

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY****Date:** 03/29/2010**Committee:** House Finance

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Kathryn Matayoshi, Interim Superintendent of Education

**Title of Bill:** SB 2469, SD2, HD1 RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND.

**Purpose of Bill:** Appropriates moneys from the emergency and budget reserve fund to maintain levels of programs for education, human services, and health. Effective July 1, 2050. (SB2469 HD1) (\$)

**Department's Position:** The Department of Education strongly supports any viable solutions to restore instructional days. Furloughs have focused the spotlight on our public schools and the need to make education in our state a top priority. Thus, the Department encourages the legislature to explore all funding options available. However, the policy decision of where and how funding is obtained to address furloughs should be determined by the legislature. The Department continues to meet with the Hawaii State Teachers Association to discuss solutions to restore some instructional days during this semester as well as next school year.



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March 29, 2010

The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair  
House Committee on Finance  
Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
State Capitol  
State of Hawaii  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Oshiro and Members of the Committee:

**SUBJECT: SB 2469 SD2 HD1 – RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND**

The position and views expressed in these written comments do not represent nor reflect the position and views of the Department of Health (DOH) or Department of Human Services.

Thank you for having a hearing on this bill. The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS SB 2469 SD2 HD1**. The purpose of this bill is to appropriate moneys from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund of the State of Hawaii to maintain the levels of programs determined to be essential to education, public health, and public welfare.

All the programs included in the bill address the vital needs of specific target groups/areas (adult dental, aging and disability, child care, developmental disabilities, domestic violence, healthy start, hospitals, housing, mental health, uninsured, etc.). Each target group/area is equally important and uniquely defined as vulnerable and deserving of priority status in determining what to include in the State's budget.

The Council brings to your attention the following sections of the bill that address individuals with DD and their families:

1. **Page 4, Section 2, lines 7-10: Respite Services.** The 2009 Legislature designated \$376,953 out of Tobacco Settlement funds for the DOH Respite program. This amount was derived from the remaining balance of the respite budget (\$176,953) after budget reductions and adjustments by the Legislature and Governor, and \$200,000 restored by the House in the budget bill (HB 200 HD1).

DOH determined that it was inappropriate to use the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund for respite services. Consequently, as of June 30, 2009, the DOH Respite Program was terminated. The program provided respite to families caring for a family member who was: 1) an infant or toddler three years of age or younger with a developmental delay, 2) a child or adult up to age 21 years with a serious or terminal illness, 3) a child with a serious emotional disability, 4) a child or adult with a developmental disability, or 5) an adult with a serious mental illness.

DD Division has been working with individuals and families to access respite services through the waiver program for individuals with DD/Mental Retardation. Respite is available for individuals through the waiver if they are eligible. To receive any waiver service, an individual must be Medicaid eligible. However, for individuals who are not Medicaid eligible, there is no other source to receive respite services other than what was being provided through the DOH Respite Program.

Senate Standing Committee Report No. 2270 indicated \$350,000 for respite services. That amount was based on FY 2009 expenditure reports for respite services provided by the Early Intervention Section and DD Division.

2. **Page 6, Section 7, lines 1-5: DD Medicaid Waiver Program.** The Waiver Program serves approximately 2,500 individuals and provides an array of services that include adult day health, environmental modification, habilitation, personal care, respite, skilled nursing, supported employment, etc. In February 2009, DD Division implemented a 15 percent reduction in participants' services in order to sustain their system of supports and maintain services. After undergoing an appeals process, some individuals received no reduction in services and others experienced a greater than 15 percent reduction (20-60 percent) of their authorized service level. DD Division conducted an assessment of health and safety of all waiver recipients, and reportedly is meeting basic health and safety needs of its recipients.

Based on expenditures for the first half of FY 2010, it is our understanding that DD Division will be able to operate within their current budget for the remaining fiscal year. The enhanced Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage (FMAP) rate for the waiver program provided through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act has been a significant factor for DD Division to be able to operate within its budget. Extension of the FMAP increase through June 2011 is pending before Congress. We have not heard or are aware of any plans for further reductions in DD Division's budget. However, should the FMAP increase end before June 30, 2011, and/or there are another round of budget reductions, DD Division may experience a shortfall. It is not known at this time as to whether or not, or to what degree, a shortfall would occur.

We recommend that this section remain in this bill as a safety measure in the event during the course of the legislative session, DD Division's budget status changes.

- 3. Page 6, Section 9, lines 14-18: Partnerships in Community Living Program (PICL).** The Governor's 2009 legislative package included the elimination of the PICL program. The 2009 Legislature designated \$700,000 out of Tobacco Settlement special funds to restore the program. DOH determined that it was inappropriate to use Tobacco Settlement funds for PICL. Consequently, the PICL program was terminated as of June 30, 2009.

PICL was provided to individuals: 1) who were pending determination for Medicaid waiver services; 2) were Medicaid eligible, but the Medicaid waiver or other programs do not cover the service or item; or 3) were ineligible for Medicaid or any other federally reimbursed services, but eligible to receive community services. For individuals who are not eligible for Medicaid or any other federally reimbursed services, PICL was their only source of support. The intent of PICL was to be a flexible source of funding to allow individuals to self-direct their supports to live in the community.

- 4. Page 12, Section 29, lines 13-16: Adult Dental Services.** The Council cannot emphasize enough the importance of comprehensive dental care services that include preventive, restorative, and emergency services for people with DD. We are all aware of how dental health, or the lack thereof, affects all aspects (emotional, psychological, and social) of our lives. Many individuals can share with you the experience of having a tooth extracted or acquiring serious health problems because necessary dental services were not available due to termination of the adult dental benefit coverage. People with DD have felt this effect to an even greater extent. Due to medical conditions related to their disability and the frequent prescription of

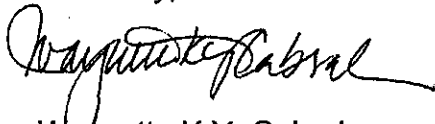
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medication, preventative, and restorative dental care becomes an essential and cost effective service.

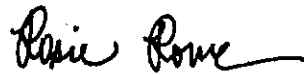
Dental care has been identified as one of the major health concerns, especially for individuals with DD. Compounding the challenges is the lack of dentists in several Neighbor Island areas and access to and resistance of dentists to serve Medicaid and QUEST clients. Clearly, it is vital to the health of participants of Medicaid and QUEST that dental care services, other than emergency dental services, become available.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **strong support of SB 2469 SD2 HD1.**

Sincerely,



Waynette K.Y. Cabral  
Executive Administrator



Rosie Rowe  
Chair



*The Judiciary, State of Hawaii*

**Testimony to the House Committee on Finance**

The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair  
The Honorable Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

Monday, March 29, 2010, 2:30 p.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

by

Thomas R. Keller  
Administrative Director of the Courts

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY**

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**Bill No. and Title:** Senate Bill No. 2469, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund.

**Purpose:** Appropriates moneys from the emergency and budget reserve fund to maintain levels of programs for education, human services, and health. Effective 7/1/2050.

**Judiciary's Position:**

The Judiciary strongly supports Section 33 of Senate Bill No. 2469, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, which appropriates monies from the State Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund to the Judiciary for domestic violence services. Legislative actions last year to reduce the Judiciary's FY 2010 budget base by \$11.5 million or 7.6 % relative to FY 2009 and eliminate 79 positions or 4% of the Judiciary's permanent workforce resulted in significant cuts in funding for domestic violence services by the First, Second, Third, and Fifth Circuits, as well as the various treatment courts. Some programs were eliminated while others were significantly reduced. These cuts have led to fewer services being available and fewer clients served, and longer waits to access services. They have also contributed to the loss of 10 or more staff in direct service to victims and perpetrators of domestic violence, resulting in a decrease in parenting groups, crisis intervention services, victim support, and batterers treatment; a 14% to 18% reduction in cases closed, cases opened, temporary restraining order (TRO) clients served at various sites, and victim services delivered; a 20% to 40% reduction in safety planning services and services to children exposed to domestic violence; an increase in wait time for batterers trying to enter services from one to two weeks in the best case, and two to five months in the worst case, which means more



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untreated batterers residing in communities, decreasing the safety of their victims and the community in general; a decrease in the number of sites available to obtain services for batterers, victims, or children – on the Neighbor Islands this often means that services are unavailable unless the person seeking services has access to a car and is able to drive many miles; increases in requirements and fees for fee-for-services, making programs unavailable to those who cannot pay; a decrease in supervised visitations to 1.5 hours a week per family; a reduction in staff work hours; and waitlists for almost all services, including waitlists for TRO support and filings. Court statistics show that from FY 2008 to FY 2009, domestic abuse/protective order filings increased by 12%, even as the availability and extent of domestic violence services have been decreasing.

The Judiciary takes no position on Sections 34 through 38 which appropriates monies from the State Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund monies to be expended by the Judiciary: to Volunteer Legal Services Hawai'i to provide pro bono legal services for indigent persons, to Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i to provide general legal services, to Hawai'i Family Law Center to provide services to obtain TROs, to Catholic Charities Hawai'i to provide intra-familial sex assault services, and to Children's Alliance of Hawaii to provide child sex assault services. It is likely that the identified funding would be helpful to these programs, and that these organizations provide valuable services to Hawaii's citizens and have suffered along with many other organizations as a result of the economic situation in Hawai'i. However, the Judiciary's concern is to ensure that because the funding amounts identified constitute an addition to the original Judiciary budget request contained in House Bill No. 2000, H.D. 2, S.D. 1 their addition does not come with a corresponding reduction to any items already included in our base budget request. It should also be mentioned that while Senate Bill No. 2469, S.D. 2, H.D. 1 does not indicate whether these items would be funded as grants-in-aid or through purchase of service (POS) contracts, POS contract funding would require a bidding process and there can be no assurance that the designated organizations would be the low bidder and awarded the contracts.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2469, S.D. 2, H.D. 1.



**TESTIMONY OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE, 2010**

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**ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:**

S.B. NO. 2469, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND.

**BEFORE THE:**

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

**DATE:** Monday, March 29, 2010      **TIME:** 2:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** State Capitol, Room 308

**TESTIFIER(S):** Mark J. Bennett, Attorney General, or  
Blair Goto, Deputy Attorney General

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Chair Oshiro and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General provides the following comments.

The purpose of this bill is to make forty-seven appropriations of unspecified amounts from the emergency and budget reserve fund for fiscal year 2010-2011.

The language making the appropriations in several sections needs to be adjusted if those appropriations are to be effective.

On pages 7-8, section 13 of the bill, there is an appropriation for the "Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center to support its emergency room services." The legal name of this organization is the Waianae District Comprehensive Health and Hospital Board, Incorporated, dba Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, the registered trade name of the corporation. If the intent is for this organization to receive the appropriated moneys from the Department of Health, then the appropriation should be made as a grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and should be made in the legal name of the organization. If the intent is to support the emergency room services of any healthcare provider in that region, then the



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Department of Health could procure the services competitively pursuant to chapter 103F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and the name of the specific organization should be deleted. Under a competitive procurement, Waianae District Comprehensive Health and Hospital Board, Inc., could receive none, some, or all of the moneys depending upon the outcome of the competitive procurement.

On page 8, section 15 of the bill, there is an appropriation for the "Blueprint for Change Program for Neighborhood Place Walk-In Centers." If the intent is for this organization to receive the appropriated moneys from the Department of Human Services, then the appropriation should be made as a grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

On pages 8-9, section 16 of the bill, there is an appropriation made as a grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for the "Hawaii immigrant health initiative program." This is not the name of an eligible chapter 42F recipient but instead a former program within the Department of Human Services. Accordingly, the language "as a grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes" should be deleted.

On page 9, section 19 of the bill, there is an appropriation for the Hale Mahaolu Adult program for personal care services. Hale Mahaolu would appear to be an eligible chapter 42F grant recipient. If the intent is for this organization to receive the appropriated moneys from the Department of Human Services, then the appropriation should be made as a grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

On page 13-14, section 34 of the bill, there is an appropriation for Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii to provide pro

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bono legal services for indigent persons. If the intent is for this organization to receive the appropriated moneys from the Judiciary, then the appropriation should be made as a grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

On page 14, section 35 of the bill, there is an appropriation for the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii to provide general civil legal services. If the intent is for this organization to receive the appropriated moneys from the Judiciary, then the appropriation should be made as a grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

On page 14, section 36 of the bill, there is an appropriation for the Hawaii Family Law Clinic to provide services to obtain temporary restraining orders. If the intent is for this organization to receive the appropriated moneys from the Judiciary, then the appropriation should be made as a grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

On pages 14-15, section 37 of the bill, there is an appropriation for Catholic Charities Hawaii to provide intra-familial sex assault services. If the intent is for this organization to receive the appropriated moneys from the Judiciary, then the appropriation should be made as a grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

On page 15, section 38 of the bill, there is an appropriation for the Children's Alliance of Hawaii to provide child sex assault services. If the intent is for this organization to receive the appropriated moneys from the Judiciary, then the appropriation should be made as a grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for the Children's Alliance of Hawaii, Incorporated.

