

# HB160,HD2

Measure Title: RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES AND HEALTH.

Report Title: Kupuna Care; Appropriation

Description: Appropriates an additional unspecified amount for the Kupuna Care Program. Effective July 1, 2030. (HB160 HD2) (\$)

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: HMS, WAM

Introducer(s): MIZUNO



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March 17, 2011

The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
The Honorable Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Human Services  
Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
State Capitol  
State of Hawaii  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senators Chun Oakland and Ihara and Members of the Committees:

**SUBJECT: HB 160 HD 2 – RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES AND HEALTH**

The position and views expressed in this testimony do not represent nor reflect the position and views of the Departments of Education, Health and Human Services.

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **SUPPORTS HB 160 HD2**. The purpose of this bill is to appropriate additional funding for the Kupuna Care Program. The Kupuna Care Program has served the elderly population well in providing essential services, such as chore, personal assistance, transportation, home delivered meals, etc.

Related to essential services is another bill, SB 935 SD2 – Relating to the Emergency Budget Reserve Fund. This bill is in jeopardy of moving forward during this legislative session. **Therefore, we humbly ask for this Committee's consideration to amend HB 160 HD2 to include the language of SB 935 SD2 in its entirety.** SB 935 SD2 appropriates moneys from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund to maintain the levels of programs determined to be essential to education, public health, and public welfare.

The current fiscal situation is threatening Hawaii's safety net of basic education, human services, and health to its most vulnerable citizens. SB 935 SD2 will address the diminishing resources by maintaining essential services. All the programs included in the bill address the vital needs of specific target groups/areas (aging, child care, dental, disability, domestic violence, healthy start, hospitals, housing, uninsured, etc.).

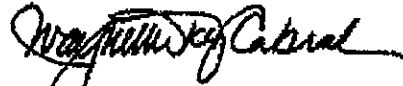
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Thank you for your consideration of the suggested amendment and the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 160 HD2.

Sincerely,



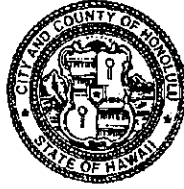
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Testimony of the Department of Community Services

**MEASURE:**

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

**COMMITTEE(S):**

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

**HEARING DATE:** Thursday, March 17, 2011

**TIME:** 1:45 p.m.

**LOCATION:** State Capitol, Room 016

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**TESTIFIER(S):**

Samuel E.H. Moku, Director

(Written testimony only. For more information, please call Elizabeth Bethea, Elderly Affairs Division, at 768-7708.)

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Chair Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Community Services strongly supports 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.

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. The funding included in this bill is essential to maintain the health and welfare of our most vulnerable seniors. We respectfully urge the Committee to pass this bill.

While we strongly support the additional appropriation in 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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**Committee on Human Services**

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

**Testimony of Deborah Arendale**  
**Executive on Aging, Maui County Office on Aging**

**Thursday, March 17, 2011**

**1:45 p.m.**

**MCOA's Position:** Maui County Office on Aging (MCOA) supports this measure. Should funds be available, MCOA requests that these funds be placed in the base budget (HTH 904) of the Hawaii State Executive Office on Aging (EOA), attached agency to the Hawaii Department of Health. MCOA requests that this bill be amended as specified below.

**Fiscal Implications:** Since July 1, 2002, EOA has received base funding of \$4,854,305 from the General Appropriations for Kupuna Care services on an annual basis. This measure appropriates an additional, unspecified amount for each of year of the fiscal biennium. The county offices on aging and EOA have determined that \$2,888,412, in addition to the base budget, is needed to provide access to affordable and quality home and community based services that are client-centered and family-supportive.

**Purpose and Justification:** EOA has worked with the county offices on aging to verify the accuracy of the appropriations requested to support seniors. As a result, the original request has been reduced from \$3,500,000 to \$2,888,412, as this is a better reflection of the costs to fulfill

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the current service needs. Please note that this new figure also includes funding for home delivered meals as well as for eligible older adults who are discharged from an acute care hospital.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.





CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 160, HD2 with amendment**

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair of the Committee on Human Services  
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair,

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

Hearing: **Thursday, March 17, 2011**  
**1:45 p.m.**  
**Conference Room 016**

Chair Senator Chun Oakland, Vice Chair. Senator Ihara, of the Committee on Human Services,

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

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 funds for the Kupuna Program and also wish to suggest that **HB160,HD2** be amended to include the language of **SB935,SD2** which will include critical funding for many necessary 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.







## Hawai'i Primary Care Association

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**Senate Committee on Human Services**  
The Hon. Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
The Hon. Les Ihara, Vice Chair

**Testimony in Support with Amendments of House Bill 160, HD2**  
**RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES AND HEALTH**  
**Submitted by Beth Giesting, Chief Executive Officer**  
**March 17, 2011 1:45 p.m. Room 016**

The Hawai'i Primary Care Association supports intent of this bill and asks that it be amended to include the language of Senate Bill 935 SD2 to provide a vehicle that preserves the funding appropriations from the rainy day fund for recipients in FY 2011 and 2012.

Each of the items identified for funding in SB 935, SD 2 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 amend House Bill 160 HD2 to include the language in SB 935 SD2 from the following sections:

- Section 12 that appropriates funds to subsidize the costs of the emergency room at Wai'anae Coast Comprehensive Health Center.
- Section 16 that appropriates funds to Kokua Kalihi Valley.
- Section 20, which would continue funding for the Immigrant Health Initiative, a program that served 1,667 low income immigrants last year. (\$550,000).
- Section 24, which funds adult dental care.
- Sections 26, 27, and 28, 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.

**We would also like to request that you include an appropriation of \$5,000,000 to pay for health care provided to the uninsured, should this need not be included elsewhere in the budget or be eliminated or reduced due to revenue enhancement measures.**

**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.



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### **THE SENATE THE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2011**

#### **Committee on Human Services Testimony in Support of H.B.160, HD2 Relating to Human Services and Health**

**Thursday, March 17, 2011, 1:45 P.M.  
Conference Room 016**

Chair Chun-Oakland, and Members of the Committee:

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

The purpose of the bill in its current form is to appropriate monies from the general fund for the Kupuna Care Program. We support the bill but respectfully request that the bill be amended to include the language of SB 935, SD2, which appropriates money from the emergency and budget reserve fund to various state departments and several non-profit agencies, to maintain levels of support for the public health, safety and welfare.

We specifically support section 50 of SB 935, SD2 which contains an appropriation to the Hawaii Disability Rights Center in the amount of \$165,505. The Hawaii Disability Rights Center is the state designated protection and advocacy system. We have been designated by the Governor of Hawaii in Executive Orders No. 77-3, 82-4, 89-2 and 94-06 to provide advocacy services to individuals with disabilities, in accordance with various federal laws. See 42 U.S.C. § 15001, 42 U.S.C. § 10801, and 29 U.S.C. § 732. Hawaii law, at Section 333F -8.5 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes, expressly recognizes the obligation of the state to provide advocacy services to individuals with developmental disabilities and mental illness in order to receive federal funds. The

federal statutes require, as a condition of funding services provided by a number of state agencies, that a protection and advocacy agency be established by the State.

In 1977, state funding for our agency represented approximately 75% of the agency's revenue and federal funding represented the rest. By 1995, the federal share had grown to approximately 70% and the state's share had declined to 30%. The reduction of the State's share reflected an increase in the number of federal programs and was not questioned, despite the fact that under federal law, federal funds are to be used to supplement, not supplant the state's efforts. In requesting federal funding for various state projects, every Governor has provided assurances to the federal government that federal funds distributed to HDRC do not supplant funds that are available from state and local sources.

