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**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB 1288 SD1 Relating to
The Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

Governor Neil Abercrombie

**HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE
Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair
Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair**

**March 23, 2011
2:30 p.m. Room 308**

Chair Oshiro, Vice-Chair Lee and members of the House Finance Committee, thank you for scheduling a hearing on SB 1288 SD1 Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund. I am testifying in SUPPORT of this measure.

One of the first acts Governor Abercrombie performed after being inaugurated into office was to release the funds appropriated in Act 191, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010 (Act 191), to various health, human services and housing organizations to maintain services that are essential to the education, public health, and public welfare for the people of Hawaii.

Unfortunately, state agencies and nonprofit organizations encountered technical difficulties in actually getting the money into the hands of the providers of services. Additionally, due to the delayed release of the funds, providers are unable to encumber the funds by June 30, 2011 as specified in Act 191.

The intent of SB 1288 SD1 is to amend sections in Act 191 to clarify that these appropriations are grants pursuant to Chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes. This will allow the state agencies to award the funds in a more expedient manner. Additionally, this measure extends the lapse date to June 30, 2012 to allow for the greatest flexibility to encumber these funds.

The Governor believes that the services identified in this bill are important to assist our most needy citizens and would like to do whatever is needed to correct the technicalities in Act 191 that are creating barriers to getting these funds to the provider organizations.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 1288 SD1.

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March 23, 2011

TO: The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **S.B. 1288, S.D. 1 - RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND
BUDGET RESERVE FUND**

Hearing: Wednesday, March 23; 2011 2:30 p.m.
Conference Room 308, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of S.B. 1288, S.D. 1, is to make 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.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services strongly supports this Administration bill. 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.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

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SB 1288, SD 1, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H. Interim Director of Health

March 23, 2011

1 **Department's Position:** The department strongly supports this measure.

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3 **Fiscal Implications:** This bill provides funding to maintain the levels of programs determined by the
4 Legislature to be essential to education, public health, and public welfare.

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6 **Purpose and Justification:** This bill makes technical corrections to allow the awarding of grants to
7 specified organizations consistent with Chapter 42F, HRS and it extends the lapse date of specified
8 appropriations from 6/30/11 to 6/30/12.

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10 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Committee on Finance

SB1288, SD1 RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND

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

Wednesday, March 23, 2011

2:30 p.m.; Agenda #2

- 1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) supports this measure.
- 2 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure extends the lapse date to encumber appropriations for Kupuna
- 3 Care, Aging and Disability Resource Center, healthy aging, and senior centers to June 30, 2012.
- 4 **Purpose and Justification:** EOA has requested the transfer of program funds designated by Act
- 5 191, SLH 2010, from the Department of Budget and Finance to EOA accounts. EOA's request
- 6 was based on a determination that these funds could be encumbered by June 30, 2011 and
- 7 expended by December 31, 2011. Please note that EOA did not request the full amount for
- 8 Catholic Charities Hawaii, Kapahulu Center, Moiliili Community Center, and the Healthy Aging
- 9 Partnership Program because they indicated that they could not spend the full appropriation by
- 10 December 31, 2011. The extension of the lapse date to June 30, 2012 would allow EOA to use the
- 11 full amount allocated in Act 191. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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March 23, 2011

The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
The Honorable Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair
House Committee on Finance
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representatives Oshiro and Lee and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: SB 1288 SD1 – RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND

The position and views expressed in this testimony do not represent nor reflect the position and views of the Department of Health (DOH).

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS SB 1288 SD1**. 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 June 30, 2012.

The extended deadline would enable 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.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **strong support of SB 1288 SD1**.

Sincerely,

Liz Ann Salvador
Chair

Waynette K.Y. Cabral
Executive Administrator



The Judiciary, State of Hawaii

Testimony to the House Committee on Finance

Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair
Wednesday, March 23, 2011, 2:30 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

by

Tom Mick

Policy and Planning Department Director

Bill No. and Title: Senate Bill No. 1288, SD 1, Relating to the Emergency Budget and Reserve Fund.

Purpose: The purpose of Senate Bill No. 1288, SD 1, is to clarify the language in Act 191 (Act 191), Session Laws of Hawaii 2010. The bill clarifies that the appropriation of emergency budget and reserve funds to specific organizations are grants under Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) chapter 42F, and extends the lapse date from June 30, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary generally supports SB1288, SD 1 and the extension of the lapse date of Act 191 to June 30, 2012, but wishes to express some concerns. Under Act 191, Section 31, the Judiciary was appropriated \$1 million from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund for domestic violence services. Accordingly, the Judiciary amended its existing purchase of service (POS) contracts to expend these funds for domestic violence services.

However, Senate Bill No. 1288, SD 1, amends Section 31 of Act 191 by converting the \$1 million in funding to grants-in-aid, designating the specific organizations to receive the domestic violence services funding, and specifying the amount each organization is to receive. If this occurs, the Judiciary will have to terminate the POS contracts that were amended pursuant to Act 191 and issue new grant-in-aid contracts to the designated organizations. This may create some fiscal/accounting problems if some of the funds issued under the POS contracts have already been expended and paid to the providers. If it is determined that grants-in-aid are a more appropriate method than POS contracts for obtaining these services and expending these funds, then it is suggested that Section 31 be further amended to say "Grants to the designated



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organizations may need to be reduced by amounts already spent under POS contracts for domestic violence services awarded to the same organizations in accordance with Act 191." It should also be noted that the amounts designated to each organization total \$963,845 rather than the \$1 million specified in Section 31.