On page 16, section 41 of the bill, there is an appropriation for the "Kapiolani Medical Center's operation of

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the Women and Children Sex Abuse Treatment Center for statewide sex assault services." The legal name of this organization is the Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children. If the intent is for this organization to receive the appropriated moneys from the Department of the Attorney General for the specified Center and services, then the appropriation should be made as a grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and the grant should be made in the legal name of the organization for operation of the Women and Children Sex Abuse Treatment Center for statewide sex assault services.

If this bill is to be passed, we respectfully ask the Committee to make the recommended amendments.

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March 25, 2010

#### TESTIMONY TO:

#### Committee on Finance

Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair  
Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

Subject: S.B. No. 2469  
"RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND"  
March 29, 2010  
2:30 p.m.  
Conference Room 308

#### Honorable Chairs and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on S.B. No 2469. I am Alan Parker, Director of the Hawaii County Office of Aging. Funding for both Kupuna Care and the Aging and Disability Resource Center Project (ADRC) are vital for operations of our physical site that is co-located by nine major service providers and programs serving the elderly and people with disabilities.

Elder abuse cases are seeing an alarming increase here in Hawaii County. Funding for Kupuna Care services and the Aging and Disability Resource Center will go a long way in addressing this unfortunate situation as well as providing cost saving to the state for long-term care institutionalization costs.

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TO: COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair  
Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

FROM: Eldon L. Wegner, Ph.D.  
POLICY ADVISORY BOARD FOR ELDER AFFAIRS (PABEA)

HEARING: 2:30 pm Monday, March 29, 2010  
Conference Room 308, Hawaii State Capitol

SUBJECT: SB2469 SD2 HD2 Related to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund Care

POSITION: The Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs **strongly supports** SB2469 SD2 HD2, especially the provision for additional funds for the Kupuna Care program.

RATIONALE:

The Policy Board for Elder Affairs has a statutory obligation to advocate on behalf of the senior citizens of Hawaii. While we advise the Executive Office on Aging, we do not speak on behalf of the Executive Office of Aging.

- § We understand the current fiscal crisis facing the state of Hawaii. However, our children, disabled citizens and frail elders are in immediate need of health and social services. Their care should be an important priority for public support. The "Rainy Day" fund should be allocated for its original intended purpose of providing these essential services.
- § Kupuna Care serves frail elders not eligible for Medicaid services, enabling families to care for their elders at home and keeping persons from having to go on Medicaid. Not to fund basic home and community services would result in many persons having to use higher cost residential/institutional care, usually at public expense.
- § Current Kupuna Care funding falls far short of meeting the critical need, and the demand for these services will continue to grow. As of September 30, 2009, there were 594 older adults waitlisted for services (a gross underestimate since a large number are waiting to be assessed). Even after getting on to the waitlist, the estimated wait time to receive home delivered meals in 2009 was over 4 months. Bathing services have been reduced and there is a long wait list for this service basic to hygiene. The state is falling far short of providing for its most vulnerable citizens who are in critical need.
- § These critical services have major impacts on the quality of life of frail elders and their caregivers and the cost of the services is relatively low compared to other expenditures of the state. Thus, we strongly recommend support from the "Rainy Day Fund" fund in order to meet our moral obligations to those in greatest need.

Thank you for allowing me to testify on this bill.



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### **THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THE TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2010**

#### **Committee on Finance Testimony in Support of S.B. 2469, SD2, HD1 Relating to The Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

**Monday , March 29, 2010, 2:30 P.M.  
Conference Room 308**

Chair Oshiro and Members of the Committee:

I am Louis Erteschik, Staff Attorney at the Hawaii Disability Rights Center, and am testifying in support of this bill.

We strongly support this bill and are delighted to see the legislature acknowledge that despite our economic difficulties at the moment, we cannot as a society allow the neediest and weakest amongst us to fall through a safety net of basic, necessary services. In these times, our office is extensively involved with clients affected by recent budget cuts. We represent many individuals with mental illness who have been affected by cuts in the AMHD Budget. We also currently are in the midst of representing many families who are affected by the cuts experienced at the Developmental Disabilities Division. We are pleased therefore to see funds appropriated to these programs. We believe that the circumstances facing the state justify the use of these funds for these purposes.

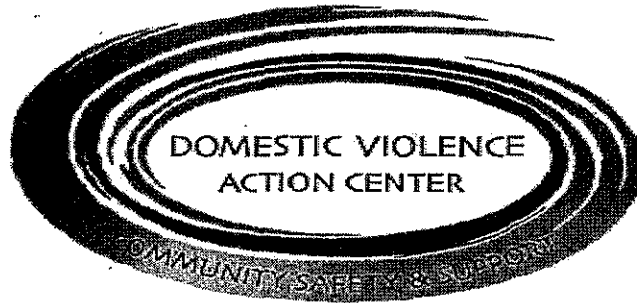
We are also pleased to see funds included for respite care. Caregiver burnout is a well recognized phenomenon in these cases. This is where respite care proves to be invaluable as it provides an opportunity for the caregiver to either perform other essential chores or simply avail themselves of a brief time out so they can rejuvenate themselves. This money is extremely well spent from a quality of life and economic perspective. Respite care is an essential component of the long term care spectrum.

We also support the inclusion in this bill of appropriations for dental benefits. The elimination of basic adult dental benefits for Medicaid recipients was a very shortsighted undertaking. It is ironic that while parents teach their children to brush their teeth so that they will avoid further health problems, Hawaii, the Health state, has a policy which says that we will not pay for preventive dental care and yet will gladly cover the cost of extracting a tooth that has decayed and rotted because of a failure to receive preventive care.

A recent example on the Big Island illustrates that this is not mere rhetoric. We unfortunately became aware, some months ago, of the case of an individual with developmental disabilities whose tooth became so infected that he died before proper medical attention could be administered, despite being flown by helicopter to Honolulu.

So, when advocates claim that proper oral health is essential to one's overall health and well being, this example should illustrate the truth of that statement. We urge the legislature to appropriate funds to provide this needed protection, so that hopefully no other individuals will suffer the same needless fate.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.



TO: Chair Marcus Oshiro  
Vice Chair Marilyn Lee  
Members of the Committee

FR: Nanci Kreidman, M.A.  
Chief Executive Officer

RE: Support of SB 2469

Aloha. Please accept this testimony in support of SB 2469 utilizing funds from the Rainy Day Fund. There has been ample evidence that the safety net is shredding to a degree that causes irreparable harm to the community. With fantastic media coverage, information from community programs, economists analysis and real life stories, it is my hope that the legislature will act courageously to direct funds for the support of agencies serving our vulnerable people.

In addition, to the passage of this Rainy Day Fund measure, it is my hope that the legislature will give serious consideration to the scheduling of a bill to examine the need for a temporary G.E.T. increase. This is controversial, of course, but with the analysis provided by our own economists, it is imperative a strategy is needed which will be more successful than attempting to cut our way out of this recession.

Thank you.

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## TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 2469 HD1 - RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE

March 29, 2010 at 2:30 p.m.

The Legal Aid Society of Hawaii submits testimony in support of SB 2469 HD1 – Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve.

In November 2007, the Access to Justice Hui released a report that included, “The 2007 Assessment of Civil Legal needs and Barriers of Low- and Moderate-Income People in Hawai‘i.” This Assessment found that one out of every five low- and moderate-income Hawai‘i residents were unable to receive needed legal assistance. The Assessment also found the capacity of legal services providers was limited to helping only one in three Hawai‘i residents who needed assistance. The Legal Aid Society of Hawaii (Legal Aid) is the only legal service provider with offices on every island in the state, and annually provides legal assistance to approximately 10,000 Hawai‘i residents in the areas of consumer fraud, public assistance, family law, the prevention of homelessness, employment, protection from domestic violence.

In the last legislative session, the State of Hawaii ended its over 35 years of support for providing low-income people with access to justice when it did not provide funding for general legal services. This loss of \$800,000 in funding impacted Legal Aid’s delivery of services and resulted in the consolidation of the Hawaii Immigrant Justice Center with Legal Aid in January 2010.

We understand that all programs are having a difficult time right now and the state is facing a significant budget deficit, yet our services are critical to keeping a roof over someone’s head, a child with her mother who was beaten by her father, a person who’s lost their job get access to public assistance, and a family facing foreclosure assistance in renegotiating a loan to stay in their home. In light of all of these considerations, we ask for an allocation of \$250,000 for the next fiscal year to allow us to continue to provide some of the services that we have over the years. While this won’t make up for the entire deficit facing our programs, it will make a significant difference in our ability to continue to provide high quality services to the people throughout the state of Hawaii.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

M. Nalani Fujimori Kaina  
Executive Director  
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To: House Committee on Finance  
Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair  
Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice-Chair

Date: March 29, 2010 - Conference Room 308 - 2:30 p.m.

Re: **SB 2469, SD2, HD1 RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY BUDGET AND RESERVE FUND**

Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, 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 SB 2469, SD2, HD1. Its purpose is to appropriate moneys from the emergency and budget reserve fund to maintain levels of programs for education, human services, and health.

AARP urges the Legislature to use the Rainy Day fund for this intended purpose, that is, to address pressing community needs for health, safety and welfare. Shortfalls in these areas impact our community's most fragile. We note that it is not the appropriate vehicle to address the furlough funding shortfall. Section 328L-3, HRS specifically prohibits "cost items in any collective bargaining contract." Restoration of instructional days will require funds to support collective bargaining agreements.

Within SB 2469, SD2, HD1 we strongly support an appropriation of \$2,963,411 for the Kupuna Care program. As recommended in the Senate Human Services (SD1) committee report, this amount is needed to maintain essential services in Kupuna Care. The current measure appropriates an unspecified amount for the Kupuna Care program in Sections 5 and 43. AARP Hawaii recommends that Section 43 be retained with the \$2,963,411 appropriation, and Section 5 be deleted as these sections are duplicative.

The Senate Human Services committee report recommended an appropriation of \$2.9 million based on need. The base budget for Kupuna Care from Hawaii's general fund has remained flat at \$4,854,350 since 2002 and has not kept pace with the need for services resulting in cuts to core services for clients who are homebound, frail and elderly. Meanwhile our population is aging and living longer, with two out of three seniors needing long term care services in their lifetime.

This program helps people in the "gap group" - those who cannot afford to pay for services but do not qualify for Medicaid. Kupuna Care provides an important safety net that reduces the

number of older adults from going into poverty due to the high cost of long-term care. Clients face few alternative care options where most would not afford the \$123,000 annually for nursing home care, and would more likely become Medicaid eligible with the state picking up the \$75,000 annual cost.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice our support for SB 2496, SD2, HD1 and the Kupuna Care program.



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Hearing on: March 29, 2010 @ 2:30 p.m. (Agenda #2)  
Conference Room 308  
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**DATE:** March 24, 2010

**TO:** House Committee on Finance  
Rep. Marcus Oshiro, Chair  
Rep. Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair

**FROM:** Dennis Arakaki, Executive Director

**RE:** SUPPORT FOR SB 2469 SD2 HD1, Relating to the Emergency & Budget Reserve Fund

Honorable Chair Representative Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and members of the House Committee on Finance, I am Dennis Arakaki, representing both the Hawaii Family Forum and the Hawaii Catholic Conference.

Hawaii Family Forum is a non-profit, pro-family education organization committed to preserving and strengthening families in Hawaii, representing a network of over 250 Christian churches. The Hawaii Catholic Conference is the public policy voice for the Roman Catholic Church in Hawaii, which under the leadership of Bishop Larry Silva, represents over 220,000 Catholics in Hawaii.

We are in strong support this bill that appropriates money from the emergency and budget reserve to maintain levels of programs for education, human services, and health. Let me start by saying that having worked on previous "Rainy Day Fund Bills" in the past, I can appreciate the work and heart that is reflected in this bill. It was hard to decide who the beneficiaries of the bill would be back then and I imagine even more difficult now with the many competing needs.