From 2004 until 2010, the state gave HDRC at least \$165,505 each year under a purchase of services contract with the Office of Community Services of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. In July 2010, OCS informed us that the contract would not be renewed because the Hawaii Legislature had reduced funds for OCS programs by \$700,000. OCS subsequently terminated funding for four programs totaling \$699,000. To our understanding, OCS also administratively restricted their budget by an amount significantly greater than the \$700,000 cut by the Legislature, thereby reducing HDRC's funding to zero. While there may have been no intent on the part of the legislature to end State funding for protection and advocacy services, that is what has happened.

The Hawaii Disability Rights Center is a small, efficient agency that serves thousands of individuals each year with legal issues surrounding their various disabilities. We effectively utilize our resources and keep our administrative costs to a minimum. However, federal funding has plateaued over the past several years while expenses have continued to increase. Fundraising opportunities for a legal services corporation like ours are very limited, and they would force us to compete with other legal services providers for the same donors. Thus, without the state funds we have received for the past thirty-four years, we will be forced to substantially reduce our activities, cut staffing, and provide fewer services to the most needy, vulnerable population in our state at a time when their needs are increasing.

While we had hoped that the new administration would restore our funding in the base budget for OCS, that has apparently not occurred so far. Therefore, an appropriation from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund would seem to be an appropriate mechanism to continue the vital functions we perform until a more stable, permanent source of state funding can be arranged. For those reasons we respectfully request that this bill be amended to add the provisions of SB 935, SD2.

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



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## HB160 HD2 Relating to Human Services and Health

March 17, 2011

Conference Room 016

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

Senator Les Ihara, Vice-Chair

### WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF AMENDED HB160 HD2

#### ALOHA CHAIR CHUN OAKLAND, VICE CHAIR IHARA AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

My name is Larry Williams, executive director of The Salvation Army Addiction Treatment Services, providing a comprehensive continuum of substance abuse treatment services for more than 1,200 adults annually. I support passage of HB 160, HD2, amended as follows:

#### **HB160 HD2 should be amended to include all the language of SB935 SD2.**

Recent reductions in state funding for health and human services providers have reduced the availability of basic health and human services and jeopardized the continued operation of many service providers in Hawaii.

Amendment of HB160 HD2 by incorporating all of the language of SB935 SD2, can help restore prevention and treatment resources for substance abuse, mental health, and many other providers in Hawaii's health and human services network and prevent the additional loss of federal funds.

I respectfully request that the **Senate Committee on Human Services amend HB160, HD2 as indicated herein and pass the amended version out of committee.**

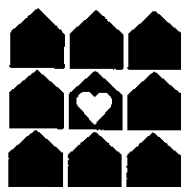
Thank you for this opportunity to provide input regarding this important subject matter.

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March 16, 2011

TO: Chair Chun Oakland  
Members of the Senate Humans Services

FROM: Ronald M Higashi, Executive Director  
Susannah Wesley Community Center

Subject: Testimony requesting the language of SB935 SD2 be included in HB160 HD2

Chair Chun Oakland and members of the Senate Human Services Committee,

My name is Ronald Higashi. I am the executive director of Susannah Wesley Community Center (SWCC) located in the Kalihi community on the island of Oahu. I write in support of including the language of SB935 SD2, which supports Susannah Wesley Community Center's Youth Service Center, into HB160 HD2.

SB935 SD2 provides the much needed support to a board range of social services in Hawaii. SB935 SD2 address services to most vulnerable segments of our population. These services are critical.

SWCC has a rich history of providing services to meet a multitude of needs to the Kalihi community for over a hundred ten years. The SWCC Youth Service Center forms the cornerstone of our agency's efforts to work with high risk youth and their families in our community. The program and it's various components served 735 high risk youth and families in Fiscal Year 2010. The program provides a vital service to our Kalihi community.

In particular, the Youth Services Centers are and have been integral parts of the State of Hawaii's response to delinquency prevention for twenty years. In chapter 352D the stature which created the Office of Youth Services states in section 352D-7, to paraphrase, " .... The Office of Youth Services shall create, develop, and operate youth service centers throughout the state..... This may be done

either directly or by contract with private parties. Delinquency prevention shall be a primary objective of these centers. The population eligible for services at the centers would be all youth in need of services.”

We were informed at a TANF meeting a month ago that our contract would be terminated effective March 31, 2011, thus the SWCC Youth Service Center loses it's funding. It is important to note the program and it's various forms were funded through state General Funds previously. The SWCC Youth Service Center became TANF funded as a Teen Pregnancy Prevention program only seven years ago. Its scope goes beyond that. This conversion to TANF funding was beyond our control.

Again we are suggesting the inclusion of the language of SB93 5D2 into HB 160 HD2.

Please contact me if there are any questions at 847-7191.

Thank you for this opportunity.



# Read Aloud America, Inc.

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Testimony for Public Hearing  
Committee on Human Services  
March 17, 2011, 1:45 PM

REGARDING:

HB 160, HD2 – RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES AND HEALTH

This testimony is in support of amending HB 160, HD2 to incorporate the language of SB 935, SD2, thus including Read Aloud America in the proposal to release funds from the emergency and budget reserve fund so that the organization can continue its efforts to enhance positive youth development and strengthen families through its family Read Aloud Program.

Read Aloud America currently operates from three offices on O’ahu, Maui, and the Big Island. It is staffed by 12 full-time people and supported by over 1,300 volunteers who come from corporations, schools, military bases, and the local community. By modeling behaviors and training parents to use simple strategies associated with reading aloud with their children, Read Aloud America conveys morals and values, helps establish literate home environments and increases children’s chances for academic success.

At present, the organization is running 12 Read Aloud Programs, which draw an average weekly attendance of 2,100 adults and children. During the last 12 years, Read Aloud America has implemented its Read Aloud Program in Hawaii’s public schools 112 times, serving more than a quarter of a million participants. *We know of no other family literacy program in America that has attracted such numbers.*

President Barack Obama and Secretary of Education Arne Duncan have both recently spoken out about parental engagement as a critical component of public education, yet it remains an elusive goal. Read Aloud America has tackled this issue head on with energy and integrity since 1999 and has not only attracted large audiences, but also achieved positive results.

Research shows that children who attend high-quality programs after school hours are more likely to make better grades and behave better in school, spend less time watching TV, make better social choices growing up and have lower incidences of drug use, gang involvement, and teenage pregnancy. (U.S. Departments of Education and Justice, 2000) Specific results from the Read Aloud Program show that families watch less TV and spend more time together; parents are more involved in their children’s learning; and students have an increased interest in reading and a more positive attitude toward school.

Reading is the keystone of education. Students who are competent readers do well in all areas of the curriculum, including math and science. Students who are not competent readers struggle in the primary grades, begin a “slideout” around third grade, lose ground in all academic areas as they advance through the grades, and eventually lose interest in school, often falling prey to the perceived

security of gangs and drugs. Students who don't achieve success in school are more likely to drop out, not find employment as adults, and wind up on welfare rolls, drug rehabilitation programs, or jail. 82% of prison inmates are school dropouts. (Trelease, 2001)

Reading aloud to children has a profound impact on their lives. A comprehensive search of all education studies concerning reading conducted in 1985 concluded, "The single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading is reading aloud to children." (*Becoming a Nation of Readers*, Report of the Commission on Reading)

Read Aloud America's Read Aloud Program (RAP) takes place at public elementary and middle schools after school hours. It is not a "one-shot" workshop, but consists of a faculty presentation, six to nine classroom presentations, and six early evening family sessions that are completed over the course of one semester. RAP includes entire families, from infants to grandparents, so that everyone in the home environment receives the same training. All members of the school community are encouraged to participate, giving parents opportunities to communicate with the parents of their children's friends and to meet teachers, school administrators, and staff in friendly social situations.