The Judiciary also wishes to express the concern that none of the organizations listed in Section 31 submitted grant applications as required under Hawaii Revised Statutes section 42F-102. Additionally, some of the organizations listed in sections 32 to 36 of Act 191 did not submit grant applications. The Judiciary will have difficulty in negotiating grant contracts with the organizations that did not submit grant applications. The Judiciary relies on the information contained in the applications to prepare the scope of services for the grant contract and to accurately monitor the services performed by each organization.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 1288, SD 1.

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Committee on Finance

SB1288, SD1 RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND

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

Wednesday, March 23, 2011
2:30 p.m.; Agenda #2

MCOA's Position: Maui County Office on Aging (MCOA) is in support of SB1288, SD1 (SSCR60) for the appropriation emergency funds from the emergency and budget reserve fund for the Kupuna Care Program, Aging and Disability Resource Center, healthy aging, and Hale Mahaolu Personal Care Program. MCOA supports the changes to Act 191, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010, and the extension of Act 191 appropriations to June 30, 2012.

Fiscal Implications: This measure extends the lapse date to encumber appropriations for Kupuna Care, Aging and Disability Resource Center, healthy aging, and Hale Mahaolu to June 30, 2012.

Purpose and Justification: Extension of the funds appropriated by Act 191 from 6/30/11 to 6/30/12 will allow for thoughtful and appropriate use of those funds on the direct service agency level.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

TESTIMONY IN FULL SUPPORT OF SB 1288, SD1

TO: Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair, Rep. Marilyn B. Lee Vice Chair
and Members of the Committee on Finance

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

**Hearing: Wednesday, March 23, 2011
2:30 P.M.
Conference Room 308**

Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and Members of the Committee on Finance,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 1288, SD1 which makes an emergency appropriation from the emergency and budget reserve fund and extends the lapse date of Act 191's appropriations from June 30, 2011 to June 30th, 2012.

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 at Catholic Charities Hawaii have been impacted by the drastic budget cuts in our Early Identification Program that would help to provide services to victims of child abuse or prevent child abuse. Our Lanakila Multi-purpose Senior Center, immigrant employment program, intra-familial child sex abuse program as well as transportation under the Kupuna Care funding have also been affected. We are aware of other services that have severe sustained cuts that have affected some very vulnerable residents of the State.

Catholic Charities Hawaii strongly urges the Legislature to support this bill and appropriate adequate funds and extend the lapse date of Act 191's appropriations form June 30, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

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.





To: House Committee on Finance
Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair

Date: March 23, 2011, Conference Room 308, 2:30 p.m.

Re: **SB 1288, SD1 - RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND**

Chair Oshiro, and Committee Members:

My name is Barbara Kim Stanton, State Director of AARP Hawaii. AARP is a membership organization of people 50 and older with 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 SB 1288, SD1** which amends Act 191, SLH 2010 (Act 191), to clarify that these appropriations are grants pursuant to Chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Additionally, this bill extends the lapse date of appropriations made in Act 191 from June 30, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

Governor Abercrombie released the funds appropriated in Act 191, the day he was inaugurated. Unfortunately, state agencies and organizations encountered difficulties in releasing funds to the service providers, and these providers may be unable to encumber the funds by June 30, 2011, as specified in Act 191.

For example, the funds appropriated in Act 191 for Kupuna Care programs have not yet been encumbered. The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) is awaiting receipt of these funds, which will then be encumbered. This bill will ensure that these funds will remain available for Kupuna Care, should the transfer to EOA take longer than expected.

This bill will allow agencies to award the funds in a more expedient manner. The extension of the lapse date will also enable agencies to efficiently and expediently expend the funds through various programs and organizations.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



PARTNERS IN CARE
Oahu's Coalition of Homeless Providers

<http://www.partnersincarehawaii.org/>

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 1288, SD1: EXTENDS THE LAPSE DATE OF ACT 191'S APPROPRIATIONS TO 6/30/12

TO: Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair, Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair,
Committee on Finance

FROM: Max Gray, Chair, Partners In Care Advocacy Committee

Hearing: **Wednesday, 3/23/11, Rm 308, 2:30 pm**

Chair Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Ihara and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 1288, SD1, which extends the lapse date of Act 191's appropriations to June 30th, 2012. Partners In Care supports this bill.

The Housing First model has been very successful in many other states. It has a good track record in assisting homeless people to gain permanent housing and providing the services need to keep them in housing and successfully transition off the streets. Partners In Care promotes this model as a way to target the chronically homeless and assist them to transition to permanent housing.

Partners In Care, as a consortium of service providers from across O'ahu, advocates on behalf of a diverse population of homeless men, woman and children. Partners In Care recently compared the public costs for an unsheltered homeless person vs. a resident in Supportive Housing, such as in a Housing First model. They found that the average public cost for an unsheltered homeless person is \$2,897 per month vs. the average public cost for a resident in supportive housing is \$605 per month. Public costs can be decreased by 79% by providing supportive housing with services.