Let me also say that I believe the intent of the fund was to address the "safety net" programs that could even mean the life or death of a client. I do not believe the Rainy Day fund was meant to help balance the budget, to leverage collective bargaining or specifically to eliminate furlough days at our schools. The cost of educating our children should be a core function that should be funded by General Funds that must be given priority and not categorized as discretionary funding.

I have no argument against the services being listed in SB 2469, I would only ask that a line item be added to address one of the pressing needs of the now shredded "safety net," the crisis of the mentally ill who are underserved or unserved. We see the impact of the massive reduction of adult mental health case managers resulting in a number of cases of clients who either end up hurting themselves or hurting others, not to mention the growing number of homeless mentally ill.

Thank you for allowing me to testify and share my mana'o regarding this very critical measure.



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### House Committee on Finance

The Hon. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair

The Hon. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

## Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 2469, SD 2 HD1

### Relating to the Emergency & Budget Reserve Fund

Submitted by Beth Giesting, Chief Executive Officer

March 29, 2010, 2:30 p.m., Agenda #2, Room 308

The Hawai'i Primary Care Association strongly supports this bill to ensure adequate funding for essential services in the face of our state and national economic crisis. Each of the items identified for funding in SB 2469 SD2 HD1 is important to the health and well-being of Hawai'i. Each contributes substantially to preventing far worse calamities and costs than we currently experience.

The Hawai'i Primary Care Association particularly asks your support for:

- Section 8 that calls for funds to delivery mental health services.
- Section 10 that calls for adequate funding for health care provided to the uninsured by restoring dollars eliminated from the budget last year at a time when funds were most needed. (\$3.5 million).
- Section 13 that appropriates funds to subsidize the costs of the emergency room at Wai'anac Coast Comprehensive Health Center. (\$332,000).
- Section 16, which would continue funding for the Immigrant Health Initiative, a program that served 1,667 low income immigrants last year. (\$550,000).
- Section 17, which would restore funding for the "Keiki Care" program. (\$600,000).
- Sections 20, 21, 29, and 30, which fund various parts of the Medicaid program including Disproportionate Share Hospitals and adult dental care.
- Sections 22-25, which would restore funding for Outstationed Eligibility Workers at community health centers and pay for outreach in high risk communities to ensure that vulnerable individuals are linked to public benefits for which they are eligible. These workers find the uninsured who are eligible for Med-QUEST and other programs and assist them to submit complete applications so they can get needed health care. Given the drastic cuts in MQD staffing, this community-based service is needed more than ever.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this measure and for considering the needs of the growing number of uninsured residents of Hawaii, as well as many other people who are more vulnerable than ever during this unsettling time.

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March 25, 2010

To: Rep. Marcus Oshiro, Chair  
And members of the Committee on Finance

## TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 2469 SD2 HD1 RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND

Hawaii Youth Services Network (HYSN), a statewide coalition of fifty youth-serving organizations, supports SB 2469 SD2 HD1 Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund.

HYSN supports this bill because:

- Low income families, children, elderly, and persons with disabilities are those most severely affected by the economic recession. Health and social services that support vulnerable populations are needed now more than ever.
- The furloughs in the public school system have resulted in the lowest number of instructional days of any state. Our children need and deserve adequate educational opportunities. Restoring the school calendar should be one of our highest priorities.
- Funding for health, human services, and education supports economic recovery. The non-profit sector is the fourth largest employer in Hawaii, accounting for more than 41,000 jobs. Non-profit organizations are small businesses that purchase goods and services, which benefit all sectors of the economy, such as transportation and real estate.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Judith F. Clark, MPH  
Executive Director



House FIN  
Monday, March 29  
2:30 pm  
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National Association of Social Workers

Hawaii Chapter

March 25, 2010

TO: Rep. Marcus Oshiro, Chair  
Members of the House Finance Committee

FROM: Debbie Shimizu, LSW  
National Association of Social Workers, Hawaii Chapter

RE: SB 2469 SD2 HD1 Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund- **SUPPORT**

Chair Oshiro and members of the House Finance Committee, I am Debbie Shimizu, Executive Director of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), Hawaii Chapter. NASW is the largest professional organization for social workers in Hawaii. I am testifying in **SUPPORT of SB 2469 SD2 HD1 Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund.**

During the past decade, the state has been slowly handing over its responsibility of providing direct services to individuals and families to the private, nonprofit sector through purchase of service contracts. By doing this the state is able to leverage its dollars with private sector dollars and provide services to the people of our state. However, now when the state is in a fiscal crisis, the state is cutting funds to those private contracts. This will ultimately result in dismantling many of the programs that the state partnered with.

The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP) is a policy organization that works on federal and state fiscal policy and public programs that affect low- and moderate-income families and individuals. In a report in February 2008, CBPP cautioned states from implementing across the board cuts to address its fiscal crisis. Instead CBPP fiscal advisors recommended that policy makers be more careful about cutting programs that affect low-income residents. They encouraged the use of rainy day funds to minimize the need to cut programs that are designed to assist state's residents the most during economic downturns. Now is NOT the time to be cutting services that help vulnerable populations.

Local economists have also recommended that a modest, temporary increase in the GET is much better for the economy than cutting services. I also urge you to support a raise in the GET to support our health, human services and housing safety net for the people of Hawai'i.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



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March 25, 2010

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FROM: Alex Santiago, Executive Director  
PHOCUSED (Protecting Hawai'i's Ohana, Children, UnderServed,  
Elderly and Disabled)  
RE: SB 2469 SD2, HD1 Relating to the Emergency and Budget and Reserve  
Fund

Chair Oshiro and members of the House Finance Committee. I am Alex Santiago, Executive Director of PHOCUSED, a coalition of health, housing, human service agencies and individual advocates voicing the needs of the marginalized and underserved in Hawai'i. **PHOCUSED supports the intent of SB 2469 SD2, HD1 relating to the use of Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund.**

PHOCUSED believes the original intent of establishing the Budget Reserve Fund, also known as the "rainy day" fund, was to shore up the health and human services needs of our society during an extreme economic downturn. This recession is the worst we have ever faced. While we are hopeful that the economy will begin recovering soon, we are also very mindful of the reality that state funding has been reduced significantly to those programs servicing our most needy.

A recent survey conducted by HANÓ and PHOCUSED revealed that the needs of our most vulnerable have risen alarmingly, while services to address their needs continue to be cut by the state. This measure will allow for a thoughtful discussion to be continued on how these funds should be used.

The request for funding from the agencies in this bill may exceed the amount that is in the fund so I would like to take this opportunity to urge you to also support a modest, temporary raise in the GET to help fund health, human services and housing needs.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.





CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

TO: Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair  
Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair  
Committee on Finance

FROM: *Stella M.Q. Wong*  
Stella M.Q. Wong  
Vice President of Programs

DATE of Hearing: Monday, March 29, 2010  
2:30 P.M., Room 308

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT of SB 2469 SD2, HD1 with Recommendations**

Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and Members of the House Committee on Finance, my name is Stella Wong and I am the Vice President of Programs at Catholic Charities Hawai'i. I am testifying in support of **SB2469 SD 2, HD1 RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND,**

**Catholic Charities Hawai'i fully supports SB 2469 SD2, HD1, with recommendations.**

Catholic Charities Hawai'i (CCH) is a tax exempt, non-profit agency that has been providing social services in Hawai'i for over 60 years. CCH has programs serving elders, children, developmentally disabled, homeless and immigrants. Our mission is to provide services to the most vulnerable of the people in Hawai'i.

With the current economic situation, the numbers of people at risk are growing. There are more people coming to our doors needing food, shelter, jobs and other basics of life. There is nothing more heartbreaking than to have to turn away families with young children, frail elders and individuals with disabilities.

Losing one's job in many families with young infants adds tremendous stress. Programs dealing with child abuse, domestic violence, and family counseling have become more critical. Growing needs will only continue and further cuts will put more families at risk.

Cuts to services for senior citizens and individuals with developmental disabilities place these vulnerable populations at risk of costly institutionalization for which government, and taxpayers, will eventually bear the burden.

The legislature had the foresight to set up the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund as a safety net for social services. The safety net for all social services that affect our most vulnerable in the state is getting very thin and will soon be in shreds if nothing is done. There will be many more people faced with health and safety issues and it will cost the State, and taxpayers, more money

in the long run if we do not **do what we can now** to maintain these at risk populations in the community.

I'm sure I don't have to say it but "**It's Raining.**" Please help restore programs to protect the most vulnerable in this State. I strongly urge your committee to pass SB 2469 SD2 HD1, with the following recommendations:

1. Section 4: Funding in the following dollar amounts for senior centers:

(1) Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$200,000
(2) Kapahulu Center	\$100,000
(3) Moiliili Community Center	\$ 50,000
(4) Waikiki Community Center	\$120,000

2. Sections 5 and 43: Please delete Section 5 and retain Section 43 regarding Kupuna Care funding. In addition, we recommend funding in the amount of \$2,963,411.

3. Section 37: Funding in the amount of \$254,566 for Intra-familial sex assault services.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Please feel free to contact me at 527-4888 or [swong@catholiccharitieshawaii.org](mailto:swong@catholiccharitieshawaii.org) if I can provide any further information.



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To: House Committee on Finance

From: Moya Gray, Executive Director

RE: Testimony on S.B. 2469  
Relating To The Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

Hearing: March 29, 2010, 2:30 pm

Place: Conference Room 308, State Capitol

Chair Oshiro and Vice Chair Lee and members of the Finance Committee, thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of S.B. 2469, Relating To The Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund, which under Section 32 of the bill provides \$400,000 for pro bono legal services for indigent persons.

I am Moya Gray, Executive Director of Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii. Through the generosity of our volunteer lawyers, we provide legal services to clients throughout the State of Hawaii. I also serve as a Commissioner on The Access to Justice Commission and as a member of the Consortium of Hawaii Legal Service Providers.

**The poor and vulnerable have few resources and thus the State's economic difficulty hits the hardest at the low-income and poverty communities. As a result, Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii has seen an unprecedented increase in the need for legal services for poor people.**

For at least forty years, the State of Hawaii has had a commitment to fund legal services. This commitment helps the poor and vulnerable on a State-wide basis receive protection from consumer fraud, access to public assistance, needed representation in family law cases, assistance to prevent homelessness, to eliminate legal barriers to employment, and to prevent child abuse and improve child outcomes. Last year alone, **Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii**, Legal Aid Society of Hawaii and an immigrant legal service provider helped **more than 34,000** impoverished residents.

As the State of Hawaii is suffering the worst economic crisis in several decades, it is important to use our revenues in a way that reduces the long-term impact of the crisis. As Chief Justice Ronald Moon noted in his State of the Judiciary speech, the cost of not funding judicial services has a significant impact on the Executive budget. Funding legal services for the poor today will help to prevent future legal problems, reducing the cost impact on the future. Funding today is sustains the poorest of our people. I humbly ask for your support of SB 2469, Section 32.



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March 25, 2010

Carolyn Wong  
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TO: The Honorable Rep. Marcus Oshiro, Chair  
The Honorable Rep. Marilyn Lee, Chair  
Members of the House Committee on Finance

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1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair

FROM: Joan Naguwa, Executive Director

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2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair

RE: **SUPPORT OF SB2469, SD2, HD1 - RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND**

Faye Chiogioji  
Secretary

Hearing Date: Monday, March 29, 2010  
Time: 2:30 pm  
Place: Conference Room 308

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Dear Chair Oshiro and Members of the House Committee on Finance:

Gregory Dunn

My name is Joan Naguwa, Executive Director of Waikiki Community Center (WCC). Waikiki Community Center **strongly supports SB2469, SD2, HD1, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund.**

David Givens

Maki Kuroda

Waikiki Community Center is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) agency which has provided services to Waikiki's elders since 1978 and currently serves over 500 older persons each year. SB 2469, SD2, HD1 provides funding for the network of senior centers on Oahu that provide vital fitness, cognitive stimulation, social connectivity, education and case management that enable thousands of older adults to maintain wellness and age in place for as long as possible. Passage of this bill is critical to the maintenance and continuation of safety need services for the elderly people of Waikiki and other neighborhoods.

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Although all independent nonprofit organizations, the senior centers (Lanakila Multipurpose Senior Center, Moiliili Community Center, Kapahulu Center and Waikiki Community Center) named in SB2469, SD2, HD1 collectively provide more than 4,000 older adults with a community-based focal point to receive needed services and activities that support their independence and avoid pre-mature institutionalization, thereby saving the State of Hawaii over \$100,000 per person annually in long-term care costs. Waikiki Community Center provides a wide variety of over 80 educational, recreational and social services, including health screenings, financial education, physical fitness classes, information and assistance, counseling and case management by a licensed social worker.

