

# SB935

Measure Title: RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND.

Report Title: Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund; Appropriation

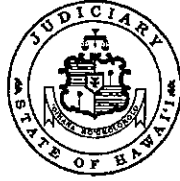
Description: Appropriates moneys from the emergency and budget reserve fund to maintain levels of programs for public health, safety, welfare, and education. (\$)

Companion:

Package: Keiki, Kupuna

Current Referral: HMS/HTH, WAM

Introducer(s): CHUN OAKLAND, BAKER, GALUTERIA, TOKUDA, English, Espero, Fukunaga, Kahele, Kidani, Kim, Ryan



*The Judiciary, State of Hawaii*

**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Human Services**

The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

The Honorable Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

**Senate Committee on Health**

The Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Chair

The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Thursday, February 10, 2011, 1:15 p.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 016

by

Rodney A. Maile

Administrative Director of the Courts

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY**

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**Bill No. and Title:** Senate Bill No. 935, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund.

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

**Judiciary's Position:**

The Judiciary strongly supports Section 33 of Senate Bill No. 935, which appropriates \$1.0 million from the State Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund to the Judiciary for domestic violence services. Legislative actions in 2009 reduced the Judiciary's FY 2010 budget base by \$11.5 million (7.6% from FY 2009 to FY 2010) and eliminated 79 positions or 4% of the Judiciary's permanent workforce. This necessitated significant cuts in funding for domestic violence services by the First, Second, Third, and Fifth Circuits, as well as the various treatment courts. Some programs were eliminated while others were significantly reduced. These cuts led to fewer services being available and fewer clients served, and longer waits to access services. They also contributed to the loss of 10 or more staff in direct service to victims and perpetrators of domestic violence, resulting in a decrease in parenting groups, crisis intervention services,



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victim support, and batterers treatment; a reduction in temporary restraining order (TRO) clients served at various sites, and victim services delivered; a significant reduction in safety planning services and other services to children exposed to domestic violence; an increase in wait time for batterers trying to enter treatment and counseling services, which means more untreated batterers residing in communities, decreasing the safety of their victims and the community in general; a decrease in the number of sites available to obtain services for batterers, victims, or children – on the Neighbor Islands this often means that services are unavailable unless the person seeking services has access to a car and is able to drive many miles; increases in requirements and fees for fee-for-services, making programs unavailable to those who cannot pay; a decrease in supervised visitations; a reduction in service provider staff work hours; and waitlists for almost all services, including waitlists for TRO support and filings. Court statistics show that from FY 2008 to FY 2010, domestic abuse/protective order filings increased by more than 12%, even as the availability and extent of domestic violence services were decreasing. The proposed \$1.0 million appropriation would enable at least partial restoration of these services for FY 2012.

While the 2010 Legislature reduced the Judiciary's FY 2011 budget base by another \$8.3 million, it also passed Act 191 which provided approximately \$2.5 million from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund to the Judiciary - \$1 million for domestic violence services and \$1.5 million to specified providers for various types of legal aid and treatment services. However, this was only a one-time infusion of funding for these services for FY 2011. Senate Bill No. 935 seeks to provide one-time funding again in FY 2012 for these services.

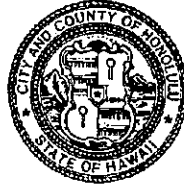
The Judiciary takes no position on Sections 34 through 39 of Senate Bill No. 935 which appropriate \$1,577,000 from the State Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund to the Judiciary to be expended as follows: \$200,000 to Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii to provide pro bono legal services for indigent persons, \$720,000 to Legal Aid Society of Hawaii to provide general civil legal services, \$282,000 to University of Hawaii Family Law Clinic to provide services to obtain TROs, \$150,000 to Catholic Charities to provide intra-familial sexual assault services, \$150,000 to Children's Alliance of Hawaii to provide child sex assault services, and \$75,000 for the Weed & Seed Program (**Note: Last year, Act 191 appropriated the funding for the Weed and Seed Program to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.**) It is very likely that the identified funding would be helpful to these programs, and that these organizations provide valuable services to Hawaii's citizens and have suffered along with many other organizations as a result of the economic situation in Hawaii. However, the Judiciary's concern is to ensure that because the funding amounts identified constitute an addition to the original Judiciary budget request contained in Senate Bill No. 1000, their addition does not come with a corresponding reduction to any items already included in our base budget request.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 935.

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Testimony of the Department of Community Services

**MEASURE:**

S.B. NO. 935, RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND.

**COMMITTEE(S):**

SENATE COMMITTEES ON HUMAN SERVICES AND ON HEALTH

**HEARING DATE:** Thursday, February 10, 2011      **TIME:** 1:15 p.m.

**LOCATION:** State Capitol, Room 016      **COMMITTEE REQUESTS 1 COPIES**

**TESTIFIER(S):** Samuel E.H. Moku, Acting Director  
(Written testimony only. For more information, please call  
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Chairs Chun-Oakland and Green and Members of the Committees:

The City and County of Honolulu's Elderly Affairs Division supports this bill.

The Elderly Affairs Division is Honolulu's designated Area Agency on Aging and operates in accordance with the Older Americans Act of 1965 to coordinate, advocate, and improve services to assist older persons in leading independent, meaningful, and dignified lives in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

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

**Section 4 - Senior Centers.** Home and Community-Based Supportive Services enable seniors to remain in their homes for as long as possible. These services include multi-purpose senior centers that coordinate and integrate services for older adults such as congregate meals, community education, health screening, exercise/health promotion programs, and transportation. The socialization and recreation opportunities offered by senior centers are crucial in keeping seniors active and engaged, one of the most effective ways of preventing or delaying loneliness, isolation, depression, and related declines in mental and physical health.

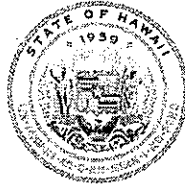
**Section 5 – Kupuna Care.** The Kupuna Care Program provides assistance to frail older adults who cannot live at home without adequate help from family or formal services. This program helps older adults avoid premature institutionalization by providing essential services, including attendant care, case management, chore, home-delivered meals, homemaker, personal care, and transportation.

**Section 6 – Aging and Disability Resource Centers.** The U.S. Administration on Aging has long sought to establish a “no wrong door” approach to access services for the disabled and older adults and their caregivers. EAD has been part of the development of this initiative in Hawaii for the past four years, working with the State Executive Office on Aging and the other county Area Agencies on Aging. Among many accomplishments, this initiative had led to the development of an important online resource, the Hawaii ADRC website (<http://www.hawaiiadrc.org/>), and has brought additional federal funding to Hawaii.