The tone of the Read Aloud Program is deliberately kept relaxed and informal so that participating families do not feel threatened or stressed. Many families who attend RAP are intimidated by a school setting, so the program works to set them at ease and give them positive experiences related to school and learning. Although the program conveys an atmosphere of excitement and fun, the subtle curriculum presented to the parents and students is carefully sequenced. Books and readings used in RAP sessions are selected for their literary quality, strong support of morals and values, and representation of positive role models. The three main messages of RAP are:

1. Read aloud to children on a regular basis.
2. Limit exposure to TV and electronic media.
3. Spend time together as a family.

The most important thing about the Read Aloud Program is that it *works*. The attached pages provide the results of the most recent post-program survey conducted after the 10 Fall programs were completed in December 2010, identify the schools that have hosted RAP to date, and show the broad range of community support Read Aloud America has received.

There is no other program like RAP in America – perhaps in the world. RAP is an example of how a simple thing like reading and spending time together as a family can energize education and improve the lives of Hawaii's families. We ask you to support HB 160 so that Read Aloud America can continue the momentum it has built over the past 12 years.

I urge you to support the amending of BH 160, HD2 to include the wording of SB 935,SD2 which refers specifically to Read Aloud America. Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

Submitted by  
Jed Gaines  
Founder and President

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## RAP Parent Exit Survey Summary, Fall 2010

**RAP Schools (10):** O'ahu: Honowai, Kaneohe, Linapuni, Ka'iulani, Stevenson Middle, Waimanalo Elementary and Intermediate; Maui: Kamali'i, King Kamehameha III, Maui Waena Intermediate, Pukalani.

1. About how often do you read to your children?

**3 or more times a week – 56%** 1-2 times a week- 24% every once in a while – 17% never – 3%

2. Do you go to the library more because of RAP? **Yes - 54%** No - 46%

3. Have you or your children gotten library cards since RAP began? If yes, how many cards? **484**

Statement	Agreement Goal	Agree	Disagree	Neutral
4. I enjoyed coming to RAP.	75%	97%	0%	3%
5. I would recommend RAP to others.	50%	98%	3%	2%
6. Since receiving information and resources from RAP, I know I can stimulate my children's interest in reading and help them find good books.	50%	90%	0%	9%
7. My child reads more because of RAP.	50%	79%	4%	17%
8. I have increased my own reading time because of RAP.	50%	69%	6%	25%
9. My family watches less TV since coming to RAP.	50%	60%	9%	31%
10. My family spends less time with electronic media (computers, video games) since attending RAP.	30%	58%	10%	32%
11. RAP has helped me understand how to help my child succeed in school.	50%	83%	1%	16%
12. I feel more confident reading aloud to my children because of RAP.	50%	77%	4%	19%
13. Since participating in RAP, my family spends more time together.	50%	73%	4%	23%
14. I feel more comfortable talking to my children (child) about school and learning since coming to RAP.	50%	70%	5%	25%
15. I feel more involved in my children's learning since coming to RAP.	50%	77%	4%	19%
16. I am more inclined to come to school events since attending RAP.	50%	77%	3%	19%



# Read Aloud America

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Since January 1999, RAP, the Read Aloud Program, has become the largest, most effective family literacy program in America and has served more than **250,000** adults and children at 81 Hawai'i public schools.\*

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\*Numbers in parentheses indicate how many programs have been conducted at that school. Since 1999, 112 RAP programs have been held at elementary and middle schools throughout Hawaii.

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To: The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
The Honorable Les Ihara, Vice Chair  
Senate Human Services Committee

From: Laura Robertson, President and CEO  
Wanda Villareal, Director of Developmental Disabilities Services  
Edwina Minglana, Director of Employment Services  
Goodwill Industries of Hawaii, Inc.

Date: March 16, 2011

Re: **Testimony in support of HB160, HD2- Relating to Human Services and Health**

Goodwill Industries of Hawaii (Goodwill) suggests that HB160, HD2 be amended to include the language of SB935, SD2. Goodwill is among the largest human service non-profit organizations in Hawaii. Our mission is to help people find and succeed in employment. Last year, Goodwill served over 13,000 people and placed 1,667 into jobs in our community.

Goodwill submits this testimony in support of HB160, HD2. Goodwill receives funding from the Department of Health-Developmental Disabilities Division (DOH-DDD) via a DHS Medicaid Waiver Contract to operate crucial programs for individuals with significant developmental disabilities on Oahu and in East Hawaii (Hilo). Participants in Goodwill's programs and their families are Medicaid Waiver recipients who have limited socioeconomic resources. Medicaid Waiver programs are essential for the public health, safety, welfare and education of individuals with developmental disabilities.

Goodwill also receives funding from the Office of Community Services to operate statewide programs providing employment core services. Program participants are low-income economically vulnerable residents with significant employment barriers. Programs providing employment core services are a critical need to help these individuals and families locate employment, avoid homelessness, reduce dependence on public assistance and achieve self-sufficiency.

**Goodwill submits this testimony in strong support of HB160, HD2.**

Goodwill's Medicaid-Waiver participants have been facing reduced services and insufficient rate levels during the past budget cuts. Our participants are in dire need for their services to be restored to pre-budget cut levels in order to grow and prosper. Maintained funding for Goodwill's employment and training programs is also necessary to help low-income economically vulnerable residents of Hawaii survive in the economic downturn.

We humbly ask for your support.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.



March 16, 2011

To: The Honorable Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
The Honorable Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair  
Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services

From: Michael Lee, Interim Executive Director

RE: **Waikiki Community Center Support for HB 160, HD2, with amendment**

Hearing Date: Thursday, March 17, 2011  
Time: 1:45 p.m.  
Place: Conference Room 016

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Dear Chair Suzanne Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Les Ihara, Jr. and Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services:

My name is Michael Lee, Interim Executive Director of Waikiki Community Center (WCC).

Waikiki Community Center (WCC) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) agency that has provided services to Waikiki's elders since 1978 and currently serves over 500 older persons each year. Our Senior Program provides vital fitness, cognitive stimulation, social connectivity, education and case management that enable hundreds of older adults to maintain wellness and age in place, for as long as it is possible.

We support HB 160, HD2, with an amendment to include the language of SB 935, SD2.

Waikiki Community Center is a community-based focal point for seniors 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. The Center provides a continuum 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, that helps seniors not only maintain their independence and health, but also assists them as they transition through life changes.

WCC 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:

- physical activity;
- new learning or cognitive stimulation; and
- social connections

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



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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.

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.

While we understand the great financial challenges faced by the State of Hawaii the Waikiki Community Center remains in jeopardy of discontinuing its services to seniors in the community unless it can secure \$60,000. 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 available.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
The Honorable Les Ihara, Vice Chair  
Senate Human Services Committee

State Capitol, House of Representatives  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**Re: HB 160, HD2 Relating to Human Services and Health**

The Hawaii Waiver Providers Association (HWPAA) suggests that HB160, HD2 be amended to include the language of SB935, SD2. HWPAA is a statewide association comprised of 24 Developmental Disabilities Medicaid Waiver Service Providers affording leadership to collaborate and shape the service system to meet the needs of people with developmental disabilities. Founded in 2001, HWPAA's mission is to provide the necessary resources to develop, strengthen, and attain the highest standards of excellence for the developmental disabilities community.

**The Hawaii Waiver Providers Association ("HWPAA") submits this testimony in strong support of HB160, HD2.**

HWPAA's members participants have been facing reduced services and insufficient rate levels during the past budget cuts. Our participants are in dire need for services.