Joan Naguwa  
Executive Director

Waikiki Community Center, as well as its partner senior centers, utilizes a preventative health, community-based model for services to older adults, with a focus on 3 major areas that national research documents as imperative to maintaining the ability to age in place:

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- Physical Activity;
- New Learning or cognitive stimulation;
- and Social Connectivity



The importance of this 3 pronged approach is based on the following evidence: The Bureau

of Labor and Statistics states that only 2% of adults aged 75 and older are involved in exercise or recreational activity. Fifty-four (54%) percent spent their time watching TV. It is well-established that physical activity has a positive effect on health, leading to better mental health and cognitive functioning. Exercise also reduces the risk of dementia by 50%, even among people who begin exercise after age 60.

According to research at the Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center, "Loneliness and Risk of Alzheimer's Disease", loneliness has a negative impact on cognitive health and increases the risk of dementia. Elders with higher loneliness scores may be twice as likely to develop dementia. In a study of 7 senior centers in 7 states, over 90% of seniors indicate that they have developed important close friendships at the senior center that provide them with needed emotional security.

WCC provides its seniors with physical and cognitive fitness and social opportunities, such as hula, dancing, ping pong, etc. For the elders of Waikiki, this is especially important. Approximately 25% of Waikiki's 20,000 residents are over the age of 60 years old. Waikiki has one of the highest numbers of senior citizens per area density on Oahu. Waikiki elders live alone among a proliferation of secured, mixed residential condominiums, and are especially at risk to social isolation and physical and cognitive deterioration. The typical elderly resident is female, mid 70's, living alone, with little or no family support systems nearby. When they become frailer, they have little choices of independent living and are often confused by services available to support them. Waikiki Community Center's continuum of services, ranging from health maintenance activities to case management and counseling provide the needed support to these elders.

Waikiki Community Center and other senior centers are cost-effective, preventative alternatives to costly institutionalization. *The investment in senior centers now by the State of Hawaii will save thousands of dollars of long-term care costs in the future.*

Two of the senior centers named in this bill, Lanakila Multipurpose Senior Center, through Catholic Charities Hawaii, and Moiliili Community Center currently receive funding through the Dept. of Health. However, both Waikiki Community Center and Kapahulu Center do not receive such funding and are not included in the Executive Budget. We humbly request that the amounts of Waikiki Community Center (\$120,000), Moiliili Community Center (\$50,000), Kapahulu Center (\$100,000), and Catholic Charities Hawaii (\$200,000) be restored in this bill.

While we understand the great financial challenges faced by the State of Hawaii during this time, the safety net of health and human services is quickly being torn apart. The long term effect of a lack of critically needed health and human services for Hawaii's people will surely directly impact Hawaii's most important economic engine, tourism, especially in Waikiki and increase social problems for our communities.

**We urge your support for the passage of SB2469, SD2, HD1.** Thank you for this opportunity to submit our testimony. If you would like further information, please feel free to contact me at 923-1802 or via email, [jnaguwa@waikikicommunitycenter.org](mailto:jnaguwa@waikikicommunitycenter.org).



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
Rep. Marcus Oshiro, Chair

Conference Room 308  
March 29, 2010 at 2:30 p.m. (Agenda #2)

**Supporting SB 2469 SD 2 HD 1.**

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii represents its member organizations that span the entire spectrum of health care, including all acute care hospitals, as well as long term care facilities, home care agencies, and hospices. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB 2469 SD 2 HD 1, which makes an appropriation from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund for health, human services, and education.

The downturn in the local, national, and global economies have resulted in reduced State tax collections, making it impossible to maintain existing State programs with current revenues. Fortunately, the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund was established for just this kind of circumstance. Money was deposited into the fund during better economic times. The fund can now fulfill its stated purpose of making money available in times of emergency, economic downturn, or unforeseen reduction in revenues in order to maintain the levels of programs determined to be essential to public health, safety, welfare, and education.

This bill makes various appropriations from the fund for this purpose. The Healthcare Association is encouraged, particularly because the bill includes funding for Disproportionate Share Hospital costs. This appropriation would help hospitals reduce their expenses for care that they have provided to low-income patients who do not have health care insurance and who do not have the financial resources to pay for their care. Hospitals incurred uncompensated costs totaling \$114 million in 2009, and this appropriation would help reduce that loss.

For the foregoing reasons the Healthcare Association supports SB 2469 SD 2 HD 1.



# THE SEX ABUSE TREATMENT CENTER

*A Program of Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children*

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DATE: March 29, 2010

TO: The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair  
The Honorable Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair  
Committee on Finance

FROM: Adriana Ramelli, Executive Director  
The Sex Abuse Treatment Center

RE: Support for SB2469 SD2 HD1

Good afternoon Representatives Oshiro and Lee and members of the Committee on Finance. My name is Adriana Ramelli and I am the Executive Director of the Sex Abuse Treatment Center (SATC), a program of the Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children (KMCWC), an affiliate of Hawaii Pacific Health.

The SATC supports SB2469 SD2 HD1 to appropriate moneys from the emergency and budget reserve fund of the State of Hawai'i to maintain adequate levels of support for programs determined to be essential to education, public health, safety, and public welfare. This measure includes funding support for KMCWC/SATC for sexual assault services.

The KMCWC/SATC currently holds the master contract with the State Department of the Attorney General, overseeing the delivery of sexual assault services statewide. The SATC works with the sexual assault programs of each county to ensure that services to victims and their families are comprehensive, coordinated, accessible and standardized across the state. These services include crisis intervention, mental health counseling, case management, legal systems advocacy and prevention.

Given the severe economic downturn, the State general funds appropriation for statewide sexual assault services has been cut by over 20%. This falls seriously short of the funding necessary to support effective delivery of victim services on Oah'u and the neighbor islands. Without restoration of state funds, sexual assault victims will be negatively impacted as reflected by the following:

- On **Kaua'i**, the sexual assault program is projected to close down one day a week, reducing access to therapy and emergency crisis services;
- On **Maui**, the 24/7 crisis hotline will be in operation only 4 days a week and closed on the weekends;
- On **Hawai'i**, reduction in crisis staff will leave an estimated 40-50 victims with no face-to-face care and follow up in the aftermath of an assault;
- On **Oah'u**, crisis counseling in three domestic violence shelters will be eliminated impacting an estimated 150 -175 women.

These are only a few examples of services that will be terminated. At present, the sexual assault programs are aggressively pursuing other funding sources, both at the local and federal levels. However, given the state's financial situation, there are many other

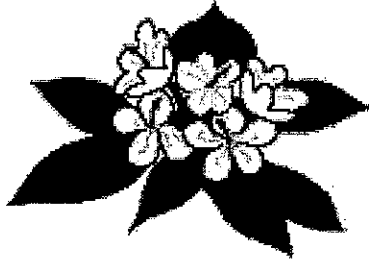
nonprofit social service agencies that are competing for the same shrinking pot of private and government funds.

Comprehensive sexual assault programs benefit Hawai'i by providing access to specialized services when and where they are needed and proactive outreach programs to reduce sex crimes from occurring in the first place.

We urge you to support SB2469 SD2 HD1. In addition, we respectfully recommend that the legislature strongly considers a temporary increase in the general excise tax (GET) with funds designated for health, education and human services.

Thank you for your consideration of our funding request to ensure that the people of Hawai'i receive essential sexual assault services.





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RE: SB 2469, SD2, HD1 -RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY  
AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND

Dear Chair Oshiro and Members of the Committee,

The Special Education Advisory Council, Hawaii's State Advisory Panel under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), **supports the intent** of SB 2469 SD 1 to utilize monies from the emergency and budget reserve fund to provide a safety net of basic human services, health and education needs for Hawaii residents and families. While SEAC is particularly concerned with placing a priority on funds essential to the maintenance of educational benefit for students with disabilities, we must also advocate for health, vocational and family support services which all contribute to positive educational outcomes for students with disabilities.

In particular, SEAC is in favor of using these emergency funds to maintain a safety net for individuals with developmental disabilities under the DD Waiver to allow them to pursue their vocational and independent living goals. We likewise support restoration of respite services to families of individuals with disabilities, as these services enable families to better participate in their child's educational and vocational goals by providing periodic breaks from caregiving. Monies appropriated last session for the Department of Health Respite Fund, which provides much needed family support to six populations of individuals with disabilities and serious medical conditions, was designated to be spent in an account which could not be used for that purpose. As a result, there are NO respite dollars this fiscal year that can be accessed by the families for whom the DOH Respite Fund was created.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on this issue. Should you have any questions regarding our position, you are welcome to contact me by phone or email.

Sincerely,

Ivalee Sinclair, Chair

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March 26, 2010

To: Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair  
Committee on Finance  
Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair  
Committee on Finance  
Members, House Finance Committee

Re: Strong Support for SB 2469 SD2, HD 1: Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

Hearing: FIN, March 29, 2010 in Room 308 at 2:30 p.m.

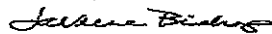
Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of SB 2469 SD2, HD 1. My name is LaVerne Bishop, Program Director with Hale 'Opio Kaua'i, Inc. where I have worked for thirty-four years.

I urge you to appropriate funding for health and human services to maintain an effective safety net for our young people and their families and to advance programs known to increase protective factors in our communities. It is further time for those of us who have chosen to be of service to our community to stand together to increase the GET, designating these funds to health and human services.

Hale 'Opio Kaua'i, Inc. has served high-risk youth since 1975. There is greater need than ever before, please preserve what we have left. Our young people need us to vote that "they are our future".

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comment in strong support of SB 2469 SD2, HD 1.

Sincerely,



LaVerne Bishop

**Testimony on SB 2469**

RE: Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

By

Howard Garval, President and CEO

Child & Family Service

Presented to House Finance Committee

Chair: Representative Marcus R. Oshiro

Vice-Chair-Representative Marilyn B. Lee

Monday, March 29, 2010, 2:30 p.m.

Conference Room 308

Good morning, Chair Representative Oshiro and Vice-Chair Representative Lee and Members of the Committee.

I am Howard Garval, President & CEO of Child & Family Service that provides services from keiki to kupuna on every island. We touch the lives of over 40,000 people in Hawaii each year. We have been delivering human services in Hawaii since 1899. We strongly support SB 2469.

First let me tell you a story. I was over visiting our programs and staff in Kona last week with one of our newer board members. We had lunch with a variety of program managers in the Kona office. I asked them how things were going in their programs. What I heard made me even more concerned about the impact of funding cuts on services to children at risk and domestic violence victims. I heard about a teenager whose parent choked her to the point of creating welts on her neck and yet when this was reported as part of mandated reporting, the case was not accepted for investigation. I heard about the impact of the 40% cut in our domestic violence services on the entire island of Hawaii. I worry about the lack of victim services that has resulted. Last month we laid off two more staff who were delivering important domestic violence services. This week we have 30 residents in one of our domestic abuse shelters. I worry about all the children in at-risk families who we terminated services for when Healthy Start was decimated in July in spite of the Legislature's support for the program. Right now these families and children may be invisible and people can think there was minimal impact from the funding cuts, but those of us who know these families and children know that

this is not the case. It is only a matter of time that these families will become child welfare services cases. It's only a matter of time when the next domestic violence victim is murdered and leaves behind children with no parents. I worry about waiting lists for our treasured Kupuna because funding is inadequate to meet their need or to respond to the rapid increase of seniors in our community. These are just a few of the serious problems we believe are the result of both the funding cuts and the deteriorating economy and its impact on families.

As I understand it, the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund, also known as the "Rainy Day Fund" was established for "times of emergency, economic downturn, or unforeseen reduction in revenues with the specific purposes of maintaining levels of programs determined to be essential to public health, safety, welfare, and education." I submit that it is very clear that if there ever was a time to access this fund, it is now.

I also want to add that it should not come down to a choice between education or human services. Many at-risk children will not succeed in school without the social services that support and strengthen families; programs like Healthy Start that intervenes early with at-risk infants and young children are as important as ending Furlough Fridays. What good is it to restore classroom days if the kids are so at-risk that they will not succeed in school without social services?

