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THE JUDICIARY, STATE OF HAWAII

Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michele Kidani, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 30, 2011, 9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

by
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Administrative Director of the Courts

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Bill No. and Title: House Bill No. 160, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, Relating to Human Services and Health

Purpose: Appropriates funds for the kupuna care program. Appropriates moneys from the emergency and budget reserve fund to maintain funding levels of programs for public health, safety, welfare, and education.

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary strongly supports Section 45 of House Bill No. 160, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, which appropriates \$1.0 million from the State Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund to the Judiciary for domestic violence services. Legislative actions in 2009 reduced the Judiciary's FY 2010 budget base by \$11.5 million (7.6% from FY 2009 to FY 2010) and eliminated 79 positions or 4% of the Judiciary's permanent workforce. This necessitated 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 led to fewer services being available and fewer clients served, and longer waits to access services. They 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 reduction in temporary restraining order (TRO) clients served at various sites, and victim services delivered; a significant reduction in safety planning services and other services to children exposed to domestic violence; an increase in wait time for batterers trying to enter treatment and counseling



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services, 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; a reduction in service provider 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 2010, domestic abuse/protective order filings increased by more than 12%, even as the availability and extent of domestic violence services were decreasing. The proposed \$1.0 million appropriation would enable at least partial restoration of these services for FY 2012.

While the 2010 Legislature reduced the Judiciary's FY 2011 budget base by another \$8.3 million, it also passed Act 191 which provided approximately \$2.5 million from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund to the Judiciary - \$1 million for domestic violence services and \$1.5 million to specified providers for various types of legal aid and treatment services. However, this was only a one-time infusion of funding for these services for FY 2011. House Bill No. 160, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, seeks to provide one-time funding again in FY 2012 for these services.

The Judiciary takes no position on Sections 46 through 51 of House Bill No. 160, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, which appropriate \$1,838,000 from the State Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund to the Judiciary to be expended as follows: \$200,000 to Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii to provide pro bono legal services for indigent persons, \$720,000 to Legal Aid Society of Hawaii to provide general civil legal services, \$282,000 to University of Hawaii Family Law Clinic to provide services to obtain TROs, \$150,000 to Catholic Charities to provide intra-familial sexual assault services, \$150,000 to Children's Alliance of Hawaii to provide child sex assault services, and \$336,000 for the Weed & Seed Program (**Note: Last year, Act 191 appropriated the funding for the Weed and Seed Program to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.**) It is very 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 Hawaii. 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. 300, H.D. 2, S.D.1, their addition does not come with a corresponding reduction to any items already included in our base budget request.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 160, H.D. 2, S.D. 1.



TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2011

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

H.B. NO. 160, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES AND HEALTH.

BEFORE THE:

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

DATE: Wednesday, March 30, 2011 TIME: 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 211

TESTIFIER(S): WRITTEN COMMENTS ONLY. For more information, call Blair Goto, Deputy Attorney General at 587-3861

Chair Ige and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General provides the following comments.

In its current S.D. 1 version, part I of this bill appropriates \$3,500,000 of general funds for each of fiscal years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 for the kupuna care program of the Executive Office on Aging of the Department of Health. Part II of this bill makes approximately fifty-four appropriations from the emergency and budget reserve special fund for various programs and grants under chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The expending agencies include the Department of Health, the Department of Human Services, the Judiciary, the Department of the Attorney General, and the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. Amongst others, the bill's appropriations include appropriations to support: existing state programs, various private nonprofit organizations that provide health or human services, and other nonprofit organizations that provide services that may be only peripherally related to human or health services.

We write to express concerns about the bill's constitutionality. Our concerns require corrective action if this bill is to be validly enacted.

