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March 11, 2010

The Honorable John M. Mizuno, Chair
House Committee on Human Services
and

The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
House Committee on Health
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representatives Mizuno and Yamane and Members of the Committees:

SUBJECT: SB 2469 SD2 – 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.

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS SB 2469 SD2**. 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, child care, DD, domestic violence, healthy start, hospitals, housing, 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 5, Section 2, lines 1-4: 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 16-20: 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 7, Section 9, lines 7-11: 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 13, Section 29, lines 3-6: 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

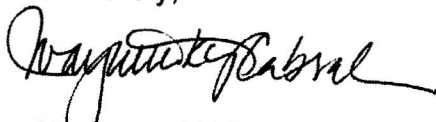
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medication, preventative, and restorative dental care becomes an essential and cost effective service.

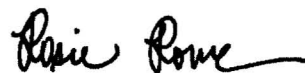
Dental care has been identified as one of the major health concerns, especially for individuals with DD. Compounding the challenges is the lack of dentists in several Neighbor Island areas and access to and resistance of dentists to serve Medicaid and QUEST clients. Clearly, it is vital to the health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

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

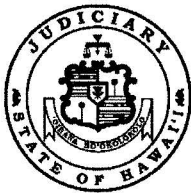
Sincerely,



Waynette K.Y. Cabral
Executive Administrator



Rosie Rowe
Chair



The Judiciary, State of Hawaii

Testimony to the House Committee on Human Services

The Honorable John M. Mizuno, Chair
The Honorable Tom Brower., Vice Chair

House Committee on Health

The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
The Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

Thursday, March 11, 2010, 9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 329

by

Thomas R. Keller
Administrative Director of the Courts

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Bill No. and Title: Senate Bill No. 2469, S. D. 2, 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, 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



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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 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, 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 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.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Date: 03/11/2010

Committee: House Human Services
House Health

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn Matayoshi, Interim Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 2469, SD2 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 7/1/2050. (\$)

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. Please note that the bill has a defective date of 07/01/2050.

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March 10, 2010

The Honorable John M. Mizuno, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Human Services
The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Health
The House of Representatives
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairs Mizuno, Yamane, and Members:

**Subject: In Support of S.B. 2469, SD2
Relating to the Emergency Budget and Reserve Fund**

The City and County of Honolulu's Elderly Affairs Division is Honolulu's designated Area Agency on Aging and operates in accordance with the Older Americans Act of 1965 to coordinate, advocate, and improve services to assist older persons in leading independent, meaningful, and dignified lives in their own homes and communities for as long as possible. **We are in support of S.B. 2469, Relating to the Emergency Budget and Reserve Fund.**

This omnibus bill includes funding for many programs that support the needs of the increasing population of elderly residents in Hawaii. We strongly support funding for the following programs:

Kupuna Care
Aging and Disability Resource Centers
Healthy Aging Partnership Program
Senior Centers


The funding included in this bill would be essential to maintaining the health and welfare of senior citizens in Hawaii.

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and Members of the Committee on Human Services
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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Sincerely,


Deborah Kim Morikawa
Director


Elizabeth Bethea
County Executive on Aging
Elderly Affairs Division

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To: House Committee on Human Services
Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair
Representative Tom Brower, Vice Chair

House Committee on Health
Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

Date: March 11, 2010 - Conference Room 329 – 9:30 a.m.

Re: SB 2469, SD 2 RELATING TO EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND

Chairs Mizuno and Yamane, Vice Chairs Brower and Nishimoto, and Committee Members:

Aloha. My name is Deborah Arendale and I am the Maui County Office on Aging Executive on Aging. MCOA serves individuals over the age of 60 throughout Maui County. Last year MCOA served approximately 2400 frail elders with home-based services, supported over 11,300 individuals in Maui County with educational services, and provided caregiving information to over 13,300 family members and friends.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding SB 2469, SD 2, Relating to Emergency and budget Reserve Fund included in the March 11, 2010 Hearing at 9:30 a.m., Room 329 at the State Capitol Building.

I testify in strong support of SB 2469, SD 2.

As an Area Agency on Aging, MCOA interfaces each day with kupuna in our community in need of assistance in order to continue living independently. While the funding for Kupuna Care has remained at a static level since 2002, the number of kupuna in our County has risen. Additionally, the population of those over the age of 60 is expected to increase exponentially in the next few years.

In Maui County, we currently have waitlists for many of the critical services that support basic health and safety of our elders. An increase in the amount of funding will assist us in meeting the growing needs. The additional monies appropriated and released in 2007 and 2008 proved invaluable as we were able to keep pace with need. However, services are currently being drastically reduced because the funds appropriated since that time have not been released.

My understanding is that the Emergency and Budget Reserve has been established to serve as a safety net to address community needs for health, safety and welfare. As a direct service provider to Maui County's frail elders, I am already seeing the effects of budgetary restraints in the way of decreasing levels of services. Many of our elders depend on Kupuna Care services to maintain a level of health, safety and welfare necessary to allow them to remain in their homes and avoid institutionalization. In fact, with the amount of money necessary to serve 23 elders in

institutions, MCOA is able to serve approximately 17,000 folks (almost 2400 of them are frail) as they remain in the community.

The current estimates for institutional care equal approximately \$8,000 per month. Maintaining adequate levels of in-home services cost a mere fraction of this amount. Thank you for your assistance in helping to ensure that Hawaii's kupuna receive the help needed to maintain independence and dignity.

Thank you for considering the testimony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Arendale". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Deborah Arendale, Executive on Aging
Maui County Executive On Aging

BERNARD P. CARVALHO, JR.
MAYOR

LUDVINA K. TAKAHASHI
EXECUTIVE ON AGING



GARY K. HEU
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

COUNTY OF KAUA'I
AGENCY ON ELDERLY AFFAIRS

House Committee on Human Services
House Committee on Health
Thursday, March 11, 2010

Testimony of Ludvina Takahashi, County Executive on Aging
Support of SB 2469, SD2 Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund.

The County of Kaua'i Agency on Elderly Affairs is in full support of SB 2469, SD2. One of the components included in this bill would support further development of the **Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)**, an effort to provide information to Hawai'i's seniors, families, and persons with special needs. The other would provide continued support for Hawai'i's Healthy Aging Partnership – Empowering Elders' (HAPEE) capacity to effectively embed two evidence-based disease prevention programs which are currently being implemented, **Ke Ola Pono, the Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CDSMP)** and **EnhanceFitness**, a physical activity program for older adults.

This appropriation would help to support two of three major initiatives under the Federal Administration on Aging's **Choices for Independence**. These initiatives, which are being carried out in the State of Hawaii and in our county, empowers elders: 1) to make informed decisions about, and be able to access existing health and long-term care options, primarily through the ADRC development, and 2) to stay active and healthy through the use of evidence-based disease and disability prevention programs in our communities.

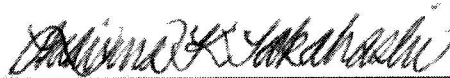
The KAEA has participated in the Healthy Aging initiative for over six years. Since 2007, the KAEA has been working together with its local partnership to provide the **EnhanceFitness** program, which has now expanded to six sites and seven classes here on Kaua'i. We have seen the positive impact that it has made on the lives of our seniors who participate at these one hour classes offered 3 times a week. The seniors have enjoyed the classes and the overall benefits of increased strength, flexibility, balance, and stamina. They especially look forward to the opportunity for socialization in this group exercise program and the new friendships they have made, which helps to address periods of depression. Performance measures have also shown significant improvement in their lower body strength and agility and balance, which is critical in the prevention of falls in older adults.

Last year, we also began implementation of the Chronic Disease Self-Management Program, in partnership with the Kaua'i District Health Office. Through this program, older adults with chronic illnesses are empowered to do goal setting and action planning with a 6-week series of

classes, learning about nutrition, medication management, and other topics to help them to better manage their health.

The evidence is overwhelming that older adults who make healthier choices live longer and better lives. Maintaining good health enables older people to make behavioral changes that will reduce their risk of disease, disability, and injury which also translates to reduced healthcare costs. The KAEA, together with its partners, have been ***Working Together for a Strong, Healthy Kaua'i*** and is committed to supporting our older adults to live well and age well.

We appreciate your consideration and thank you for this opportunity to offer testimony in favor of this bill.



(Ms.) Ludvina Takahashi
County Executive on Aging

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SB 2469
Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund
Including the Healthy Aging Partnership Programs

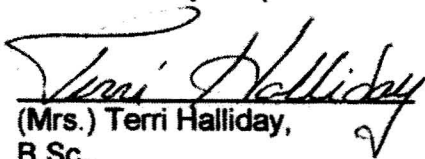
Testimony from: Terri Halliday
Kauai EnhanceFitness Program Master Trainer
and Fifty Plus Lifelong Fitness Ambassador
Kaua'i Healthy Aging Project Partner

Thursday, March 11, 2010

Fifty Plus Lifelong Fitness is in full support of the County of Kaua'i Agency of Elderly Affairs'(AEA) intent to be favorably considered when the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund is being discussed. Sustaining both the EnhanceFitness (EF) and the Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CDSMP) is of the utmost importance. Both programs are evidence-based, having been tested and researched over many years, with a proven track record of effectiveness. The response to these programs on Kauai has been very positive and extremely beneficial for our senior community. We now have 7 EF classes that meet three times per week and are on target with the CDSMP schedule.

Fifty Plus Lifelong Fitness has been an active partner over the last five plus years with Kauai's Healthy Aging Project. As a volunteer ambassador for Fifty Plus Lifelong Fitness, I am an advocate for programs that address the health and well-being of older adults. My mission is to work with organizations and individuals to enhance the health and quality of life of people over fifty through regular physical activity and health/nutrition education. Being involved with the Healthy Aging Project as a partner and the Master Trainer for EnhanceFitness has allowed me to share my 30+ years of expertise in the health and fitness field. Our main objective is to improve the health status of our senior population. We have successfully implemented programs that provide appropriate and safe healthy aging practices, as well as offering an evidence-based component. Attendance and performance results are tracked on a regular basis.

We support the AEA's effort in its request to be considered for funding to continue the Healthy Aging Project on Kaua'i through the EnhanceFitness and CDSMP programs. Our goal is to motivate and empower our seniors to enjoy active and healthy lifestyles and ultimately keep health care costs to a minimum. Thank you for your consideration.


(Mrs.) Terri Halliday,

B.Sc.,

Certified Fitness Instructor and Personal Fitness Trainer
EF Master Trainer/Fifty Plus Lifelong Fitness Ambassador

House Committee on Human Services
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Thursday, March 11, 2010

**Testimony of EnhanceFitness participants
Support of SB 2469 Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

As participants of the EnhanceFitness program, we fully support SB 2469, SD2 which would provide an appropriation in fiscal year 2010 – 2011 to continue the work that was started in Hawai'i and here on Kaua'i to keep seniors healthy and strong.

The County of Kaua'i Agency on Elderly Affairs has been working on the Healthy Aging Project on behalf of Kaua'i seniors for a number of years, and since 2007, the KAEA and partners have been working together to provide the EnhanceFitness program. There are seven classes offered at six sites here on Kaua'i. We participate at these one hour classes 3 times a week and have experienced for ourselves the benefits of having more energy, strength and endurance, better posture and balance, which is very important as we get older to help prevent falls. We also enjoy the fellowship and friendships that we have made from our participation in the program.

We ask for your consideration and support of this bill. As older adults, we need to keep our mind, body, and spirit healthy for as long as possible. The EnhanceFitness program helps us to enjoy a better quality of life as we get older. Thank you for this opportunity to offer testimony in favor of SB 2469.