**Section 11 – Healthy Aging Partnership Program.** Through the Healthy Aging Partnership, EAD implements Stanford University’s Chronic Disease Self-Management Program, an evidence-based program that provides education, training, and support groups to persons with chronic conditions to assist them in managing their own care. The results have been overwhelmingly positive. In addition, other evidence based self-management programs have been introduced for arthritis and diabetes.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.



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

and

The Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Chair  
The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair  
Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
State Capitol  
State of Hawaii  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senators Chun Oakland and Ihara, Green and Nishihara, and Members of the Committees:

**SUBJECT: SB 935 – RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND**

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) is in **STRONG SUPPORT of SB 935**. The purpose of the bill is to appropriate 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 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.). Each target group/area is equally important and uniquely defined as vulnerable and deserving of priority status in determining what to include in the State's budget.

The Council strongly supports the following provisions in the bill that address various programs that provide essential services for individuals with DD and their families:

1. Section 2, page 3, lines 7-12: Department of Health (DOH) Respite Program (\$200,000)
2. Section 3, page 3, lines 13-18: DOH Healthy Start Program (\$1.5 million)

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3. Section 6, page 4, lines 15-20: Aging and Disability Resource Center (\$100,000)
4. Section 7, page 4, lines 21-22, and page 5, lines 1-4: DOH DD Medicaid Waiver Program (\$1.5 million)
5. Section 9, page 5, lines 11-16: DOH Partnerships in Community Living Program (\$150,000)
6. Section 25, page 11, lines 11-22, and page 12, lines 1-12: Restoration of Adult Dental Care (\$2.0 million)

The Council supports the amendments proposed by the Governor for SB 1288 - Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve fund regarding the \$2.0 million provided to the Department of Human Services (DHS) per Act 191, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010, for the restoration of adult dental care formerly granted under program ID HMS 245 – QUEST health care payments. It is our understanding that DHS is not able to expend the funds as this amount is not sufficient to sustain the program for the fiscal year and that the proposed amendments will allow the \$2.0 million for the continued provision of dental care for uninsured adults. The amended language appropriates \$1.9 million to the Hawaii Primary Care Association through the Federally Qualified Health Centers and \$100,000 to Maui Community College, University of Hawaii through DHS.

The Council emphasizes the urgency in getting this bill passed by the Legislature so it can be forwarded to the Governor for his action to maintain basic services to Hawaii's most needy and vulnerable populations.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to submit testimony in **strong support of SB 935.**

Sincerely,



Liz Ann Salvador  
Chair



Waynette K.Y. Cabral, MSW  
Executive Administrator

February 10, 2011

The Senate Joint Committees on Human Services (HMS), and Health (HTH)

The Honorable Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland, Chair

Senator Les Ihara, Vice Chair

Members of the Committee: Senators

The Honorable Senator Josh Green M.D., Chair

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF SB 935, RELATING TO THE  
EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND

Hearing: Thursday / February 10, 2011  
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Conference Room 016, Hawai'i State Capitol

Aloha Senators Chun-Oakland and Green and members of these committees,

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 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 are humbly requesting funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 to support PIDF's efforts in working with homeless families on the Leeward Coast of O'ahu. Attached are 205 testimonials from program participants and community partners that echo the need for the continuation of funds for our efforts.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this measure.

Mahalo A Nui Loa,

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



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# *The Salvation Army*

*Addiction Treatment Services*

## **SB 935 Relating to Emergency And Budget Reserve Fund**

February 10, 2011

Conference Room 016

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

Senator Clarence Nishihara, Vice-Chair

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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## **WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 935**

### **ALOHA CHAIR CHUN OAKLAND, CHAIR GREEN 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 Senate Bill No. 935** for the following reasons:

Alcohol and drug dependence continues to be a pervasive health problem in Hawaii costing taxpayers hundreds of millions dollars annually in terms of crimes against persons and property, prison overcrowding, child and spouse abuse, highway fatalities, AIDS, unemployment and lost tax revenues. Untreated substance abuse problems also cost Hawaii's businesses many millions annually in increased medical claims and disability cost from illnesses and injuries, theft, absenteeism, and decreased productivity. Reduction of substance abuse can be accomplished by increasing the availability of treatment.

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.

Senate Bill No 935 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.

Therefore, I respectfully request that the **Senate Committee on Human Services and the Senate Committee on Health support SB935 by passing it out of committee.**

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

Participating Agency



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# Read Aloud America, Inc.

*building families of lifetime readers*

## TESTIMONY

REGARDING:

SB 1267 – RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND

SB 935 – RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND

FEBRUARY 10, 2011

This testimony is an appeal to release funds from the emergency and budget reserve fund to enable Read Aloud America and other deserving nonprofits to carry out their programs in the areas of education, human services, and health. We understand that these grim economic times demand hard choices, but we argue that eliminating services now may be a short-sighted solution that only creates more problems in years to come.

Read Aloud America (RAA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 1995 by Jed Gaines, a local businessman and entrepreneur. It is the parent organization for a family-centered program called RAP, the Read Aloud Program. Through RAP, Read Aloud America carries out its mission to promote literacy, bond families, and build communities of lifetime readers.

Read Aloud America believes that reading aloud to children has a profound impact on their lives. Research shows that children who are read to as young children become better readers, do better in school, stay in school longer, and tend to avoid negative social choices later in life, including gang participation, drug use, and teenage pregnancy.

Read Aloud America also believes that parents have to be part of the picture. For that reason, RAP was designed as an after-school-hours program that operates in public schools. RAP includes the whole family, from toddlers to grandparents, and embraces all adults who influence the lives of children: *tutus*, grandfathers, aunts, uncles, cousins, guardians and caretakers. It is not a one-shot workshop but a series of high-energy, motivational sessions that take place during the course of one school semester. We even send families home with a booklet with enjoyable “RAP-oriented” activities into the home, so RAP’s momentum can continue after the program ends.

Families at RAP enjoy a pressure-free environment in which they experience the sheer pleasure of being read to, and parents receive resources and tips for how to bring this experience into the home. Our research shows that this leads to more time spent together as a family, increased interest in and time spent reading, and improved work in school. Schools have been trying to engage parents for generations. We believe RAP is a program that does it.