Article III, section 14, of the Hawaii Constitution provides: "Each law shall embrace but one subject, which shall be expressed in its title." The title of this bill is "Relating to Human Services and Health," indicating two subjects, "human services" and "health." Unlike the federal government, which has one department that oversees both of these areas, the State of Hawaii has two separate and distinct departments responsible for human services and health. As commonly understood in the State, "human services" and "health" are different topics and are recognized as such within the framework of our state government. Unlike, for example, "fish and game," the two topics are not matters regulated in Hawaii together in a single regulatory scheme. Accordingly, we recommend that another vehicle be used to accomplish the purposes of this bill. The title of such a bill would need to be sufficiently broad to encompass both the general fund appropriation for kupuna care, as well as all of the emergency and budget reserve special fund appropriations in the bill. Alternatively, portions of this bill could be inserted into several other bills with appropriate titles.

We further recommend that, in any new bill, the wording in section 27 on pages 14-15 be amended to clarify item 7 (on line 3 of page 15). Section 27 appropriates \$1,578,500 "to provide funding for grants pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes," to support a number of domestic violence shelters run by various identified private nonprofit organizations. For the most part, section 27 identifies each of the organizations that are to receive a grant and specifies the amount for each grant,

as required by chapter 42F. But item 7 indicates that \$616,000 is to be distributed to "Statewide domestic violence shelters." Because item 7 does not identify which organization or organizations are to receive part or all of the \$616,000, item 7 should be amended either to identify each organization and the amount for each organization, or to separate it into a new section of the bill as a general appropriation of \$616,000 (and not a chapter 42F grant).

We respectfully request that the bill be amended as recommended. We also request that its contents be inserted into a bill with a sufficiently broad title, or that materials from this bill be inserted into several bills with appropriate titles.

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Committee on Way and Means

HB160, HD2, SD1, RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES AND HEALTH

**Testimony of Wes Lum
Director, Executive Office on Aging
Attached Agency to Department of Health**

L A T E

Wednesday, March 30, 2011

9:30 a.m.

1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) supports this measure and defers on the
2 fiscal implications until the Executive Budget has been finalized. Should Kupuna Care funds be
3 available, EOA requests that these funds be placed in EOA's base budget (HTH 904).
4 **Fiscal Implications (for Section 2 of Part 1 and Section 7 of Part 2):** Since July 1, 2002, EOA
5 has received base funding of \$4,854,305 from the General Appropriations for Kupuna Care
6 services on an annual basis. This measure appropriates an additional \$3,500,000 for each of year
7 of the fiscal biennium (Section 2) and \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 2011-2012 (Section 7). Working
8 with our county offices on aging, EOA has determined that \$2,888,412, in addition to our base
9 budget, is needed to provide access to affordable and quality home and community based services
10 that are client-centered and family-supportive. Please note that this new figure also includes
11 funding for eligible older adults who are discharged from an acute care hospital. Should funds be
12 available, we are asking that either Section 2 or Section 7 pass, pending the legislature's decision
13 on the means of financing.

Purpose and Justification: EOA has worked with our county offices on aging to verify the accuracy of the appropriations requested to support seniors through Kupuna Care (Section 2 and Section 7), the Aging and Disability Resource Center (Section 8), the Healthy Aging Partnership Program (Section 13), and meals for the elderly for Kupuna Care (Section 19). Below please find a chart with our adjusted funding requests.

Part 1 – Appropriates General funds for Kupuna Care

Purpose	Amount Specified in HB160	Adjusted Request
Kupuna Care (Section 2)	\$3,500,000	\$2,888,412

Part 2 – Appropriates money from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund for the public health, safety, welfare, and education

Purpose	Amount Specified in HB160	Adjusted Request
Kupuna Care (Section 7)	\$3,000,000	\$2,888,412
Aging and Disability Resource Center (Section 8)	\$100,000	\$680,250 Breakdown: - \$492,404 for Maui County expenditures related to ADRC development - \$87,846 for EOA for statewide ADRC implementation - \$50,000 for Hawaii County for ADRC expansion - \$50,000 for Honolulu county for ADRC expansion
Healthy Aging Partnerships (Section 13)	\$125,000	\$426,722 To maintain: - 8 Senior Services' Enhanced Fitness sites - 19 6-week cycles of Chronic Disease Self Management Program, Arthritis Self Management Program, and Diabetes Self Management Program statewide
Meals for the Elderly through Kupuna Care (Section 19)	\$500,000	\$500,000

1 Our request to increase the appropriations for the Aging and Disability Resource Center
2 (ADRC) is based on our collaborative work with the Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) in
3 developing a 5-year plan for implementing a statewide ADRC that will meet the US
4 Administration on Aging's criteria for a fully-functioning ADRC. The effective targeting and use
5 of Kupuna Care (KC) and other direct service funds for older adults will depend in large part on
6 enhancing the capacity of the ADRC.