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TO: COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
Rep. John M. Mizuno, Chair
Rep. Tom Brower, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Rep. David Y. Ige, Chair
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FROM: Eldon L. Wegner, Ph.D.
POLICY ADVISORY BOARD FOR ELDER AFFAIRS (PABEA)

HEARING: 9:30 am Thursday, March 11, 2010
Conference Room 329, Hawaii State Capitol

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

POSITION: The Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs **strongly supports** SB2469 SD2, 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 case of persons having to use higher cost residential 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. 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.

Hawai'i Alliance for Retired Americans

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Machinists Union Retirees
UPW Retirees
ADA/Hawaii
Hawaii Family Caregivers Coalition*

SB2469 SD2Appropriates additional funds for the kupuna care program.
(SD1) (\$)
SUPPORT

I am submitting testimony on behalf HARA, The Hawaii Alliance for Retired Americans. HARA has nine affiliates, listed on this letterhead, representing 21,000 members. HARA strongly supports this bill.

This program is one of the few State programs that address the needs of the gap group: those elderly people who are just above the poverty level, are not eligible for Medicaid but don't have enough discretionary income to either buy Long Term Care Insurance, or pay for help in services that would keep them at home.

The base budget for Kupuna Care from Hawaii's general Fund has remained flat since 2002 and has not kept up with the rapidly expanding elderly population. Funds from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund [the rainy day fund], a fund designed for social and health services seems to us to be most appropriate for this measure if funds from the general fund is not available.

Kupuna Care has long waiting lists to provide the services that are critical to meet the needs of these vulnerable elders. At present, there are of very substantial unmet health and human services needs in this population. Funding this service would save the state money by enabling them to stay at home, and avoid high cost institutional care that very soon would make them Medicaid recipients at State expense.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Laura G. Manis, HARA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
Tel. 597-8838

HARA is a strong voice for Hawaii's retirees and seniors; a diverse community-based organization with national roots; a grassroots organizer, educator, and communicator; and a trusted source of information for decision-makers.



Board of Directors

March 9, 2010

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TO: The Honorable Rep. John Mizuno, Chair
The Honorable Rep. Ryan Yamane, Chair
Members of the House Committees on Human Services and Health

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1st Vice Chair

FROM: Joan Naguwa, Executive Director

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2nd Vice Chair

RE: **SUPPORT OF SB2469, SD2 (SSCR2586) - RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND**

Faye Chiogioji
Secretary

Hearing Date: Thursday, March 11, 2010
Time: 9:30 am
Place: Conference Room 329

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Dear Chairs Mizuno and Yamane and Members of the House Committees on Human Services and Health:

Gregory Dunn

David Givens

My name is Joan Naguwa, Executive Director of Waikiki Community Center (WCC). Waikiki Community Center **strongly supports SB2469, SD2 (SSCR2586), Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund.**

Maki Kuroda

David Lewin

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 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 services for the elderly people of Waikiki and other neighborhoods.

Teri Matsukawa

Leona Nakaahiki

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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, 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.

Noel Trainor

Vivian Tsuji

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.

While we understand the great financial challenges faced by the State of Hawaii during this time, **Waikiki Community Center is in serious jeopardy of significantly reducing its services to seniors in the community.** We have already reduced some services to our seniors, furloughed program staff in order to keep the program operations available to the community, and will likely terminate case management and counseling services for older adults if funds are not secured.

We urge your support for the passage of SB2469, SD2 (SSCR2586). 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.

House Committee on Human Services
House Committee on Health

Committee Hearing on SB 2469
Thursday, March 11, 2010
9:30 am, Conference Room 329

Chair Mizuno and members of the House Committee on Human Services;
Chair Yamane and members of the House Committee on Health;

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on behalf of **SB 2469**. I am Jill Kitamura, Senior Program Director with the Moiliili Community Center Senior Center Program. I refer especially to **Sections 4 and 5**, and note that we are in favor of both sections.

The opening statements of SB 2469 clearly note the economic impact on so many different programs statewide. The programs noted are important to the well-being of our citizens young and old. I do not envy your task of setting priorities on what programs to fund without depleting the emergency and budget reserve funds. Many of the programs under non-profits, like those assisting the elderly, face the real possibility of being cut from departmental budgets. We face the uncertainty with a time frame of not knowing until after the legislature closes, and whether any monies will be released.

The senior center programs at the different community centers help the senior to remain independent at home and in their community, a cost saving alternative to being institutionalized. Being socially involved keeps the mind active, exercise classes help with one's physical fitness, learning new things and the awareness of resources in the community -- all contribute to the well being of the senior. These seniors not only gain personally but contribute back to the community in many ways.

Kupuna Care Services are essential to helping seniors stay in their homes as long as possible. They provide important services, such as case management, transportation, bathing, meals, respite for the caregiver. Seniors can and will contribute for services, but many cannot afford the actual cost of these services. These lower income, gap group individuals will fail very quickly, needing institutional care earlier than if intervention services were readily available.

A request for clarification: the bill states effective 7/1/2050. What does this mean? Whatever decisions made would not be acted upon for 40 years? Any monies noted would be released in 40 years?

I urge you to seriously consider programs and services for seniors to be one of your priority areas. Thank you for your kind attention.

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House HUS/HLT
Thurs, March 11
9:30 am
Room 329

National Association of Social Workers

Hawaii Chapter

March 9, 2010

TO: Rep. John Mizuno, Chair
Members of the House Human Services Committee
Rep. Ryan Yamane, Chair
Members of the House Health Committee

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

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

Chair Mizuno, Chair Yamane and members of the House Human Services and Health Committees, 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 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. I urge your favorable consideration of SB 2469 SD2.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

SB2469 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.

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES Rep. John Mizuno, Chair; Rep. Tom Brower, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH Rep. Ryan Yamane, Chair; Rep. Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair

Date: Thursday, March 11, 2010 at 9:30 at Room 329

Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition (HSAC)

Aloha, Chair Mizuno, Chair Yamane 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

The recent reductions in Substance Abuse Treatment place the Federal match at risk. A 10% or more reduction quickly turns into over 18% reduction in services to the community due to the Maintenance of Effort calculation imposed by the Federal government. SAMHSA, the Federal agency strongly, encourages States, such as Hawaii, to follow President Obama's lead to not reduce treatment at this time of most need by so many.

Treatment Works, Saves Money, Reduces Crime and Addresses Health Care Related Issues.

1. Treatment is effective for both adolescents and adults. The outcome data is available at <http://hawaii.gov/health/substance-abuse/prevention-treatment/treatment/adtrtwo.htm>
2. Almost 10% of the adult population and 6% of adolescents need treatment in Hawaii.
3. Treatment is 7 times more cost effective than the best supply control program.
4. Treatment is far less expensive than jail. One year of treatment costs \$11,500. One year of incarceration costs \$39,600. One year of untreated addiction costs society an estimated \$43,200.

Reductions in Treatment are twofold considering that the State loses the Federal Match

5. \$1 invested in substance abuse treatment saves taxpayers \$7 in future costs; that \$1 invested in treatment could save \$11.54 in combined medical and social costs; for every \$1 spent on substance abuse treatment \$5.60 was returned in reduced welfare, food stamps, Medicaid, crime courts, and imprisonment.
6. 33% of all Criminal Justice costs relate to substance abuse.

7. 55% in probation and parole programs need alcohol or drug treatment.
8. Treatment works: Results of a treatment study report significant declines in criminal activity.
 - Reports of arrests of selling drugs decreased by 78.2%, from 64% to 13.9%.
 - Reports of arrests of shoplifting decreased by 81.6%, from 63.7% to 11.7%.
 - Reports of "beating someone up" decreased by 77.6%, from 49.3% to 11%.
 - Reports of arrests for any crimes decreased by 64.2%, from 48.2% to 17.2% in the comparison years.
 - Drug sales dropped by 68%;
 - Breaking and entering dropped by 61%;
 - Selling sex dropped by 54%;
 - Use of weapons or physical force dropped by 75%.

Treatment works: Treatment saves money for this year dollars for offenders. Treatment is an effective safety net to prevent offenders from going to jail or prison, which is much more expensive with high recidivism.

References: Please refer to <http://hawaii.gov/health/substance-abuse/prevention-treatment/treatment/adtrtwo.htm>

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



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To: **Senate Committee on Human Services
Senate Committee on Health**

From: **Moya Gray, Executive Director**

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

Hearing: **March 9, 2010, 9:30 PM**

Place: **Conference Room 329, State Capitol**

Chairs Mizuno and Yamane, Vice Chairs Brower, and Nishimoto and members of the two Committees, 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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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 2469 SD2 - RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE

March 11, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.

The Legal Aid Society of Hawaii submits testimony in support of SB 2469 SD2 – 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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CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

TO: Rep. John M. Mizuno, Chair
Rep. Tom Brower, Vice Chair
Committee on Human Services

Rep. Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Committee on Health

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

DATE of Hearing: Thursday, March 11, 2010
9:30a.m., Room 3291

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT of SB 2469 SD2**

Chairs Misuno and Yamane, Vice Chair Brower and Nishimoto, and Members of the House Committee on Human Services and Health, 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, RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND,**

Catholic Charities Hawai'i fully supports SB 2469 SD2.

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.

Please restore the funding to include the dollar amounts as initially put in the original bill in:

In Section 4: 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

In Section 5: For additional Kupuna Care funding \$2,963,411

In Section 37: For Intra-familial sex assault services: \$254,566

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



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Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Honorable Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair of the House Human Services
Committee and Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair of the House Health Committee

Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State Capitol
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: **SB 2469 SD 2- "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE
EMERGENCY & BUDGET RESERVE FUND"**

Hearing: Thursday, March 11, 2010, 9:30am (House Human Services Committee
and House Health Committee)

Dear Honorable Representative John M. Mizuno and Representative Ryan I. Yamane:

I am submitting testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** OF SB 2469 SD 2 relating to the
Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund.

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. Specifically we are supporting appropriations to restore lost funding for the
**Department of Health Respite, DD Division DD/MR Waiver, and the DD Division
Partnerships in Community Living (PICL Programs).**

Waiver programs are essential for the health, welfare and safety of individuals with
developmental disabilities. The emergency and budget reserve fund in the amount of
\$7,000,000 should be used to maintain the level of programs for individuals with
developmental disabilities.

Easter Seals Hawaii humbly asks for your support of **SB 2469 SD 2** which provides for the
elimination of future budget reductions and the return to established funding levels for
critical programs and services for our most vulnerable population.

Sincerely,

Anastasia Keller-Collins
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Testimony on SB 2469

RE: Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

By

Howard Garval, President and CEO
Child & Family Service

Presented to Joint House Committees on Health and Human Services

Thursday, March 11, 2010

Conference Room 329, 9:30 a.m.

Good morning, Chairs Representatives John M. Mizuno and Ryan I. Yamane, and Vice-Chairs Representatives Tom Brower and Scott Y. Nishimoto and Committee Members

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 45,000 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 month 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. We have laid off additional staff who were delivering important domestic violence services. 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. 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.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.

**TESTIMONY FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEES ON HUMAN SERVICES AND HEALTH**

**Thursday, March 11, 2010, 9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 329, State Capitol**

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

Chair Mizuno, Vice Chair Brower, Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Nishimoto and members:

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments at this briefing on the DHS Child Care Subsidy Program. My name is Robert Peters and I currently serve as the Chair of the Early Learning Council, established by Act 14 in 2008. The Council has been meeting over the last two years to design a comprehensive early learning system as charged by the legislation. Our members represent the broad range of advocates and providers, both public and private, in the early childhood community.