In order to work, a program has to attract an audience. The best program in the world is worth nothing if you can’t get people to attend. RAP has had an enormous response from school communities. Since its beginning in 1999, RAP has attracted a cumulative audience of more than 240,000 adults and children. This semester, we will pass the quarter-million mark in attendance. Just this past January, 3,065 people attended the first week of sessions at seven elementary and intermediate schools on Oahu, Maui, and the Big Island. And that doesn’t include the 333 volunteers who assisted our staff of 13.

Does RAP work? Read Aloud America is attempting to change habits and attitudes, the hardest changes of all. These changes are difficult to measure because they may take weeks or years to emerge. We track the success of our program, not only by monitoring the attendance, but by written evaluations we receive and end-of-program surveys. The walls of our Oahu office are lined with literally thousands of testimonials from participants. And the surveys? Here are some of the results (complete survey results for the past semester are included at the end of this report):

- 58% parents report reading to their children three times or more per week
- 69% report watching less TV
- 86% parents report an increase in their children's voluntary reading time
- 69% students report a more positive attitude toward school
- 70% students say they are more interested in reading
- 85% returning families (who have attended more than one program) say their children are reading better since attending RAP
- 84% returning families say they spend more time together as a family
- 89% returning families say they are more involved with their children's learning since RAP
- 82% returning families say they are more involved with their children's school

RAP works in partnership with other community organizations and agencies. An example is our "visit the library" program, created in 2006, during which participants have obtained 2,631 library cards. Our collaboration with RIF (Reading Is Fundamental) enables us to put more books in the hands of low-income families.

Since the beginning of RAP, we have included read-aloud sessions for toddlers. As we have grown, we have expanded the toddler and preschool program to include readiness activities such as song and body movement. We understand the importance of working with the very young, and we actually hire early childhood education professionals to conduct the sessions for the 0-3 age group.

RAP was founded to inspire families to read, but it does much more. The program strengthens bonds between parents and children and opens channels of communication between schools and homes. Participants share an evening of fun and fulfillment that is increasingly rare in our tech-based social environment and increasingly appealing in these tight times. Where else can a family go to have fun together – for free? And, by the way, learn about books, get tips about reading and learning together, and reinforce shared values?

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 our kids. With the termination of the TANF funds, we have lost 95% of our funding. We ask you to help us continue our work.

**Read Aloud America, Inc.**

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## All Schools RAP Parent Exit Survey Summary Fall 2010

2. 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%

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

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

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



STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
MAYOR JOSEPH J. FERN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
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September 2, 2008

Read Aloud America Inc.  
Mr. Jed Gaines  
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Honolulu, HI 96814

Dear Mr. Gaines,

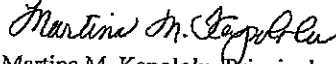
As this school year commences, I find myself reflecting upon the past year. One of the high points of last school year was the support that your organization provided through your Read Aloud America Program. Many of our parents are inquiring as to your status and whether you will continue to provide reading opportunities for our children and their families.

I understand that legislative budget reductions have impacted the extent to which you can now service schools. I have written letters of support for your mission to our legislatures. I hope they reconsider their decision and understand the influence that Read Aloud America has on everyone.

Let me share with you some of the results of last year's Read Aloud America at Mayor Joseph J. Fern Elementary School. One parent brought her four children to the first evening. It was a huge sacrifice because Dad was working and one child was an infant and another was a toddler. They all sat near the back of the cafeteria. With a great deal of enthusiasm, energy, noise and a little bit of confusion, the program started with introductions, questions, and prizes. Electricity filled the air. Children were then shuffled off to their respective rooms for storytelling and parents remained in the café to hear a story read to them. Upon their return to their home, all of the children were still talking about the events of the evening. It was then that she committed to attending all of the sessions. By the end of the second session, she started thinking of attending community college and possibly getting a degree. By the end of the sixth session, her family won water park tickets, books for children and adults, and she started the process to attend community college. In another family, a mother started a book club in her community. Neighbors were invited to her home to eat and talk about the importance of reading. It was decided that they would select a book, read it their children and meet weekly to discuss this book. These sessions drew their neighborhood closer and they spent quality time with their children.

Each week, we received an abundance of feedback with many life changing examples. Families turned off their television. Parents spoke to their children. Children shared their experiences. So as you see, your program not only addressed reading concerns of our community. It strengthened families and individuals. It is my sincere hope that our government leaders will understand this singular emphasis. Strong families build a strong nation. Strong families can resolve many of our criminal concerns. Let us continue to share this voice with our leaders. I hope you will be able to return to our school and continue your mission.

Sincerely,

  
Martina M. Kapololu, Principal

# Read Aloud America inc.

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Principal: Yolanda St. Laurent  
School Liaison: Carol Tanji  
RAP Coordinator: Israel Chavez  
Parent Trainer/Presenter: Jay Brown  
RAP sessions: **THURSDAYS**

JANUARY 27  
FEBRUARY 10  
FEBRUARY 24  
MARCH 10  
MARCH 24  
APRIL 7

## KAPUNAHALA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

45-828 Anoi Road  
Kaneohe, HI 96744  
Phone: 233-5650  
Principal: Deborah Nekomoto  
School Liaison: Renee Hasegawa  
RAP Coordinator: Tricia Lyons  
Parent Trainer/Presenter: Jennifer Ryan  
RAP sessions: **WEDNESDAYS**

JANUARY 26  
FEBRUARY 9  
FEBRUARY 23  
MARCH 9  
MARCH 30  
APRIL 13



## Spring 2011 RAP Schedule



## LEIHOKU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

86-285 Leihoku St  
Waiānae, HI 96792  
Phone: 697-7100  
Principal: Randall Miura  
School Liaison: Terri Tanji & Merle Takahashi  
RAP Coordinator: Israel Chavez  
Parent Trainer/Presenter: Kelly Kent  
RAP sessions: **THURSDAYS**

FEBRUARY 3  
FEBRUARY 17  
MARCH 3  
MARCH 31  
APRIL 14  
APRIL 21

## RED HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

1265 Ala Kula Place  
Honolulu, HI 96819  
Phone: 831-7866  
Principal: Mona Smoot  
School Liaison: Jamie Takamura  
RAP Coordinator: Israel Chavez  
Parent Trainer/Presenter: Tracey Saiki  
RAP sessions: **TUESDAYS**