We humbly ask for your support of HB160, HD2.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify,

Wanda Villareal  
President - Hawaii Waiver Providers Association



March 17, 2011

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

Senate Committee on Human Services  
State Capitol, Hearing Conference Room 016  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: HB160, HD2 - Relating To Human Services and Health

The St Francis Health Services for Senior Citizens provides bathing and personal care services under contract with the Elderly Affairs Division. Literally thousands of baths are given each year to fragile seniors in their own homes, relieving family members and providing expert caregiving to Hawaii's vulnerable kupuna.

Please consider including language from SB935, SD2 which specifically appropriates funds for Kupuna Care. Without these funds, St Francis would be unable to provide for the increasing number of seniors at home.

We respectfully ask for your support of HB160 and thank you for considering our comments on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Committee: COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair	Hearing Date/Time: DATE: Thursday, March 17, 2011 TIME: 1:45 p.m. PLACE: Conference Room 016
Submitted by: Name: Howard Garval Title: CEO	Contact Information: Phone: 681-3500 Fax: 681-1449
Testimony in: (X) SUPPORT ( ) OPPOSITION of proposed bill.	

We support the appropriation of additional funding and strongly request that \$3 million and \$500,000 be appropriated for Kupuna Care and meals for the elderly for kupuna care, respectively in each year- FY 2011- 2012 and FY 2012-2013 for the Kupuna Care Program. We would also like to recommend HB160, HD2 be amended to include the language of SB935, SD2.

The mission of Child & Family Service is strengthening families and fostering the healthy development of children. We do this by providing services from our youngest Keiki to our oldest Kupuna. Hawaii's strength comes from its 'Ohana which includes our elders.

The Kupuna Care Program provides a safety net of home and community based services to prevent institutionalization and support seniors in their homes. Many seniors have few resources. They do not qualify for Medicaid and may not have family living here to assist them. The waitlist for these services also increases as the senior population continues to grow.

We also know that in Hawaii family caregivers currently provide \$1.4 billion a year of unpaid care. They need support and respite to be able to continue providing care to their loved ones. By providing them support we prevent seniors from being placed in a nursing home or care home.

The Administration on Aging has focused efforts on maintaining individuals in their homes. Program such as the Aging and Disability Resource Center, Person Centered Hospital Discharge Planning, and the Community Living Program, all of which Hawaii has received funding for, rely on the services provided by the Kupuna Care funds for those who have no other resources. The monies the state will save from premature institutionalization and re-hospitalization will more than make up for the funds that would be appropriated for Kupuna Care Services.

Sincerely,

Howard S. Garval  
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Wednesday, March 16, 2011

The Honorable Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair of the Committee on Human Services.

The Honorable Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair of the Committee on Human Services.

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

**Subject: HB 160, HD2 Relating to Human Services and Health**

Hearing: Thursday, March 17, 2011, 1:45pm (Committee on Human Services)  
State Capitol Conference Room 016

Dear Honorable Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland and Honorable Senator Les Ihara Jr.:

Easter Seals Hawaii provides exceptional services to ensure that all people with disabilities or special needs and their families have equal opportunities to live, learn, work and play in their communities. On behalf of Easter Seals Hawaii, I am submitting testimony in ***STRONG SUPPORT*** OF HB 160, HD2, and strongly suggest that HB 160, HD2 be amended to include the language of SB 935, SD2. HB 160, HD2 appropriates additional, unspecified amounts for the Kupuna Program.

Easter Seals Hawaii humbly asks for your support of amending HB 160, HD2 to include the language of SB 935, SD2, which will set aside funding from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund to maintain levels of programs for public health, safety, welfare, and education for 2011-2012. SB 935 SD2 includes appropriations for the following Developmental Disabilities (DD) services: Department of Health (DOH) Respite program, DD Division Partnerships in Community Living program, and the DD Medicaid Waiver program. Also included are the Aging and Disability Resource Center, Medicaid adult dental care, the University of Hawaii Maui Community College adult dental care center, and the Hawaii Disability Rights Center in providing advocacy services to individuals with DD and mental illness. All of the above listed programs will greatly impact countless individuals; to include those of which Easter Seals Hawaii provides services too.

Sincerely,

Anastasia Keller-Collins  
Senior VP of Programs  
Easter Seals Hawaii

To: Committee on Human Services, Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

Date: Thursday, March 17, 2011, State Capitol Room 016, 1:45 p.m.

Re: HB 160 HD2 Relating to Human Services and Health

Chair Chun Oakland and Committee Members, my name is Kathryn Okazaki, I live in Halawa Heights (Aiea) and I am a caregiver for my parents, ages 96 and 93. I am testifying in support of HB 160 HD2 - Relating to funding for Kupuna Care and meals for the elderly.

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

Which path is best for our elder's dignity/quality of life and is less costly for the State? Yes to Kupuna Care. Please support Kupuna Care now by appropriating \$3 million for Kupuna Care and \$500,000 for meals for the elderly for the next fiscal year.

I acknowledge the difficulty of your job to "divide the pie" as there is limit on the size of the pie. Please keep the welfare of our Kupunas as a high priority.

Mahalo for your dedication and commitment to our community.

Thank you for allowing me to testify.

Kathryn Okazaki  
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To: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice-Chair  
Committee on Human Services

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

Re: Testimony on H.B. 160, H.D. 2  
Relating to Human Services and Health

Hearing: March 17, 2011 at 1:45 p.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

Dear Chair Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Ihara, and members of the  
Committee on Human Services:

Thank you for providing Volunteer Legal Services Hawai'i with this  
opportunity to testify on H.B. 160, H.D. 2, Relating to Human Services and  
Health. Volunteer Legal Services Hawai'i (VLSH) requests an **amendment  
to H.B. 160, H.D. 2 to include Section 43 of S.B. 935, S.D. 2**, Relating to  
the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund, which appropriates funds to  
VLSH to provide legal services to indigent persons.

The services to be provided by VLSH under Section 43 of S.B. 935, S.D. 2  
relate to human services and health and therefore fall squarely within the  
purpose of H.B. 160, H.D. 2. VLSH provides legal assistance to low-  
income individuals and families through volunteer attorneys. Like other  
legal service organizations, VLSH has experienced a substantial decrease  
in federal, state, and private funding in recent years. At the time when  
many Hawai'i residents find themselves newly poor and in urgent need of  
legal services to deal with changed circumstances, VLSH has been forced  
to reduce its operations and turn away hundreds of eligible individuals and  
families. For many local families, the moneys appropriated to VLSH under  
S.B. 935, S.D. 2 will be the difference between shelter and homelessness,  
economic survival and destitution, financial stability and bankruptcy.

VLSH therefore respectfully requests an amendment of H.B. 160, H.D. 2  
to include the language of Section 43 of S.B. 935, S.D. 2 as follows:

Section \_\_\_\_\_. There is appropriated out of the  
emergency and budget reserve fund of the State of Hawai'i  
the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or so much as may be necessary for fiscal  
year 2011-2012 to provide funding for grants pursuant to  
chapter 42F, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, to Volunteer Legal  
Services Hawai'i to provide pro bono legal services for  
indigent persons.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the  
judiciary for the purposes of this act.

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



March 16,, 2011

The Honorable Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland, Chair  
Members of the Human Services Committee  
March 17, 2011, 1:45 p.m.