Partners In Care urges the Legislature to support this bill. Thank you for hearing this bill and for your support.



To: Chair Marcus Oshiro
Vice Chair Marilyn Lee
Members of the Committee

FR: Nanci Kreidman, M.A.

RE: SB 1288 SD1

Aloha and good afternoon.

The necessity of the release and use of Rainy Day Funds available through Act 191 cannot be overstated. The Domestic Violence Action Center is working to meet the community demand and remain viable in these difficult times. As an anchor organization designed to address the problem of domestic violence in our community we serve on an average of 60 to 70 people every day.

Recently we received our amended contract from the Judiciary which included funds through the Rainy Day Fund bill passed in 2010.

All efforts to secure those funds for program services and avoid jeopardy to release of those funds is desperately needed. Two years ago, we suffered a \$570,000 budget cut and laid off 9 staff. The restoration of funds will enable us to ramp up program services to better meet the need.

The delay in release of funds has been difficult, and without an extended period within which to utilize the contract dollars, the funds will be wasted-at least in the lives of domestic violence victims.

It would be our great pleasure for the bill to enable the Domestic Violence Action Center to serve those who need our specialized services through June of 2012.

Thank you for your hard work throughout the session and in the face of such enormous challenges.

HAWAII STATE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

To: The Honorable Marcus Oshiro, Chair
The Honorable Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

From: Veronika Geronimo
Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence

RE: SB1288

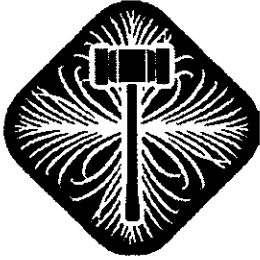
Hearing Date: Wednesday, 03-23-11 2:30PM in House conference room 308

The Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (HSCADV) is a statewide coalition of domestic violence programs and shelters. HSCADV and its member agencies advocate for policies and services to end domestic violence in Hawai'i. On behalf of our member agencies, we thank you and the 2010 Legislature which appropriated Emergency and Budget Reserve Funds for domestic violence services and shelters.

Release of these funds could not come at a more critical time. A new survey conducted by the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) reports a critical shortage of funds and staff in the state to assist victims in need of services, such as advocacy, legal representation, emergency shelter, interpretation, counseling, support groups, shelters, and case management. In 2009, there were 35 unmet requests for services on the day the survey was taken, on the same day in 2010, there were 95 requests for services that went unmet, largely due to lack of funding. Needless to say, domestic violence programs and shelters are anxiously awaiting the release of these funds, in order to continue to ensure the safety and protection of victims of domestic violence.

We support the emergency appropriations from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund, the necessary technical corrections to Act 191, and the most timely and effective manner to expedite the funds.

Thank you for your consideration.



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To: Rep. Marcus Oshiro, Chair
Rep. Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Finance

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

Re: Testimony in Support of S.B. 1288, S.D. 1
Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

Hearing: March 23, 2011 at 2:30 pm

Place: Conference Room 308, State Capitol

Dear Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and members of the Committee on Finance:

Thank you for providing Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii (VLSH) with the opportunity to testify in support of S.B. 1288, S.D. 1. Section 32 of S.B. 1288 provides \$200,000 to VLSH for pro bono legal services to indigent persons.

Since 1981, VLSH has responded to the legal needs of Hawaii's low-income population by providing free legal assistance through volunteer attorneys. In 2004, VLSH began providing workshops and counsel and advice clinics in homeless and transitional shelters. More recently, with the state economic downturn, demand for VLSH services has increased. Many Hawai'i residents are now finding themselves among the newly poor and are struggling with financial instability and potential homelessness. Often, these individuals and families urgently need legal assistance to deal with their changed circumstances.

At the same time, VLSH has experienced a substantial decrease in federal, state, and private funding. Last year, VLSH was unable to provide assistance to hundreds of eligible individuals and families because of understaffing and other cutbacks. The appropriation under S.B. 1288, S.D. 1 – and the extension of the lapse date to June 30, 2012 – is critical to helping VLSH meet the legal needs of Hawaii's poor and vulnerable.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of S.B. 1288, S.D.1.

To: The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
The Honorable Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair
House Committee on Finance

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 22, 2011

Re: Testimony in Support of SB 1288, SD1 – Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Funds

Goodwill Industries of Hawaii, Inc. (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 SB 1288, SD1. 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 SB 1288, SD1.

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 of SB 1288, SD1 which extends the lapse date of Act 191's appropriations to June 30, 2012.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



TESTIMONY ON SB 1288 SD1 REALTING TO THE
EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

March 23, 2011

2:30 p.m.

Room 308

Aloha Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and members of the Committee on Finance.

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on Senate Bill 1288 SD 1.

My name is Ed Flores. I am the Executive Director of the Hawaii Family Law Clinic dba Ala Kuola. We strongly support the passage of SB1288 SD 1 that makes emergency appropriations from the emergency and budget reserve fund, makes technical corrections to Act 191, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010, to permit the awarding of grants to specified organizations and extends the lapse date of Act 191's appropriations from 6/30/11 to 6/30/12.

