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

Honorable Ryan I Yamane, Chair
House Committee on Health

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Interim Director

SUBJECT: **H.B. 516 - RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS MADE OUT OF THE
EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND PURSUANT TO
ACT 191, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2010**

Hearing: Monday, February 7; 2011 9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of H.B. 516 is to extend the date of lapse for funds appropriated pursuant to Act 191, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010 to December 31, 2011.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the intent of this bill to extend the lapse date of Act 191's appropriations.

For this purpose, the Governor has also submitted for consideration and being heard also on this agenda, H.B. 1061, requesting an emergency appropriation from the emergency and budget reserve fund and make technical corrections to Act 191, Session Laws of 2010 to permit the awarding of funds to specified organizations. The bill also extends the lapse date of Act 191's appropriations from June 30, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

The funds appropriated through Act 191 are needed to support Hawaii's safety net of services and restore depleted funds to programs that provide services to the Hawaii's most vulnerable children and families.

DHS recommends the approval of H.B. 1061 which corrects the language in Act 191 and extends the lapse date to June 30, 2012.

DHS concurs with the amendments being proposed by the Governor's Office for H.B. 1061.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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The Honorable John M. Mizuno, Chair
House Committee on Human Services
and
The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
House Committee on Health
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representatives Mizuno and Yamane and Members of the Committees:

SUBJECT: HB 516 – RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS MADE OUT OF THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND PURSUANT TO ACT 191, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2010

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS HB 516**. The purpose of the bill is to amend Act 191, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2010, to permit the awarding of moneys to specified organizations by adding in language specifying Chapter 42F grants and extending the lapse date of appropriations made in Act 191, SLH 2010 from June 30, 2011 to December 31, 2011.

Extending the deadline would enable the Department of Health (DOH) and other Departments to efficiently and expediently expend the funds designated to various programs and organizations according to State Procurement requirements.

DD services that would be impacted by the extended deadline are the DOH Respite Program, DD Division Partnerships in Community Living program, and DD Medicaid Waiver program. The Council is working with DOH in implementing Act 191, SLH 2010, specifically the sections that address the above DD services.

The Council would like to bring to your attention to HB 1061- Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund that extends the lapse date of appropriations made in Act 191, SLH 2010 from June 30, 2011 to June 30, 2012. We prefer HB 1061 as it would provide DOH and the other Departments with more time needed to be able to expend the funds.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **strong support of HB 516.**

Sincerely,



Liz Ann Salvador
Chair



Waynette K.Y. Cabral
Executive Administrator

HMSA



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February 7, 2011

The Honorable John Mizuno, Chair
The Honorable Ryan Yamane, Chair
House Committees on Human Services and Health

Re: HB 516 – Relating to Appropriations Made Out of the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund Pursuant to Act 191, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010

Dear Chair Mizuno, Chair Yamane, and Members of the Committees:

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify on HB 516 which would restore funding to HMSA's Keiki Care program. HMSA supports the intent of this section but takes no position on the remainder of the measure.

In 2007, the legislature, in partnership with HMSA, developed the Keiki Care plan to provide health care coverage to children in the state at no charge. The plan offered a basic set of benefits based on HMSA's Children's Plan and as part of the legislative intent, existing Children's Plan members were rolled into the Keiki Care plan. Unfortunately, the Keiki Care plan was not able to provide services for very long since the former Governor terminated the Keiki Care contract with HMSA in the latter part of 2008. With such short notice HMSA continued funding the plan through the end of 2008 and contacted all members via various means to ensure families understood their options moving forward.

HB 516 would appropriate funding to the Keiki Care plan once again. While HMSA is quite willing to work with the Department of Human Services (DHS) to re-implement the plan, it is important to note that there is no existing contractual relationship between HMSA and DHS at this point for the provision of these services. We understand that DHS has expanded eligibility requirements for children and, for HMSA, the majority of our QUEST members are children. With the recent news of continued funding cuts to social services in the community, we believe that at this time, the funding earmarked for the Keiki Care plan could be re-directed to existing social services programs.