As a Council, we would like to share the following concerns:

- At present, the opportunities for young children, ages 3-5, have already been compromised, with the loss of the Preschool Developmental Screening Program, Keiki Care Project, and parental support and family planning programs.
- The proposed implementation of the new sliding scale for child care subsidies will have a short term and long-term impact on early childhood educational options for parents and families.
- For the short term, fewer parents will be able to afford the costs of any child care or preschool program in the state. The providers, who have devoted much time and energy toward developing and sustaining high-quality programs, staffed by qualified personnel, will be negatively impacted by decreased program enrollment.
- Particularly in smaller, rural communities, both the child-care and center-based educational programs will become non-existent. These are the areas where reasonable child care subsidies are vital, as there are many young parents who must both work to support the family. Additionally, many are without access to family supports.
- For the long term, we will continue to see children entering a formal educational system with lower levels of academic, social-emotional readiness. The known impact of the deficits in social-emotional readiness for learning has proven to have significant impacts on individuals and their communities: increased retention and remediation rates, significantly lower graduation rates, increases in crime in the community and a diminished workforce both in capacity and quality.

- These subsidy reduction plans ultimately undermine the very foundation that the Early Learning Council is trying to build an early learning system from; the result is a situation that tragically propels us backwards instead of forwards.

Finally, by reducing the number of children and their families able to take advantage of early childhood programs because of subsidy losses, we will continue to ignore what the research tells us and we will be once again denying young children as a priority in our State. The longer we fail to accept our responsibility to our *keiki*, the more we risk an unsustainable future for Hawaii.



THE SEX ABUSE TREATMENT CENTER

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

Executive Director
Adriana Ramelli

DATE: March 11, 2010

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TO: The Honorable John M. Mizuno, Chair
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FROM: Adriana Ramelli, Executive Director
The Sex Abuse Treatment Center

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RE: In support of SB2469 SD2
Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

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Good morning Representatives Mizuno and Brower and members of the Committee on Human Services and Representatives Yamane and Nishimoto and members of the Committee on Health. 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 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, their families and support systems 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 the range 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. 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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SB2469 RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND

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COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES Rep. John Mizuno, Chair; Rep. Tom Brower, Vice Chair

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Date: Thursday, March 11, 2010 at 9:30 at Room 329

KŪ ALOHA OLA MAU (KAOM)

Aloha Chair Mizuno, Chair Yamane and Distinguished Members. My name is Lisa Cook, member of the Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition and Executive Director of Ku Aloha Ola Mau.

KAOM supports SB 2469

We strongly support SB 2469 to maintain levels of funding for education, human services and health to avoid devastating reductions of federal funding due to non-compliance of the federal match requirements for the substance abuse treatment and prevention block grants for our State.

The recent reductions in Substance Abuse Treatment place the Federal match at risk. A 10% or more reduction quickly turns into over 18% reduction in services to the community due to the Maintenance of Effort calculation imposed by the Federal Government. SAMHSA, the Federal agency strongly, encourages States, such as Hawaii, to follow President Obama's lead not to reduce treatment at this time of need by so many.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this critical matter that could change the course of prevention, addiction and treatment in our State.



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Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair
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Committee on Human Services

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RE: SB 2287 Proposed HD 1, Relation to County Zoning for Group Living Facilities

Dear Chair Mizuno, Vice Chair Brower, Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Nishimoto and Members of the Committee:

My name is John Radcliffe, I represent Alliance of Residential Care Administrators (ARCA) and we strongly support the proposed draft of SB 2287. First of all, the need for adult residential care homes is well known. Secondly, the only evidence that they may cause any amount of increased noise, traffic congestion, or an increase in commercial deliveries is entirely subjective, based on some individual's personal beliefs, and may even be prejudiced. I note that all of the previous testimony on the issue emanates from a few neighborhoods, all in East Oahu, where complaints about the impact of living in close proximity in single family dwellings are endemic. Traffic in Makiki, Manoa, Kaimuki and Aina Haina is very congested. There are a lot of commercial deliveries on a lot of narrow streets all the time. And whether or not adult care homes are in those neighborhoods or not, that is the case.

Singling adult care homes for disapproval, when the causes of the congestion are numerous and varied, just doesn't make sense, and appears to be illegal. One might as well try to ban multi-generational family living on those same streets and in those same neighborhoods. Furthermore when Clark County, Nevada enacted an ordinance similar to the original version of SB 2287, the U.S. District Court quickly struck it down as being discriminatory.

Because adult care homes serve an important public purpose; because there is no real evidence, other than some anecdotal talk, that they are any more or less noisy, or cause any more or less traffic congestion, or that they result in any more or less amount of commercial deliveries in our neighborhoods, and because it is illegal to discriminate against the elderly and persons with disabilities when it comes to housing, SB 2287 ought to be amended to underscore their rights.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit written comments.

Respectfully Submitted,

John H. Radcliffe
Vice President



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

**Committee on Human Services
Committee on Health**

**Testimony in Support of S.B. 2469, SD2
Relating to The Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

**Thursday, March 11, 2010, 9:30 A.M.
Conference Room 329**

Chair Mizuno, Chair Yamane and Members of the Committees:

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 by the Senate Ways and Means Committee 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.



March 10, 2010

RE: SB 2469 SD2

Dear Senator –

It is with great concern that I am urging the Senate Committee on Human Services to pass SB 2469 SD2. This bill will appropriate funds for the very important Kupuna Care Program.

SB 2469 SD 2 provides that essential funds for the Kupuna Care Program be included in the base amount of general funding at a rate that meets with current population rates. The fact that the amount of funding for Kupuna Care has remained flat since 2002 despite steady growth in this population group, has already placed undo strain and hardship on this essential program. Hawaii elders and their families need your support on this important bill.

SB 2469 SD2 will ensure that the amount of general funds appropriated will at least meet with current population trends helping to meet the needs of this gap group of Kupuna.

Please support SB 2469 SD2.

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House Committee on Human Services

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House Committee on Health

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Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 2469, SD 2 **Relating to the Emergency & Budget Reserve Fund** **Submitted by Beth Giesting, Chief Executive Officer** **March 11, 2010, 9:30 p.m., Room 329**

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 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'anae 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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Hina Mauka Recovery Center

Aloha, Chair Mizuno, Chair Yamane and Distinguished Members. My name is Alan Johnson, President and CEO of Hina Mauka, an alcohol and substance abuse treatment agency that also specializes in co-occurring disorders (addiction and mental health) and criminality.

Hina Mauka supports SB 2469 with recommendations

After a legal review of the language, we offer the following recommendations:

CHANGES

SECTION 11. There is appropriated out of the emergency and budget reserve fund of the State of Hawaii, as a substance abuse ~~prevention and treatment block~~ grant, the sum of \$ _____ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2010-2011 for substance abuse treatment.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of health for the purposes of this Act.

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



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March 11, 2010

To: The Honorable John M. Mizuno
Chair, House Committee on Human Services

The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane
Chair, House Committee on Health

From: 'Ohana Health Plan

Re: Senate Bill 2469, Senate Draft 2-Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

Hearing: Thursday, March 11, 2010, 9:30 a.m.
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 329

Since February 2009, 'Ohana Health Plan has provided services under the Hawai'i QUEST Expanded Access (QExA) program. 'Ohana is managed by a local team of experienced care professionals who embrace cultural diversity, advocate preventative care and facilitate communications between members and providers. Our philosophy is to place members and their families at the center of the health care continuum.

'Ohana Health Plan is offered by WellCare Health Insurance of Arizona, Inc. WellCare provides managed care services exclusively for government-sponsored health care programs serving approximately 2.3 million Medicaid and Medicare members nationwide. 'Ohana is able to take the national experience in providing an 'Ohana care model that addresses local members' healthcare and health coordination needs.

We appreciate this opportunity to submit our comments in strong support of Senate Bill 2469, Senate Draft 2-Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund, specifically Sections 21, 30 and 46 which would appropriate a blank dollar amount to be expended by the Department of Human Services (DHS) in fiscal year 2010-2011 for Medicaid provider reimbursements, the Medicaid program and for QUEST health care payments respectively.

'Ohana Health Plan (OHP) is one of the five health care plans contracted under the QUEST program through the DHS. As a new plan, operating largely with the support of government funding from the State of Hawai'i, we are deeply concerned about the potential for a three to four month payment deferral. This deferral may impact our ability to pay our contracted providers in a timely manner and could cause a disruption in services to our members, which are low-income, aged, blind and disabled residents of our State.

As a contracted provider of services for the State of Hawai'i, we take our federally mandated responsibility to make covered services available and accessible through a sufficient delivery network very seriously. Appropriating funding to the DHS through Sections 21, 30 and 46 of this bill will likely allow the agency to avoid delaying payment to the health care plans contracted under QUEST.

OHP deeply appreciates your assistance in helping to secure additional funding into the HMS 401 budget in order to avoid the DHS payment deferral in the first place. We respectfully request that you pass this measure. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 2469, Senate Draft 2.



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TO: Rep. John Mizuno, Chair
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And members of the House Human Services and Health Committees

FROM: Alex Santiago, Executive Director
PHOCUSED (Protecting Hawai'i's Ohana, Children, UnderServed,
Elderly and Disabled)

RE: SB 2469 SD2 Relating to the Emergency and Budget and Reserve Fund

Chair Mizuno, Chair Yamane and members of the House Human Services and Health Committees. 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 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 HANO 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. We appreciate the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.

March 10, 2010

To: COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
Representative John Mizuno, Chair
Representative Tom Brower, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
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From: Lyn Moku, Office Manager

Hearing: March 11, 2010 at 9:30 a.m., Conference Room 329

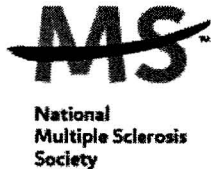
Subject: **SUPPORT OF SB 2469, SD2 RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY
AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND.**

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society supports SB 2469, SD2 which appropriates moneys 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 and preserve a standard quality of life. Vital programs and services related to kupuna care and general assistance, and many other programs for people of all ages, are threatened. We cannot stop funding these programs and turn our backs on the most vulnerable people in our society.

Thousands of people in Hawaii are already living in a state of emergency. We cannot allow others to jeopardize their health and safety. The MS Society supports SB 2469, SD2. Please vote in favor of this Bill. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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To: Joint House Committee on Human Services and Health
Representative John Mizuno, Chair
Representative Yamane, Chair

Date: March 11, 2010 - Conference Room 329 – 9:30 a.m.

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

Chairs Mizuno and Yamane, 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. 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, we strongly support an appropriation to maintain the Kupuna Care program. 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 and the Kupuna Care program.

The Twenty-Fifth Legislature, State of Hawaii
Hawaii State House of Representatives
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Committee on Human Services
Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair
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Thursday, March 11, 2010
9:30 am

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Testimony by
David Valencia, Eligibility Worker III
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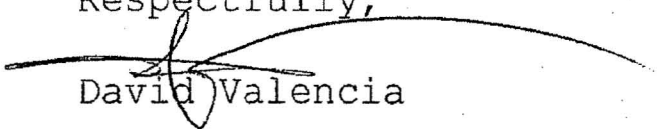
I am testifying in support of Senate Bill 2650. SD2, HD1 that would prohibit the use of private contracts and vendors for intake and eligibility of DHS welfare and public assistance services. It would also require the DHS to convene a task force to determine the feasibility of the EPOD reorganization **prior** to implementation. In reference to the EPOD reorganization I have stated that this Plan is not Pono for Hawaii; as it does not properly address the needs and services of our neediest clients. The proposed plan has not been reviewed or consulted by the current serving staff that has decades of experience and knowledge. I believe our great State of Hawaii has proved to be a superior example of how we care for members of our communities with compassion and the Aloha Spirit. Our state has been noted for being

progressive in providing health care and services to all segments of our society. This plan is not reorganization as it is billed but rather a changing of the paradigm of how we provide for our neediest citizens.