7 The bulk of the costs associated with this systems change are related to transforming
8 business operations within the county AAAs to meet the full-functioning criteria. Meeting this
9 definition requires that AAAs act as the single point of entry for KC and Older Americans Act
10 (OAA) services. Key functions include serving as the initial point of contact, conducting
11 assessments, determining eligibility, establishing support plans, and managing the provisioning of
12 KC and OAA services, and streamlining access to Medicaid funded services. Because each
13 county has structured its current operations in very different ways, the degree of change necessary
14 to meet these requirements (and the cost associated with these changes) varies substantially.

15 This budget reflects county-specific estimates of the funds necessary to implement the full-
16 functional ADRC. The plan is to implement the effort first in Maui county, then incrementally
17 phase in implementation in Kauai, Hawaii, and Honolulu counties. Because the amount of
18 restructuring in Maui and Kauai is minor in comparison to the other two counties, this incremental
19 phase-in allows initiation of the model with minimal magnitude of restructuring and associated
20 expenditures, while providing valuable information that will help to streamline operations in the
21 larger two counties and develop more accurate estimates of the actual costs of implementation.

22 We note that the continued commitment by the State to reach a "fully functional" status
23 will enable EOA to leverage additional federal funds such as the Veterans-Directed Home and

1 Community-based Services Program, Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Services Program, and the
2 Lifespan Respite Program.

3 Our request to increase appropriations for the Healthy Aging Partnership (HAP) is to
4 improve the health status of Hawaii's multicultural population of older adults, reduce the
5 morbidity and delay premature mortality for Hawaii's seniors, and delay the need for long-term
6 care services by increasing physical activity and improving nutrition.

7 EOA has been successful in the past to secure federal discretionary grant funds to sustain a
8 multitude of evidence-based programs. However, with the uncertainty at the federal budget, it is
9 tenuous as to whether or not evidenced-based, prevention programs will continue to receive
10 funding. The HAP has calculated annual cost projections based on the current utilization of
11 funding for the Chronic Disease Self Management Program workshops statewide as well as the
12 EnhanceFitness classes on the islands of Kauai and Oahu. Based on current utilization, the annual
13 cost to maintain these evidence-based programs statewide for healthy aging is \$426,722.

14 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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HB160, HD2, SD1

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*In addition to EOA's base budget of \$4.8 million.

TO : COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair

L A T E

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

HEARING: 9:30 am Wednesday March 30, 2011
Conference Room 211, Hawaii State Capitol

SUBJECT: HB 160 HD 2 SD1 Relating to Human Services and Health

POSITION: The Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, strongly supports HB 160 HD 2 SD 1 which would provide additional funds for the Kupuna Care program through the fiscal year 2013. However, we also request the measure be amended to reflect the appropriation amounts recommended by the Executive Office on Aging.

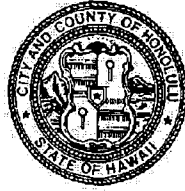
RATIONALE:

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, the care of frail elders is an immediate need and should be an important priority for public support.
- Family caregivers provide an estimated \$1.4 billion of unpaid care annually. However, many face severe challenges and need supportive services. The Kupuna Care services, which are for persons not eligible for Medicaid services, enable families to care for their elders at home and also keep 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.

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Comments of the Department of Community Services

MEASURE:

H.B. NO. 160, S.D. 1, RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES AND HEALTH.

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COMMITTEE(S):

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

HEARING DATE: Wednesday, March 30, 2011

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TESTIFIER(S):

Samuel E.H. Moku, Director

(Written testimony only. For more information, please call
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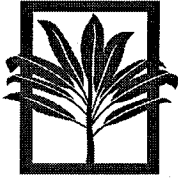
Chair Ige and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Community Services strongly supports Part I of this bill.