I believe all of us in the nonprofit human services community realize that the state faces serious challenges and we cannot sustain the same level of funding for services, but we need to protect the already severely reduced services to our most vulnerable citizens or the consequences will be tragic and even more costly. With the size of the budget gap, however, and the proposed cuts to human services in HB 2200 we also support a temporary increase of 1% to the GET with a state Earned Income Tax Credit to reduce the regressivity of the tax. It is estimated to generate \$400 million in new revenue which would make a significant impact and preserve services to people who are in increasing need of those services.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.

**Topic: SB2469 SD2 HD1 RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND** Appropriates moneys from the emergency and budget reserve fund to maintain levels of programs for education, human services, health.

**To: COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:** Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair; Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

**Date and Time:** Monday, March 29, 2010 at 2:30 p.m.

**Place:** Conference Room 308

## **Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition (HSAC)**

Aloha, Chair Oshiro and Vice Chair Lee and distinguished members. My name is Alan Johnson, Chairperson of the Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, which is a hui of 22 treatment agencies throughout the state.

### **HSAC supports SB 2469**

Hawai'i is at a crisis point. As we all know, the recession is the worst ever and surprisingly, even the economists are saying that we can not reduce ourselves out of it. We must consider emergency funding such The Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund.

The programs that provide direct services for community are being dismantled. Government and non-profit services have been reduced to such an extent that the community at large is at risk. Systems and programs are no longer effective for dealing with schools, health care, health compliance oversight, hospitals and other basic government services as well as programs for safety that include offenders, prisons, mentally ill, domestic violence, prenatal care, police, courts, and child welfare.

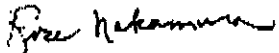
This year and the next year are most likely to be the worst of the recession. *Let's start by releasing half the funding this year because the need is now.*

We appreciate the opportunity to provide information and are available for questions, if needed.

To: The House Finance Committee  
The Honorable Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair  
The Honorable Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

Date: Monday, March 29, 2010 at 2:30 p.m.

Place: State Capitol Room 308

From:   
Rose Nakamura, Administrator, Project Dana

Subject: Testimony Supporting SB 2469, SD 2 HD 1-Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund (Rainy Day Fund)

I strongly support the **deletion of Section 5** and **retention of Section 43** of SB 2469, SD 2, HD1 – Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund (Rainy Day Fund). **Section 43** is requesting for \$4,854,350 in addition to the Executive Office on Aging Base budget.

Kupuna Care has for years through the Executive Office on Aging in partnership with the county area agencies on aging provided much support to the elders throughout the State of Hawaii. The numbers of elders needing long term care assistance are ever increasing as the demographics lean heavily towards an aging society. In a few years, older adults 60 and over, will make up 25% of Hawaii's population.

Aging in place is the desire for everyone in Hawaii and assistance in various nature i.e. case management, information and referral, meals on wheels, transportation, housing, personal care, attendant care, etc. is increasing. Kupuna Care is a cost effective program and plays a vital role in maintaining seniors to live happily in their homes. Many older adults are isolated, shut-in, lonely and helpless and need some assistance in coping with daily living. The numerous unmet needs of elders must be met. Elders are our bridge to our past, our heritage and our treasured resource.

Funding for Kupuna Care from the Budget Reserve Fund (Rainy Day Fund) is imminent to Hawaii's Kupuna to age in place with your whole hearted and sensitive support.

Thank you very much.

**TO: Representative Marcus Oshiro  
Chair, House Finance Committee**

**FRIM: Claire Woods M.ed  
Salvation Army Advisory Board**

**RE: SB 2469 SD2 HD 1**

**Aloha, Mister Chairman, and members of the House Finance committee**

**My name is Claire Woods, and I am a volunteer member of the Salvation Army Honolulu Advisory Board. As a member of this board, I am charged with not only the promotion of the services of The Salvation Army, but to support in any way I can , the programs and services they continue to provide to Hawaii's citizens in need.**

**These are the darkest of times for Hawaii's families. It is also the darkest of times for you, our legislative representatives. The needs are so many and the resources are so few**

**When one see the laundry list of programs in SB 2469 , you can not but be awestruck to see the vast array of programs and services that have been dessimated by the state budget restrictions. The impact of these cuts has been tremendous and stands to rock our social services safety net to the core.**

**So what do you fund you ask? There is no doubt that there is not enough to go around. What are the "core" services to be considered essential to our community's health and well being? Feeding and housing the elderly? Child abuse and neglect? Homelessness , domestic violence, , crime, and substance abuse? The list can go on and on, and you must decide "what is most important" I have to take a stand and not allow you to decide "who deserves the help most". There are people at stake. and the safety net is in trouble; No one can stand to be turned away. No one should come up the loser when human lives and well being are at stake...**

**It is just that bad. Closure of well respected, Nationally accredited programs will significantly impact the health, safety and physical well being of Hawaii's families at risk.**

The impact of the failure to fund these programs will be experienced by emergency rooms, child welfare, housing, mental health, elderly, probation and parole and the criminal justice and family court systems.

I support this bill for it serves to stabilize our health and human Services safety net. We all need each other. If one does not survive, then we all die a little.

If ever there was a time for positive, creative thinking, solution oriented deliberations it is now. I urge you to think out of the box, and come up with a positively based revenue enhancing solution to this crisis. Keep the dollar amount blank until conference committee time until we know just what we are dealing with.

I look forward to being at conference committee to extend my support for this bill.

The Salvation Army Advisory Board fully supports your efforts to "do the right thing", and wishes you well as the crunch time quickly approaches.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify

Claire Woods



**To:** The House Finance Committee  
The Honorable Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair  
The Honorable Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

**Date:** Monday, March 29, 2010 at 2:30 p.m.

**From:** Project Dana Volunteers at Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission:  
Rusty Nakagawa, Elaine Kawamoto, Mildred Segawa and  
Caroline Uchiyama

**Subject:** Testimony Supporting SB 2469, SD 2 HD 1-Relating to the Emergency  
and Budget Reserve Fund (Rainy Day Fund)

We want to let you know that we support SB 2469, SD 2, HD 1 Relating to the  
Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund (Rainy Day Fund).

Please support an additional \$3 million dollars for Kupuna Care.

Kupuna Care is a cost effective program and plays a vital role in maintaining seniors to  
live in their homes. There are many unmet needs for elders that Kupuna Care helps  
with.

Please support Kupuna Care from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund (Rainy  
Day Fund).

Thank you very much.

March 27, 2010

To: Committee on Finance  
Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair  
Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

From: Lyn Moku, Office Manager

Hearing: March 29, 2010 at 2:30 p.m., Conference Room 308

Subject: **SUPPORT OF SB 2469, SD2, HD1 RELATING TO THE  
EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND.**

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society supports SB 2469, SD2, HD1 which appropriates moncyys from the emergency and budget reserve fund to maintain levels of programs for education, human services, and health.

The MS Society is dedicated to helping people living with MS and their families, the elderly, and others with chronic disabling diseases secure the critical services they need to preserve a standard quality of life. The "standard" differs greatly amongst us, however. It is often based on what we can afford, not what we need; not what we want.

For the people who rely on home and community-based services provided by Kupuna Care (seniors who do not have the money to pay for private in-home services, but are not destitute and do not qualify for Medicaid), the minimum standard could be having someone come into their home to help with toileting, dressing and bathing. Very personal services that many of us take for granted. In an effort to make a point, I respectfully ask our leaders and anyone reading this a few questions: "How many times a week do you take a bath? Could you cut it back to three times a week? Maybe two times a week? If you were not able to walk or stand, how would you wash laundry or clean your house? How would you go shopping for things you need? What would you eat if you couldn't prepare a meal for yourself? Would you have a hot meal at least once a day? Who would you go to for help in getting the services you need? If you couldn't drive and didn't have the stamina to walk or take a bus, how would you get to the doctor or anywhere else? If you couldn't do any of these things without help, what kind of quality of life would you have?"

Unless the vital programs and services related to Kupuna Care and general assistance, and the other programs for people of all ages addressed in this bill are funded, the people who need help the most will suffer the most. There will be no safety net to catch them.

Thousands of people in Hawaii are already living in a state of emergency. We cannot stop funding these programs and turn our backs on the most vulnerable people in our society. We cannot jeopardize their health and safety.

The MS Society supports SB 2469, SD2, HD1. Please vote in favor of this Bill. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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March 26, 2010

TO: The Honorable Marilyn Lee  
Vice-Chair of Finance Committee

FROM: Mike Gleason, President and Chief Executive Officer  
The Arc of Hilo

SUBJECT: SB 2469 SD2—RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET  
RESERVE FUND

The Arc of Hilo submits testimony with strong support of SB 2469 SD2—*Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund*.

The Arc of Hilo's programs provide a variety of services designed to improve the quality of life of the developmentally disabled participants and their families on Hawaii Island. The services include:

- Adult Day Health;
- Personal Assistance;
- Medicaid Waiver Services;
- LASR (Long-term Adult Support and Resources);
- Employment Training Services; and
- Disability Services Advocacy.

We support the sections of SB 2459 SD2 that speak to issues of individuals with developmental disabilities (DD) and their families:

- Respite Services;
- DD Medicaid Waiver Program;
- Partnerships in Community Living Program (PICL); and
- Adult Dental Services.

We vehemently call for continuance of program or service cuts linked to Federal matching funds. Losing any Federal matching dollars will be greater than the proposed savings.

Your support and passage of SB 3469 SD2 will ensure the preservation of essential services for the vulnerable developmentally disabled population.

March 25, 2010

To: Rep. Marcus Oshiro, Chair, House Committee on Finance

Members of the House Committee on Finance

From: Dale and Shirley King, Waikiki Resident and Waikiki Community Center Members  
[ds2king@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:ds2king@hawaii.rr.com)

RE: **Support for SB 2469, SD2, HD1, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

Hearing Date: Thursday, March 29, 2010

Time: 2:30 pm

Place: Conference Room 308

Dear Chair Oshiro and Members of the Committee:

We've seen firsthand the opportunity for seniors to get out and interact with others rather than be at home alone. The activities are well-chosen and timely for the seniors, as well as being interesting.

It seems that in the middle of the city and this neighborhood, which is very urban—it gives many seniors a purpose and organized activities to attend; and at a cost (little or nothing) that even low-income seniors can afford. If you are a widow/widower and are not located near family or have busy families, it is truly a lifesaver.

We have also observed many members of the community who benefit from the food bank operation at WCC.

Please consider helping the Waikiki Community Center maintain the current level of activities and services for their seniors by supporting SB2469, SD2, HD1.

**TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair**  
**Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice-Chair**

**Testimony Supporting S.B# 2469, SD2, HD1 : “Relating to the Emergency and  
Budget Reserve Fund”**  
**March 29, 2010**  
**2:30 p.m.**  
**Conference Room 308**

**Individual Testimony of**  
**Audrey Suga-Nakagawa**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of S.B. # 2469 – “Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund” which provides funding for Hawaii’s safety net programs for vulnerable populations such as children, the elderly, and disabled persons. I am the current State Aging and Disability Resource Center Project Coordinator but submitting this testimony as a private individual.

The bill supports critical programs such as Kupuna Care, Senior Centers, Healthy Aging that are part of our community infrastructure for education, health and safety and need to be preserved during this difficult economic period. Another is the Aging and Disability Resource Center (also refer as ADRC) listed under SECTION 6.

The ADRC is part of a national effort to establish a single-entry, one-stop service that help people make informed decisions about long term services and options. The goal is to empower individuals to make informed choices and streamline access to long term support which includes in-home care, community based programs and institutional services such as nursing homes and other programs that are designed to help the elderly and individuals with disabilities including younger adults.

Hawaii successfully established two pilot sites on the islands of Hawaii and Oahu. The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), which is administratively attached to the Department of Health, serves the lead agency for Hawaii’s ADRC project and provides the administrative oversight. In partnership with EOA, the Hawaii County Office of Aging and the City and County of Honolulu Elderly Affairs Division are operating the ADRC sites. The Hilo ADRC is a physical site that is co-located by nine major service providers and programs serving the elderly and people with disabilities. The facility celebrated its grand opening in November 2008.

The Honolulu ADRC launched a comprehensive resource website ([www.HawaiiADRC.org](http://www.HawaiiADRC.org)) in late 2009 which complements its information hotline phone

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system to provide better information access to consumers. In conjunction with the Kauai County Agency on Elderly Affairs and Department of Health' Health Information System Office, the Honolulu Elderly Affairs Division built the template for a statewide ADRC website which now includes all 4 counties' information on aging and disability services, programs, agencies, and calendar of events in their respective communities.