Many agencies and organization that were appropriated funds through Act 191 by the 2010 Legislature including the Hawaii Family Law Clinic awaited the release of these appropriated funds for approximately the past nine months. The Hawaii Family Law Clinic like many other agencies and organizations that provide a vital service to the community have been forced to reduce staff and cutback on services due to the delay in the release of these funds. Without these funds, the Hawaii Family Law Clinic will no longer be able to assist victims of domestic violence to obtain temporary restraining orders on Oahu, including days twice per month when the Judiciary is on furlough and will be forced to cease operation. Therefore it is imperative that SB1288 SD 1 be passed immediately



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DATE: March 24, 2011

TO: Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair Finance Committee,
Representative, Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair Finance Committee

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

RE: SB 1288

Aloha Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair, Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair, and members of the House committee on finance. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 1288.

My name is Alex Santiago, I am the Executive Director of PHOCUSED, an advocacy organization of Social Service agencies and individuals dedicated to advocating on behalf of the most vulnerable in our state.

We are very much in support of this measure and would like to see this bill moved out of your committee with no amendments to allow for it to be quickly signed into law by the governor. This measure was marked by the Administration as a fast track bill to make technical amendments to allow the release of these funds to organizations the Legislature approved last year. Many of these agencies and organizations have been holding on through extreme conditions to continue to provide the needed services to their clients. Releasing these funds will help many people during these difficult times.

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

Alex Santiago
Executive director,
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House Committee on Finance

The Hon. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair

The Hon. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 1288 S.D. 1

Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

Submitted by Beth Giesting, Chief Executive Officer

March 23, 2011, 2:30 p.m., Room 308

The Hawai'i Primary Care Association strongly supports Senate Bill 1288 SD1, which amends Act 191, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010. Specifically, we support the addition of Section 24A to provide dental care at federally qualified health centers and amendments to Sections 12 and 16 of Act 191, SLH 2010, which make the appropriations for the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center emergency room, and the Kokua Kalihi Valley Community Health Center respectively. We also support the addition of new Section 40A to Act 191 which extends the lapse date for these and all appropriations contained in Act 191.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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Edward Hill
Divisional Commander

Lawrence Williams
Executive Director

SB1288 SD1 Emergency And Budget Reserve Fund

To: COMMITTEE ON FINANCE: Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair;
Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair

When: March 23, 2011

Place: Conference Room 308

WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF 1288 SD1

ALOHA CHAIR OSHIRO, VICE-CHAIR LEE, 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. The **Salvation Army ATS supports passage of Senate Bill No. 1288 SD1** for the following reasons:

Senate Bill No 1288 SD1 will help restore prevention and treatment resources for substance abuse, mental health, and other providers in Hawaii's health and human services network and prevent the additional loss of federal funds.

Recent reductions in state funding for substance abuse have **reduced the availability of treatment resources and jeopardized the level of federal funding** due to loss of state matching funds.

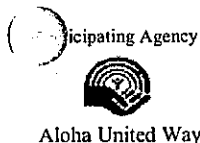
Substance Abuse Treatment Works...Saves Money...Reduces Crime...Reduces Health Care Costs... and Restores Lives!

Substance abuse treatment saves money in the current year as well as during future years. Treatment is the front line safety net that is used as an alternative by Judiciary or Public Safety to avoid having to send offenders to jail or prison; by DHS to avoid breaking up families or sending kids to state paid homes; by DOH or Quest plans to curb the very expensive emergency hospital usage.

Every \$1 invested in substance abuse treatment saves taxpayers \$7 in future costs. Every \$1 invested in treatment could save \$11.54 in combined medical and social costs. For every \$1 spent on substance abuse treatment \$5.60 was returned in reduced welfare, food stamps, Medicaid, crime courts, and imprisonment.

Therefore, in order to reduce costs and save the State \$\$\$, I respectfully request that the **House Committee on Finance pass SB1288 SD1**.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide input regarding this important measure.



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Kula No Na Poe Hawaii

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The Children's Alliance of Hawaii

Waikiki Health Center

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YWCA of Kauai

March 22, 2011

To: Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair
And members of the Committee on Finance

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 1288 SD1 RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND

Hawaii Youth Services Network, a statewide coalition of more than 50 youth-serving organizations, strongly supports SB 1288 SD1 Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund.

Communities benefit when individuals and families have access to services that help them become self-sufficient, healthy, and able to provide service to others. The services funded in this bill support positive youth development, warm and caring family relationships, and economic stability. They provide legal services and crisis intervention for survivors of abuse and neglect. They are part of the essential safety net for our Ohana.

Especially in difficult economic times, we must support our vulnerable individuals and families by maintaining funding for essential health and human services.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

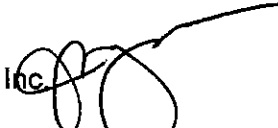
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The Children's Alliance
OF HAWAII, INC.

March 22, 2011

TO: Rep. Marcus Oshiro, Chair
Rep. Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Finance

FROM: Joan Naguwa, President
The Children's Alliance of Hawaii, Inc. 