The Elderly Affairs Division, within the Department of Community Services, 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.

Part I of this bill provides additional funding for the Kupuna Care program, which provides essential services that support the needs of the increasing population of frail elderly residents in Hawaii. This funding is essential to maintain the health and welfare of our most vulnerable seniors. We respectfully urge the Committee to pass Part I of this bill.

While we strongly support the additional appropriation in Part I of this bill, we also strongly support including appropriations for the Kupuna Care program in the Executive Office on Aging (EOA) base budget in the future. This would reduce administrative costs by eliminating the need for EOA to execute separate contracts or amend base budget contracts with service providers, and would help maximize the framework of long-term care and caregiver services that already exists in each county.



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**Testimony in Support of House Bill 160, HD2, SD1
RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES AND HEALTH
Submitted by Beth Giesting, Chief Executive Officer
March 30, 2011 9:30 a.m. Room 208**

The Hawai'i Primary Care Association strongly supports House Bill 160 HD2 SD1. Each of the items identified for funding in this measure 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 specifically asks the committee to preserve the funding in the following sections:

- Section 14 of Part II that appropriates funds to subsidize the costs of the emergency room at Wai'anae Coast Comprehensive Health Center.
- Section 18 of Part II that appropriates funds to Kokua Kalihi Valley.
- Section 26 of Part II, which would continue funding for the Immigrant Health Initiative, a program that served 1,667 low income immigrants last year. (\$550,000).
- Section 30 of Part II, which provides funding for healthcare for the uninsured.
- Section 31 of Part II, which funds adult dental care.
- Sections 32, 34, and 35, 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.

Please note that none of the one-time rainy day appropriations we support should supplant on-going general and special funds directed to Federally Qualified Health Centers.

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



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

L A T E

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair,
Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Stella Wong, Vice-President of Programs, Catholic Charities Hawaii

Hearing: **Wednesday, March 30, 2011**
9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 211

RE: **STRONG SUPPORT FOR HB 160, HD2, SD1, Relating to Human Services and Health**

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on **HB 160 HD2, SD1**, Relating to Human Services and Health. I am Stella Wong, Vice President of Programs for Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Catholic Charities Hawaii strongly supports this bill. For the last several years, the State's budget crunch for health and human services have resulted in the lost of many critical programs or reduced the budgets of state funded programs that made them non-sustainable. These programs include those serving children, at risk families including immigrants, elderly, the disabled, the mentally ill and victims of domestic violence.

We are in strong support of appropriating additional General Revenue funds for Kupuna Care services and appropriating Rainy Day funds for FY2012 to support other vital health and human services, including intra-familial sex assault services under Catholic Charities Hawaii.

Thank you for hearing this bill and for your support. If there is anything we can do to further this bill or provide any information, please contact me at 527-4888.





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March 30, 2011; 9:30am
Room 211

HB 160, HD 2, SD 1, Relating to Human Services and Health

Good afternoon, Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Ways & Means Committee,

Lanakila Pacific strongly supports measure HB 160, HD 2, SD 1, to provide much needed additional funding for Kupuna Care.

The Kupuna Care appropriation in the base budget has remained flat at \$4.8 million since 2002, despite our rapidly aging population's even more urgent need for these critical services. Although the 2010 Legislature appropriated a one-time \$3.5 million supplemental amount, this appropriation is needed on an ongoing sustainable basis by making it part of the base budget.

As a Kupuna Care service provider, Lanakila Meals on Wheels, a program of Lanakila Pacific, serves more than 250,000 meals for seniors each year. Our staff and volunteers deliver more than a nutritious meal, as they may be the only person that the senior will spend time with each day. Our average meal recipient is a woman of Asian or Pacific Island descent, 83 years old with an income of less than \$1,000 per month.

As a Kupuna Care program, we also provide nutritional education and counseling, monitor health and welfare, and serve as an important bridge to support services, helping seniors remain in their homes rather than more costly premature institutionalization.