JANUARY 25  
FEBRUARY 8  
FEBRUARY 22  
MARCH 8  
MARCH 22  
APRIL 5

## WAIALUA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

67-020 Waiālua Beach Road  
Waiālua, HI 96791  
Phone: 637-8228  
Principal: Scott Moore  
School Liaison: Twila Richvasky  
RAP Coordinator: Israel Chavez  
Parent Trainer/Presenter: Monique Weisman  
RAP sessions: **TUESDAYS**

FEBRUARY 1  
FEBRUARY 15  
MARCH 1  
MARCH 29  
APRIL 12  
APRIL 26

## HAIKU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

105 Pauwela Road  
Haiku, HI 96708  
Phone: 575-3000  
Principal: Bernice Takahata  
School Liaison: Veronica Farrell  
RAP Coordinator: Larry Laird  
Parent Trainer/Presenter: Joanne Laird  
RAP sessions: **WEDNESDAYS**

FEBRUARY 2  
FEBRUARY 16  
MARCH 2  
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APRIL 27

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RAP sessions: **TUESDAYS**

FEBRUARY 1  
FEBRUARY 15  
MARCH 1  
MARCH 22  
APRIL 5  
APRIL 19

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Kahului, HI 96732  
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RAP sessions: **THURSDAYS**

JANUARY 27  
FEBRUARY 10  
FEBRUARY 24  
MARCH 10  
MARCH 24  
APRIL 7

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RAP sessions: **WEDNESDAYS**

JANUARY 26  
FEBRUARY 9  
FEBRUARY 23  
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RAP sessions: **WEDNESDAYS**

FEBRUARY 2  
FEBRUARY 16  
MARCH 2  
MARCH 23  
APRIL 6  
APRIL 20

## KAUMANA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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RAP sessions: **THURSDAYS**

JANUARY 27  
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FEBRUARY 24  
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Senate Health 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: February 8, 2011

Re: **Testimony in support of S.B. 935-- 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 935. 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 Senate Bill 935.**

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 Senate Bill 935.

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



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**Re: SB 935 Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

The Hawaii Waiver Providers Association (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 Senate Bill 935.**

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 Senate Bill 935.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify,

Wanda Villareal  
President - Hawaii Waiver Providers Association



# THE SEX ABUSE TREATMENT CENTER

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The Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Chair  
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Committee on Health

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

Re: Support of SB935 – Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

Good afternoon Senators Chun Oakland and Green and members of the Committees on Human Services and 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 strongly supports SB935 to provide temporary, supplemental funding out of the emergency and budget reserve fund of the State of Hawai'i for programs essential to public health, safety, welfare, and education. This measure includes funding to KMCWC/SATC for statewide sexual assault services. Through a master contract with the Department of the Attorney General, the SATC provides for a comprehensive array of sexual assault crisis intervention, treatment and prevention education services on Oahu and the neighbor islands. **The emergency funds are needed to maintain the 24/7 hotline crisis services throughout all islands.**

### **Providers of Essential Sexual Assault Services**

Sexual assault programs were established in Hawai'i 34 years ago with public funds to support victims following the aftermath of a sex crime and to prevent such crimes from occurring. There is only one program in each county providing 24/7 critical care services to sexual assault victims and the community.

- O'ahu - Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children *Sex Abuse Treatment Center*
- Hawai'i island – *YWCA Sexual Assault Support Services*
- Maui – *Child & Family Service Sexual Assault Support Services*
- Kaua'i – *YWCA Sexual Assault Treatment Program*

### **Essential Sexual Assault Services**

Core crisis intervention services to sexual assault victims and their families must be available throughout Hawai'i. Sexual assault victims need access 24/7 to a trained and experienced crisis worker for immediate trauma counseling, to access medical

care/collection of evidence, and to get help with police reporting.

**Why are these Essential Services Worth Saving?**

- The effects of sexual assault on victims can be significant, particularly during the immediate period of crisis following the assault. Research has proven immediate crisis counseling makes a huge difference in the victim's prospects for recovery.
- Crisis intervention services are uniquely integrated into statewide systems with police, prosecutors, health care providers, child welfare services and the judiciary.
- Crisis intervention services increase police reporting of sexual violence crimes. In FY 2010 sexual assault provider agencies had a 72% report rate to the police as opposed to the national average of approximately 30% - 35%.
- Crisis intervention services help to identify pedophiles and sexual predators.
- Providing immediate care to victims decreases the likelihood they will develop other social problems that impact our communities, such as substance abuse and mental illness.

We urge you to support SB935 which provides a safety net of funding for critically important services such as ours. Sexual violence is a significant safety and public health issue in our communities and it exacts an enormous cost in terms of medical, personal, social and economic problems. Providing 24/7 crisis services statewide must be given the highest of priorities.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



Hearing date:  
**Thursday,**  
**February 10,**  
**1:15 p.m.**  
**Senate**  
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**and Health**  
Room 016

To: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Josh Green, Chair

From: Elisabeth Chun, Executive Director  
Good Beginnings Alliance

Date: Thursday, February 10, 2011, 1:15 p.m.  
Conference Room 016

Subject: **SB 935: Appropriates moneys from the emergency and budget reserve fund to maintain levels of programs for public health, safety, welfare, and education.**

The Good Beginnings Alliance is a policy and advocacy organization focused on Hawaii's youngest children and their families. We strive to ensure a nurturing, safe and healthy development for all children from pre-birth to age eight. We believe all children deserve safe and supportive environments that meet their needs as they grow and develop. Good Beginnings is also a member of One Voice for Hawaii's Children ([www.onevoiceforchildren.net](http://www.onevoiceforchildren.net)), an alliance of organizations and individuals committed to the development of an effective and equitably funded early childhood system that gives all young children the opportunity to arrive at kindergarten safe, healthy and ready to succeed.

We wish to provide you with information that may be helpful in your decision-making process. Addressing the needs of our at-risk young children and families in the early years is foundational to our early learning system. The programs named in this bill impacting young children such as Healthy Start, Child Care Subsidies, and Families for R.E.A.L. are part of the safety net for our keiki and foundational to school readiness when they start kindergarten.

The Healthy Start Program was pioneered in Hawaii and championed by leaders such as Governor Abercrombie when he served in the Legislature. Since then, this vital program has been improved upon considerably and directly supports the Parent Education and Family Support objectives for the Early Learning Council's Early Childhood System Development.