Again, if the legislature so desires, HMSA will work with DHS to re-start the Keiki Care plan but we would also support redirection of this funding stream to existing social services which may be facing funding cuts. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JDiesman', written over a white background.

Jennifer Diesman
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DATE: February 7, 2011

TO: Honorable John M. Mizuno, Chair
Honorable Jo Jordan, Vice Chair
Committee on Human Services

Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Honorable Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair
Committee on Health

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

RE: Support for HB516
Relating to Appropriations made out of the Emergency and Budget Reserve
Fund Pursuant to Act 191, Sessions Laws of Hawai'i 2010

Good morning Representatives Mizuno and Jordan and members of the Committee on Human Services and Representatives Yamane and Morikawa and members of the Committee on Health. My name is Adriana Ramelli and I am the Executive Director of the Sex Abuse Treatment Center (SATC), a program of the Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children (KMCWC), an affiliate of Hawaii Pacific Health.

The SATC supports HB 516 which extends the date of lapse of funds appropriated pursuant to Act 191, Sessions Laws of Hawai'i 2010 to December 31, 2011.

The Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women and Children through its Sex Abuse Treatment Center Program holds the master contract with the State Department of the Attorney General to deliver sexual assault services statewide. These services include crisis intervention, mental health counseling, case management, legal systems advocacy and prevention. This bill, which extends the lapse date of Act 191's appropriations, will allow the SATC and its neighbor island sexual assault subcontractors sufficient time to allocate and use the funding for these essential services in the most effective manner.

The SATC's sub-contractors are the YWCA Sexual Assault Support Services (SASS) program serving Hawai'i County, the YWCA Sexual Assault Treatment Program (SATP) serving the County of Kaua'i, and the Sexual Assault Support Services (SASS) program of Child and Family Services (CFS), serving Maui County.

Given the current economic downturn, delivering comprehensive, coordinated services for victims of sexual assault statewide remains a big challenge. Adequate funding released in a timely manner should remain a high priority.

I urge you to support HB 516. Since the KMCWC/SATC and the other organizations provided for in Act 191 have yet to receive the appropriated funding, the lapse date provision in this bill is clearly necessary. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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

Date: February 7, 2011, Conference Room 329, 10:15am

Re: **HB 516, RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS MADE OUT OF THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND PURSUANT TO ACT 191, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2010**

Chair Mizuno and Chair Yamane:

My name is Barbara Kim Stanton, State Director of AARP Hawaii. AARP is a membership organization of people 50 and older with nearly 150,000 members in Hawaii. We are committed to championing access to affordable, quality health care for all generations, providing the tools needed to save for retirement, and serving as a reliable information source on issues critical to Americans age 50+.

AARP strongly supports HB 516, which would extend the lapse date of funds appropriated pursuant to Act 191, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010 to December 31, 2011. Act 191 appropriates moneys from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund for specific safety net programs that support the most vulnerable population – the elderly, the disabled, caregivers, and seniors. As funds were only released pursuant to Act 191 in December 2010, the expending agencies will not have enough time to expend the funds by the lapse date of June 30, 2011.

The funds released are urgently needed to maintain the level of service needed for the health, public welfare and education of our most vulnerable residents. The critical budget shortfall will be creating hardships for them at unprecedented levels and numbers, and will increase demand for critical safety net programs. The funding of safety net programs such as Kupuna Care are now more urgently needed than ever before. As grants for such programs have yet to be awarded, the extension of the lapse date to December 31, 2011 is essential.

We strongly urge the passage of HB 516, as the safety net services such as Kupuna Care are desperately needed.

AARP is also recommending that HB 516, Section 2 be amended to add references to Kupuna Care and meals for the elderly for kupuna care with the additional underscored phrases as follows:

“SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the emergency and budget reserve fund of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$3,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2010-2011 **to provide funding for grants pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes,**

to provide additional funding for the kupuna care program. This funding shall be in addition to the fiscal year 2010-2011 executive supplemental budget for the executive office on aging.”