SUBJECT: HB 160 HD2 -- RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES AND HEALTH

Aloha Chairman Chun-Oakland and members of the Human Services Committee. My name is Liane Akana and I am testifying in support of Senate Bill 160 HD 2, relating to Human Services and Health with the following amendments: 1) to include appropriations for the programs and services contained in SB 935 SD2, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund, and 2) that the language pertaining to Read To Me International Foundation contained in Section 54 of SB 935, SD2, "There is appropriated out of the emergency and budget reserve fund of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 to provide funding for grants pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to Read To Me International Foundation to strengthen families and promote childhood literacy."

Thank you for considering our testimony this afternoon.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Liane Akana".

Liane K. Akana  
Executive Director  
[liane@readtomeintl.org](mailto:liane@readtomeintl.org)

There is appropriated out of the emergency and budget reserve fund of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$        or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 to provide funding for grants pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to Read To Me International Foundation to strengthen families and promote childhood literacy.



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The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
The Honorable Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair  
Hawaii State Legislature

March 17, 2011; 1:45pm  
Room 016

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

Good afternoon, Chair Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Ihara, and Members of the Senate Human Services Committee,

Lanakila Pacific strongly supports measure HB 160, HD 2, 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 decent, 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 106, HD 2, as it funds safety net programs that support the most isolated and vulnerable seniors in Hawaii.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian E. Tsuji  
President & CEO

**For: HB160 HD2 Relating to Human Services and Health** Appropriates an additional unspecified amount for the Kupuna Care Program.

**To: COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES:** Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland, Chair,  
Senator Les Ihara Jr., Vice Chair

**Time:** Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 1:45: PM, Conference Room 016

## **HAWAII SUBSTANCE ABUSE COALITION**

Good morning Chair Chun-Oakland, Vice Chair Ihara and Distinguished Committee Members:  
My name is Alan Johnson. I am the current chair of the Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition (HSAC), a statewide hui of more than 20 non-profit treatment and prevention agencies.

### **HSAC supports HB 160 HD2 with Recommendations:**

Recommendations: We recommend that all language of HB160,HD2 be amended to include the language of SB935,SD2.

While we advocate that all programs listed in SB935, SD2 be included, HSAC specifically notes to include the language:

SECTION 10. There is appropriated out of the emergency and budget reserve fund of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$            or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 for substance abuse treatment.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify and are available for questions.

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Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES  
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415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

**RE: HB 160, HD2 – SUPPORT & Request to Amend**  
Hearing Date: Thursday, March 17, 2011 at 1:45 pm, Conference Room 016

Dear Chair Chun Oakland:

This letter is to recommend that the current text of HB160, HD2 RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES AND HEALTH be amended to include the language of SB 935, SD2 RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND.

The **Moloka'i Community Service Council** provides domestic violence services for the island of Moloka'i. We run the island's only domestic violence shelter, Hale Ho'omalua, which receives DHS funding. And we also run the Moloka'i Alternatives to Violence program, which provides Judiciary-funded TRO and counseling services for victims, as well as anger management training for adult batterers and for juveniles. Our organization is one of those included in SB 935, SD2, which provides emergency support for critical human services.

Amending HB160, HD2 to include the language of SB 935, SD2 will help to insure that organizations such as ours receive the support that we need in order to continue providing services to our state's most vulnerable citizens.

Sincerely,

*Karen M. Holt*

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Executive Director



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(Submitted by email to: [HMSTestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:HMSTestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov) March 16, 2011)

Statement of Al Hamai, President, in support of HB160, HD2, Relating to Kupuna Care Program

## **Hearing Senate Human Services Committee**

**March 17, 2011, 1:45 p.m. Conference Room 016**

Chair Suzanne Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Les Ihara, Jr., and Members of the Committee on Human Services,

HARA views HB160, HD2 as probably the most important bill relating to our seniors, especially those who need help in their golden years, after devoting their lifetime helping to build our communities and state. This bill will provide an essential expansion of the Kupuna Care Program and including such expansion in the state budget.

Your Committee has shown compassionate leadership over the years in supporting the Kupuna Care Program and we of HARA greatly appreciate your efforts, especially during these very difficult of economic times. We urge you to approve this bill and urge your colleagues to enact it into law. Mahalo.

Thank you for this opportunity to support this very important bill, not only for our Kupuna but for our community as well.

Date: March 17, 2011

Time: 1:45pm

To: The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
The Honorable Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

Committee on Human Services

Subject: Support of HB160 HD2

The Senate  
The Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
State Capitol

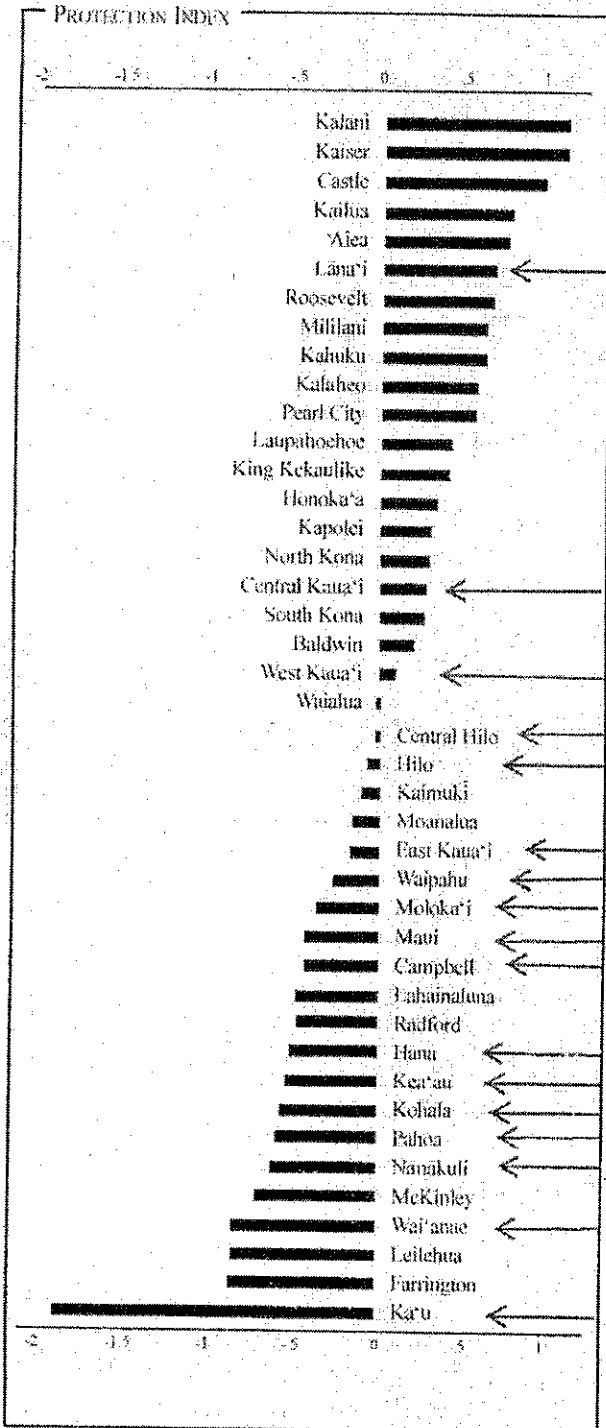
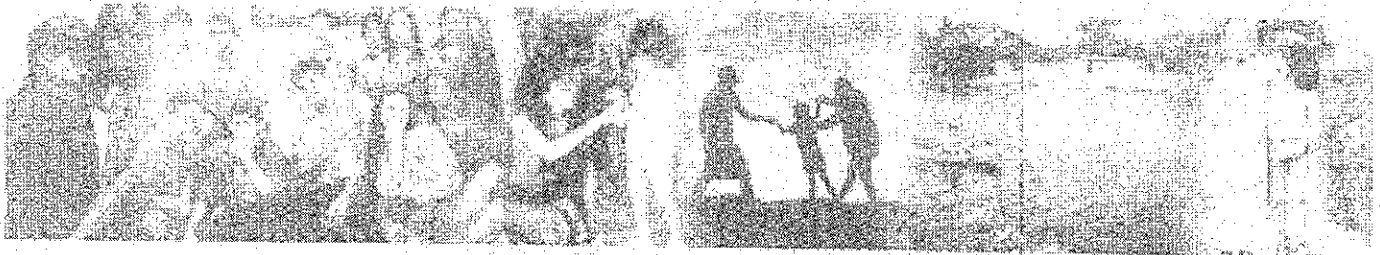


My name is Lehua Ka'auwai-Krueger, General Manager of the About Face Family of Programs. I am in support of HB160 HD2. We are requesting a friendly amendment be inserted into the measure that would provide funding for The About Face Family of Programs. We are asking that the content of SB935 SD2 be incorporated into this bill.