Hawaii has been fortunate to receive additional federal grants to continue the ADRC expansion statewide. However, the funds do not adequately cover the critical staffing for the two original sites especially in Hilo. The demand for ADRC's assistance has been growing as more and more consumers seek help. Oahu satellite outreach sites have been established in the rural communities of Hauula, Kahuku and North Shore with a new site at Leahi Hospital in East Honolulu.

The ADRC is a collaborative project that has been embraced by all three levels of government – federal, state and county and strengthens the long term care infrastructure in Hawaii. Throughout the country, states are initiating the ADRC expansion beyond their original pilot sites as they are demonstrating to be a proven model for providing information and long term care options to the public. With major cutbacks on social and elder care programs, ADRC plays an even more critical role as families urgently search for reliable and unbiased information that will help them make informed decisions about the care for their loved ones. It is emerging as the safety net for elder care and social service programs throughout the U.S. as people turn to the ADRC as the first stop to obtain assistance with their long term care needs.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

March 25, 2010

To: Rep. Marcus Oshiro, Chair, House Committee on Finance

Members of the House Committee on Finance

From: Mary Guidroz

RE: **Support for SB 2469, SD2, HD1, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

Hearing Date: Thursday, March 29, 2010

Time: 2:30 pm

Place: Conference Room 308

Dear Chair Oshiro and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **SUPPORT** of SB2469, SD2, HD1, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund. My name is Mary Guidroz and I am a member, participant and volunteer at the Waikiki Community Center. I am 88 years old, live by myself, and I have been a member for 13 years.

In the past I have participated in many classes including Line Dancing, taken various excursions around the island led by WCC staff and really been kept healthy by joining in the many educational and healthy activities at WCC. I am a diabetic and they bring in speakers to help me keep up with my diabetes. In addition, I really look forward to being with the many friends I have made and meeting new people. This has been a great part of my benefit from the Waikiki Community Center because I know people look for me to be there and look out for me if I don't show up.

The Social Worker helped me last year when I forgot to fill out my Medicaid forms on time and my benefits had lapsed. She helped me get those back right away and she helps me keep my other records current such as Medicare, and Food Stamps. The Waikiki Community Center is so important to me because I count on those services so I can stay living independently.

I support the Waikiki Community Center and I hope you will too by approving SB2469, SD2, HD1. Thank you.



SB2469 SD2 RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND.

I am Laura Manis and strongly support this bill, which is to appropriate moneys from the emergency and budget fund of the State of Hawaii to maintain programs essential to education, public health, and public welfare. The bill clearly states the reasons why it is necessary to use this fund for these purposes.

All the services provided for in the bill are ongoing, successful and needed. Our organization is, of course, especially interested in programs funding those that are critical to meet the needs of vulnerable elders in our state. At present, there are of very substantial unmet health and human services needs in this population. These are services funded through the Kupuna Care program, Catholic charities and the various Senior Centers. The ADRC is also a critical service, because it provides a way for seniors to identify available services without having to go through the difficult and confusing task of trying to contact many individual agencies for assistance, which may or may not be available to them.

We wish to commend the Legislature for utilizing the rainy day fund at this time which is appropriate to the fiscal crisis now facing Hawaii. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Laura G. Manis  
Tel. 597-8838

To: House Finance Committee, Marcus Oshiro, Chair  
Date: Monday, March 29, 2010, State Capitol Room 308, 2:30pm  
Re: **SB 2469 SD2 HD1 Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

My name is Steve Tam and I am a resident of Hawaii Kai and a caregiver for both my father in Aina Haina, and father-in-law in Maunawili. I am testifying in strong support of SB 2469 SD2 HD1, relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund, especially with regard to funding for Kupuna Care in the amount of \$2,900,000.

Hawaii's population is aging and living longer. Approximately 2 out of 3 seniors will need long term care services in their lifetime. Long term care is extremely expensive. Most families cannot afford this expense, and instead rely upon a combination of utilizing unpaid family caregivers, and draining life savings to pay for in-home care. It's ironic in that draining life savings will qualify seniors for Medicaid, which would in turn be more expensive and a larger cash drain for the State and all taxpayers.

I urge that you fund Kupuna Care in the amount of \$2.9 Million. This Home and Community Based Service allows seniors to remain in their home as long as possible, and gives caregivers respite by helping their loved ones with baths, hot meals, toileting assistance, transportation, and other household chores. These seniors are part of the unlucky "gap" group that does not have enough monies to pay for all the assistance to meet daily needs, yet have enough money and thus cannot qualify for Medicaid. This gap group is the beneficiary of Kupuna Care.

Caregivers also benefit from Kupuna Care. A staggering 1 in 4 adults in Hawaii (approximately 169,000 people), provide caregiver services worth about \$1.4 billion annually. Caregivers provide these services at no cost to the State. However, caregivers cannot do it alone, and would "burn out" without occasional help to care for parents, and allowing time to take care of themselves and their children. Cutting the Kupuna Care Program would not result in a cost savings, but instead result in a cost increase to the State, as caregiver "burn out" would mean that the State would be burdened with the entire senior long term care costs, rather than the smaller Kupuna Care costs for occasional caregiver respite and senior assistance.

As a caregiver for my father who has Alzheimer's, and my father-in-law who had a stroke, this is of great personal interest to me. I left my full-time job in part to care for my parents and in-laws. However, I need to return to work to pay for my children's college education. I have found that there are many families in similar situations. If all these caregivers were unable to give of their own time, the State would be faced with a severe social service catastrophe.

In summary, funding for Kupuna Care is essential to the senior population and their caregivers, and cannot be put off to a later date, as to do so, will severely lessen the quality of life of our seniors, and ultimately place extreme financial burdens on the State, when forced to deal with the issue. Thank you in advance for your help.

Steve Tam (Hawaii Kai)

To: House Finance Committee, Marcus Oshiro, Chair

Date: Monday, March 29, 2010, State Capitol Room 308, 2:30 p.m.


Re: SB 2469 SD2, HD1 Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

Chair Oshiro and Committee Members, my name is Kathryn Okazaki and I live in Halawa Heights (Aiea). I am testifying in support of SB 2469 SD2, HD1 relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund.

There are many reasons why I urge you to support funding of Kupuna Care but the compelling reason is that our community needs a strong safety net in place to support and keep as many of our frail elders at home to help them retain their health, dignity and quality of life versus the alternative of being in a nursing home or similar facilities. These facilities are expensive. Without community based services that support our seniors to live at home, many of your elder constituents will become impoverished due to high cost of long term care. Once impoverished, **the legislature will need additional funds in future fiscal years to care for the growing number of elders that will rely on State subsidized Medicaid.**

Which path is best for our elder's dignity/quality of life and is less costly for the State? Yes, support Kupuna Care now by adequately funding it with \$2.9 million from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund.

Thank you for allowing me to testify.



Kathryn Okazaki  
99-515 Kaholi Pl.  
Aiea, HI  
March 27, 2010

March 25, 2010

To: Rep. Marcus Oshiro, Chair, House Committee on Finance

Members of the House Committee on Finance

From: Sybil Tsukamoto

RE: Support for SB 2469, SD2, HD1, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

Hearing Date: Thursday, March 29, 2010

Time: 2:30 pm

Place: Conference Room 308

Dear Chair Oshiro and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **SUPPORT of SB2469, SD2, HD1, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**. My name is Sybil Tsukamoto and I am Waikiki Community Center participant and I live in Pearl City.

I take three tap dance classes a week at the Waikiki Community Center. I have also taken the origami class and have been on different outings throughout the island. Participating in tap dance class has been physical therapy for me because I had a weak right knee and climbing stairs was a major problem. I no longer have to cling to the railing as a result of the dance classes. It has built the muscles around my knee so that I have better stability. With the physical disability I had, I had one leg twice the size of the other. Since taking the tap, my legs are now the same size. I was apprehensive at first about the class but was welcomed and encouraged by the others. When you're a Senior, you spend a lot of time at home alone and a very important part of the class is the wonderful social interaction. There is so much to be gained by sharing with others. It makes your own problems seem smaller. I like learning new skills and I have made great friendships – thanks to what the Waikiki Community Center offers to seniors like me.

The Waikiki Community Center's Senior Program is an important focal point for the Waikiki community. Through this program, Waikiki's many older residents are able to receive a variety of services, including activities and classes that promote physical fitness, cognitive stimulation, and social connections as well as case management and counseling when their needs change. Many older residents in Waikiki rely upon the Waikiki Community Center as a place to come to for assistance and being a part of the community. Their range of services enable Waikiki's older residents to stay fit, connected with their community and remain independent in their own homes for as long as possible.

I ask for your support of SB 2469, SD2, HD1 and that you please provide the funding that will support Senior Centers and the programs of the Waikiki Community Center. WCC serves as a hub for wellness activities and social connectivity and meaningful participation in our community. It is important to keep its doors open for Waikiki's elders. Thank you.

March 25, 2010

To: Rep. Marcus Oshiro, Chair, House Committee on Finance

Members of the House Committee on Finance

From: Sandra Kam

RE: **Support for SB 2469, SD2, HD1, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

Hearing Date: Thursday, March 29, 2010

Time: 2:30 pm

Place: Conference Room 308

Dear Chair Oshiro and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **SUPPORT of SB 2469, SD2, HD1, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**. My name is Sandra Kam and I am a Waikiki Community Center member and instructor. I reside in Kaneohe, and drive to Waikiki to attend Waikiki Community Center activities twice a week.

I am part of the Steptaculars, a group of volunteer tap dance performers who are over the age of 65, under the auspices of Waikiki Community Center. We perform all over the state at care homes and retirement homes every week and represent the Waikiki community. I volunteer to teach a tap class and take two tap classes. I have been a member of the Waikiki Community Center for about 4 years. Being a member here has improved my health, changed my posture and I've lost 10 pounds since participating in these activities. I think it helps improve my memory because I have to learn all these routines. I've made a lot of great friends.

The Waikiki Community Center is an important part of my life and my ability to keep active and healthy. Its Senior Program is an important focal point for the people who live in Waikiki and other communities on Oahu. Through this program, I see that Waikiki's many older residents are able to receive a variety of services, including activities and classes that promote physical fitness, cognitive stimulation, and social connections as well as case management and counseling when their needs change. Many older residents in Waikiki rely upon the Waikiki Community Center as a place to come to for assistance and being a part of the community. Their range of services enable Waikiki's older residents to stay fit, connected with their community and remain independent in their own homes for as long as possible.

I ask for your support of SB2469, SD2, HD1 and that you please provide the funding that will support Senior Centers and the programs of the Waikiki Community Center. Thank you.

March 25, 2010

To: Rep. Marcus Oshiro, Chair, House Committee on Finance

Members of the House Committee on Finance

From: Dawn Ward

RE: **Support for SB 2469, SD2, HD1, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

Hearing Date: Thursday, March 29, 2010

Time: 2:30 pm

Place: Conference Room 308

Dear Chair Oshiro and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **SUPPORT of SB 2469, SD2, HD1, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**. My name is Dawn Ward and I have been a member, participant and volunteer at the Waikiki Community Center since 2001. I am a retired schoolteacher and resident of Waikiki.

I have been involved in many aspects of the Waikiki Community Center and the impact WCC has had on my life is significant. I feel that it has been my vehicle to introduce me to people and experiences in the community as well as a catalyst for me to volunteer and share my life in a way that benefits others.

I enjoy participating in WCC's many activities and classes. I am an active volunteer with WCC and in the community. I have assisted with their New Member Orientation and am a member of the Senior Advisory Council that provides ideas and feedback to WCC staff and works to create meaningful programs for our participants.

The Waikiki Community Center senior program continues to be a vital part of my life and provides me numerous opportunities to keep mentally sharp, socialize, stay physically fit and contribute to the community in which I live.

Please support WCC and the other Senior Centers by approving SB 2469, SD2, HD1. I invite you to visit and talk with the participants and see for yourselves the many healthy, independent individuals who value the services and volunteer opportunities provided by Senior Centers.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB 2469, SD2, HD1.

March 25, 2010

To: Rep. Marcus Oshiro, Chair, House Committee on Finance  
Members of the House Committee on Finance

From: Alice Suyeoka

RE: **Support for SB 2469, SD2, HD1, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

Hearing Date: Thursday, March 29, 2010

Time: 2:30 pm

Place: Conference Room 308

Dear Chair Oshiro and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **SUPPORT of SB2469, SD2, HD1, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**. My name is Lillian Chace and I am a member, participant and volunteer at the Waikiki Community Center (WCC).