SUBJ: **Testimony in Support of SB1288, S.D. 1, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**
Hearing Date: Wednesday, March 23, 2011
Time: 2:30 pm
Place: Conference Room 208

Dear Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

My name is Joan Naguwa, President/Executive Director of The Children's Alliance of Hawaii, Inc. We are in strong support of **SB 1288, S.D. 1, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund.**

The mission of The Children's Alliance of Hawaii, Inc. (CAH) is to provide care and support for sexually abused children, offering hope for the future and serve nearly 300 children and youth and their families each year. CAH is an integral part of the statewide system of services for sexually abused children and youth. Our programs include: 1) Enhancements – providing needed goods and services for child victims, child witnesses and their siblings, residing in foster care or at home on Oahu and Kauai that enhance their ability to regain a sense of normalcy and increase self-esteem. Special projects are also coordinated to provide holiday gifts and school supplies; 2) HEART (Healing Emotions with Art and Recreation Together) – a 6 month, experiential program for sexually abused children and adolescents to increase their self esteem and decrease feelings of isolation; 3) Ho`omaka – enabling child victims to strengthen their resiliency by working with adult mentors and developing skills in goal-setting, problem-solving, healthy relationship-building, independent living and increasing their knowledge about sexually transmitted infections and pregnancy prevention; 4) Strengthening Parents –parent support groups to them manage their own emotions about sexual abuse to their children and increasing their parenting skills. Our programs are not a substitute for primary therapy, but rather are unique adjunct services to individual and/or traditional group therapy, based on evidence-based best practices.

The need for access to services for sexually abused children is significant as over 300 reported cases are handled by the Dept. of Human Services each year. To add to this figure, national statistics demonstrate that there are hundreds more cases of child sexual abuse that are unreported. If left untreated, victims of child sexual abuse often experience serious social problems, such as substance abuse, unemployment, homelessness, poor academic

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achievement, and teen pregnancy. CAH provides the foundational support services that help these children to effectively manage their trauma and make a successful transition into adulthood.

The appropriation of \$150,000 for CAH's services included in SB 1288, S.D. 1, is critically needed to continue to meet the needs of these vulnerable children and assist them to become productive citizens of Hawaii. We understand Hawaii's very difficult economic situation and the serious challenges faced by the Hawaii State Legislature. However, without this appropriation, CAH will significantly reduce its programs and services, creating a strong potential for these children to engage in harmful behaviors at a greater cost to the State of Hawaii.

We urge for your support of SB 1288, S.D. 1, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

March 22, 2011

TO: Senate Committee on Finance

FR: Richard P. Bettini
President and Chief Executive Officer

RE: Support for SB 1288 S.D. 1 – Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

The Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center strongly supports SB 1288 S.D. 1. Each of the items identified for funding is important to the health and well-being of Hawai'i.

Of particular interest to the Health Center is funds to subsidize the costs of the emergency room at our Health Center for 2010-2011. Support for the Health Center's emergency room is essential for its survival.

The emergency room is one of the most heavily utilized on Oahu. The majority of emergency room visits are for conditions related to asthma, upper respiratory infection, complications from insulin-dependent diabetes, cardiovascular conditions such as chest pains and heart attacks, threatened labor, and injuries and wounds, many which are violence related. Time is crucial in many of these situations. The Health Center's ER is rated as a Type II facility for Hospital Capability for Readiness in time of a disaster/security situation and is designated as a Trauma Support Clinic by the State Emergency Medical System.

The Health Center has served the Waianae community since 1972 providing primary care, emergency medical services, and a wide range of other health and social services.

The Health Center is a safety net for the poor and underserved and needs the financial support provided through SB 1288 S.D. 1

Mahalo for allowing us the opportunity to state our support for SB 1288 S.D. 1.



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TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF
SB 1288 SD1 - RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND

March 23, 2011 at 2:30 p.m.

The Legal Aid Society of Hawaii submits testimony in strong support of SB 1288 SD1 – Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund.

This bill provides technical corrections to Act 191 which provided funding from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund to support safety net programs and services like those provided by the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii. Last year, the Legislature allocated \$720,000 to the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii (“Legal Aid”) to provide needed legal services. The corrections in this bill will allow the Judiciary to distribute this funding to Legal Aid through a 42F grant in aid and will extend the period under which we are able to allocate these funds through the end of FY12.

In November 2007, the Access to Justice Hui released a report that included, “The 2007 Assessment of Civil Legal needs and Barriers of Low- and Moderate-Income People in Hawaii.” This Assessment found that one out of every five low- and moderate-income Hawaii residents were unable to receive needed legal assistance. The Assessment also found the capacity of legal services providers was limited to helping only one in three Hawaii residents who needed assistance. The Legal Aid Society of Hawaii (Legal Aid) is the only legal service provider with offices on every island in the state, and annually provides legal assistance to approximately 10,000 Hawaii residents in the areas of consumer fraud, public assistance, family law, the prevention of homelessness, employment, protection from domestic violence.

We thank the Legislature for its support and ask for its assistance in gaining the release of the funds.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

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THE SEX ABUSE TREATMENT CENTER

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DATE: March 23, 2011

TO: The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
The Honorable Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair
Committee on Finance

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

RE: In support of SB1288 SD1
Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

Good afternoon Representatives Oshiro and Lee and members of the Committee on Finance. 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 SB1288 SD1 which makes technical corrections to Act 191, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010 which appropriated moneys from the emergency and budget reserve fund to education, public health, and public welfare for fiscal year 2010 -2011. Specifically the SATC supports this bill's provision to extend the lapse date for funds until June 30, 2012.