Director Koller has not shifted manpower resources between divisions to address increasing case loads for med-quest workers and has systematically ignored her branch administrators and unit supervisors on requests for assistance or recommendations for solutions. She has chosen to "import" a mainland concept of providing welfare benefits that is not contusive to our way of life. I support this measure as it allows an analysis of our Director of Human Services and proposed reorganization and gives all concerned parties a voice on the best way to go forward in being responsible to our beneficiaries.

Mahalo for your consideration, and allowing me to provide this testimony.

Respectfully,



David Valencia

To: House Committee on Human Services
Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair
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House Committee on Health
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Re: SB 2469, SD 2 RELATING TO EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND

Chairs Mizuno and Yamane, Vice Chairs Brower and Nishimoto, and Committee Members:

Aloha. My name is Norma Circle and I am the Manager of the Enhanced Information, Assistance and Outreach Branch (EIAOB) of the Maui County Office on Aging (MCOA) which serves individuals over the age of 60 throughout Maui County. Last year MCOA served approximately 2400 frail elders with home-based services, supported over 11,300 individuals in Maui County with educational services, and provided caregiving information to over 13,300 family members and friends.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding SB 2469, SD 2, Relating to Emergency and budget Reserve Fund included in the March 11, 2010 Hearing at 9:30 a.m., Room 329 at the State Capitol Building.

I testify in strong support of SB 2469, SD 2.

As an Area Agency on Aging, MCOA interfaces each day with kupuna in our community in need of assistance in order to continue living independently. While the funding for Kupuna Care has remained at a static level since 2002, the number of kupuna in our County has risen. Additionally, the population of those over the age of 60 is expected to increase exponentially in the next few years.

In Maui County, we currently have waitlists for many of the critical services that support basic health and safety of our elders. An increase in the amount of funding will assist us in meeting the growing needs. The additional monies appropriated and released in 2007 and 2008 proved invaluable as we were able to keep pace with need. However, services are currently being drastically reduced because the funds appropriated since that time have not been released.

My understanding is that the Emergency and Budget Reserve has been established to serve as a safety net to address community needs for health, safety and welfare. As a direct service provider to Maui County's frail elders, I am already seeing the effects of budgetary restraints in the way of decreasing levels of services. Many of our elders depend on Kupuna Care services to maintain a level of health, safety and welfare necessary to allow them to remain in their homes and avoid

institutionalization. In fact, with the amount of money necessary to serve 23 elders in institutions, MCOA is able to serve approximately 17,000 folks (almost 2400 of them are frail) as they remain in the community.

The current estimates for institutional care equal approximately \$8,000 per month. Maintaining adequate levels of in-home services cost a mere fraction of this amount. Thank you for your assistance in helping to ensure that Hawaii's kupuna receive the help needed to maintain independence and dignity.

Thank you for considering the testimony.

Sincerely,

Norma Circle, Program Specialist
Manager, EIAOB
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From: Forsberg, Doreen [mailto:DForsberg@laborready.com]
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Re: SB 2469, SD 2 RELATING TO EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND

Chairs Mizuno and Yamane, Vice Chairs Brower and Nishimoto, and Committee Members:

Aloha. My name is Doreen Forsberg and I am the Maui County Office on Aging Council Chairman. MCOA serves individuals over the age of 60 throughout Maui County. Last year MCOA served approximately 2400 frail elders with home-based services, supported over 11,300 individuals in Maui County with educational services, and provided caregiving information to over 13,300 family members and friends.

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Sincerely,

Doreen Forsberg, Chairman for Council on Aging
Maui County On Aging

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Re: **SB 2469, SD 2 RELATING TO EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND**

Chairs Mizuno and Yamane, Vice Chairs Brower and Nishimoto, and Committee Members:

Aloha. My name is Rhonda Fosbinder and I am an appointed member of the Maui County Council on Aging, the advisory council for the Maui County Council on Aging (MCOA). MCOA serves individuals over the age of 60 throughout Maui County. Last year MCOA served approximately 2400 frail elders with home-based services, supported over 11,300 individuals in Maui County with educational services, and provided caregiving information to over 13,300 family members and friends.

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Sincerely,

/s/ Rhonda M. Fosbinder

Rhonda M. Fosbinder, Esq.
Maui County Council On Aging

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Re: **SB 2469, SD 2 RELATING TO EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND**

Chairs Mizuno and Yamane, Vice Chairs Brower and Nishimoto, and Committee Members:

My name is James Mariano and I am with the Maui County Office on Aging. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding SB 2469, SD 2, Relating to Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund.

I testify in strong support of SB 2469, SD 2.

One of our focuses at MCOA is ensuring that home and community based support services are in place to assist our seniors in living independently. While the funding for *Kupuna Care* has remained at a static level since 2002, the number of *kupuna* in our County has risen. Additionally, the population of those over the age of 60 is expected to increase exponentially in the next few years.

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The Emergency and Budget Reserve was established to serve as a safety net to address community needs for health, safety and welfare. Many of our elders depend on *Kupuna Care* services to maintain just that and to allow them to remain in their homes and avoid institutionalization. In fact, with the amount of money necessary to serve 23 elders in institutions, MCOA is able to serve approximately 17,000 seniors (almost 2400 of them are frail) as they remain in the community.

The current estimates for institutional care equal approximately \$8,000 per month. Maintaining adequate levels of in-home services cost a mere fraction of this amount. Thank you for your assistance in helping to ensure that Hawaii's *kupuna* receive the help needed to maintain their independence and dignity.

Thank you for considering this testimony.

Sincerely,

James Mariano
Maui Count Office on Aging
Wailuku, Maui

From: Jo Reyes [mailto:Jo.Reyes@co.maui.hi.us]
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2010 9:02 AM

To: House Committee on Human Services
Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair
Representative Tom Brower, Vice Chair

House Committee on Health
Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

Date: March 11, 2010 - Conference Room 329 - 9:30 a.m.
Re: SB 2469, SD 2 RELATING TO EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND

Chairs Mizuno and Yamane, Vice Chairs Brower and Nishimoto, and Committee Members:

Aloha. My name is Jo Reyes and I am the Maui County Office on Aging Program Specialist. MCOA serves individuals over the age of 60 throughout Maui County. Last year MCOA served approximately 2400 frail elders with home-based services, supported over 11,300 individuals in Maui County with educational services, and provided caregiving information to over 13,300 family members and friends.

I testify in strong support of SB 2469, SD 2 which relates to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund included in the March 11, 2010 Hearing at 9:30 a.m. Room 329 at the State Capitol Building.

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Jo Reyes, Program Specialist, Maui County Office On Aging

From: Elinor Takahashi [Elinor.Takahashi@co.maui.hi.us]
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2010 9:03 AM
To: HUSTestimony
Subject: SB2649, SD2

As a certified information & referral specialist for the Maui County Office on Aging, I strongly support this legislation.

Mahalo!

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As an Outreach & Information worker at County of Maui I strongly support the SB 2649, SD2.

Marina Fernandez

Marina Fernandez
Maui County Office on Aging
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Chairs Mizuno and Yamane, Vice Chairs Brower and Nishimoto, and Committee Members:

Aloha. My name is Liane Tanaka and I am the Maui County Office on Aging Executive on Aging. MCOA serves individuals over the age of 60 throughout Maui County. Last year MCOA served approximately 2400 frail elders with home-based services, supported over 11,300 individuals in Maui County with educational services, and provided caregiving information to over 13,300 family members and friends.

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Maui County Executive On Aging

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Luz Domingo, Accountant
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Aloha. My name is Melissa Platiro and I am the Maui County Office on Aging's Agency Information Systems Clerk. MCOA serves individuals over the age of 60 throughout Maui County. Last year MCOA served approximately 2400 frail elders with home-based services, supported over 11,300 individuals in Maui County with educational services, and provided caregiving information to over 13,300 family members and friends.

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Sincerely,

Melissa Platiro
Maui County Office On Aging

From: Gimberley Almeida [Gimberley.Almeida@co.maui.hi.us]
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2010 9:00 AM
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I support SB2649, SD2

Gimberley T Almeida, CIRS-A
Certified Information & Referral Specialist for Aging

Maui County Office on Aging

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From: Edward Hill [edward.hill@usw.salvationarmy.org]
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2010 8:54 AM
To: HUS testimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of Senate Bill

March 10, 2010

Dear Senators,

I would like to add my support to Senate Bill 2469. As you well know, the state budget crisis has led to very significant cuts in contracts with social service agencies like The Salvation Army. As a result, The Salvation Army and other organizations have had to reduce services to the needy, cut programs and reduce staff. While I am sympathetic to the need of the state to reduce expenses, there are long term costs to the state that need to be evaluated, particularly as we consider the impact on people who are no longer able to receive addiction treatment and other specialized services.

My understanding is that Senate Bill 2469 will restore at least some of these cuts in general social service funding. Therefore, I would encourage passage of this bill.

Thank you and God bless you.

Sincerely yours,

Edward Hill, Major
Divisional Commander
Hawaiian and Pacific Islands

TO: Representative John Mizuno
Chair, House Committee on Human Services

Representative Ryan Yamane
Chair, House Health Committee

FROM: Claire Woods, Salvation Army Advisory Board

DATE: March 11, 2010

RE: **strong support of SB 2469 SD2**

Aloha chairmen Mizuno and Yamane. My name is Claire Woods, and I am a volunteer member of the Salvation Army Honolulu advisory Board.

As a volunteer member of the Salvation Army Advisory 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 and the overall safety net of our islands.

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 sees the laundry list of programs in SB 2469 SD1 and SD2, you can not be but awestruck to see the vast array of programs and services that have been decimated 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 and substance abuse? The list can go on and on, and you must decide "what is most important?"

.But this is the time when we 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 tuned away. No one should come up the loser when human lives and well being are at stake...

It is just that bad. Without restoration of funds in programs such as the Salvation Army Substance treatment programs, program closure is likely, without a doubt, This would mean the closure of the state's only nationally accredited, specialized alcohol and drug treatment programs for pregnant women and women with young children. Program closure of the ATS program and services would deal a terrible blow to the needs of men and women exiting prison, on probation and parole, recovering homeless and so many, many more

Closure of these programs will significantly impact the health, safety and physical well being of Hawaii's families at risk. When our communities are ill, we do not thrive as a state. We need to take care of those in need so that the health and well being of our Ohana ill flourish.

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 not simply to restore our funds that have been cut, but to appeal to you 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. Please, keep the dollar amounts and the sources of funding blank until conference committee time, until we know just what we are dealing with. Be sure that Substance abuse is included in this bill. It is what The Salvation Army does best SB 2469 is our only hope to maintain these wonderful, effective programs.

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

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify

Claire Woods

IMPACT STATEMENT

The recent budget cuts to The Salvation Army's alcohol and drug treatment services to men, pregnant women and women with young children have been devastating. Collectively, The Salvation Army has experienced a funding reduction in the amount of over 2 million dollars. The reductions by program are as follows:

The Salvation Army ATS (Adult Co-ed alcohol and drug treatment- Oahu)

Thus far during SFY2010, State government funding for SA-ATS has been reduced by more than \$1.2 million (in comparison with SFY2009). This \$\$\$ income reduction has already resulted in significant reduction in workforce (loss of 12.5 FTE) and a 23% reduction of services for 331 service recipients as follows:

- Detoxification services: loss of 3 beds...880 bed days...for 176 women & men annually
- Residential treatment: lost of 10 beds...3,650 bed days...for 80 women & men annually
- Outpatient treatment; loss of 35 treatment slots...9,100 treatment hours....for 75 women & men

This current reduction in available resources becomes even more problematic when contrasted with a substantial increase in client demand for treatment services during these adverse economic times. In addition to increased demand for services, individuals seeking treatment have more severe impairments (medical and mental health problems in addition to their addictions) due to the widespread collapse of community safety net.