“SECTION 15. There is appropriated out of the emergency and budget reserve fund of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2010-2011 **to provide funding for grants pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes,** for meals for the elderly for kupuna care.”

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 2:47 PM
To: HUSTestimony
Subject: HB516

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Rep. John M. Mizuno, Chair
Rep. Jo Jordan, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Rep. Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Rep. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

DATE: Monday, February 07, 2011
TIME: 10:15am
PLACE: Conference Room 329

HB516 RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS MADE OUT OF THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND
PURSUANT TO ACT 191, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2010.

Support

Extends the date of lapse for funds to December 31, 2011. Appropriates moneys for fiscal year 2010-2011 for public health, safety, and welfare.

In order to get the funds released by the Governor for these programs to be effective, the administrators must have enough time to vet the service providers responsible for the services before the end of the fiscal year. Since most of the providers are the same year after year, I would suggest this vetting need not be done each year. Lets plan on streamlining some of these outdated procedures, in the near future.

Laura Manis
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Monday, February 7, 2011

Rep. John M. Mizuno, Chair
House Human Services Committee
and

Rep. Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
House Health Committee
State of Hawaii,
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State Capitol
415 S. Beretania Street
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Subject: HB 516 - RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE
FUND

Hearing: Monday, February 7, 2011, 10:15am (House Committee on Health and Human
Services), Conference Room 329

Dear Representative John M. Mizuno, Representative Ryan Yamane & Members of the
Committee on Human Services and Health:

I am submitting testimony for extension until December 31, 2011 of the "Rainy Day Fund". I
am in ***STRONG SUPPORT*** of HB 516. This bill extends the emergency appropriation from the
emergency and budget fund of the State of Hawaii to maintain the levels of programs
determined to be essential to education, public health, and welfare. Specifically I am supporting
appropriations to restore lost funding for the ***Department of Health Respite, DD Division
DD/MR Waiver, and the DD Division Partnerships in Community Living (PICL Programs.***

***I am the parent of Joshua Smalley-Bower who has been accessing the supports afforded by
the services offered in the MR/DD Waiver. Because of Joshua's medical fragility I have had
to remain home to care for him. We were under a horrible emotional strain due to his
fragility compounded by the financial strain because I couldn't work since someone needed
to be with Joshua 24/7. When we started receiving MR/DD Waiver services a portion of the
financial burden was lifted, which in turn reduced the emotional stress on our family.
Joshua, like so many other people with disabilities, functions better when he doesn't sense
stress.***

Representative John Mizuno
Representative Ryan Yamane
February 7, 2011
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If we could find someone willing and able to work with our son, I could work, but without MR/DD Waiver we have no option, but to care for his health and safety. Joshua needs to be monitored 24 hours a day. We never know when the next medical emergency will happen. Even when we go into the community, we have a cell phone with us at all times in case of emergency... which happened once walking down South King Street.

Also, because we have all the equipment needed for most medical care we are able to avoid hospitalizations; again a saving to the State. This past Christmas Eve is an excellent example. We were at the Queen's Emergency Room where they discovered Joshua had pneumonia. Because we had the equipment, i.e., oxygen, specialized bed, and pulse-oximeter at home, we were able to save the State the cost of four days hospitalization.

We do everything in our power to provide the safest healthiest environment for our son so that he is safe. When Joshua's health allows, he participate in meaningful activities that allow him to have a life just like every other citizen. Without the services provided under the MR/DD Waiver, our son's health and safety are seriously jeopardized.

If the emergency appropriation is not extended, the state will be putting at risk the thousands of families that are or were served each month in these very valuable programs. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **Strong Support of HB 516**. I can be reached at 946-8335 for any further questions.

Sincerely,

Helen Smalley-Bower