I first came to the WCC about three years ago. I was new in Hawaii and someone told me about the Center. For me, the Waikiki Community Center proved to be an important lifeline as I had just arrived and had no family or friends in Hawaii. At this place, I was able to make good friends and get established in my new community. Many residents in Waikiki are like me and have come to rely and depend on the Waikiki Community Center as a place to come to for assistance and being a part of the community.

At the WCC, I have participated in classes as well as taken advantage of the group excursions that are offered. As a single person without personal transportation, these group excursions have been a way for me to participate in educational activities and become more appreciative of the beauty and culture that is unique to Hawaii.

I am active on the Senior Advisory Council, provide orientation for new members, assist with the newsletter and assist with other tasks when asked. The personal connections I have made there have been valuable and the friendships are something special.

The services and activities at WCC help me stay fit and alert and have enabled me to continue to live independently in my community.

I ask for your support of SB2469, SD2, HD1 and that you please provide the funding that will support Senior Centers and the programs of the Waikiki Community Center. WCC serves as a hub for wellness activities and social connectivity and meaningful participation in our community. It is important to keep its doors open for elders like me. Thank you.

March 25, 2010

The Honorable Marcus Oshiro, Chair of the House Finance Committee  
and committee members  
Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
State Capitol  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: Testimony in Support of SB 2469 SD2 HD1 – Relating to Emergency  
and Budget Reserve Fund

Hearing: Monday, March 29 at 2:30 p.m. (House Finance Committee), Room 308

Dear Chair Oshiro and Committee Members:

I am submitting testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT OF SB 2469 SD2 HD1** relating to  
Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund.

The emergency and budget reserve fund should be used to maintain the level of programs  
for individuals with developmental disabilities. Specifically I am supporting appropriations  
for the *Department of Health Respite, DD Division DD/MR Waiver, and the DD Division  
Partnerships in Community Living (PICL) Program.*

In order to meet the projected budget short fall for 2009, The Department of Health-  
Developmental Disabilities Division's (DOH-DDD) implemented immediate mandated  
budget reductions 15% or greater budget reductions to individuals receiving Medicaid Home  
& Community based Waiver Services (H&CBS). Approximately, 2,500 individuals  
statewide with significant disabilities and limited socioeconomic resources were impacted.  
Families and established human service providers who offer critical programs essential for  
the health, welfare and safety of individuals with developmental disabilities were also  
impacted.

Waiver programs are essential for the health, welfare and safety of individuals with  
developmental disabilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **Strong Support of SB 2469 SD 2 HD 1**  
to return to established funding levels for critical programs and services for our most vulnerable  
population. Please contact me at 536-1015 if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman T. Kawakami  
Sr. VP of Operations  
Easter Seals Hawaii



March 25, 2010

To: Rep. Marcus Oshiro, Chair, House Committee on Finance

Members of the House Committee on Finance

From: Kathryn Heller

RE: Support for SB 2469, SD2, HD1, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

Hearing Date: Thursday, March 29, 2010

Time: 2:30 pm

Place: Conference Room 308

Dear Chair Oshiro and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **SUPPORT of SB2469, SD2, HD1, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**. My name is Kathryn Heller and I am Waikiki resident and Waikiki Community Center member.

I have been a member for about 4 years. I take Tap Dancing and sometimes perform with the Steptaculars. This has allowed me to rekindle my love for Tap. The exercise is beneficial, the new friendships are very valuable and it keeps my mind and body active. It gives me a much needed break from my caregiving responsibilities for my husband. This helps me take care of myself so I can continue to take care of him. I do go to the Farmers Market and benefit from shopping there. I also took advantage of having a massage at the Center and I appreciate the affordable rate which enables me to have a much needed massage that helps me to relax.

The Waikiki Community Center's Senior Program is an important focal point for the Waikiki community. Through this program, Waikiki's many older residents are able to receive a variety of services, including activities and classes that promote physical fitness, cognitive stimulation, and social connections as well as case management and counseling when their needs change. Many older residents in Waikiki rely upon the Waikiki Community Center as a place to come to for assistance and being a part of the community. Their range of services enable Waikiki's older residents to stay fit, connected with their community and remain independent in their own homes for as long as possible.

I ask for your support of SB2469, SD2, HD1 and that you please provide the funding that will support Senior Centers and the programs of the Waikiki Community Center. Thank you.

March 25, 2010

To: Rep. Marcus Oshiro, Chair, House Committee on Finance  
Members of the House Committee on Finance

From: Diana Wong

RE: **Support for SB 2469, SD2, HD1, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

Hearing Date: Thursday, March 29, 2010

Time: 2:30 pm

Place: Conference Room 308

Dear Chair Oshiro and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **SUPPORT of SB2469, SD2, HD1, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**. My name is Diana Wong and I am member of the Waikiki Community Center and a Hawaii Resident.

I go to the Waikiki Community Center and participate in Line Dancing, Hula Dancing and Lei Making, go to the Farmer's Market. They also helped me to find out the latest news in senior housing. I found out that I qualified for senior housing and wanted to do this so I could avoid big rent increases on my limited budget. The Senior Program Coordinator assisted me in finding an affordable senior housing building in the Waikiki area. I am able to get resources and information at the Waikiki Community Center that I haven't been able to get anywhere else, and in my own neighborhood. They help me stay active in the community and are easily available whenever I need help.

The Waikiki Community Center's Senior Program is an important focal point for the Waikiki community. Through this program, Waikiki's many older residents are able to receive a variety of services, including activities and classes that promote physical fitness, cognitive stimulation, and social connections as well as case management and counseling when their needs change. Many older residents in Waikiki rely upon the Waikiki Community Center as a place to come to for assistance and being a part of the community. Their range of services enable Waikiki's older residents to stay fit, connected with their community and remain independent in their own homes for as long as possible.

I ask for your support of SB2469, SD2, HD1 and that you please provide the funding that will support Senior Centers and the programs of the Waikiki Community Center. WCC serves as a community hub for wellness activities and social connectivity and meaningful participation in our community. It is important to keep its doors open for Waikiki's elders. Thank you.

March 25, 2010

To: Rep. Marcus Oshiro, Chair, House Committee on Finance  
Members of the House Committee on Finance

From: Patricia Peters

RE: **Support for SB 2469, SD2, HD1, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

Hearing Date: Thursday, March 29, 2010

Time: 2:30 pm

Place: Conference Room 308

Dear Chair Oshiro and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **SUPPORT of SB 2469, SD2, HD1, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**. My name is Patricia Peters and I am member of the Waikiki Community Center and I live in Palolo Valley.

I go to the Waikiki Community Center daily and participate in a variety of activities. I volunteer to help them with what they need and enjoy meeting my friends each day. I look forward to coming to the center every day. I am not able to afford very much since I only receive social security income, but the Waikiki Community Center provides a place for me to be active and meet other people. Otherwise, I would have no place to go and only watch TV at home. I live with my children, but they don't pay much attention to me and I feel that they abuse me sometimes. With the Waikiki Community Center, I have a safe place to be with activities and friends who make me happy.

The Waikiki Community Center's Senior Program is an important focal point for the Waikiki community. Through this program, Waikiki's many older residents are able to receive a variety of services, including activities and classes that promote physical fitness, cognitive stimulation, and social connections as well as case management and counseling when their needs change. Many older residents in Waikiki rely upon the Waikiki Community Center as a place to come to for assistance and being a part of the community. Their range of services enable Waikiki's older residents to stay fit, connected with their community and remain independent in their own homes for as long as possible.

I ask for your support of SB2469,SD2, HD1 and that you please provide the funding that will support Senior Centers and the programs of the Waikiki Community Center. WCC serves as a hub for wellness activities and social connectivity and meaningful participation in our community. It is important to keep its doors open for Waikiki's elders, like me. Thank you.

March 25, 2010

To: Rep. Marcus Oshiro, Chair, House Committee on Finance

Members of the House Committee on Finance

From: Ronald Reddick

RE: Support for SB 2469, SD2, HD1, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

Hearing Date: Thursday, March 29, 2010

Time: 2:30 pm

Place: Conference Room 308

Dear Chair Oshiro and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **SUPPORT of SB2469, SD2, HD1, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**. My name is Ronald Reddick. I am a member of Waikiki Community Center and reside in Kaimuki.

In my opinion Waikiki Community Center, through its varied outreach programs, plays a significant role in health prevention and maintenance for senior citizens through activities involving their mind and body: Tai Chi, Mah Jong, Low Impact Aerobics, Kundalini Yoga, Piano instruction, Foreign Language skills, Dancing (line, tap & hula) and many other programs. These programs respond to The National Health Institute's guidelines which recommend exercise to ward off a number of maladies affecting seniors. Additional national research conducted by such notable institutes as the Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center and the Center for Disease Control, all provide verifiable evidence of the benefits of physical exercise, social connection and cognitive stimulation for older adults.

The Waikiki Community Center's Senior Program is an important focal point for the Waikiki community. Through this program, Waikiki's many older residents are able to receive a variety of services, including activities and classes that promote physical fitness, cognitive stimulation, and social connections as well as case management and counseling when their needs change. Many older residents in Waikiki rely upon the Waikiki Community Center as a place to come to for assistance and being a part of the community. Their range of services enable Waikiki's older residents to stay fit, connected with their community and remain independent in their own homes for as long as possible.

I ask for your support of SB2469, SD2, HD1, and that you please provide the funding that will support Senior Centers and the programs of the Waikiki Community Center. WCC serves as a hub for wellness activities and social connectivity and meaningful participation in our community. Thank you.

March 25, 2010

To: Rep. Marcus Oshiro, Chair, House Committee on Finance

Members of the House Committee on Finance

From: Karen Van Tine

RE: **Support for SB 2469, SD2, HD1, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

Hearing Date: Thursday, March 29, 2010

Time: 2:30 pm

Place: Conference Room 308

Dear Chair Oshiro and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **SUPPORT of SB2469, SD2, HD1, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**. My name is Karen Van Tine and I am a member, participant and volunteer at the Waikiki Community Center. My husband and I are residents of Waikiki and have been going to the Waikiki Community Center for about 8 years.

For me, the Waikiki Community Center has provided opportunities for social connections, an emphasis on healthy lifestyle activities, a variety of education opportunities and most importantly an opportunity to learn about and appreciate the uniqueness of the Hawaiian culture. We keep active and healthy by participating in WCC.

Friends I have met at the center have become good friends with whom I share other activities outside of the center. Preventative screenings such as glaucoma, hearing and blood pressure have kept us abreast of subtle changes in our health and given us a way to monitor it.

Many of our friends at Waikiki Community Center are not as fortunate in their aging as we are, facing ill health, emergencies and other challenges which they find confusing, daunting and discouraging. In these and other situations, Waikiki Community Center has offered aid and assistance, providing information, counseling and needed support to elders in distress.

I urge you to support SB2469, SD2, HD1 and do all you can to help maintain the current services of Waikiki Community Center's necessary program so that Waikiki seniors can continue to have a place to turn to help with their needs.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

RE: Support of SB2469 SD2 HD1 Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

I'm Al Hamai, a retiree with the HGEA Retirees and the Hawaii Alliance for Retired Americans (HARA). I've lived in Moanalua Valley for a long time. My wife Renee, an HSTA Retiree and HARA member, joins me in urging you to approve SB 2469.

We have been involved with caregiving of our parents for many years. After my father passed away at age 88 in Hilo in 1994, I commuted to Hilo, about once a month to check on her and her home. Now at age 97 Mom has been in a foster care home here in Honolulu for seven years, with dementia, inability to walk or eat by herself and with inability to communicate. About 20 years ago, after she had visited her older sister with dementia at a Foster Care Home, Mom told me "I rather be dead than live like that." Now she is in the same condition as her older sister was and she or no one else can help honor her wish. Both Renee and I also would rather be dead than live as my Mom is.

At age 91 my Father-in law fell while doing yard work and hurt his head. He was hospitalized and was placed in a care home for a year and a half because he needed 24 hour care. He passed on at age 93. My Mother-in-law, now age 95, had a heart attack in December 2009, has been spending four nights a week at our home, since she can no longer take care of herself. She stays with my Sister-in-law three nights a week. She can walk with a walker or a cane; can communicate but is very hard of hearing, sometimes even with her \$4,000 plus hearing aides. She eats well. Where once she was a professional cook and owner of a small food business with her husband, she does not remember how to cook. She needs 24 hour care. She has to be taken to doctor appointments; her every other week hairdresser appointment and to her monthly church service; be reminded to take all her medications in the morning and evening and eat her food so that she does not loose weight; get some walking exercise to keep herself mobile, etc. She still wants to go to Las Vegas "one more time."