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 SB 1288 SD1. 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.

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Testimony on SB 1288, EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND

House Committee on Finance

Chair: Rep. Marcus Oshiro

Vice-Chair: Rep. Marilyn Lee

Wednesday, March 23, 2011, 2:30 p.m.

Conference Room 308

Testimony submitted by: Howard S. Garval,
President & CEO, Child & Family Service

Good afternoon, Chair Oshiro and Vice-Chair Lee and Committee members. I am Howard S. Garval, President & CEO of Child & Family Service, Hawaii's oldest and most comprehensive human service nonprofit organization with services on every island and touching the lives of 40,000 Hawaii residents from keiki to kupuna each year. I am testifying in strong support of SB 1288.

The recent news about TANF cuts to human services programs makes it clear that the "Rainy Day" continues in Hawaii. The Legislature is to be congratulated and thanked for passing the Rainy Day Fund bill last session, and the Governor deserves our gratitude for his announcement of the release of the funds. We also appreciate that this bill SB 1288 extends the period for expending the funds to June 30, 2012.

In particular this bill provides support for critical services related to child abuse and domestic violence as well as Kupuna Care for our seniors. We must do all we can to prevent child abuse and Rainy Day funds in this bill already helped save the Healthy Start program from total elimination. It is essential so that we reach families before there is ever a report of child abuse rather than after the fact. However, this bill also supports important programs that treat children who have been physically/sexually abused. Women and their children need emergency shelters when they are escaping from domestic violence in their homes, and we need to restore funding so we can provide more than just custodial care, which is all we can provide at the current funding levels. This bill also restores domestic violence intervention services that were cut 30% on Oahu and 40% on the Big Island. Where we can intervene with perpetrators and get them to stop the violence and take responsibility for dealing with their anger in non-abusive ways, we sometimes can preserve a family. When the perpetrators do not change and continue their violence, we need to help victims to leave the abusive relationships and to heal themselves as well as their children. Domestic violence intervention services can help women and children in this way.

For our Kupuna there are waiting lists for services that could prevent institutional care for elders and allow them to achieve a better quality of life at lower cost to the state. That is why we continue to advocate for increased funding for Kupuna Care that is included in this bill.

We certainly are hopeful that our economy will continue to improve and that state general funds will eventually be able to support some of these critical services. We can then build back the Rainy Day Fund for future economic downturns.

I urge your support of SB 1288.

Mahalo for providing the opportunity to submit testimony.

With Aloha,

Howard S. Garval, MSW
President & CEO
Child & Family Service

HAWAII SUBSTANCE ABUSE COALITION

Topic: SB 1288 Emergency and Budget Fund Reserve

To: COMMITTEE ON FINANCE: Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair; Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair

When: March 23, 2011, Wednesday, at 2:30 pm

Place: Conference Room 308

Aloha Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and Distinguished members. My name is Alan Johnson, I am the Chairperson of the Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, a hui of about 20 alcohol and substance abuse treatment agencies in Hawai'i.

HSAC Supports SB1288 SD1

SUMMARY

Treatment saves money in the current year. Treatment is the front line safety net that is used as an alternative by Judiciary or Pubic Safety to not send offenders to jail or prison; by DHS to not break up families or send kids to state paid homes; by DOH or Quest plans to curb the very expensive emergency hospital usage. Treatment saves money in the current year as well as future years.

The recent reductions in Substance Abuse Treatment place the Federal match at risk. State reductions often result in almost as much loss to Federal funding due to the Maintenance of Effort calculation imposed by the Federal government. SAMHSA, the Federal agency strongly, encourages States, such as Hawaii, to follow President Obama's lead to not reduce treatment at this time of need by so many.

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

EXPLANATION:

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

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

5. \$1 invested in substance abuse treatment saves taxpayers \$7 in future costs; that \$1 invested in treatment could save \$11.54 in combined medical and social costs; for every \$1 spent on substance abuse treatment \$5.60 was returned in reduced welfare, food stamps, Medicaid, crime courts, and imprisonment.
6. 33% of all Justice costs relate to substance abuse.
7. 55% in probation and parole programs need alcohol or drug treatment.
8. Treatment works: Results of a treatment study report significant declines in criminal activity.
 - Reports of arrests of selling drugs decreased by 78.2%, from 64% to 13.9%.
 - Reports of arrests of shoplifting decreased by 81.6%, from 63.7% to 11.7%.
 - Reports of "beating someone up" decreased by 77.6%, from 49.3% to 11%.
 - Reports of arrests for any crimes decreased by 64.2%, from 48.2% to 17.2% in the comparison years.
 - Drug sales dropped by 68%;
 - Breaking and entering dropped by 61%;
 - Selling sex dropped by 54%;
 - Use of weapons or physical force dropped by 75%.

Treatment works: *Alcohol Health & Research World* reported findings that 50% of the costs of alcohol and drug abuse treatment are offset within one year by subsequent reductions in medical costs by the affected family, and not just the primary patient.

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

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

Testimony on SB 1288
Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

Presented to the House Committee on Finance

Rep. Marcus Oshiro, Chair

Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 23, 2011

By Deborah L.K. Spencer-Chun, M.S.W.