The Salvation Army FTS (Oahu)
(Alcohol and drug treatment and therapeutic living for pregnant and parenting women and their children)

Our annual budget has decreased by over \$880,000 in DOH-ADAD funding for alcohol and drug treatment over the past year. We reduced the size of our drug and alcohol continuum and are no longer able to serve the number of clients we used to. Our residential capacity dropped from 24 beds to 18 beds and our Therapeutic Living program dropped from 12 beds to 8 beds. We were forced to reduce staffing by 22 staff or 26% of our previous workforce.

The result of the cut in funding is devastating. We are in a situation where cutting staff any further would jeopardize health and safety and likely result in closure of our programs.

Subject: FW: SB2469 SD2. March11, 9:30AM,Rm 329

From: Christine Olah [mailto:tropicalhawaiiusa@gmail.com]
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To: HUS testimony
Subject: SB2469 SD2. March11, 9:30AM,Rm 329

Testimony in support of - SB2469 SD2 - especially for KUPUNA CARE.

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, and health. Effective 7/1/2050.

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Most Honorable Rep. John Mizuno, Rep. Tom Brower, Rep. Ryan Yamane, Rep. Scott Nishimoto and Chair Committee Persons, Representatives Au Belatti, Bertram III, Carroll, Nishimoto, Shimabukuro, Yamane, Ward, and Finnegan in Human Services and Health,

My name is Christine Olah; I am an advocate for AARP. I place my name in strong support of the use of rainy day funds to maintain and support the services provided by KUPUNA CARE. Providing funds for those in society who are most vulnerable and in need - when there is no other place to turn to - is the right thing to do.

Vulnerable adults...and the most venerated of our society. Many are caregivers and share their wisdom with our keiki. This is the most ethical vote you can say "AYE" to today. Please vote YES to provide support for the funding of KUPUNA CARE.

Respectfully,

--
Christine Olah
Advocate for AARP
Honolulu Resident
TropicalHawaiiUSA@gmail.com

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov [mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov]
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Subject: Testimony for SB2469 on 3/11/2010 9:30:00 AM Conference room: 329 Testifier
position: support Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: AL HAMAI
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E-mail: hamaia001@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 3/9/2010

RE: Support of SB2469 SD2 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

Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2010 4:58 PM

To: HUS testimony

Cc: hulamom2002@yahoo.com

Subject: Testimony for SB2469 on 3/11/2010 9:30:00 AM Conference room: 329 Testifier position: support Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: Elmer Yuen

Organization: Individual

Address: 1728 Alencastre St.

Phone: 734-4384

E-mail: hulamom2002@yahoo.com

Submitted on: 3/9/2010

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

March 11, 2010

**Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair, Committee on Human Services
Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair, Committee on Health
The House of Representatives, State of Hawaii**

**Re: Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT
Senate Bill 2469 SD2
Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

Dear Chairs and Committee Members:

We write in STRONG SUPPORT for Senate Bill 2469 SD, which would appropriate moneys from the emergency and budget reserve fund to maintain levels of programs for education, human services, health, including Medicaid waiver programs for persons with developmental disabilities..

We urge the Legislature to authorize funds from whatever source is appropriate to ensure that vital educational, human services and health programs are not cut further, and if possible, restored to at least former levels.

We are the parents of a person with developmental disabilities who is unable to live safely or with dignity without substantial supports. For many years she has relied, among other things, upon Medicaid waiver funds to obtain services provided by two excellent social services agencies for habilitation and personal assistance.

Last fiscal year her services were reduced, creating hardship and lost opportunity for development and independent living. We hope that these services can be restored. We also believe that dental services for adults should be restored.

Your consideration of this and other remedies for lagging health and social services is truly appreciated, and we urge approval of SB 2469 SD2.

Thomas and Gloria Huber

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Cc: wesleylum@yahoo.com
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Testimony for HUS/HLT 3/11/2010 9:30:00 AM SB2469

Conference room: 329
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Wes Lum
Organization: Individual
Address: 930 Kaheka Street, #1604 Honolulu, Hawaii 96814
Phone: 343-2165
E-mail: wesleylum@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/9/2010

Comments:

Please support funding for Kupuna Care in SB2469. The Kupuna Care program is Hawaii's state funded home- and community-based services program and is administered by the Executive Office on Aging in partnership with the four county Area Agencies on Aging. Kupuna Care is meant to address the need for affordable home- and community-based long-term care services that can help people remain at home for as long as possible. Services include home-delivered meals, bathing and personal care, chore and companion services, and transportation. Lanakila Meals on Wheels is a Kupuna Care provider that delivers 250,000 meals each year to seniors in need. Without support from the Kupuna Care program, services like this will be forced to cut back - just when we need them the most.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Testimony for HUS/HLT 3/11/2010 9:30:00 AM SB2469

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Submitted on: 3/9/2010

Comments:

I am in support of using the rainy day funds for sustainability of programs for human services such as Kupuna Care and the now discontinued Healthy Start program for infants and children at risk. I understand the need for funding to offset the need of furloughs in the school system. However, I do not believe the monies should be ciphoned from the rainy day funds as a temporary solution to the educational deficit issues. Please release the funds for the programs that need it most in social services/human services and not utilize this reserve fund to bail out the education system. Mahalo, Debbie Hart

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2010 4:38 PM
To: HUS testimony
Cc: kulavovo@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB2469 on 3/11/2010 9:30:00 AM

Testimony for HUS/HLT 3/11/2010 9:30:00 AM SB2469

Conference room: 329
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: MARIE PROTACIO
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 3/9/2010

Comments:

Kazako had just started showing signs of dementia. Her daughters were too young to have remembered their grandmother's decline when she began her forgetfulness.

What to do? Who to call? Where to turn? One big question was out of the discussion. Where to put her?

She wanted to stay at home. She was born in Japan and Japanese was her first language. The solution was a caregiver who could speak her beloved language and feed her food she could enjoy. How much joy this care has been, but it is costly and though she is at the advanced stages of her illness, the superb care she has received shows in her smiling face when we go to visit her.

Please assure that this type of care continues and the funding needed should be unquestionably of prime concern. Many of our Seniors want to be where they lived with their mate for many years.

Thank you
Rose M. Protacio
Tel. 949-2904

From: Jim Crowe [maucrowe@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2010 5:07 PM
To: HUS testimony
Subject: testimony SB 2469 SD@

Save Kupuna Care. Respect our seniors. Our most valuable citizens.

March 9, 2010

To: Rep. John Mizuno, Chair, House Committee on Human Services
Rep. Ryan Yamane, Chair, House Committee on Health
Members of the House Committees on Human Services and Health

From: Lillian Chace

RE: **Support for SB 2469, SD2 (SSCR2586), Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

Hearing Date: Thursday, March 11, 2010

Time: 9:30 am

Place: Conference Room 329

Dear Chairs and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **SUPPORT of SB2469, SD2 (SSCR2586), 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 (SSCR2586) 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 9, 2010

To: Rep. John Mizuno, Chair, House Committee on Human Services
Rep. Ryan Yamane, Chair, House Committee on Health
Members of the House Committees on Human Services and Health

From: Mary Guidroz

RE: **Support for SB 2469, SD2 (SSCR2586), Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

Hearing Date: Thursday, March 11, 2010

Time: 9:30 am

Place: Conference Room 329

Chairs and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **SUPPORT** of SB2469, SD2 (SSCR2586), 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 87, nearly 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 (SSCR2586). Thank you.

March 9, 2010

To: Rep. John Mizuno, Chair, House Committee on Human Services
Rep. Ryan Yamane, Chair, House Committee on Health
Members of the House Committees on Human Services and Health

From: Dawn Ward

RE: **Support for SB 2469, SD2 (SSCR2586), Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

Hearing Date: Thursday, March 11, 2010

Time: 9:30 am

Place: Conference Room 329

Dear Chairs and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **SUPPORT of SB 2469, SD2 (SSCR2586), 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. 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 (SSCR2586).

March 9, 2010

To: Rep. John Mizuno, Chair, House Committee on Human Services

Rep. Ryan Yamane, Chair, House Committee on Health

Members of the House Committees on Human Services and Health

From: Dale and Shirley King, Waikiki Resident and Waikiki Community Center Members
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RE: Support for SB 2469, SD2 (SSCR2586), Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

Hearing Date: Thursday, March 11, 2010

Time: 9:30 am

Place: Conference Room 329

Dear Chairs 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 (SSCR2586).

March 9, 2010

To: Rep. John Mizuno, Chair, House Committee on Human Services
Rep. Ryan Yamane, Chair, House Committee on Health
Members of the House Committees on Human Services and Health

From: Kathryn Heller

RE: **Support for SB 2469, SD2 (SSCR2586), Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

Hearing Date: Thursday, March 11, 2010

Time: 9:30 am

Place: Conference Room 329

Dear Chairs and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **SUPPORT of SB2469, SD2 (SSCR2586), Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**. My name is Kathryn Heller and I am Hawaii 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 (SSCR2586) and that you please provide the funding that will support Senior Centers and the programs of the Waikiki Community Center. It is important to keep its doors open for Waikiki's elders. Thank you.

March 9, 2010

To: Rep. John Mizuno, Chair, House Committee on Human Services
Rep. Ryan Yamane, Chair, House Committee on Health
Members of the House Committees on Human Services and Health

From: Alice Suyeoka

RE: **Support for SB 2469, SD2 (SSCR2586), Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

Hearing Date: Thursday, March 11, 2010

Time: 9:30 am

Place: Conference Room 329

Dear Chairs and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **SUPPORT of SB2469, SD2 (SSCR2586), Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**. My name is Alice Suyeoka and I am Waikiki Community Center member and participant.

I have been a member for 3 years and I participate in the Tap dance class. I am coming for exercise and to keep my mind going physically and mentally. This has helped a lot with my balance and in my ability to remember dance steps and patterns. I like the social contact and it gets me and other fellow seniors out in the community. We have patient and great instructors. It's important to keep the senior program at the Waikiki Community Center operating. We do pay nominal fees for classes and activities, but we know it's not enough to run the entire program. Your support of funding for this program will keep it available for me and other seniors who benefit from the Waikiki Community Center's services.

I ask for your support of SB2469, SD2 (SSCR2586) 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.

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To: Rep. John Mizuno, Chair, House Committee on Human Services
Rep. Ryan Yamane, Chair, House Committee on Health
Members of the House Committees on Human Services and Health

From: Ronald A. Reddick

RE: **Support for SB 2469, SD2 (SSCR2586), Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

Hearing Date: Thursday, March 11, 2010

Time: 9:30 am

Place: Conference Room 329

Dear Chairs and Members of the Committees on Human Services and Health:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **SUPPORT of SB2469, SD2,(SSCR2586) Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**. My name is **Ronald Reddick** and I am a member of Waikiki Community Center.

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 (SSCR2586)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.

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To: Rep. John Mizuno, Chair, House Committee on Human Services
Rep. Ryan Yamane, Chair, House Committee on Health
Members of the House Committees on Human Services and Health

From: Sybil Tsukamoto

RE: **Support for SB 2469, SD2 (SSCR2586), Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

Hearing Date: Thursday, March 11, 2010

Time: 9:30 am

Place: Conference Room 329

Dear Chairs and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **SUPPORT of SB2469, SD2 (SSCR2586), Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**. My name is Sybil Tsukamoto and I am Waikiki Community Center member and participant.

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 (SSCR2586) 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.

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To: Rep. John Mizuno, Chair, House Committee on Human Services
Rep. Ryan Yamane, Chair, House Committee on Health
Members of the House Committees on Human Services and Health

From: Patricia Peters

RE: **Support for SB 2469, SD2 (SSCR2586), Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

Hearing Date: Thursday, March 11, 2010

Time: 9:30 am

Place: Conference Room 329

Dear Chairs and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **SUPPORT of SB 2469, SD2 (SSCR2586) Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**. My name is Patricia Peters and I am member of the Waikiki Community Center and a Hawaii Resident.