The passage of this bill is vital as it will provide an ongoing, sustainable source of revenue for seniors and their caregivers who depend upon Kupuna Care. Aging network providers cannot meet the current and growing demand for services when faced by years of flat or reduced State and Federal funding.

We urge you to support seniors by supporting full funding for HB 160, HD 2, SD 1, as it funds safety net programs that support the most isolated and vulnerable seniors in Hawaii.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian E. Tsuji
President & CEO

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**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON H.B. 160, HD2, SD1
RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES AND HEALTH**

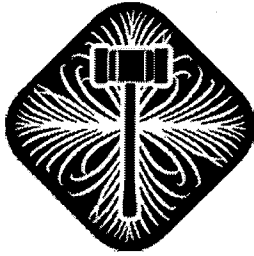
The ILWU Local 142 supports H.B. 160, SD1, which appropriates funds for the Kupuna Care program and appropriates from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund monies to maintain safety net programs in public health, safety, welfare, and education.

The ILWU is a labor organization with 20,000 members statewide working in a variety of industries from agriculture to tourism to a host of “general trades.” When our members retire, many of them remain active in the community. We have 22 pensioner clubs statewide that are engaged in various social, volunteer, and educational activities.

However, some of our pensioners do become infirm and need help from family caregivers and others with their daily living needs. For them, Kupuna Care offers much-needed services to help them remain in their own homes and avoid institutionalization. These services include home-delivered meals, adult day care, chore services, and assisted transportation. Not only are these services invaluable to the seniors themselves, they also provide a small degree of respite for family caregivers, who, at often great sacrifice to themselves, provide care to loved ones that inevitably saves the State countless dollars in Medicaid.

The ILWU strongly endorses Part I of H.B. 160, SD1, which provides funding for Kupuna Care. We also support Part II, which provides funding through the “Rainy Day Fund” for a host of safety net services. However, we have concerns that such funding may severely deplete the Rainy Day Fund. There is no doubt that we are faced with “rainy days” right now, but we cannot predict if or when even more disastrous rainy days may occur.

Thank you for considering our testimony in support of H.B. 160, SD1.



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To: Chair Senator David Y. Ige
Committee on Ways and Means

From: L. Dew Kaneshiro, Interim Executive Director
Volunteer Legal Services Hawai'i

Re: Testimony in **Support** of H.B. 160, H.D. 2, S.D. 1
Relating to Human Services and Health

Hearing: March 30, 2011 at 9:30 am

Place: Conference Room 211, State Capitol

Dear Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Kidani, and members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

Thank you for providing this opportunity to testify in **strong support** of H.B. 160, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, relating to Human Services and Health, specifically section 46 appropriating funds to Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii (VLSH) to provide legal services to indigent persons through the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund.

Funding for legal service providers has greatly decreased in the past years while the number of people living 125% below the federal poverty level guidelines has dramatically increased since 2007. In recent years, VLSH has been forced to reduce its operations and turn away hundreds of eligible persons. Many hardworking Hawaii residents find themselves among the newly poor because of the economic downturn, and do not have the financial resources to retain an attorney to help with critical needs, such as employment, housing, medical care, and consumer issues.

Without these funds, Volunteer Legal Services will not be able to correct the imbalance between the community's need and the availability of legal services through volunteer attorneys.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of H.B. 160, H.D. 2, S.D. 1.

From: Lorraine Kimura [kanoho.lorraine@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2011 7:38 AM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: HB160 HD2 SD1

L A T E

To: Committee on Ways and Means, Senator David Y. Ige, Chair

Date: Wednesday, March 30, 2011, State Capitol Conference Room 211, 9:30 a.m.