Adult Friends for Youth

President and CEO

Chairman Oshiro and Members of the House Committee on Finance, I am here to testify in support of SB 1288, which will allow Adult Friends for Youth (AFY) the opportunity to receive funds that are so desperately needed to continue the work that we provide to the highest risk youth in our communities. The widest gap has been service to youth who are at highest risk of behaviors that are self-destructive and destructive to the institutions and communities where they reside.

Before taking on my role as President and CEO, I spent over 20 years in the field working directly with these youth whom many have labeled "lost causes". I can tell you that this is not true for many of the youth I have worked with in Ewa, Kalihi, Kapolei and Waipahu. I have seen the successes when they are given an opportunity, guidance, an ear, trust, and respect, someone to believe in them until they believe in themselves again. With help many of these youth and young adults often begin to pull themselves out of their destructive behaviors. Unfortunately, at a young age, many of these youth fall prey to what their impoverished communities have to offer, which are often gangs, crime, drugs and violence. In this sense, they become victims of their community. The key here is therapeutic mental health approach. The therapeutic process takes time, patience and hard work. The therapy applied by Adult Friends for Youth is called Redirectional Therapy. It has had a track record of helping hundreds of youth in over 40 gangs, over twenty four years. Adult Friends for Youth developed this unique therapy, which actually works, with gangs as whole entities and has proven to be effective. It has the unique ability to reach this population.

We have been great at our job but our problem now is having the bench strength to do the work. Our clinicians are passionate, dedicated, knowledgeable, and skillful and are on-call 24/7 but they also have heavy caseloads. At this time, AFY's two full-time clinicians, Vice President and I (I still conduct one group and also go into the field as needed) are working with over 450 of the highest risk youth a week in 24 groups. In

addition we conduct a Clinical Competency Based Alternative Education Program. This is insane. We cannot continue at this pace without further staffing. Yet, we can't get further staffing until we get the needed financial support. For the past three years we have been promised financial support through various means. However, there has always been some type of technicality that the last administration found to prevent us from receiving these monies. Our staff has held the line with the hope that support will be coming. As the administrator of this agency I am afraid that the staff will break and that the very high risk youth will no longer receive services. This will be devastating to them and to the communities at large with whom we have been so successful.

I ask that you support SB 1288 as it will provide the financial means for us to continue the services AFY provides which in turns helps Hawaii to continue to thrive as a safe and healthy place to live and as an appealing vacation destination.

Addendum

Comments from clients from new book on how things would be different without AFY.

1. "AFY gave us hope. For many of us there was no hope. When you get into the lifestyle hope begins to disappear. You get to the point where you don't care whether you live or die. So why should you care whether anyone else lives or dies in the way you begin to think."
2. "AFY has been unique in helping kids get in touch with their emotions."
3. "AFY is like a close family relationship. It was like family when we had no family to help us. Because of who I have become my girls will go to college."
4. "They made me feel respected. Other adults don't do that. I could always call them. The night I was attacked they came to the hospital. It gave me comfort knowing they were there."
5. "If it wasn't for you guys I don't think I would be here today. You had more faith in me than I had in myself. You never gave up on me."
6. "AFY changed a lot of people's lives. They were a big factor in influencing people not to become gangsters. If it wasn't for AFY there would have been more violence on the street including shoot outs. Before AFY it was getting out of

hand. AFY brought peace to the table. People resolved their difference and everything kind of faded."

7. "Without AFY's presence there would have been a lot people in prison or killed. There would have been a lot of bloodshed, that's for sure."
8. "AFY is different from other programs because it reached out to kids. You become one of them instead of expecting them to go to you."
9. "I felt so much love coming from AFY. Being accepted for who I was and not being judged was a new experience for me. They made us feel that were worth something. Growing up in a project made us feel that we were nothing."
10. "If you guys hadn't come along I would have been in jail or dead. You became our second parents. Without AFY more people would have been dead or in jail. The gangs would have on and on. Honolulu would have been like LA. The work that AFY has done has been awesome. I've seen boys from different gangs from the past. I saw "B" recently and we hugged each other. I don't see the boys from the group much anymore, they're all gone off in different directions. The gang days seem like a different life now."
11. "You guys gave me back my life. You are like angels, I swear to god. You gave me hope. In bad situations you don't panic. You go in calm because you aren't thinking about yourselves. You care about the youth you are trying to help."
12. "Staff were always there to encourage and nurture me. Their belief in me helped me to believe in myself. They helped me believe that I was a person of value who was entitled to be treated with respect and dignity. They never judged me. I began to believe I could become a happy person."

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT
SD 1288 SD 1
House Committee on Finance
Hearing: March 23, 2011 2:30 PM Conf Room 308

To: The Honorable Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair,
House Committee on Finance
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RE S.B. No. 1288 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND"

Dear Representative Oshiro and Members of the Committee:

We are in STRONG SUPPORT of SB 1288 SD1, which makes emergency appropriations from the emergency and budget reserve fund and makes technical corrections to Act 191, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010, to permit the awarding of grants to specified organizations and extends the lapse date of Act 191's appropriations from 6/30/11 to 6/30/12. We especially support the authorization of the amounts provided in the Bill for Medicaid Waiver services.