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 (SSCR2586) 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.

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To: Rep. John Mizuno, Chair, House Committee on Human Services
Rep. Ryan Yamane, Chair, House Committee on Health
Members of the House Committees on Human Services and Health

From: Louise Guerrero

RE: **Support for SB 2469, SD2 (SSCR2586), Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

Hearing Date: Thursday, March 11, 2010

Time: 9:30 am

Place: Conference Room 329

Dear Chairs and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **SUPPORT of SB2469, SD2 (SSCR2586), Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**. My name is Louise Guerrero and I am a member and participant of Waikiki Community Center.

Since 1997, I have been an outstanding member of Waikiki Community Center (WCC). I live in Pearl City and I commute once a week to WCC and have the last fourteen (14) years. I have bypassed in joining other community centers closer to my home and prefer WCC because of the camaraderie and the support that they give to their members. I like WCC because I feel as if I'm a member of an extended family. I became interested in singing and was a member of WCC's Singers. I later joined the volunteer tap dancing group called Step-taculars and enjoy performing with them at WCC, hospitals, care homes, and at senior health & wellness fairs. As an active volunteer and participant, I believe that WCC truly makes a difference in the lives of seniors through their activities and services.

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 (SSCR2586) 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 9, 2010

To: Rep. John Mizuno, Chair, House Committee on Human Services
Rep. Ryan Yamane, Chair, House Committee on Health
Members of the House Committees on Human Services and Health

FROM: Diana Wong

RE: **Support for SB 2469, SD2 (SSCR2586), Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

Hearing Date: Thursday, March 11, 2010

Time: 9:30 am

Place: Conference Room 329

Dear Chairs and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **SUPPORT of SB2469, SD2 (SSCR2586), 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 (SSCR2586) 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 9, 2010

To: Rep. John Mizuno, Chair, House Committee on Human Services
Rep. Ryan Yamane, Chair, House Committee on Health
Members of the House Committees on Human Services and Health

From: Sandra Kam

RE: **Support for SB 2469, SD2 (SSCR2586), Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

Hearing Date: Thursday, March 11, 2010

Time: 9:30 am

Place: Conference Room 329

Dear Chairs and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **SUPPORT of SB 2469, SD2 (SSCR 2586), Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**. My name is Sandra Kam and I am a Hawaii Resident and Waikiki Community Center member and instructor.

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 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 (SSCR2586) 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 9, 2010

To: Rep. John Mizuno, Chair, House Committee on Human Services
Rep. Ryan Yamane, Chair, House Committee on Health
Members of the House Committees on Human Services and Health

From: Karen Van Tine

RE: **Support for SB 2469, SD2 (SSCR2586), Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

Hearing Date: Thursday, March 11, 2010

Time: 9:30 am

Place: Conference Room 329

Dear Chairs and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **SUPPORT of SB2469, SD2 (SSCR2586) 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 (SSCR2586) 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.

To: Committee on Human Services, Representative John Mizuno, Chair
Committee on Health, Representative Ryan Yamane, Chair
Date: Thursday, March 11, 2010, State Capitol Conference Room 329 at 9:30am
Re: **SB 2469 SD2 Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

To Chair Mizuno, Chair Yamane, and Committee Members:

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 relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund, especially with regard to funding for Kupuna Care.

The State is faced with a “ticking time bomb,” as in 20 years, 1 in 4 people will be over 60 years old, and faced with unfathomable long term care costs. Nursing home costs are now in excess of \$120,000 annually. Most families cannot afford such an 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 spending 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 appropriate funds for Kupuna Care. 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: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH Room: 329
HEARING DATE: THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2010, 9:30 AM

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

SUPPORT for SB2469 SD2 Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

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.

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Sen. Carol Fukunaga
Rep. Della Au Belatti

TO: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

ROOM: 329

HEARING DATE: THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2010, 9:30 AM

CHAIR: REP. RYAN YAMANE VICE CHAIR REP. SCOTT NISHIMOTO

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.

**CAROLINE BATALON
98-138 KANUKU STREET
AIEA, HI 96701**

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

TO: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Room: 329

Hearing Date: Thursday, March 11, 2010, 9:30 am

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

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

Chair Yamaane 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.

Juanita Keawemauhili
1326B Alewa Drive
Honolulu, HI 96817

Sen. Chun Oakland
Rep. Corinne Ching

TO: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Room: 329

Hearing Date: Thursday, March 11, 2010, 9:30 am

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

RE: Support of SB 2469SD2, 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
3272 Paumaka Place
Honolulu, HI 96822
cc. Rep. Isaac Choy
Sen. Brian Taniguchi

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2010 8:35 PM
To: HUS testimony
Cc: cleonitta@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB2469 on 3/11/2010 9:30:00 AM

Testimony for HUS/HLT 3/11/2010 9:30:00 AM SB2469

Conference room: 329
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: CAROL NITTA
Organization: Individual
Address: 1824 Ala Noe Place Honolulu 96819
Phone: 839-1115
E-mail: cleonitta@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/9/2010

Comments:

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 island 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.

TO: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
HEARING DATE: THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2010, 9:30 AM
Room: 329

CHAIR: REP. RYAN YAMANE VICE CHAIR REP. SCOTT NISHIMOTO

RE: Support of SB2469 SD2, 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 SD2 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. Silva Luke
Sen. Carol Fukunga

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH Room: 329
Hearing Date: **Thursday, March 11, 2010, 9:30 am**

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

SUPPORT for SB2469 SD2 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.

Betty Evans
425 Ena Rd #104B
Honolulu HI 96815
Tel 941-3717

cc.

Rep. Tom Brower
Sen. Brickwood Galuteria

TO: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Room: 329
THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2010, 9:30 AM

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

SUPPORT for SB2469 SD2 Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

From: Alice Kotake
26 Kepola Place
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817
Ph: 595-0370
Director: HARA, HSTA-R

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

TO: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Room: 329
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Chair: Rep. Ryan Yamane Vice Chair Rep. Scott Nishimoto

SUPPORT for SB2469 SD2 Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

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

Sen. Brian Taniguchi
Rep. Scott Nishimoto

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH Room: 329
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SB2469 SD2 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.

Beatrice Terumoto
1621 Dole Street #103
Honolulu HI 96822
Tel. 949-4970

Rep. Isaac W. Choy
Sen. Brian Taniguchi

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Support for SB2469 SD2 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.

Dorothy Grandinette
1441 Victoria St. #302
Honolulu HI 96822
Tel. 536-4259

Sen. Carol Fukunaga
Rep. Bella Au Belatti

From: Marv Paularena [mpaularena@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2010 7:29 PM
To: HUS testimony
Subject: SB 2469,SD2

To: House Committee on Human Services, Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair
Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2010, State Capitol Room 211 at 10:10 a.m.

Re:
SB 2469,SD2 RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET HUS/HLT,FIN
(SSCR2586) RESERVE FUND
Status Appropriates moneys from the emergency and budget
reserve fund to maintain levels of programs for
education, human services, and health. Effective 7/1/2050.

Chair Mizuno and Committee Members,

Thank you for allowing me the privilege to testify. My name is Michele Paularena and I am a housewife with a 75 year-old husband in a wheel chair. We live in Hale Mahaolu senior housing in Kahului, Maui . I am submitting testimony in support of SB 2469, SD1 Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund.

I urge you to support this bill because it would be a use of the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund for its intended purposes, one of which is to support Home and Community Based Services for our Kupuna. We are all aware that we are facing increasing numbers of senior citizens, many of whom suffer from age related ailments. Many of these kupuna are unable to bear the financial burden alone. We owe these, the people who willingly worked long, hard hours to make Hawai`I such a wonderful place to live, the ability to live out their years in surroundings that are reasonable.

This fund, although small, is desperately needed to protect critical health and human service programs for Hawaii 's most vulnerable citizens. That includes Kupuna Care, which provides home and community based services for our home bound, frail elder citizens.

I ask you to consider those kupuna as you study this bill and also to avoid, at all costs, use of these funds as a band-aid for the school furlough problem. There just isn't enough money in the fund to solve that issue and, that is not the intended purpose. Education is important but robbing our kupuna to patch a broken system will only delay doing the job right. Please support us "older citizens" who wish to live out our lives in this wonderful land of Aloha.

Mahalo for your consideration,
Michele Paularena
Kahului, Maui

TO: Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair
Representative Tom Brower, Vice Chair
Committee on Human Services

Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Committee on Health

DATE: Thursday, March 11, 2010 (9:30 a.m., Room 329)

RE: **Support of SB 2469, SD2, Relating to the Emergency and 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

TO: Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair
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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.

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 Ayaka Yamashiro
81 year old

95-206 Alenale Pl
Mililani, HI 96818

TO: Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair
Representative Tom Brower, Vice Chair
Committee on Human Services

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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 Koea Dr.
Honolulu, HI 96819

Lives in districts:

- Rep. Mizuno

- Sen. Kim

TO: Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair
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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.

My name is Shimi Nishizawa. 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. Nishizawa, Shizuchi
84 yrs old

District
Rep # 26
Sen. # 11

268 San Antonio Avenue
Honolulu, HI 96813

TO: Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Representative Tom Brower, Vice Chair Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Committee on Human Services Committee on Health

DATE: Thursday, March 11, 2010 (9:30 a.m., Room 329)

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

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!
my gro. list includes very heavy items: milk cartons, laundry detergent & I bought 2-12z food & supplies couldn't possibly carry it all. Have to get it right hand off.

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 Linard
Address: 610 Cook #409
Hon., HI. 96813

TO: Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Representative Tom Brower, Vice Chair Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
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I need **TRANSPORTATION** because:

I need transportation because I have 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. TAKESHITA

Address: 810 GREEN ST. APT. B

HON. HI 96813

TO: Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Representative Tom Brower, Vice Chair Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
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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

TO: Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Representative Tom Brower, Vice Chair Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
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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.*

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:

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

Address: 610 Cooke St #410

Honolulu, HI 96813

TO: Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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Committee on Human Services Committee on Health

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

I am 72 years old and use the **TRANSPORTATION** service of Catholic Charities Hawaii, which is partially funded through the State Kupuna Care Program.

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- Transportation
- Housekeeping
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- Bathing services
- Respite services

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:

Sylvia Adams

Address:

545 Queen St

96 813

TO: Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Representative Tom Brower, Vice Chair Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Committee on Human Services Committee on Health

DATE: Thursday, March 11, 2010 (9:30 a.m., Room 329)

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

I am 77 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:**

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| <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: *Rhody K. Santos*

Address: *45-70th Kamehameha Hwy. #110*
Waikeaha, HI 96744

TO: Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Representative Tom Brower, Vice Chair Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
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- Bathing services
- Respite services

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 Kono Hwy #112
Kaneohe, HI 96744

To: Committee on Health, and Human Services
Committee Chairmen Rep. John M. Mizuno and Rep. Yamane
Date: March 11, 2010, State Capitol Room 329 at 09:30 a.m.
Re: SB 2469 SD2 RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE
FUND.

Representatives John M. Mizuno and Ryan I. Yamane, Chairmen and Committee Members, my name is Eileen Mena and I am a resident of Kailua Kona. I am testifying in support of SB 2469 SD 2 relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund.

Kupuna Care is a very important safety net for our elderly people who are frail and their caregivers. As in previous testimony regarding this subject I was a caregiver for my husband and mother. I was fortunate to have the help of my daughter, son, a good job and health insurance. For many of our elderly population, which is growing, Kupuna Care is sometimes all they have to get a decent meal or a ride to their doctor's appointment. It is getting harder now to qualify but for those that do, they (the elderly and the caregiver) need the safety net of Kupuna Care.

I urge you to support SB 2469 SD2 and mahalo in advance for your contribution to helping older adults.