As you may know, the About Face Family of Programs has been cut entirely from the DHS budget. We understand how tight funding is this year but we are asking to please be included in the bill to allow us to be in a position for funding consideration should anything be identified at the end of the budget process.

- Since the inception of the programs in 2003, the family of programs has educated more than 12,000 learners, providing vast benefits to their families and communities in key areas of employability skills, work maturity skills and job placement. This in turn leads to youth staying in school, getting a job and or higher education.
- Our evidence based programs have been and are successful that it has attracted the interest of the federal government agencies. These agencies have replicated this model in Washington D.C. and North Carolina. Hawaii serves as the model program.
- We touch remote communities such as Ka'u, Honoka'a, and Molokai; areas who do not or may not have services available to them. Fifty percent of students serviced in PY 2009-2010 were of Hawaiian or part Hawaiian ancestry. The Community Index chart on page two is used as a methodology identifying communities that are in need of services.
- More than a thousand learners graduate each year from the *About Face! Family of Programs*, diverting at-risk youth and adults from lives of crime and risky business. Database and recorded results have shown that of the learners that do complete the *About Face! Family of Programs*, 94 percent realize at least a single-grade gain in the core tested areas of Reading and Mathematics. Nearly 60 percent of learners in the About Face! Family of Programs land meaningful employment. In 2010, nearly 4,000 Hawaiian teens participated in the Summer Youth Employment Program, landing jobs in high-interest industries at a time when teen unemployment exceeded 30 percent.

We thank the Committee for the opportunity to present testimony on this matter.



## PROTECTION INDEX

There are various ways to assess the strength of a community. For this report, nine indicators of child, family, and community strengths were selected. Standard scores were derived for each of the nine indicators and summarized into a cumulative score for each of 42 school complex areas. A 43<sup>rd</sup> community, Niʻihau, was omitted from the index because some data were unavailable. Those communities that scored highest on the protection index are more likely to have children who are nurtured and doing well in school, families that are healthy, and communities which are economically vital.

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**From:** Paul Groesbeck [paul@lifefoundation.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 9:22 AM  
**To:** HMS Testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony HB 160 HD 2 (March 17, 1:45 in room 016)

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY**

**Senate Committee on Human Services  
March 17, 2011, 1:45 p.m. in Room 016**

**HB 160 HD 2 RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES AND HEALTH**

**Chair Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Ihara and Members of the Committee on Human Services:**

As the executive director of Life Foundation, Hawaii's oldest and largest AIDS organization, I am writing to support the above referenced measure and to respectfully offer an amendment that would maintain the intent of the bill while broadening its helpful impact.

My suggested amendment is to include the language of SB 935 SD 2, recently passed by the Senate, to HB 160 HD 2. This would provide a vehicle for allocating and/or restoring much needed funding for a variety of health and human services programs including, in our case, HIV/AIDS services.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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**From:** Kimo Keawe, HCIL Executive Director [kimok@pacificil.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 9:00 AM  
**To:** HMS Testimony  
**Subject:** HB160 / HD2

**Importance:** High

Aloha:

I am Kimo Keawe, Executive Director for the Hawaii Centers for Independent Living.

I have been following HB160,HD2 and on behalf of the Hawaii Centers for Independent Living, I am submitting this written testimony suggesting that HB160/ HD2 be amended to include the language of SB935 / SD2.

Mahalo a nui loa for your consideration of my written testimony

*M. J. Kimo Keawe*  
*Executive Director*

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To: Senate Committee on Human Services  
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

Date: Thursday, March 17, 2011, 1:45 p.m.  
State Capitol Conference Room 016

Subject: Testimony on HB 160.HD2 Relating to Human Services and Health

Chair Chun Oakland and Committee Members. My name is Esther Ueda and I am a resident of Pearl City, Honolulu. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB 160, HD2 Relating to Human Services and Health .

At the present time House Bill 160, HD2 provides for an unspecified amount from the general revenues for Kupuna care and meals for the elderly. The 2010 Legislature appropriated \$3 million and \$500,000 for Kupuna Care and meals for the elder, respectively, and our most vulnerable kupuna need at least an equal amount of funds this year.

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

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Please support our seniors and provide this additional funding for Kupuna Care programs. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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**From:** Michael Johnson [mjohn1153@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 9:40 AM  
**To:** HMS Testimony  
**Subject:** HB 160 HD 2 Relating to Human Services and Health

### **WRITTEN TESTIMONY**

**Senate Committee on Human Services  
March 17, 2011, 1:45 p.m. in Room 016**

#### **HB 160 HD 2 RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES AND HEALTH**

**Chair Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Ihara and Members of the Committee on Human Services:**

As the executive director of The Community Health Outreach Work Project to Prevent AIDS (CHOW), Hawaii's syringe exchange program, I am writing to support the above referenced measure and to respectfully offer an amendment that would maintain the intent of the bill while broadening its helpful impact.

My suggested amendment is to include the language of SB 935 SD 2, recently passed by the Senate, to HB 160 HD 2. This would provide a vehicle for allocating and/or restoring much needed funding for a variety of health and human services programs including, in our case, HIV/AIDS services.

Wm Michael Johnson, Ph.D.  
Executive Director  
C.H.O.W.

March 16, 2011

The Senate Committee on Human Services (HMS)

The Honorable Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland, Chair  
Senator Les Ihara, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: TESTIMONY REGARDING HB 160 HD2, RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES AND HEALTH

Hearing: Thursday / March 17, 2011  
1:45pm  
Conference Room 016, Hawai'i State Capitol

Aloha Senators Chun-Oakland and Ihara, and members of the committee,

Over the past 4 years the Department of Human Services (DHS) and Partners in Development Foundation (PIDF) have worked together (through *DHS-10-ETPO-159 Partners in Development Foundation—Family Literacy Thru Tūtū and Me*) to provide comprehensive family training (which includes workforce development, job placement, professional development, cultural training, parent education, early childhood education and school readiness, and TANF education) and transitional services to homeless families on the Leeward Coast of O'ahu.

The investment on the part of DHS is starting to pay incredible dividends as our efforts have been successful in providing quality early childhood and parent education to over 2000 keiki and caregivers; job training, workforce development, and job placement to over 200 adults; and transitioning over 200 families off the beaches and into shelters.

As a result of our partnership with DHS, we have established a relationship of trust amongst the homeless in delivering services, providing education, and assisting in transitioning homeless families off the beaches. We have worked with and have been supported by local community agencies and businesses interested in transitioning homeless families into a life of sustainability, as well as government agencies including Civil Defense who we have assisted to establish safe zones during times of natural disasters.

Our platform of trust begins with delivering food and basic life necessities, and providing a free and safe parent/child participatory education training center, all of which take place where homeless families dwell—at beaches, beach parks, and emergency and transitional shelters on the Leeward Coast of O'ahu.