Additionally, we have seen a decrease in the number of public school kindergarten students who had previously attended preschool. This figure was 61 percent in School Year 2008-2009, and it dropped to 60 percent in School Year 2009-2010 and 59 percent in SY 2010-2011. We believe this is a contributing factor for more of our children starting school not ready to succeed.

Our weakened economy has placed increased stress on families, and these programs are a major part of the support system for at-risk children.

Mahalo for your consideration. For more information contact: Good Beginnings Alliance; phone: 531-5502; [lchun@goodbeginnings.org](mailto:lchun@goodbeginnings.org).

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**Testimony on SB935, EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND**

Joint Senate Committees on Human Services and Health

Human Services Chair: Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland

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Thursday, February 10, 2011, 1:15 p.m.

Conference Room 016

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

Good morning, Chais Chun Oakland and Greenand Vice-Chairs Ihara and Nishihara and Committee members. I am Howard S. Garval, President & CEO of Child & Family Service, Hawai'i 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 935.

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 the Governor's 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 continued funding of Healthy Start is essential so that we can 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 935.

Mahalo for providing the opportunity to submit testimony.

With Aloha,

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



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### AMENDED

## Testimony in Support of Senate Bills 1267 and 935 RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND Submitted by Beth Giesting, Chief Executive Officer February 10, 2011 1:15 p.m. Agenda, Room 016

The Hawai'i Primary Care Association strongly supports the intent of both these bills that would ensure adequate funding for essential services in the face of our state and national economic crisis.

Each of the items identified for funding in SB 935 is important to the health and well-being of Hawai'i. Each contributes substantially to preventing far worse calamities and costs than we currently experience.

The Hawai'i Primary Care Association particularly asks your support for:

- Section 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 21, which would continue funding for the Immigrant Health Initiative, a program that served 1,667 low income immigrants last year. (\$550,000). **We ask that SB 935 be amended to show the Hawai'i Primary Care Association as the recipient of these funds on behalf of Federally Qualified Health Centers.**
- Section 25, which fund Medicaid adult dental care. **If the Medicaid adult dental benefit is not restored, we ask that SB 935 be amended to show the Hawai'i Primary Care Association as the recipient of these funds on behalf of Federally Qualified Health Centers.**
- 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 that 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 ask that SB 935 be amended to show the Hawai'i Primary Care Association as the recipient of these funds on behalf of Federally Qualified Health Centers.**

We would also like to request that you insert a new section in SB 935 that would appropriate \$5,000,000 to pay for health care provided to the uninsured, should this need not be included elsewhere in the budget.

Please note that the one-time rainy day appropriations we support should NOT 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 Hawaii, as well as many other people who are more vulnerable than ever during this unsettling time.



DATE: February 8, 2011

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair Human Services Committee  
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair Human Services Committee  
Members of the Human Services Committee  
&  
Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair Health Committee  
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair Health Committee  
Members of the Health Committee

FROM: Sandra J. Yoro, SECOH Executive Director  
SECOH Operates in Senate Districts 8, 12, 18, 19, 20, 22

RE: **SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 935**  
**RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND**  
Hearing: Thursday, February 10, 2011

The Special Education Center of Hawaii (SECOH) is a private, non-profit organization whose mission is to provide personalized services to people with disabilities in the spirit of enriching lives. As health and human service advocates for vulnerable populations, *we strongly SUPPORT S.B.: 935 Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund.*

The intent of the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund (EBRF) is to appropriate money to maintain the levels of programs determined to be essential to education, health, and human services. Passing this measure will appropriate from the EBRF the sum of \$1,500,000 for fiscal year 2011-2012 for the developmental disabilities Medicaid waiver program.

Effective February 2009, people with intellectual and physical disabilities who participate in this Medicaid waiver program received a 15% reduction in services to assist the Department of Health, Developmental Disabilities Division (DOH-DDD) to balance their budget as DOH-DDD was prohibited from requesting an emergency appropriation. This budget balancing initiative has left the majority of our customers who have severe intellectual and physical disabilities without adult day care services 1-2 days per week and without personal assistance services for up to 20 hours per week. Family members and primary care providers have had to reduce their own work schedules or hire privately to care for their family members causing them economic hardship in already economically challenging times. Full participation in this Medicaid program is vital to the health, welfare, and inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in our society.

*I respectfully request your Committees PASS S.B. 935: Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund.*

Mahalo for your consideration and support!

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Senate committee on Health  
Testimony by  
Early Learning Council  
February 10, 2011  
S.B. 935 – Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

Chair Chun Oakland, Chair Green, and Committee Members:

The Early Learning Council (“ELC”) offers this testimony in support S.B. 935, and section 29 in particular, which appropriates funds for child care subsidies.

Established under Act 14, First Special Session 2008, the Early Learning Council is entrusted with the development and administration of the state’s early learning system. Among its duties, HRS § 302L-3(a)(3) directs the council to “[c]oordinate, improve, and expand upon existing early learning programs and services for children from birth until the time they enter kindergarten”. The Early Learning Council strongly supports this bill’s inclusion of monies for child care subsidies.

Our state’s economic challenges have negatively impacted our young children and their families, especially with regard to preschool subsidies for low income children. The number of public school kindergarten students who previously attended preschool has dropped each of the last two years, and only 1 out of every 5 public school kindergarten classes had most of their students consistently demonstrating the necessary pre-literacy skills at the start of this school year. Clearly, more of our young children are not prepared to start and succeed in school. Money through this bill will help our economically challenged families with young children.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Robert Peters  
Chair, Early Learning Council





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**HAWAI`I**

Hilo Early Intervention Program

Hilo Support Services Program

Hilo Youth Services

**MAUI COUNTY**

Adult Day Health Program at Hale Hauoli

Support Services Program

Partnerships in Community Living Program

Wednesday, February 09, 2011

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

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

The Honorable Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair of Senate Committee on Health.

The Honorable Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair of Senate Committee on Health

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

**Subject: SB 1267 Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve and SB 935 Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

Hearing: Thursday, February 10, 2011, 1:15pm (Senate Human Services and Health Committees) Room 016

Dear Honorable Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Honorable Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Honorable Senator Josh Green, M.D., and Honorable Senator Clarence K. Nishihara:

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 SB 1267 relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund and SB 935 relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund. SB 1267 appropriates moneys from the emergency and budget reserve fund to maintain levels of programs for education, human services, and health. SB 935 appropriates moneys from the emergency and budget reserve fund to maintain levels of programs for public health, safety, welfare, and education.