Sincerely,

Eileen Mena

TO: Committee on Human Services, Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair
Committee on Health, Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
DATE: Thursday, March 11, 2010 State Capitol Room 229 at 9:30 a.m.
RE: SB 2469 SD2 Related to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

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

I am writing in support of SB2469 SD2.because:

- It supports Kupuna Care as a safety net in place to keep our families from becoming impoverished because of the cost of long term care. Kupuna Care supports home and community based services for frail seniors who don't qualify for Medicaid and cannot afford the services needed without depleting their life savings.
- Kupuna Care will help many seniors to age at home and help them retain their health, dignity and quality of life. This is more effective and less costly for the state over the life of the elder(s).
- There is an urgency to adequately fund Kupuna Care now as it deals with supporting the growing number of your constituents that will start to require home and community base services. The number of seniors in Hawaii continues to escalate as more baby boomers become seniors and as seniors live longer

I urge you to support and adequately fund Kupuna Care.

Thank you for allowing me to testify.

Kathryn Okazaki
99-515 Kaholi Pl.
Aiea, HI 96701
March 11, 2010

To: Committee on Human Services, Representative John Mizuno, Chair
Committee on Health, Representative Ryan Yamane, Chair
Date: Thursday, March 11, 2010, State Capitol Conference Room 329 at 9:30am
Re: **SB 2469 SD2 Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

To Chair Mizuno, Chair Yamane, and Committee Members:

My name is James Kim and I am a resident of Aina Haina. I am testifying in strong support of SB 2469 SD2 relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund, especially with regard to funding for Kupuna Care.

With the aging population in Hawaii, the State will be facing unfathomable long term care costs in 20 years. Most families already cannot afford the cost of nursing homes currently which exceed a \$120,000 annually. Instead, families rely upon a combination of utilizing unpaid family caregivers, and draining life savings to pay for in-home care.

I urge that you appropriate funds for Kupuna Care. Kupuna Care services the unlucky “gap” group of seniors that do not have enough monies to pay for assistance to meet daily needs, yet have enough money to disqualify them for Medicaid. 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.

Caregivers also benefit from Kupuna Care. About 1 in 4 adults in Hawaii (approximately 169,000 people), provide caregiver services worth about \$1.4 billion annually. 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. 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.

Also, most caregivers cannot afford to stay home as they have responsibilities for their own children and family. 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.

Considering the issues mentioned above, funding for Kupuna Care is critically essential to the senior population and their caregivers. Not doing 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.

James A. Kim (Aina Haina)

From: Kabba Anand [kabba@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2010 11:22 PM
To: HUSTestimony
Cc: Ramoda Prem Anand; Raje Anand; Kabba Anand
Subject: Testimony SB 2469 SD2 - 1 copy to Committee Clerk, Room 315

**Kabba and Raje Anand
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March 9, 2010

Representative **John M. Mizuno**
Chair, Hawaii House Human Services Committee

Representative **Ryan I. Yamane**
Chair, Hawaii House Health Committee

Emailed to: HUSTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov (11:20 pm, 03-09-2010)

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RE: **SB 2469 SD2**
Date/Time: Thursday, March 11, 2010

Dear Representative Mizuno and Yamane,

We are parents of Ramoda Anand, a 24 year old quadriplegic high school graduate, who is active in society both socially and politically thanks to support he currently receives from the DD Division DD/MR Medicaid Waiver.

Although he is confined to a wheelchair, needs 24 hour care, and cannot read, he is currently enrolled at UH Maui College, is pursuing other studies on the internet, attends movement classes, DD Council and other local political meetings of interest, and all because while we are working caregivers come and help him lead an active fulfilling life, through the DD Division DD/MR Medicaid Waiver program.

He already received a 20% reduction in his services last year. Any additional cut will leave him without sufficient care, putting both his health and well-being at risk.

Please support this bill and be sure to provide funds for the DD Division DD/MR Medicaid Waiver program. Your understanding and continued support are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Kabba and Raje Anand
Makawao

From: Ramoda Anand [framodda@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2010 9:04 AM
To: HUS testimony
Cc: Kabba Anand; Raje Anand
Subject: Testimony SB 2469 SD2 - 1 copy to Committee Clerk, Room 315

Ramoda Anand
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Representative John M. Mizuno
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RE: SB 2469 SD2
Date/Time: Thursday, March 11, 2010

Dear Representative Mizuno and Yamane,

My name is Ramoda Anand. I am a 24 year old quadriplegic, confined to a wheelchair, who is dependent upon the care of my aging parents and supplemented by caregivers provided by funding from the DD Division DD/MR Medicaid Waiver.

Unfortunately I need 24 hour care, and without the support of the MediCaid Waiver, it will be impossible for me to stay enrolled in UH Maui College, participate in DD Council meetings, the Mayor's Council on Disabilities and all the other groups and activities that I am currently able to participate in. It may even jeopardize my ability to live at home, and might make it necessary for me to find a residential facility, at a much greater expense to the State.

I already received a 20% reduction in my services last year. Any additional cut will leave me high and dry without sufficient care, putting my health and well-being at risk.

Please support this bill and be sure to provide adequate funds for the DD Division DD/MR Medicaid Waiver program. Your understanding and continued support are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ramoda Anand
Makawao

To: House Committees on Human Services and Health
Representatives John M. Mizuno and Ryan Yamane, Chairmen

Date: Thursday, March 11, 2010, 9:30 a.m. Conference Room 329

Subject: Testimony on SB 2469 SD2 Relating to Kupuna Care

Chairs Mizuno, Yamane 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 Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund.

In this current economic climate, there are so many pressing community needs, especially those related to health, safety and welfare. I believe that the proposed use of funds from the Emergency and Budget Reserve (Rainy Day) Fund which support Kupuna Care and other home and community based services for the elderly are appropriate uses of this fund.

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

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In summary, I support SB 2469 SD2 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.

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Honorable Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair of the House Human Services Committee and
Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair of the House Health Committee
State of Hawaii
Twenty-Fifth Legislature, 2010
State Capitol
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: SB 2469 SD 2- "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY &
BUDGET RESERVE FUND

Hearing: Thursday, March 11, 2010, 9:30am

Dear Honorable Representative John M. Mizuno and Representative Ryan I. Yamane:
I am submitting testimony in ***STRONG SUPPORT*** OF SB 2469 SD 2. This bill makes an emergency appropriation from the emergency and budget fund of the State of Hawaii to maintain the levels of programs determined to be essential to education, public health, and welfare. Specifically I am supporting appropriations to restore lost funding for the ***Department of Health Respite, DD Division DD/MR Waiver, and the DD Division Partnerships in Community Living (PICL Programs)***.

My name is Tisha Takazawa and I work with individuals with disabilities every day. I support SB 2469 SD 2 because the money would help us to support individual with disabilities. Benefits of this program include Socialization, Community Access, Improving Life Skills, developing self-worth, etc. It is a fact that there is a high rate of isolation among individuals with disabilities and one of the focuses of this program is to support our participants to become contributing members of their community. A lot of the participants I work with would be left home alone or have to be put into a care home if they were unable to receive services. We have done simple things such as help individuals get to their doctor's/dentist's appointments, learn to cook, clean their home, do the laundry, or personal care items such as taking a bath, assist in feeding, accessing the community or even volunteering and getting a job. All of these items are meaningful to these individuals. These services help individuals with disabilities to have "normal" lives and to be "just like everyone else." Our participants are able to go out into the community through our program. Without it, they would be left home alone and for many of these individuals, it would be a major health and safety concern.

If the emergency appropriation is not approved as soon as possible, the state will be putting at risk the thousands of families that are or were served each month in these very valuable programs. Mahalo for the opportunity to present testimony in **Strong Support of SB 2469 SD 2**. I can be reached at 640-4328 for any further questions.

Sincerely,

Tisha Takazawa
27-1049 Mamalahoa Hwy.
Pepee'okeo, HI 96783

Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 2469 SD2

Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

To: The Honorable John M. Mizuno, Chair of the Committee on Human Services
The Honorable Tom Brower, Vice Chair of the Committee on Human Services
The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair of the Committee on Health
The Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair of the Committee on Health

From: Louona M. Larkspur, MSW candidate, University of Hawaii at Manoa
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louona@hawaii.edu

Date of Hearing: March 11, 2010, State Capital, Conference Room 329

RE: Support of Senate Bill 2469 SD2

Aloha Honorable Senators:

As current Masters of Social Work student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, I work as an intern at the Bay Clinic; a community health center on Hawai`i Island that provides dental care to underserved and disadvantaged populations. It is from this perspective that I respectfully testify in support of Senate Bill 2469 SD2.

Oral health, including the mouth, teeth and gums, is critical to overall health. Recent research indicates an association between chronic oral infections and serious health problems, including diabetes, heart and lung disease, stroke, and low birth weight. Hawaii residents have died due to lack of access to dental services. Additionally, toothlessness can adversely affect speech development and the capacity to maintain proper nutrition and, because of its impact on a person's appearance, it can negatively affect the ability to achieve and maintain employment.

Currently Med-Quest dental coverage for adults is limited to emergency-only services and this threatens the overall health of an individual. Prevention and early detection is more cost effective than treatment as minor toothaches can lead to costly emergency room visits. Furthermore, reinstating full dental services through Med-Quest is also a good investment because it earns a considerable match in federal funds.

I urge you to pass SB 2469 SD2 to restore much needed and essential dental health services. Thank you for this opportunity to testify for this very important bill.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2010 9:39 AM
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Subject: Testimony for SB2650 on 3/11/2010 9:30:00 AM

Testimony for HUS/HLT 3/11/2010 9:30:00 AM SB2650

Conference room: 329
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Karen Muraoka
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Submitted on: 3/10/2010

Comments:

I am in support of SB2650, SD2, HD1 Proposed, Part II, Sections 2 and 3 as a citizen of this State and employee of the Department of Human Services. It is our duty to insure a detailed plan and all infrastructures are in place before we make changes to the way applicants and clients receive services so that the needy, dependent and vulnerable members of our community will receive services in an efficient and expedient manner before we streamline operations. While I am against creation of another Task Force, as public servants, it is time and money well-spent to insure the proposed DHS reorganization plan is complete to avoid disservice to recipients, chaos in operations, potential violations of federal requirements and additional expenses to taxpayers. Thank you for your continued consideration and support of this bill.

From: Steve Godzsak [patnsteve@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2010 1:00 PM
To: HUS testimony
Subject: Support for Kupuna Care Program

To all members of the Committee on Human Services:

I wish to express my support for funding the Kupuna Care Program - a program that helps senior citizens cope with daily

living assistance and the beneficial work it does. These seniors depend on the services provided by the Kupuna Care

Program for their health and well-being offering 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 do not jeopardize its funding. Thank you for listening to this concerned citizen. Mahalo.

Steve Godzsak, AARP E. Hawaii Team Leader
871 Hele Mauna Street
Hilo, HI 96720

From: bob [rzahl@maui.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2010 10:00 AM
To: HUSTestimony
Subject: SB2469

**Chair John Mizuno, Vice Chair Tom Brower, and Committee Members. Thank you for allowing me to testify regarding this bill.
My name is Robert Zahl and I am a resident of Maui.**

I Support SB 2469 because of the need for funding for services for the elderly, and I feel that this is, indeed a legitimate use for a Rainy Day Fund. I feel that a failure to maintain these services will lead to increased costs as a result of not providing these services.

Please support SB 2469, SD2

Robert Zahl

From: Bob Graham [bgraham@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2010 10:29 AM
To: HUS testimony
Subject: SB 2469 SD2 Relating to Kupuna Care

To: COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, Rep. John M. Mizuno, Chair

and

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, Rep. Ryan I. Yamane, Chair

Date: Thursday, March 11, 2010 State Capitol ConferenceRoom 329 at 9:30 a.m.