SB 2469 helps family caregivers. We urge you to approve it. Mahalo.

Albert and Renee Hamai  
1457 Ala Aolani Street  
Honolulu, HI 96819

Rep. Glenn Wakai  
Sen. Donna Mercado Kim

RE: Support of SB 2469 SD2 Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund"

My name is Elmer Yuen, a retiree with the HGEA Retirees and the Hawaii Alliance for Retired Americans (HARA). I've lived in St Louis Heights for a long time. I urge you to approve SB 2469SD2 which has Kupuna Care in it.

Unlike many of my friends, I have not been long involved with caregiving, thanks in part to some good Chinese genes. My Mom lived to age 92 and she was very healthy and alert and almost independent. Just before she passed on, she still drove her car up and down Alencastre Street, did much of the cooking at my home, and took care of herself until a week or so before she passed away rather suddenly. She was a good cook and we do miss her cooking.

I hope that I'll be fortunate enough to not be a family caregiver because I know from the experiences of a number of my friends of the great many difficulties and challenges that individual family caregivers have. Caregiving is often a 24/7 responsibility and family caregivers need help and support so they may continue to care for their loved ones.

SB 2469 will provide help and support to family caregivers. Please approve SB2469 Mahalo.

Elmer Yuen  
1728 Alencastre Street  
Honolulu, HI 96816  
Sen. Les Ihara Jr.  
Rep. Calvin Say

**To: House Committee on Finance  
Marcus Oshiro, Chair**

**Date: Monday, March 29, 2010, 2:30 p.m.  
Agenda #2, Conference Room 308**

**Subject: Testimony on SB 2469 SD2, HD1 Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

Chair Oshiro and Committee Members. My name is Esther Ueda and I am a resident of Pearl City, Honolulu and a part-time caregiver. I am submitting testimony in support of SB 2469, SD2, HD2 Relating to the use of funds from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund for Kupuna care.

In this current economic climate, there are many pressing community needs, including those related to health, safety and welfare of our seniors. I believe that the proposed appropriation of \$2.9 million from the Emergency and Budget Reserve (Rainy Day) Fund to support Kupuna Care and other home and community based services for the elderly are monies well spent.

As a volunteer for Meals on Wheels and Project Dana, I know how important these types of services are to help our seniors to enjoy a better quality of life and to be able to remain independent in their own homes for as long as possible.

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In summary, I support SB 2469 SD2, HD1 as it relates to Kupuna Care and other home and community based services for the elderly. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



RE: Support of SB2469 SD 2, Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund"

I am a BSW student at University of Hawaii at Manoa. Gerontology is my primary field of interest. I have been working for an adult day care program for five years.

I respectfully would like to testify in favor of SB2469 to continue appropriations and add money from the rainy day fund to shorten the waitlist for Kupuna Care.

The need for community programs is important not only for the Kupuna to be safe on a daily basis but to also offer social stimulation that is unavailable at home as their families are working and going to school. The daily cost of adult day care ranges from \$65-\$85 per day. This is a small price for direct care, monitoring client health, two meals and social interaction.

As the aging population continues to grow, Kupuna Care is a urgent need to fulfill services.

Sincerely,  
Deborah Miller  
1599 Pele St. Apt.D  
Honolulu HI 96813  
Tel 282-1141

CC: Rep. Sylva Luke  
Sen. Carol Fukunga

dkmiller88@yahoo.com

Please support SB2469 which contains funding for increasing Kupuna Care services.

Since our nursing homes are so expensive, home delivered services are important. This will help to keep health care costs down by contributing to shorter hospital stays and fewer admissions.

SB2469 is an important step in this direction.

Joyce Fojas  
1212 Punahou St. #808  
Honolulu HI  
[jfojas@aol.com](mailto:jfojas@aol.com)

cc.  
Sen. Fukunaga  
Rep. Della Au Belatti

testimonial

To: House Finance Committee, Marcus Oshiro, Chair  
Date: Monday, March 29, 2010, State Capitol Room 308, 2:30 p.m.  
Re: SB 2469 SD2,HD1 Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

I wish to express grave concerns regarding funding the Kupuna Care Program - a program that helps senior citizens cope with daily living assistance. These seniors depend on the services provided by the Kupuna Care Program for their health and well-being by providing meals, bathing, and basic transportation so that they may age in place with dignity and as much self reliance as physically possible. The Kupuna Care Program is a valuable and cost effective program - please find the means to continue its funding. Thank you for listening to this concerned citizen.  
Mahalo.

Steve Godzsak  
871 Hele Mauna Street  
Hilo, HI 96720

SB 2469

The biggest reason to support Kupuna Care which is contained in this bill is that it is cost effective as compared to institutional care.

Donald Laird  
555 University Ave. Apt.2805  
Honolulu HI 96826

[manohdon@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:manohdon@hawaii.rr.com)

cc Sen. Brian Taniguchi  
Rep. Scott Nishimoto

## **FINTestimony**

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Submitted on: 3/25/2010

### Comments:

The Salvation Army-Family Intervention Services (TSA-FIS) supports SB 2469, HD1 and recommends passage. TSA-FIS is also in support of 1% increase in GE Tax to recover funds for social service/human service programs in communities - which meet basic need services, i.e. emergency shelter, prevention, independent livingm etc services to youth and families.

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Submitted on: 3/27/2010

### Comments:

Dear Representative Oshiro & Members of the Finance Committee:

My name is Laura Tobosa, I am in strong support oof SB2469 SD2 HD1. This bill provides funds for much needed services for children and adults. Passage of this bill will provide the safety net for our most vulnerable populations. Please support this bill. Thank you.

Laura Tobosa  
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**Comments:**

I am testifying in support of SB2469 and specifically to fund Kupuna Care, our state's home and community based long-term care system.

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I SUPPORT SB 2469 FOR INCREASING FUNDING KUPUNA CARE.



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Submitted on: 3/25/2010

### Comments:

Chairman Oshiro and members of the committee: my name is Anthony Lenzer. I am testifying on behalf of the policy advisory board for elder affairs, which is an appointed board advising the executive office on aging. My testimony does not represent the views of the EOA, but of the board.

As the bill itself explains, Hawaii's economy and state budget are in crisis, and, as a result, many state services have been or will be cut severely. In light of this situation, I feel that the only way to preserve critical safety net services is to tap into the rainy day fund, and if necessary the general fund. I am particularly concerned about services for older adults and their families. Senate Bill 2469 includes two sections designed to fund kupuna care services. These are critical services for elders who are above the poverty level and thus do not qualify for Medicaid, but who lack the resources to cover the costs of services entirely through their own funds. I know is that this bill contains many important provisions affecting all parts of our population. However, I hope that you will support Section 5 which calls for maintaining kupuna care funding, and Section 43, which provides an increased appropriation for this program.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of this important legislation.

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Conference room: 308  
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## **FINTestimony**

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Submitted on: 3/26/2010

Comments:

TO: Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair  
Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair  
Committee on Finance

DATE: Monday, March 29, 2010 (2:30 p.m., Room 308)

RE: Support of SB 2469, SD2, HD1, Relating to the Emergency & Budget Reserve Fund

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 \$200,000.

I am a member of this center for 25 years and am 93 yrs. old. Coming to the Ctr. 3x a week has kept me young looking and healthy.

We really need donation especially by the Legislature and the government.

We really need additional funds.

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,

Gladys Takamoto

1846 A Makuahine St.  
Honolulu, HI 96817  
Age 93

Lives in districts

- Rep. Mizuno  
- Sen. Kim  
- Council Member Tam

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Lanakila keeps me busy + healthy by the classes and activities I attend.

I am happy to have a place I can come to to meet + make friends.

If I ~~stayed~~ stayed at home I would be very depressed.  
I look forward to come here every 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,

*Jane Ayako Yamashiro*  
81 years old

95-206 Henale Pl  
Mililani, HI 96818

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I started with Lanakila Sr Center around 10 years ago. I really learned and grasped lots of interesting things about the different cultural groups. Also learned many things about different crafts and spoke to people at the center, and got plenty things and articles I cherish. Thank to Lanakila Sr. Center for having this opportunity - Keep up the good work!

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 J. Mizuno  
78 y.o. old

2407 Kula Kōlea Dr.  
Honolulu, HI 96819

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My name is Shimi Nishiguchi. Please keep the center going for the sake of all the senior citizens. We need a place like the center to keep us going. We are too old to look for job, so the only thing we can do to keep us busy is to come to 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,

S. Nishiguchi, Shizuchi  
84 yrs. old

District  
Rep # 26  
Sen. # 11

268 San Antonio Avenue  
Honolulu, HI 96813



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I am 75 years old and use the **TRANSPORTATION** service of Catholic Charities Hawaii, which is partially funded through the State Kupuna Care Program.

**Please help Hawaii's growing population of Kupuna by providing ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE SERVICES, SUCH AS:**

- Transportation
- Housekeeping
- Home-delivered meals
- Case Management
- Adult day care
- Attendant care
- Bathing services
- Respite services

**I need TRANSPORTATION because:**

*If it is absolutely VITAL!*  
*very heavy items! detergent & bleach couldn't be carried. list includes milk cartons, laundry detergent, soap, paper plates, cups, food supplies.*

**IF I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION:**

*Cab fares are way too high. I'd never finish shopping.*

**Please make additional Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.**

Sincerely,

Name:

Ruth Linnard

Address:

610 Cook #409  
Hon., HI. 96813

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I need TRANSPORTATION because:

*I need transportation because I am a walker*

If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION:

*I have to take the bus (city) and have to walk distant*

Please make additional Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: EDNA M. TAKEKITA

Address: 810 GREEN ST. APT. #

HON, HI 96813

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**I need TRANSPORTATION because:**

*I have to use a walker and it is very hard for me to get around.*

**If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION:**

*I would have to take a taxi and I cannot afford a taxi*

**Please make additional Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.**

Sincerely,

Name:

Phyllis Langley

Address:

545 Queen St. #516

Honolulu HI 96813

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I am 75 years old and use the **TRANSPORTATION** service of Catholic Charities Hawaii, which is partially funded through the State Kupuna Care Program. *This service is a Godsend to people like me.*

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- ✓ • Transportation
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- ✓ • Respite services

**I need TRANSPORTATION because:**

*I have no car & cannot afford taxis.  
It hurts my back, etc. to carry groceries.  
This is a wonderful service & a lifeline to me.*

**If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION:**

*I would have to make several trips via bus and it hurts my back & feet to do so.*

**Please make additional Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.**

Sincerely,

Name: Maltha Wright

Address: 610 Cooke St. #410

Honolulu, HI 96813

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I need **TRANSPORTATION** because:

*I have no other +  
getting groceries with  
no transport is not fun*

IF I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION:

*who knows*

Please make additional Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Suzanna Adams

Address:

545 Queen St

96 613

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • Transportation  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • Adult day care |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • Housekeeping    | • Attendant care                                     |
| • Home-delivered meals                                | • Bathing services                                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • Case Management | • Respite services                                   |

**I need TRANSPORTATION because:**

*I have arthritis of the knees, making it difficult to walk for some distance*

**IF I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION:**

*I would have to catch the "Bus", with difficulty getting on & off.*

**Please make additional Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.**

Sincerely,

Name:

Rudolph K. Santos

Address:

45-70th Kamehameha Hwy. #110

Waimanalo, HI 96744

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I need **TRANSPORTATION** because:

*I do not have a car nor do I drive.*

If I did **NOT** HAVE **TRANSPORTATION**:

*I wouldn't be going anywhere and would feel housebound.*

Please make additional Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Bruce D. Jones

Address:

45-705 Kona Hwy #112

Kona, HI 96744

Louise Horio  
99-691 Kaulainaahee Place  
Aiea, HI 96701  
Phone: 808-488-0179  
Email: smahtcookie@hawaiiantel.net

Re: Senate Bill 2469 SD2 HD1 Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

To: Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair

House Finance Committee.

Twenty-Fifth Legislature

State Capitol

Honolulu, HI 96813

Date and time of hearing:

Monday, March 29, 2010, 2:30 p.m.);

Dear Representative Oshiro and Members of the Finance Committee,

My name is Louise Horio. I am in strong support of SB 2469 SD2 HD1. This bill provides funds for much needed services for children and adults. Passage of this bill will provide the safety net for our most vulnerable populations. Please support this bill.

Thank you.

Most Sincerely,

Louise Horio