Re: HB160 HD2 SD1 - Relating to Human Services and Health

Chair Ige and Committee Members, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB 160 HD2 SD1, Relating to Human Services and Health. My name is Hazel Wong and I am disabled and 90 years old and live in the Mililani area. The passage of this bill is vital as:

- The 2010 legislature appropriated funds for Kupuna Care and meals for the elderly, and our most vulnerable kupuna need an equal amount of funds this year.
- This bill will provide an ongoing, sustainable source of revenue for Kupuna Care, that can be counted upon each year by seniors and their caregivers who depend and rely upon Kupuna Care to provide occasional, yet important respite services.
- I want to remain at home and it is far less expensive for myself and for the government, if they should do so.
- I am not poor enough to qualify for Medicaid, but not wealthy enough to pay for services, to have access to respite services to assist my daughter in her endeavor to care for me.
- Family Caregivers are the backbone of Hawaii's long term care system and currently provide \$1.4 billion a year of unpaid care. But they need help – in the form of respite and some services.

As a caregiver, my daughter struggles to care for me. It is really tough. But without help through community services, all of this is in jeopardy.

I urge you to support seniors by voting yes on HB160, HD2 SD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

Hazel Wong of Mililani

From: Lorraine Kimura [kanoho.lorraine@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2011 7:25 AM
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Re: HB160 HD2 SD1 - Relating to Human Services and Health

Chair Ige and Committee Members, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB 160 HD2 SD1, Relating to Human Services and Health. My name is Lorraine Kimura and I am a family caregiver for my mother who is ninety years old and live in the Mililani Mauka area. The passage of this bill is vital as:

- This bill will provide an ongoing, sustainable source of revenue for Kupuna Care, that can be counted upon each year by seniors and their caregivers who depend and rely upon Kupuna Care to provide occasional, yet important respite services.
- Most people want to remain at home and it is far less expensive for me and for the government, if they should do so.
- A safety net of home and community based services is needed to allow people who are not poor enough to qualify for Medicaid, but not wealthy enough to pay for services, to have access to respite services.
- Family Caregivers are the backbone of Hawaii's long term care system and currently provide \$1.4 billion a year of unpaid care. But they need help – in the form of respite and some services.

As a caregiver, I struggle to balance the needs of my mother.. It is really tough she depends on me and my financial support, but without help through community services, all of these things are in jeopardy.

I urge you to support seniors by voting yes on HB160, HD2 SD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

Lorraine Kimura

Mililani Mauka

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Re: HB160 HD2 SD1 - Relating to Human Services and Health

Chair Ige and Committee Members, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB 160 HD2 SD1, Relating to Human Services and Health. Our names are Aaron and Sharole Keli and we assist our mother when possible to be caregivers for my father who lives in Honolulu, we live in the Kihei, Maui area. The passage of this bill is vital as:

Kupuna Care and meals for the elderly has greatly helped my mother, and our most vulnerable kupuna need an equal amount of funds this year.

This bill will provide an ongoing, sustainable source of revenue for Kupuna Care that can be counted upon each year by seniors and their caregivers who depend and rely upon Kupuna Care to provide occasional, yet important respite services.

My father wants to remain at home and my mother needs all the help she can get. It is far less expensive for individuals and for the government, if they should do so.

A safety net of home and community based services is needed to allow people who are not poor enough to qualify for Medicaid, but not wealthy enough to pay for services, to have access to respite services.

Family Caregivers are the backbone of Hawaii's long term care system and currently provide \$1.4 billion a year of unpaid care. But they need help – in the form of respite and some services.

As a working caregiver, my mother struggles to balance the needs of my father. It is really tough – everyone depends on her and the financial support of her job and ours, but without help through community services, all of these things are in jeopardy.

I urge you to support seniors by voting yes on HB160, HD2 SD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

Aaron & Sharole Keli

Kihei, Maui

To: Committee on Ways and Means, Senator David Y. Ige, Chair

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Chair Ige and Committee Members, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB 160 HD2 SD1, Relating to Human Services and Health. My name is Carol Hashimoto and I am retired and a family caregiver for my husband and live in the Mililani area. The passage of this bill is vital as:

I don't have very much education, but I wanted to get my concerns out.

This bill will provide an ongoing, source of revenue for Kupuna Care that can be counted upon each year by seniors and their caregivers who depend and rely upon Kupuna Care to provide occasional, yet important respite services.

Most people want to remain at home and it is far less expensive for individuals and for the government, if they should do so.