We are parents and guardians of a person with disabilities who receives services through Medicaid Waiver. These services were reduced in response to the budget crisis and have not been fully restored. The services were vital to helping our daughter live in the community in a safe and dignified manner. She cannot afford any further cuts, so it is necessary that funding be provided.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

House Committee on Finance

**Committee Hearing on SB 1288, SD 1, SSCR 60
Wednesday, March 23, 2011
2:30 pm, Conference Room 308**

Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair and members of the House Committee on Finance;

Thank you for this opportunity to testify **in support** of **SB 1288**. I am Jill Kitamura, Senior Program Director with the Moiliili Community Center Senior Center Program.

SB 1288 relates to the emergency and budget reserve fund, extending the lapse date of Act 191's appropriations from 06/30/11 to 06/30/12. Moiliili Community Center Senior Center program is one of the agencies noted to receive some of these monies. Though the monies were appropriated by the 2010 legislative session, the monies were not released until the present Governor took office in December. We have yet to have the monies contracted to our agency. With only three months left in the present fiscal year, we would not be able to expend the monies accordingly. It would certainly be a benefit to us to have the period extended through the next fiscal year.

I strongly urge that you pass SB1288. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address, phone, or email noted below. Thank you for your kind attention.

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March 22, 2011

From: Roy Katsuda, Hale Mahaolu Executive Director
Kathy Louis, Hale Mahaolu Personal Care Program Director

To: Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair
Committee on Finance

Re: Testimony for Hearing on Wednesday, March 23, 2011, 2:30 P.M.
SB1288, SD1 (SSCR60) Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund
2 Copies to Room 306 requested

We are in support of SB1288, SD1 (SSCR60) for the appropriation emergency funds from the emergency and budget reserve fund for the Kupuna Care Program and Hale Mahaolu Personal Care Program. We further support making the technical corrections to Act 191, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010, extending the lapse date of Act 191 appropriations from 6/30/11 to 6/30/12. This correction to Act 191 will allow Hale Mahaolu to budget and expend the \$210,000 allocated to our Personal Care Program in a prudent and fiscally responsible manner as we have done for the past 26 years.

The Department of Human Services has funded our Adult Personal Care Program since 1985. Through the years, Hale Mahaolu has helped many of Maui County's frail elderly and disabled adults to remain safely in their homes and prevent unnecessary or premature institutionalization. Our clients are struggling more than ever to have their needs met in the privacy of their home due to cuts in funding and services. It makes fiscal sense to maintain people in their homes, as long term care facilities cost the clients, community and State seven times more than it does to help them remain at home.

The clients we serve do not fit the mold for Medicaid Waiver services, as they are not nursing home level clients or they are in the "gap group" who do not qualify for Medicaid or Kupuna Care services because of their age and needs. Although they are not nursing home level clients, they require personal care services to help them safely maintain an independent lifestyle.

Our request for \$210,000 will provide over 11,000 hours of subsidized personal care services a year. In addition to our clients who receive personal care subsidies, we also serve more than 100 clients in the community who have received unsubsidized personal care attendant referrals through our registry.

Please contact either of us at 872-4100 (Roy) or 873-0521 (Kathy) if you have any questions or need further information.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY
House Committee on Finance

Wednesday, March 23, 2011, 2:30 p.m.
Room 308

SB 1288 SD1 REKATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND

Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and Members of the Committee on Finance:

As the executive director of Life Foundation, Hawaii's oldest and largest AIDS organization, I am writing to support the intent of this measure in general and, in particular, I would like to offer a clarifying amendment to SECTION 13, which makes an allocation to HIV/AIDS services.

SB 1288 seeks to add clarifying language to Act 191 which was passed by the 2010 session of the legislature and allowed to become law by Governor Lingle without her signature. When HIV/AIDS services were included in this allocation from the emergency and budget reserve fund, it was with the intention that the funds be directed to three organizations that provide a variety of critical AIDS services under contracts with the STD/AIDS Prevention Branch of the Hawaii State Department of Health. Collectively, these organizations had experienced funding losses of about \$307,000 from the Department of Health during the past year. The list of affected organizations was inadvertently omitted from the original bill in 2010.

Prior to drafting the suggested clarifying amendment included below, I conferred with the chief of the DOH AIDS branch and with the Director of Health. Neither objected to this course of action.

Accordingly, I would respectfully ask the committee to amend ~~SECTION 13~~ of SB 1288 SD 1. This amendment makes no financial change to the bill but merely allows the Department of Health to release the funds to the designated programs. The proposed language follows: *Please add:*

SECTION 13. There is appropriated out of the emergency and budget reserve fund of The State of Hawaii, the sum of \$270,000 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 HIV/AIDS related services [.] and to be distributed as follows:

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| (1) <u>Life Foundation</u> | <u>\$90,000</u> |
| (2) <u>Gregory House Programs</u> | <u>\$90,000</u> |
| (3) <u>Community Health Outreach Work to Prevent AIDS (The CHOW Project)</u> | <u>\$90,000</u> |

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

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Kupuna Care services that are enhanced now will be a financial savings. Better care that improves or even maintains the health of seniors is a benefit to each of those seniors. It is preempting the need for increased expenditures for health services, even in the short term.

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