Easter Seals Hawaii humbly asks for your support of **SB 1267 and SB 935**. SB 1267 will set aside funding from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund to maintain levels of programs essential to education, public health, and public welfare. SB 935 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. This includes funding for 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 and Medicaid adult dental services. All of the above listed programs will greatly impact the individuals Easter Seals provides services too.

Sincerely,

Anastasia Keller-Collins  
VP of Program Development  
Easter Seals Hawaii

# HAWAII SUBSTANCE ABUSE COALITION

**Topic: SB 935 Emergency and Budget Fund Reserve**

**To: COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES:** Senator Chun-Oakland, Chair; Senator Ihara, Vice Chair

**To: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH:** Senator Green M.D., Chair; Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair

**When:** Feb. 10, 2011, Thursday, at 1:15 pm

**Place:** Conference Room 016

Aloha Chair Chun-Oakland, Chair Green 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 SB 935

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

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

1. Treatment is effective for both adolescents and adults. The outcome data is available at <http://hawaii.gov/health/substance-abuse/prevention-treatment/treatment/adtrtwo.htm>
2. Almost 10% of the adult population and 6% of adolescents need treatment in Hawaii.
3. Treatment is 7 times more cost effective than the best supply control program.
4. Treatment is far less expensive than 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.

# HAWAII STATE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

To: The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

From: Veronika Geronimo, Interim Executive Director  
Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Re: SB935 - Support

Hearing Date: 02-10-11, 1:15PM in conference room 016

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 for the opportunity to testify in support of SB935.

In light of the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) contract cuts announced on February 2, we are asking for your consideration in increasing the amount appropriated for domestic violence shelters in SB935 to \$1,378,500. This is to restore the \$616,000 cut from the TANF program for domestic violence shelters. These reductions would be detrimental to the shelters who have already eliminated staff positions, cut back on staff hours, reduced staff coverage at shelters, operated in deficit, and made reductions to transportation, children's services, parenting groups and childcare programs, all in an effort to keep their doors open. Any further reductions would result in compromising the safety and security of the women and children who seek safe haven at shelters.

In addition, we request the following corrections be made to SB935, section 22, Moloka'i Community Service Council should be listed instead of Hale Ho'omaluu. Moloka'i Community Service Council is the legal name of the non-profit organization which Hale Ho'omaluu is a part.

Thank you for your consideration of restoring this funding for Hawaii's domestic violence shelters.



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February 9, 2011

**To:** Chair Suzanne Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Les Ihara and Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services  
Chair Josh Green, Vice Chair Clarence Nishihara and Members of the Senate Committee on Health  
**From:** Katie Reardon, Director of Government Relations & Public Affairs, Planned Parenthood of Hawaii  
**Re:** **Testimony in Support of SB 935 and SB 1267**

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii (PPHI) supports SB 935 and SB 1267, which seek to use the emergency and budget reserve fund to provide funds to community service and non-profit organizations. We were recently informed that due to the lack of TANF funds certain contracts between the Department of Human Services and non-profit organizations would be terminated. As a result, a contract between PPHI and the Department for the performance of teen pregnancy prevention services has been drastically reduced.

Last year, PPHI was awarded a contract for \$75,000 to do statewide sexual health education. Under that contract, PPHI provided evidenced based, comprehensive and medically accurate sexual health education to adolescents in Hawaii. We use an evidenced based curriculum, Making Proud Choices (MPC). Based on national studies, MPC has been successful in changing young people's behavior- more students who receive MPC chose to delay first sexual intercourse, more students who have had sex chose to become abstinent, and those who chose to be sexually active were more likely to practice safer sex, using condoms and other forms of contraception. Our contract began on October 1, 2010.

On February 3, 2011 we received a letter from the Department of Human Services informing us that the contract could not be continued due to lack of TANF funds. The letter stated that we may continue the contract for a reduced amount of \$37,500. We understand that we are just one of approximately 40 organizations whose contracts' have been reduced or terminated.

The loss of teen pregnancy prevention programs comes at a bad time for Hawaii's young people. The most recent Guttmacher Institute report on teen pregnancy was released in January 2010. It states that in 2006, the United States saw an increase in teen pregnancy for the first time in over a decade. In Hawaii, the teen pregnancy rate was 71 per 1000 teens ages 15-19 – giving Hawaii the 17<sup>th</sup> highest teen pregnancy rate in the country.<sup>1</sup> Also in 2010, the Hawaii Youth Risk Behavior Survey revealed more disturbing data. It found that the rate of teens participating in sexual intercourse increased in 2009.<sup>2</sup> Less than half- only 47%- of all teens are using condoms.<sup>3</sup> That's the lowest rate of condom use in the United States. Even fewer teens are using contraceptives. 82% reported having sexual intercourse without using birth control pills or other contraceptives.<sup>4</sup> At Planned Parenthood, we see this data as

<sup>1</sup> US Teenage Pregnancies, Births and Abortions: National and State Trends and Trends by Race and Ethnicity, January 2010, accessed from <http://www.guttmacher.org/pubs/USTPTrends.pdf> on January 29, 2010

<sup>2</sup> Youth Risk Behavior Survey, Hawaii 2009 Results, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, accessed from <http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/youthonline/App/Results.aspx?LID=HI> on September 14, 2010.

<sup>3</sup> Id.

<sup>4</sup> Id.

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alarming indicators that our youth need help when it comes to protecting their sexual and reproductive health.

The social and economic costs of teen pregnancy are immense. Teens who become pregnant are significantly less likely to graduate from high school, with only 32% of teen mothers obtaining a diploma by the age of 30.<sup>5</sup> They are more likely to need welfare assistance, more likely to be single parents, and often have more children earlier than their peers. Their children also face obstacles as they are more likely to have physical and mental health problems, such as low birth weight and mental disabilities, are more likely to be abused or neglected, and are more likely to be placed into foster care.<sup>6</sup> As a consequence, the United States spends over \$6.9 a year providing services and care related to teen child birth.<sup>7</sup> Hawaii spends as much as \$22 million each year.<sup>8</sup> With the loss of prevention services, that \$22 million cost will undoubtedly increase in future years.