It is a critical year for the State and we understand that DHS has had to make difficult decisions to cut programs such as ours that service families in need. But we still need to support homeless families that are beginning their transition to a life of productivity and sustainability.



To continue the work that we have started, and build on the platform that DHS and PIDF have worked to establish, we suggest that HB 160 HD 2 be amended to include the language of SB 935 SD2 as passed by the Senate and transmitted to the House, the purpose and intent of which is to maintain adequate funding levels of programs for public health, safety, welfare, and education by appropriating funds from the emergency and budget reserve fund.

We strongly support this measure with the amendments as suggested in the above paragraph.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Mahalo A Nui Loa,

Mr. Jan E. Dill, President  
Partners in Development Foundation

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**From:** flemming carstensen [flemming@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 11:24 AM  
**To:** HMS Testimony  
**Subject:** HB160 HD2 - Relating to Human Services and Health

**To:** Committee on Human Services, Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
**Date:** Thursday, March 17, 2011, State Capitol Conference Room 016, 1:45 pm.  
**Re:** HB160 HD2 - Relating to Human Services and Health

Chair Chun Oakland and Committee Members, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HB 160 HD2, Relating to Human Services and Health. My name is Flemming H. Carstensen, my wife and I live in a retirement community at Waialae Nui, lower ridge area. We do not have family here. However, there are many families and seniors in our neighborhood who depend and rely upon Kupuna Care. These seniors prefer to stay in their home versus moving into a nursing home, which is far more costly to them, as well as to the government. In view of this, the passage of this bill is vital as:

This bill will provide the funds to maintain Kupuna Care services for seniors and their caregivers who depend and rely upon Kupuna Care to provide occasional, yet important respite services.

This bill also provide a safety net of home and community based services as 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. The same funding as in 2010, namely \$3 million and \$500,000 need to be appropriated in 2011 to keep the elderly in their own home with the continued outside help.

Family Caregivers are the backbone of Hawaii's long term care system. However, unless sufficient funds are made available the system will break down and the elderly are going to suffer. How can we sit back and enjoy life on one hand, and knowingly let our senior population suffer. Therefore, it is paramount that **the request for \$3 million and \$500,000 be appropriated for Kupuna Care and meals for the elderly, respectively.**

Chair Chun Oakland and Committee Members I urge you to support our seniors by voting **yes on HB 160 HD 2**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

Flemming H. Carstensen

Waialae Nui, lower ridge area

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**From:** Eileen Mena [eileenpmena@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2011 11:38 AM  
**To:** HMS Testimony  
**Subject:** HB160 HD2 Relating to Human Services and Health

To: Committee on Human Services, Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

Date: Thursday, March 17, 2011, State Capitol Conference Room 016, 1:45 pm.

Re: HB160 HD2 - Relating to Human Services and Health

Chair Chun Oakland and Committee Members, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HB 160 HD2, Relating to Human Services and Health. My name is Eileen Mena and live in Holualoa, Hawaii area. The passage of this bill is vital as people want to remain at home and not spend their last days in a hospital. Hospital stays are expensive for everyone, the government and for the individuals and family.

Eileen Mena  
Holualoa, Hawaii 95725

To: The Committee on Human Services  
The Honorable Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
The Honorable Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

Date: Thursday, March 17, 2011 1:45 pm

Place: State Capitol, Room 016

From: Rose Nakamura, Administrator, Project Dana

Subject: Testimony in support of HB 160, HD2, Relating to Human Services and Health

I am in strong support of HB 160, HD2 – Relating to Human Services and Health. This House Bill 160, HD2 addresses the great need for additional funding of Kupuna Care beyond the Executive Office on Aging base budget. SB 935, SD2 supports additional funding for Kupuna Care under Section 5 through an Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund. Both bills reflect 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 of an additional \$500,000 to the base budget.

Thank you very much.

March 17, 2011

Senator Suzanne chum Oakland, Chair of Senate Human Services Committee  
Senator Les Ihara, Vice-Chair, Senate Human Services Committee:  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Conference Room 016  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: HB 160, HD2, Relating to Human Services and Health

Dear Senators Chun Oakland, Ihara and Committee Members:

I am Gail Breakey, Executive Director of the Hawaii Family Support Institute at the Myron B. Thompson School of Social work. This testimony is to request that HB160, HD2 be amended to include the language of SB935,SD2. as follows:

“Section 3. There is appropriated out of the emergency and budget reserve fund of the state of Hawaii the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 to supplement the Healthy Start program.

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

The funds are needed to maintain the only remaining two Healthy Start sites that remain after massive cuts by the previous administration. These sites have been significantly improved through work of the Department of Health and program staff involving a highly competitive federal Evidence Based Quality Improvement grant over the past year. This five year grant not only highlights the fact that Healthy Start is considered an evidence based program at the federal level but it provides funding to study other evidence based services for possible incorporation into Healthy Start. As testified at numerous other hearings, prevention of child abuse is important not only to the safety and healthy early development of our most vulnerable infants and toddlers; it will also reduce future long term, costly health and social problems among this high risk population.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify on this legislation, and for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Gail Breakey, RN, MPH  
Director, Hawaii Family Support institute

## **TESTIMONY**

H.B. 160, HD2, Relating to Human Services and Health

Senate Committee on Human Services

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Submitted by: Deborah L. K. Spencer-Chun, M.S.W., Adult Friends for Youth, President and CEO; and Sidney M. Rosen, M.S.W., Ph.D., Adult Friends for Youth, President Emeritus

Chair Chun-Oakland and Members of the Committee:

Adult Friends for Youth strongly supports amending H.B. 160, HD2 to include the language of S.B. 935, SD2, as an effective and efficient means for securing funds from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund for FY 2011-12 to support programs intended to maintain a safe, stable and healthy community. Many programs included in S.B. 935, SD2 are suffering from a lack of funding, but most important the failure to fund these programs means that many of the most vulnerable people in the Aloha State aren't getting much Aloha. As one of our public housing clients stated in an interview for AFY's next book, "Where is the free? You have to be brave to survive." He also said, "We had nothing and when we saw someone who looked like they had something we went and we took it."

AFY helped that young man and his gang to develop hope for a better life. He and most of his peers put aside their gangbanging mentality and are now living successful mainstream lives. Imagine the danger they would have posed to the community without AFY's intervention. We currently work with 26 groups and have worked with over 40 gangs. One only has to do the math to understand an Oahu without AFY.

Like many other programs we operate below the radar, but that is no reason for the public to be complacent and to take our extremely vital work for granted.

Your consideration of our views is deeply appreciated.

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**From:** Marseel@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2011 5:23 PM  
**To:** HMS Testimony  
**Subject:** HB 160, HD 2

**To:** Committee on Human Services, Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
**Date:** Thursday, March 17, 2011, State Capitol Conference Room 016, 1:45 PM.  
**Re:** HB 160 HD 2 - Relating to Human Services and Health

Chair Chun Oakland and Committee Members, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB 160 HD 2, Relating to Human Services and Health. My name is Marilyn Seely and I am currently working part time in gerontology at the University of Hawaii. I also assist, albeit it long distance most of the time, with the care of my mother who is 91 and living on the mainland.

Kupuna Care is a lifeline program for older adults and their families living in the community in Hawaii. This thin thread is often the only support system that prevents the escalation of conditions that keep folks from taking care of their own basic needs. We know that the lack of support for home care often results in institutionalization with its extremely high costs. In terms of the range and depth of the needs within this group, the dollars we put into the program are relatively small; are targeted to fundamentals of basic care giving provided at home and in the community; and are thus some of the best spent funds in our state.

