

March 17, 2010

To: COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

From: Lyn Moku, Board of Directors

Hearing: March 18, 2010 at 10:30 a.m., Conference Room 329, State Capitol

Subject: **SUPPORT of HR 93 and 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.**

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society supports HR 93 and HCR 155 requesting the authorization of the Joint Legislative Committee on Aging in Place to continue to meet and carry out the work of the committee.

Since the inception of the Joint Legislative Committee on Family Caregiving, renamed the Joint Legislative Committee on Aging in Place, tremendous research was conducted on family caregivers, our aging population, and long term care issues. The Committee and its community partners continue to seek solutions to help people maintain their independence and safety, while receiving the health care and services they need. There is much more work to be done.

Funding for programs and services throughout the State are in jeopardy and the safety net disintegrating. Having a comprehensive support system for the elderly and family caregivers and others with chronic, disabling diseases, has never been more important or real—we are all affected (or soon will be) by the lack of services and planning for the future.

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society supports the issues included in HR 93 and HCR 155. We are concerned about people with multiple sclerosis, other chronic diseases, the elderly and people with disabilities of all ages. We hope these much needed services and benefits will eventually be extended to everyone in need, regardless of age. The Society supports the:

- Expansion of public and private long-term care options, especially those that keep individuals in the community and functioning at the highest possible level.
- Development of a coordinated approach to the delivery of care to help assure that the best combination of health care and other services is provided.

Please support HR 93 and HCR 155 and extend the life of the Joint Legislative Committee on Aging in Place through June 30, 2012. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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SUPPORT

Jacqueline T. Chong, Chair
Na Tutu, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

Committees on Human Services and Health
Conference Rm 329
March 18, 2010

Dear Members of the Human Services and Health Committees;

I am Jackie Chong, Chair of the Na Tutu, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, a member of the Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition, and a member of the Aging in Place Legislative Task Force, and I am in support of this resolution.

Members of the Task Force dedicated many hours on issues relating to education, health, housing, safety, and the problems facing grandparents who are raising their grandchildren. This legislative year, there are resolutions introduced to help solve some of these issues, but there are still more that needs to be done.

This resolution would help to continue the work of this fine Task Force. Please support these two resolutions.

Thank you.

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Comments:

my name is Anthony Lenzer. Since 2006, I have attended meetings of the joint legislative committee, and I can attest from personal experience that the committee has played a vital role in monitoring aging related legislation; educating both legislators and the public; and supporting aging related programs in the community. It is well known that Hawaii, and the rest of the world, face it is an aging tsunami. As the baby boom generation ages, the older population of the US and Hawaii will greatly increase. At this time, our laws, social policies, and community services are not geared to recognize this fact. The joint legislative committee plays a vital role in helping to increase awareness of the consequences of the vastly expanded older population. It is critical that the committee be allowed to continue its work.

I therefore urge you to support this resolution, and appreciate the opportunity to submit this testimony.