We recognize that our state continues to struggle with an economic crisis. Like many organizations we are doing more with less, but our commitment to the health and wellbeing of Hawaii's keiki will continue. We ask the Committees to consider the wellbeing of our young people and the certain costs our state will face without crucial teen pregnancy prevention services. Please pass SB 935 and SB 1267 so that community organizations can continue their important work. Thank you.

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<sup>5</sup> National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. (1997). *Whatever Happened to Childhood? The Problem of Teen Pregnancy in the United States*. Washington, DC: Author.

<sup>6</sup> *Id.*

<sup>7</sup> *Id.*

<sup>8</sup> See *By the Numbers: The Public Costs of Teen Childbearing in Hawaii*, November 2006, accessed from <http://www.thenationalcampaign.org/costs/pdt/statesihawaii/onepager.pdf>

February 9, 2011

TO: Chair Chun Oakland and Chair Green,  
Members of the Senate Humans Services and Senate Health Committees

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

Subject: Testimony in support of and request the inclusion of Susannah Wesley Community Center's Youth Service Center in SB 935

Chair Chun Oakland and Chair Green,

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 speak in support of SB935 and request the inclusion of Susannah Wesley Community Center's Youth Service Center in the amount of \$ 150,000.

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 youth and their families in our community. The program and it's various components served 735 youth in Fiscal Year 2010. The program provides a vital service to our Kalihi community.

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 eight days 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.

We are requesting the consideration of this joint committee for inclusion in SB 935 to be able to continue to provide this much need service. Please contact me if there are any questions at 847-7191.

Thank you for this opportunity.

# HMSA



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February 10, 2011

The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
The Honorable Josh Green M.D., Chair  
Senate Committees on Human Services and Health

**Re: SB 935 – Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

Dear Chair Chun Oakland, Chair Green, and Members of the Committees:

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify on SB 935 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.

SB 935 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 be 'JD' with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jennifer Diesman  
Vice President  
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## **HAWAII DISABILITY RIGHTS CENTER**

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

#### **Committee on Human Services Committee on Health Testimony in Support of S.B. 935 Relating to The Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

**Thursday, February 10, 2011, 1:15 P.M.  
Conference Room 016**

Chair Chun-Oakland, Chair Green and Members of the Committees:

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

The purpose of the bill is to appropriate monies from the emergency and budget reserve fund to a variety of entities, including state departments and several non-profit agencies to maintain levels of public health, safety and welfare.

We support the bill and respectfully request an amendment which includes a specific line item to the Hawaii Disability Rights Center in the amount of \$ 165,505. As you know, 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 333F -8.5 HRS, expressly recognizes the obligation of the state to provide advocacy service to individuals with developmental disabilities and mental illness in order to receive federal funds.

Initially state funding 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%. This, despite the fact that federal law states that federal funds are to be used to supplement, not supplant the state's efforts, and despite the fact that every Governor has provided assurances to the federal government that federal funds were not supplanting state efforts.

From 2004 until 2010 the state gave HDRC at least \$165,505 each year under a purchase of services contract within the Office of Community Services of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. However, in July, 2010, OCS informed us that the purchase of services contract would not be renewed because the Hawaii Legislature had reduced funds for the OCS program budget for FY2011 by \$700,000. To our understanding, OCS administratively restricted their budget by an amount significantly greater than the \$700,000 that was reduced by the Legislature. While there may have been no intent on the part of the legislature to cut funds for HDRC, the net effect is that that is what has occurred.

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 in the past several years and without the state funds which we have received and significantly relied upon we will be forced to curtail our activities, reduce staffing, and provide an overall lower level of services to the most needy, vulnerable population in our state.

While we had hoped that the new administration would restore our funding in the base budget for OCS, that has not occurred so far. Therefore, an appropriation from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund would seem to be a very suitable, appropriate mechanism to continue the vital functions we perform, until a more stable, permanent source of state funding can be identified. For that reason we respectfully request that the bill be amended to add a provision to that effect.

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

February 8, 2011

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair  
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

From: Lyn Moku, Office Manager

Hearing: February 10, 2011 – 1:15 p.m., Conference Room 016

Subject: **SUPPORT OF SB 935, RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND. APPROPRIATES MONEYS TO MAINTAIN LEVELS OF PROGRAMS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, WELFARE, AND EDUCATION.**

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society supports SB 935 which appropriates monies from the emergency and budget reserve funds to maintain levels of programs for public health, safety, welfare, and education. We recognize that all of the programs in this bill are important. Failure to provide funding will threaten, if not eliminate, the safety net for the most needy and vulnerable people in our society.

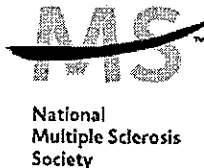
This bill provides ongoing funding for Kupuna Care, which provides personal care and attendant care, case management, chore and housekeeper/homemaker services, transportation and home delivered meals through contractors of the Elderly Affairs Division. These services provide the most basic services needed for people to live independently and to remain in their homes as long as possible.

This bill also provides funding for respite services for caregivers. The role of families in providing long-term care must be recognized and supported. Affordable, quality respite care must be readily available to give families a break, especially for those with constant and often overwhelming caregiver duties.

The MS Society is dedicated to helping people living with MS and their families, the elderly, and others with chronic disabling diseases secure the critical services they need, especially those that keep individuals in the community and functioning at the highest possible level.

Kupuna Care programs provide vital services are provided for people with MS and others who require assistance in meeting their daily or long-term care needs. We support SB 935 and ask you to vote in favor of this Bill. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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**Comments:**

As a retired RN I realize how important this bill is to the senior community.

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

Senator Josh Green, M.D Chair  
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair  
Committee on Health

**FROM:** 

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Stella M.Q. Wong  
Vice President of Programs

**DATE of Hearing:** **Thursday February 10, 2011**  
**1:15 p.m., Room 016**

**SUBJECT:** **STRONG SUPPORT of SB 935**

Chair, Senator Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Senator Ihara, and Chair Senator Green, and Vice Chair Nishihara, and Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services and Committee on Health,

My name is Stella Wong and I am the Vice President of Programs at Catholic Charities Hawai'i. I am testifying in **strong support of SB935, RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND,**

Catholic Charities Hawai'i (CCH) is a tax exempt, non-profit agency that has been providing social services in Hawai'i for over 60 years. CCH has programs serving elders, children, developmentally disabled, homeless and immigrants. Our mission is to provide services to the most vulnerable of the people in Hawai'i.