Family Caregivers are the backbone of Hawaii's long term care system and currently provide \$1.4 billion a year of unpaid care. But they need help – in the form of respite and some services.

As a caregiver, I struggle to balance the needs of my husband. It is really tough – he depends on me, but without help through community services, all of these things are in jeopardy.

I urge you to support seniors by voting yes on HB160, HD2 SD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

Carol Hashimoto

Mililani

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Re: HB160 HD2 SD1 - Relating to Human Services and Health

Chair Ige and Committee Members, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB 160 HD2 SD1, Relating to Human Services and Health. My name is Pheobe Lum and I am salesclerk, and live in the Mililani Mauka area. The passage of this bill is vital as:

- This bill will provide an ongoing, sustainable source of revenue for Kupuna Care, that can be counted upon each year by seniors and their caregivers who depend and rely upon Kupuna Care to provide occasional, yet important respite services.
- My husband wanted to remain at home and it is far less expensive for us and for the government, to so.
- The Caregivers are the backbone of Hawaii's long term care system .

As a working caregiver, I struggle to balance the needs of my husband and my employer. It is really tough – everyone depends on me and the financial support of my job, but without help through community services, all of these things were not possible.

I urge you to support seniors by voting yes on HB160, HD2 SD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

Phoebe Lum

Mililani

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TO : COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair

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

HEARING: 9:30 am Wednesday March 30, 2011
Conference Room 211, Hawaii State Capitol

SUBJECT: HB 160 HD 2 SD1 Relating to Human Services and Health

POSITION: The Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, **strongly supports** HB 160
HD 2 SD 1.

SUGGESTED AMENDMENT:

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.

Based on a careful review of the financial status of services with the County Area Agencies on Aging, the Executive Office on Aging has submitted revised amounts for the requested appropriations. The second page is the detailed breakdown of the request, with the column on the right being the recommended amended amounts.

Accordingly, PABEA recommends the following:

- Part 1 of the bill would add the appropriate supplemental funding to the Kupuna Care services from General funds. Since these services provide for the growing needs, we believe it makes sense to fund the program through the General state budget.
- The EOA suggests that the request for additional Kupuna Services funding be reduced from \$3.5 million to \$2.88 million annually for the coming two years.
- Part 2 of the bill appropriates funds for Kupuna Care services and other elder services from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund. The following amendments are recommended:
 - The amount for the Aging and Disability Resource Centers (Section 8) be increased from \$100,000 to \$680,250. The request to keep the development of these centers on track with the 5-year plan and details are in the next page.
 - The amount for the Healthy Aging Partnerships be increased from \$125,000 to \$426,722 in order to increase access to these important preventive programs.

To: The Honorable Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
The Honorable Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee

Date: Wednesday, March 30, 2011, 9:30 am

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Place: State Capitol, Room 211

From: Rose Nakamura, Administrator, Project Dana

Subject: Testimony in support of H.B. 160, HD 2 SD 1, Relating to Human Services and Health

I am in strong support H.B. 160 HD2 SD1 – Relating to Human Services and Health. This House Bill 160 HD2 SD1 addresses the great need for additional funding of Kupuna Care beyond the Executive Office on Aging base budget. Part II supports additional funding of \$3,000,000 for Kupuna Care under Section 7 through an Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund. This House Bill reflects an urgency to support Kupuna Care.

Demographics indicate that very soon, Hawaii's older adults will make up a glaring 25% of Hawaii's population. Most people's desire is to age in place at home and it is far less expensive for individuals and for the government, if they should do so. A safety net of home and community based services is needed to allow people to have access to Kupuna Care.

Kupuna Care is a cost effective program and plays a vital role in maintaining seniors to live happily in their homes. Assistance of providing quality care to include case management, information and referral, meals on wheels, personal care, transportation, housing, attendant care, etc. are needed services for seniors to age in place in Hawaii's community. The numerous unmet needs of older adults must be met.

Funding for Kupuna Care is imminent and needs your strong support for additional funding. Please support HB160 HD2 SD1 –Relating to Human Services and Health.

Thank you very much.