

TO: COMMITTEE ON FINANCE Room: 308
HEARING DATE: MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2010, 2:30 PM

Chair: Rep. MARCUS OSHIRO

**Support for SB2469 SD2 HD1 Emergency And
Budget Reserve Fund**

I am a 90 year old woman who is still caring
for herself.

I support the bill because it contains funds to
increase Kupuna Care as I will soon be needing a
bit of help.

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LATE TESTIMONY

Sen. Carol Fukunaga
Rep. Bella Au Belatti

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SB2469 SD2 HD1 Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

This bill contains more funds for Kupuna Care. I support Kupuna Care because:

1. I am getting up in years (83) now. People are living longer so I'll need care I'm sure.
2. My family will probably not be able to care for me without some help from other sources.
3. Hawaii is expensive for nursing care/homes.
4. Kupuna Care needs more funding because of the long waiting lists.

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Rep. Isaac W. Choy
Sen. Brian Taniguchi

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CHAIR: REP. MARCUS OSHIRO

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SUPPORT SB2469SD2 Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

Funding for Kupuna Care is my main concern.

Senior care is way too expensive in Hawaii. Any study will show that Hawaii ranks among the highest in providing care for our kupuna. Kupuna Care provides long-term care services to the elderly in their homes, which is what our island people prefer. My parents looked at the hospital as a coffin.

Please give SB2469 careful consideration. For eight years the funding for Kupuna Care Program has been flat while the cost of caring for seniors has grown well above U.S. averages. Don't let the seniors fall into the poverty category.

Thank you.

Cc:
Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland
Rep. Sylvia Luke

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SUPPORT for SB2469 SD2 HD1 Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

With the services offered by Kupuna Care, they are the help for people to be able to stay home and be cared for! It is essential for their well-being. I support all the services they provide by keeping the costs down.

Money should come from the rainy day fund.

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cc.
Rep. Tom Brower
Sen. Brickwood Galuteria

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SUPPORT for SB2469 SD2 HDI Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund"

My name is Carol Nitta. I am asking that you support SB2469 SD2 because of my experience with caregiving, the part addressed in Kupuna Care funding.

An 83 year old aunt and I took turns caring for a 91 year old relative living alone. Finding a suitable care facility was difficult.

Another senior citizen I know left the islands to live in an affordable care home on the mainland leaving her family behind.

Another family member had to take early retirement to care for a parent.

If there was no waiting list or a shorter one for Kupuna Care, these people could have been helped.

Sincerely, Carol Nitta
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Rep.. Glenn Wakai
Sen. Donna Mercado Kim

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TO: COMMITTEE ON Finance

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Hearing Date: Thursday, March 29, 2010, 2:30 pm

**Chair: Rep. Ryan Yamane Vice Chair Rep. Scott
Nishimoto**

RE: Support of SB 2469SD2 HD1, Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

I'm Fred Lee, an ILWU Retiree and member of the Hawaii Alliance (HARA) urging you to approve SB 2469. I live in Manoa. Kupuna Care is very important to me.

I worked hard for the ILWU and during my working years, I rarely stayed at home for any illness. But after retirement, I suffered from kidney problems. I needed dialysis three times a week for several years. My kidney condition got worst and I needed a kidney transplant. I waited three years for one. I was very fortunate to get one at the age of 80 in July 2007. After the transplant I was incapacitated for about four months.

Starting from the time of my kidney dialysis and through the recuperation period following kidney transplant, well over ten years, my wife provided me with family care. She transported me for the three times a week dialysis sessions; took me to doctor's appointments; fed me; cleaned me up; took me anywhere I needed to go and do. For about a four month period following the transplant, she did everything for me. I was helpless.

Then my wife needed a hip replacement and I served as her caregiver. Take my word. It is not easy at all to be a caregiver and any kind of help is appreciated.

SB 2469 SD2 will help family caregivers. Please approve it.
Mahalo.

Fred Lee
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cc. Rep. Isaac Choy
Sen. Brian Taniguchi

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

Chair and members of the Committee, my name is Juanita Keawemauhili, an UPW Retiree and member of HARA. I live in Alewa Heights. I'm writing to urge you to approve SB 2469 SD2. The part on Kupuna Care is very important to me.

I have first hand experience of being a family caregiver. I provided caregiving for my Son-in-law, who was on a kidney dialysis machine. As a retired practical nurse, I did his treatment three times a week at home. I also transported him to where he needed to go such as: doctor's appointment, hospital, shopping, etc. I also prepared his meals and helped out in many other ways. After about six years my Son-in-law passed away.

His spouse, my daughter, is also a practical nurse. But she had to work to support her family. So I helped out. Many younger working people also need to take care of their disabled relatives and friends. As caregivers they need help too.

SB 2469 helps family caregivers, who sacrifice so much to provide the care of their loved ones. Most family caregivers do their care with love. They need help and support. So, please approve it. Mahalo.

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Sen. Chun Oakland
Rep. Corinne Ching

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RE: SUPPORT OF SB 2469 SD2 Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund"

MY NAME IS CAROLINE BATALON, AN UPW RETIREE AND MEMBER OF HARA. I LIVE IN AIEA. PLEASE APPROVE SB 2469 SD2. I AM ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN THE KUPUNA CARE SECTION.

MY HUSBAND AND I PROVIDED FAMILY CAREGIVING FOR MY MOTHER-IN-LAW, WHO PASSED AWAY AT AGE 103. SHE WAS BEDRIDDEN FOR ABOUT TEN YEARS. WE FED HER, CLEANED HER UP, GAVE HER BATHS; TOOK HER TO HER DOCTORS AND OTHER PLACES THAT SHE NEEDED TO GO. CAREGIVING IS A VERY DEMANDING TASK, BOTH PHYSICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY.

SB 819 WILL HELP FAMILY CAREGIVERS AND THEY NEED HELP AND SUPPORT. PLEASE APPROVE IT. MAHALO.

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**Sen. David Ige
Rep. Blake Oshiro**

HAWAII STATE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

TO: Chair Oshiro, Vice-Chair Lee, and Committee Members



FR: Jane Seymour, Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Hearing date and time: Monday, March 29, 2010

RE: Support for SB2469: Relating to the Emergency & Budget Reserve Fund

Aloha, my name is Jane Seymour and I am representing the HSCADV, a private non-profit agency which serves as a touchstone agency for the majority of domestic violence programs throughout the state. For many years HSCADV has worked with the Hawaii Legislature by serving as an educational resource and representing the many voices of domestic violence programs and survivors of domestic violence.

HSCADV strongly supports SB2469.

The Emergency & Budget Reserve Fund is to be used as a "supplemental source of funding for the State of Hawaii in times of emergency, economic downturn, or unforeseen reduction in revenues...specific purposes for the fund include maintaining of levels or programs determine to be essential to public health, safety, welfare, and education." It has become quite clear that we are facing an economic crisis that is significantly impacting the ability of many health and human service agencies to adequately serve our community.

The HSCADV has over 20 member agencies and programs that provide services such as, emergency shelters, crisis intervention, case management, batterer's invention, and legal assistance to domestic violence victims and their families. During the current economic crisis, many domestic violence programs have faced severe cuts in funding, while demand for services has remained the same or increased.

A 2009 point in time study found that in Hawaii, on one day alone, 505 adults and children received services while 35 additional requests for services were unmet due to a lack of resources. Additionally, over 40% of domestic violence programs in Hawaii reported not having enough staff and not having enough funding to support the needed programs and services.

We cannot allow the gap between available resources and desperate need to widen. Now is the time to invest in these lifesaving programs and support domestic violence services.

We strongly encourage you to please pass SB2469. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.