of our elders and their desire to live at home for as long as possible. In fact, the informational briefing held recently that featured community providers and organizations provided new information and resources, which we were able to share with our patient consumers. We would encourage broader dissemination of this kind of information to the community-at-large.

OTAH's national organization, the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) has ventured into a partnership with AARP and the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) to collaborate to provide solutions to address this growing societal need of aging in place. Over the past few years, AOTA along with AARP and NAHB have jointly presented seminars at many conferences across the U.S. Three percent of NAHB's designations for Certified Aging in Place Specialists (CAPS) are filled by occupational therapy practitioners.

Occupational Therapy practitioners evaluate the skills of the patient/client and the environmental factors that support or limit performance of skills at home. Based on patient/client assessment, occupational therapists recommend modifications that will improve the environment to support independence and safety within the home.

In addition to supporting this measure, we offer our expertise to the Joint Legislative Committee on Aging in Place. I can be reached at 522-4602 if further information is needed. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

TO : COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Rep. James Kunane Tokioka, Chair
Rep. Blake K. Oshiro, Vice Chair

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

SUBJECT: **HCR 155, HR 93 Requesting authorization for the Joint Legislative Committee on Aging in Place to continue to meet and carry out its work**

HEARING: Monday April 5, 2010, 3:35 pm
Conference Room 423, Hawaii State Capitol

POSITION: **PABEA supports HCR 155 and HR 93 as important to addressing the issues of developing home and community-based care.**

RATIONALE:

I am offering testimony on behalf of PABEA, the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, which is an appointed board tasked with advising the Executive Office on Aging (EOA). My testimony does not represent the views of the EOA but of the Board.

- The Joint Legislative Taskforce on Aging in Place has played an important role in examining the challenges of creating public policies to develop a comprehensive system of home and community-based care.
- Hawaii continues to lag behind many other states in reducing institutional care by developing supports for family caregivers and other steps to keep the frail elderly and other disabled persons in the community.
- The Taskforce has sponsored numerous research studies as well as policy analyses of various approaches to addressing the needs in such areas as respite services, cash and counseling programs, financial assistance for employed caregivers and others.
- In view of our aging population, it is very important that the life of the Taskforce be extended to focus on the issues and to develop public policies in support of aging in place.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

boshiro3-Blanka

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, April 03, 2010 11:31 AM
To: LMGtestimony
Cc: Tlenzer@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HCR155 on 4/5/2010 3:35:00 PM

Testimony for LMG 4/5/2010 3:35:00 PM HCR155

Conference room: 423
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Anthony Lenzer
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone: 261-2095
E-mail: Tlenzer@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 4/3/2010

Comments:

My name is Anthony Lenzer. I am a retired professor and former Director of the Center on Aging at the University of Hawaii. I am also a member of several senior advocacy groups, all of which have participated in and benefitted from the work of the Joint Legislative Committee. Since its creation in 2006, the Committee has sponsored studies which have provided important data not otherwise available; identified and proposed legislation to meet the needs of Hawaii's caregivers, elders, and grandparents raising grandchildren; and has served as a gathering place for the many different organizations and agencies concerned with aging.

It is my personal opinion and recommendation that this Committee should be given permanent status. In so doing, Hawaii would emulate the United States Senate, which has had such a committee for many years. That said, I urge you to support this Resolution, and thank you for the opportunity to submit this late testimony.

boshiro3-Blanka

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, April 01, 2010 6:40 PM
To: LMGtestimony
Cc: wesleylum@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HCR155 on 4/5/2010 3:35:00 PM

Testimony for LMG 4/5/2010 3:35:00 PM HCR155

Conference room: 423
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Wes Lum
Organization: Individual
Address: 930 Kaheka Street, #1604 Honolulu, Hawaii 96814
Phone: 808-343-2165
E-mail: wesleylum@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 4/1/2010

Comments:

My name is Wes Lum and I am writing in support of HCR155. The Joint Legislative Committee on Aging in Place has provided the leadership to build a home- and community-based system that focuses on supporting families, the backbone of our long-term care system. There is still much work to be done and their continued efforts would be greatly appreciated. For these reasons, I ask for your favorable consideration.