For many reasons government has not stepped up to the plate to develop comprehensive chronic care support systems. With these funds we can at least offer some small support for seniors and relief for their families and look forward to a better day when we can expand our programs to offer more.

The funding in this bill to feed hungry seniors is desperately needed. Malnutrition is itself a disease and one that is easily preventable for most. The thought of older Hawaiians going without food is deplorable.

I realize that these are hard times, but surely the wherewithal to care for such a vulnerable population can be found. Putting the funds in the base budget will allow the sustainability of the programs over time helping us to realize a stable, responsive system of caring.

I urge you to support seniors by voting yes on HB 160, HD 2.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

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**From:** Steve Godzsak [patnsteve@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2011 10:08 PM  
**To:** HMS Testimony  
**Subject:** HB160 HD2

**To:** Committee on Human Services, Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
**Date:** Thursday, March 17, 2011, State Capitol Conference Room 016, 1:45 pm.  
**Re:** HB160 HD2 - Relating to Human Services and Health

Chair Oakland and Committee Members: thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in strong support of HB 160, Relating to Human Services and Health. My name is Steve Godzsak, I live in the Hilo area, and am deeply concerned with the care available to seniors, particularly during this recession and the rising cost of even the most basic needs. The passage of this bill is important because:

- This bill will provide a sustainable source of revenue for Kupuna Care ensuring basic services for seniors and their caregivers will remain uninterrupted and furthermore, that the services will be available to Hawaii's escalating senior population.
- Kupuna Care helps people to remain at home for as long as possible. When polled, seniors have overwhelmingly stated they wish to live out their lives in the comfort and familiarity of their own home. Kupuna Care provides meals and home visits for these individuals, many of whom live alone.
- Family Caregivers are the backbone of Hawaii's long term care system and currently provide an estimated \$1.4 billion a year of unpaid care. Many have left their jobs to care for elderly parents and they need help. HB160 HD2 will provide the financial aid for thousands of needy individuals and their caregivers.
- Home based vs institutional care costs have been compared. Data show it is far less expensive for individuals and for the government when seniors remain at home. Kupuna care provides meals, companionship, housekeeping, personal care, and vital transportation that enables a person to remain in their home.
- Kupuna Care is a vital safety net of home and community based services that addresses fragile people, people who are above the Medicaid threshold, but not wealthy enough to pay for basic and necessary services.

I urge you to support Hawaii's seniors who need this service by voting yes on HB160, HD2.  
Thank you for this opportunity to submit my testimony.  
Steve Godzsak  
Hilo, HI 96720



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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Submitted on: 3/15/2011

### Comments:

Passing this bill is vital to our precious and vulnerable seniors. The tsunami of aging in Hawaii is real. We need to be prepared.

I am a caregiver for my wife. I know of four other family caregivers within a few blocks of my home. We would all like to have our care receivers be able to stay in their homes.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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Submitted on: 3/15/2011

Comments:

To: Committee on Human Services, Senator Chun Oakland, Chair

Date: Thursday, March 17, 2011, State Capitol Conference Room 016, 1:45 pm

Re: HB160 HD2 – Relating to Human Services and Health

Chair Chun Oakland and Committee Members, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT HB160 HD2, relating to Human Services and Health. My name is Elaine C. Goldberg and I am a Radiology Technologist. Please continue to support seniors by funding Kupuna Care, so elders in Hawaii will continue to receive services which are essential for old people living in our state.

- The majority of seniors would like to stay in their own homes – it is notably less expensive for these people and their family and the government if elders remain in their dwellings rather than in nursing/assisted living facilities.
- Hawaii needs to maintain home and community services so persons who are cannot qualify for Medicaid because they do not have dollars to pay for necessary outside Shelp.
- Family Caregivers provide \$1.4 billion a year of unpaid care, but do need assistance for respite and other services.

I am a retiree of the Federal Government, 22 years of service to the United States of America. I provide \$\$ to my elderly mother, however can hardly pay for myself with the constant decrease to my Federal Retirement funding. Although at this time I do not personally need Kupuna Care, I can relate to the problems of elders in Hawaii after working in Hospitals and Medical Centers. I have personally offered assistance to these elders, however with my substantially decreased income, I no longer have dollars to continue helping.

**Please support seniors by voting yes on HB160, HD2.**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

Elaine C. Goldberg

Resident of Kapolei

To: Committee on Human Services, Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Hearing Date: Thursday, March 17, 2011, State Capitol Conference Room 016, 1:45 pm.  
Re: HB160 HD2 - Relating to Human Services and Health

Chair Chun Oakland and Committee Members, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB 160 HD2, Relating to Human Services and Health. My name is Jack Katahira and I am retiree and live in the Alewa Heights area. The passage of this bill is vital for providing ongoing, sustainable source of revenue for Kupuna Care. Appropriating \$3 million and \$500,000 from the general revenues for Kupuna Care and meals, respectively, will enable many of our seniors to remain at home for their care. This choice will be far less expensive for the individuals and for the government, if they should do so.

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. I urge you to support seniors by voting yes on HB160, HD2, and providing the \$3.5 million from the general revenue budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

Jack & Helen Katahira  
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To: Committee on Human Services, Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Date: Thursday, March 17, 2011, State Capitol Conference Room 016, 1:45 pm.  
Re: HB160 HD2 - Relating to Human Services and Health

Chair Chun Oakland and Committee Members,

With humble gratitude I would like to take this opportunity to submit written testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT of HB 160 HD2: Relating to Human Services and Health**. My name is Mayumi Levesque, and I am a graduate student in social work. I live in the Lower Manoa area (96822).

Looking forward, I am aware to the swiftly increasing number of older adults entering a phase in their lives in which access to services is critical for their livelihoods. Kupuna Care is a network of services that serves this need. To me, the passage of HB 160 HD2 is vital as:

- Most people want to remain at home and it is far less expensive for individuals and for the government, if they should do so.
- HB 160 HD2 will provide Kupuna Care with an ongoing, sustainable source of revenue that can be counted upon each year by seniors and their caregivers. As many of these seniors fall in the middle of the income gap, they are not poor enough to qualify for Medicaid, but do not have enough to themselves pay for service or have access to respite services. Kupuna Care is an effective and wide-reaching solution to help those in the middle be self-sustaining and thriving.
- The 2010 legislature appropriated \$3 million and \$500,000 for Kupuna Care and meals for the elderly for kupuna care, respectively, and our most vulnerable kupuna need an equal amount of funds this year.
- Support is critical for *family caregivers* who are the backbone of Hawaii's long term care system. These caregivers currently provide \$1.4 billion a year of unpaid care. But they need help – in the form of respite, and home and community based services.

As graduate student of social work, it is extremely important to me that the needs of vulnerable populations, especially those of our kupuna, are adequately addressed through the cooperation of service providers, administrators, legislators, and the public. Kupuna Care provides this channel in assuring that seniors are not forgotten nor undervalued, and that we as a community are as committed to them as they have been to us their entire lives.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

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Chair Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland March 17, 2011 Rm 016 1:45 pm

Thank you for allowing me to submit my testimony. I am in strong support of HB160 HD2 to draw money from the general revenues for Kupuna Care in the amount of three million dollars for Kupuna Care and five hundred thousand for meals for the elderly.

Someone has said the state is facing a tsunami of elderly as our percentage in the population grows. I am one of them being a 75 year old widow who has lived and worked in the state for 46 years. I raised my two children here but both have moved away to seek better employment opportunities. I foresee my needing the kind of assistance Kupuna Care provides in order for me to remain in my own home as I age and become frail. Being able to avoid moving to an assisted living facility or nursing home as long as possible would save me and the state a lot of money.

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