Re: SB 2469 SD2 Relating to Kupuna Care

Chairs Mizuno and Yamane and Committee Members, thank you for allowing me to testify. My name is Bob Graham and was a family caregiver who lives in Kuliouou. I'm submitting testimony in support of SB 2469 SD2 Relating to Kupuna Care. Shortly after I retired my late wife was dianosed with lung cancer. The illness was terminal and her major desire was to live out the rest of her days at home. The cost of in home medical care was prohibative. Only through volunter respit help was I able to meet her last desires.

I urge you to vote yes for SB 2469

- it uses the Emergency and Budget Reserve fund for its intended purpose.**
- Among those purposes, Kupuna Care, which provides Home and Community Based Services for frail elderly seniors is critical.**
- The Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund (Rainy Day Fund) should not be used as a short term fix for the school furlough issue. Not only is this not its intended purpose, using it this way would deplete the fund and it wouldn't solve the school furlough problem. There are many pressing human service needs to which this money should be directed.**

Thank you so much for your consideration and again I urge you to vote yes on SB 2469 SD2 Relating to Kupuna Care.

Aloha - Bob Graham

From: Liz Graham [lizgraham@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2010 10:46 AM
To: HUS testimony
Subject: SB 2469 SD2

Committee on Human Services
Rep John M. Mizuno, Chair

Committee on Health
Rep. Ryan I. Yamane, Chair

As one who is fast approaching her eighth decade of life I urge you to support SB 2469 SD2.

I realize that in this most difficult economic time our legislators will have a difficult time deciding what needs to be cut and what needs to be saved and in the best case scenario receive funding increases. Kapuna care is one of the latter.

As the elderly population of Hawaii increases so does the need for care. Our nursing home occupancy is already at 95% and the cost to many of us prohibitive. I wish to remain in my own home but know that in a very few years I will need help. Kapuna Care, a community and home based program is one that will provide me basic services in order for me to attain that goal. It is a program that provides help to those needing assistance with activities of daily living, day care, household chores, and respite services for those who may have to provide my care.

SB 2469 SD2 can be financed through the "Rainy Day" fund which was established for emergency and health services. The Emergency and Budget Reserve funds should not be used for short term fixes for school furloughs. Using the funds for short term fixes would rapidly deplete this fund and won't solve the furlough problem.

Again I urge you to support SB 2469 SD2. Thank you.

Sincerely:

Elizabeth L Graham
Kuliouou

From: Patty Paranada [mailto:Patty@mfss.org]

Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2010 11:15 AM

To: HUS testimony

Cc: Hau'oli Tomoso; JBoland@aarp.org; Gray, Robert; deborah.arendale@co.maui.hi.us; heather.greenwood@hawaii.edu

Subject: Testimony

I am writing in support of Bill SB2469 SD2. I am a Coordinator for a Grandparent Support Group and I work very closely with our Kupunas in this community. These Kupunas are so special because they are taking on an even greater responsibility by caring for their grandchildren and even great-grandchildren. Life is hard as it is when they have to care for themselves or their spouse, and then have to step in and parent their children's children. Kupuna care in all shapes and forms are significantly so important. As we all will be considered a "senior citizen" one day, whether we like it or not, we should all pull together and see how we can make life more livable and sustainable when we come to that crossroad. This one grandfather that comes to the support group, (who is raising his 9 yr. old grandson), is also caring for his 85 and 90 yr. old parents. Because there is no transportation for them to go to the doctor, this grandfather has to do transporting, he checks on them daily to make sure that they have food, he cooks their meals, helps them with their medications, and also upkeeping them with their personal hygiene, and it goes on and on, the list is endless. I hear the frustration in his voice and despite all these trials, he still has to keep a positive outlook for the 9 yr. old grandson. He then has, to keep up with the grandson's school work, meetings with the teachers, and all the financial obligations that come along with raising a child. This grandfather is over 60 yrs. old and he has lots of health issues and is under doctor's care and has financial stress. This is just one example of how our "aging society" is put under so much stress now more than ever. Times have changed and we need to do more for our Kupunas so that we can make our "end of the road journey" a more pleasant and doable one. We should seriously think about where these Kupunas came from and how they have endured their lives here on Earth. They need more respect and we should treat them with more dignity and most of all love. Sometimes we put more energy in saving other unnecessary things, than focusing on the more important matters

Thank you for your time,

Patty Paranada, ROKK Program
Maui Family Support Services

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The Mission of Maui Family Support Services, Inc. is to promote healthy family functioning by providing supportive services which build on family strengths.

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I support SB 2469 SD2

Hyenie E L Martin

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From: Rachelle IngKupau [Rachelle.IngKupau@co.maui.hi.us]
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2010 2:48 PM
To: HUS testimony
Subject: Testimony from Molokai

Aloha,

My name is Rachelle Kehaulani Ing Kupau and I live on the island of Molokai. I 'm presently employed by Maui County Office on Aging and work directly with our Kupuna's in the community. I know some Kupunas who have only one (1) meal per day and it comes from Kaunoa Meals on Wheels. The Kupunas eat a little of their lunch and save the reminder for their dinner and their bread or bun is saved for their breakfast. Our kupunas are treasured on our island and want to remain independent, they are a proud bunch of souls that should be cherished. If our funds are to decreased what will happen to our treasures, are they to be disgarded and pushed on the side because they are unable to work for a living? Right at tghe moment some of the kupunas get bathes only 3 times a week. Our island has been windy and dusty and sometimes now that summer is knocking at our doors humid and dusty. When my grandchildren mess or have an accident, they go and take a shower and change to clean clothes, when our kupunas have an accident how long do they need to wait before they get cleaned up? We say our grandparents are our examples, they have paved the way, they have been through a lot, well then they should be treated with respect and dignity and no be rejected and neglected. On Molokai we are very limited with resources and services. Don't let our living treasures be disgarded because you say funds are limited. Allow our Kupunas to live out the rest of their lives comfortable and stressless, release the funds or better yet increase the funds, they are living longer and deserve it.

Mahalo,

Rachelle K. Ing Kupau

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From: Larry Carter [mailto:larcarter@hawaii.rr.com]
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Subject: SB 2469 SD2

March 10, 2010

RE: SB 2469 SD2

Dear Senator –

It is with great concern that I am urging the Senate Committee on Human Services to pass SB 2469 SD2. This bill will appropriate funds for the very important Kupuna Care Program.

SB 2469 SD 2 provides that essential funds for the Kupuna Care Program be included in the base amount of general funding at a rate that meets with current population rates. The fact that the amount of funding for Kupuna Care has remained flat since 2002 despite steady growth in this population group, has already placed undo strain and hardship on this essential program. Hawaii elders and their families need your support on this important bill.

SB 2469 SD2 will ensure that the amount of general funds appropriated will at least meet with current population trends helping to meet the needs of this gap group of Kupuna.

Larry D. Carter PHD
larcarter@hawaii.rr.com

Bill No: <u>SB 2469, SD2</u> (SSCR2586)	Title: RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND.
Committee: <u>COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES</u> Rep. John M. Mizuno, Chair Rep. Tom Brower, Vice Chair <u>COMMITTEE ON HEALTH</u> Rep. Ryan I. Yamane, Chair Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair	Hearing Date/Time: DATE: Thursday, March 11, 2010 TIME: 9:30am PLACE: Conference Room 329 State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street
Submitted by: Valorie E. Taylor, LBSW	Contact Information: Phone: 808-782-4180
Testimony in: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SUPPORT () OPPOSITION of proposed bill.	

As a licensed social worker who has worked in the aging community for over 20 years, I am in favor of the passage of SB2469, SD2.

As our Kupuna age and are in need of our help we should be there to assist them without question. This is a part of what makes us civilized people. We often speak about how we help Kupuna but there is a shortage of services and a lack of respect in their day to day world. Their families, often stretched to the limit with problems of their own, cannot provide what is needed. The incidence of Elder Abuse grows as you can see just looking at the headlines of the past 6 months. This is just the beginning of the Silver Tsunami, the numbers are growing everyday.

The Kupuna Care Program is directed at serving those who fall through the gaps in services. It provides a safety net to prevent institutionalization and support seniors in their homes. The waitlist for these services continues to grow as the senior population grows and more seniors face difficult economic times. They are often times choosing to pay for food or medication, doctor visits or rent. Even with these services many Kupuna are not getting their needs met. Are three meals sufficient a week? Five? What happens the other days? Is one bath a week sufficient?

Evidenced-based studies have reported that early intervention is the key to better outcomes for seniors requiring supportive services to remain in their community. A 2002 study reported in The Gerontologist, "Effects of a Community-Based Early Intervention Program on the Subjective Well-Being, Institutionalization, and Mortality of Low-Income Elders", "those elders who received the intervention (case management) had significantly higher subjective well-being and were less likely to be institutionalized or die than those in a comparison group (remained on waiting lists for case management) across the 18-month period." The study states that the implications of the results are that they "make a strong case for the importance of community-based programs to the well-being of elders".

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.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

From: Anne Trygstad [mailto:annetryg@hawaii.edu]

Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2010 5:21 PM

To: HUS testimony

Subject: SB 2469 SD2 -SUPPORT - HUS/HLT on Thursday, 03-11-10 9:30AM

I support SB2469 which will provide rainy day funding for critically needed social services. You can judge a civilization by how it treats its' most vulnerable, children and elderly. Please provide critically needed funding for necessary human services to our citizens.

Mahalo,

Anne Trygstad, RN, BSN

University of Hawaii, Maui College

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From: Drorbaugh M [mailto:mjdror@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2010 5:23 PM
To: HUS testimony
Subject: Testimony In support of SB2469

James E. Drorbaugh, MD Pediatrician (retired)

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Thursday, March 11, 2010
9:30 am
Conference Room 329

Testimony in Support of SB2469, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

As stated in the text of SB2469, the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund was set up to provide funds to social service, health and education entities at times when funding became difficult because of economic downturn. We are in such a situation now and funding has been cut significantly to the entities of concern. Now is the time to use the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund for the purpose for which it is intended; to tide over the services until the economy recovers.

I am a board member of a small non-profit whose goal is to prevent child abuse and neglect by helping families at risk to improve their family functioning. I know at first hand how difficult it is to maintain services as funding is cut. And yet if we can not provide services, the incidence of abuse and neglect will increase to the distress of the families and increased burden to those agencies which deal with child abuse and neglect once it has occurred.

Let us keep the safety net as intact as we can during these hard times. Please pass SB2469.
Thank you for your consideration.

James E. Drorbaugh, MD

March 10, 2010

Aloha Chair Chun Oakland and Committee Members:

I would like to submit testimony in **support of SB 2469** which enhances necessary funding in this challenging economic time to agencies that are the backbone of our community in serving populations in need.

I am a Master of Social Work student at the University of Hawaii – Manoa. I have had the opportunity this semester to be placed at Catholic Charities Hawaii in order to have “hands on” practicum in the field with a seasoned professional social worker.

Catholic Charities Hawaii collaborates with the Myron B Thompson School of Social Work to provide me this opportunity free of charge. Catholic Charities staff spends 16 hours a week as mentors to me. These wonderful people give of themselves to help me develop into the professional that I will need to be in order to serve our communities and the people of Hawaii.

I cannot stress how essential the services Catholic Charities of Hawaii are in the protection and the well being of Families and Children in our community. I have had the opportunity to see their work first hand and am proud to be a fledgling contributor to the work that changes lives and preserves families.

The core values of dignity, compassion, commitment to excellence and social justice can not be bought, but they do have a price. Without funds to operate their programs and adequate staff the opportunities for future social workers like me to continue our education under the mentorship of professional social workers will cease to exist.

Thank you for your understanding the true value of helping those in our communities with the greatest need.

Sincerely,

Linda L. Fong
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