**Catholic Charities Hawai'i strongly supports SB 935.**

With the current economic situation, the numbers of people at risk are growing. There are more people coming to our doors needing food, shelter, jobs and other basics of life. There is nothing more heartbreaking than to have to turn away families with young children, frail elders and individuals with disabilities.

Losing one's job in many families with young infants adds tremendous stress. Our programs dealing with child abuse, domestic violence, and family counseling have become more critical. Growing needs will only continue and further cuts will put more families at risk.

Cuts to services for senior citizens and individuals with developmental disabilities place these vulnerable populations at risk of costly institutionalization for which government, and taxpayers, will eventually bear the burden.

The legislature had the foresight to set up the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund as a safety net for social services. The safety net for all social services that affect our most vulnerable in the state is getting very thin and will soon be in shreds if nothing is done. There will be many more people faced with health and safety issues and it will cost the State, and taxpayers, more money in the long run if we do not **do what we can now** to maintain these at risk populations in the community.

The social services situation has not changed much since last year. We still face shortfalls in providing our services to the most vulnerable groups. With TANF cuts to level 3 & 4 our clients will be affected as they receive fewer services from those providers. So we need to provide at least basic services to those most in need. Please help restore programs to protect the most vulnerable in this State. I strongly urge your committees to pass SB 935.

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

# HAWAII SUBSTANCE ABUSE COALITION

**Topic: SB 935 Emergency and Budget Fund Reserve**

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

**To: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH:** Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Clarence  
Nishihara, Vice Chair

**When:** Feb.10, 2011, Thursday, at 1:15 pm

**Place:** Conference Room 016

Aloha Chair Chun Oakland, Chair Green and Distinguished members. My name is Lisa Cook, I am the Executive Director for Kū Aloha Ola Mau a substance abuse treatment agencies which has served over 13, 000 individuals and families in Hawai'i.

## **Kū Aloha Strongly Supports SB935**

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

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

1. Treatment is effective for both adolescents and adults. The outcome data is available at <http://hawaii.gov/health/substance-abuse/prevention-treatment/treatment/adtrtwo.htm>

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

2. \$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.

**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%.
- 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.**

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



To: The Senate Human Services Committee  
The Honorable Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
The Honorable Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice-Chair  
The Senate Health Committee  
The Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Chair  
The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice-Chair

Date: Feb. 10, 2011  
Time: 1:15 PM  
Room: 016  
From: Rose Nakamura, Administrator, Project Dana

Subject: Testimony Supporting S.B. No. 935: Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund.

I strongly support S.B. No. 935-Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund. More specifically Section 5 sets an appropriation out of the Emergency and Budget Reserve of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$3,000,000 or so much for fiscal year 2011-2012 for the KUPUNA CARE Program.

Kupuna Care has for years through the Executive Office on Aging in partnership with the county area agencies on aging provided much support to the elders throughout the State of Hawaii. The numbers of elders needing long term care assistance are ever increasing as the demographics lean heavily towards an aging society. In a few years, older adults 60 and over, will make up 25% of Hawaii's population.

Aging in place is the desire for everyone in Hawaii and assistance in various nature i.e. case management, information and referral, meals on wheels, transportation, housing, personal care, attendant care, etc. is increasing. Kupuna Care is a cost effective program and plays a vital role in maintaining seniors to live happily in their homes. Many older adults are isolated, shut in, lonely and helpless and need some assistance in coping with daily living. The numerous unmet needs of elders must be met. Elders are our bridge to our past, our heritage and our treasured resource.

Funding for Kupuna Care from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund (Rainy Day Fund) is imminent to Hawaii's Kupuna to age in place with your whole hearted and sensitive support.

Thank you very much.

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**From:** Drorbaugh M [mjdrror@hawaii.rr.com]  
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Measure: SB935, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund Committee on Human Services  
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
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Committee on Health  
Senator Josh Green, Chair  
Senator Clarence Nishiharam Vice Chair  
Date: Thursday, February 10, 2011  
Time: 1:15 pm  
Place: Room 016

Aloha Senators Chun Oakland and Green and Committee Members,

I am Board President of Blueprint For Change. Together with the Neighborhood Places we provide preventive and family strengthening services to families at risk of child abuse and neglect. These families may be low income, homeless, single parents, substance abusers or other stressful situations. We give direct services to approximately 500 families annually and consultation and referral to 3000 or more. The incidence of child abuse and neglect in families receiving services is 5%. The incidence would be expected to be much higher without services because of their at risk situations. Family strengthening works.

In the past two years our funding from Department of Human Resources has been cut by 30%. Without funds from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund we will very likely have to close our doors this summer. The incidence of abuse and neglect will go back up in the population we serve. Costs to the Child Welfare Service and the State will far exceed the cost of the preventive services we supply. More children will be damaged by abuse and neglect.

We support SB935 which will give us a chance to continue in our work of prevention of child abuse and neglect.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

James E. Drorbaugh, MD  
President of the Board of Directors, Blueprint For Change

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## TESTIMONY

ON

### SB 935 RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND JOINT SENATE COMMITTEES ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

February 10, 2011

1:15 pm

Room 016

Aloha Chairs Chun Oakland and Green and members of the Senate Committees on Health and Human Services. Blueprint for Change (BFC), a non-profit organization whose mission is to improve Hawai'i's Child Welfare System, **strongly supports SB 935**. BFC is interested in this bill because funding provided through this measure can not only help BFC and other social service providers maintain our services to children and families but literally, keep us from closing down its operations and services on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

BFC serves as the master contractor for the Department of Human Services in providing financial, technical, and administrative support to five Neighborhood Place centers statewide that provide prevention and strengthening services to families at risk of child abuse and neglect. It is one of the service providers that received a contract by DHS's Social Services Division for family strengthening services this fiscal year.

At a meeting called by the Benefits, Employment, and Support Services Division (BESSD) of DHS on February 2nd, BFC and other service providers whose contracts are funded with federal TANF dollars were informed that our contracts will be terminated at the end of the third quarter of this year, March 31<sup>st</sup>. However, at the end of this meeting, BFC was informed by SSD staff that it had in hand the \$200,000 in Rainy Day funds appropriated to BFC by the 2010 Legislature and will be used to fund the fourth quarter of our contract this year, thus allowing us the time to continue services for three more months, search for other sources of funding, or properly plan for an exit strategy if necessary come June 30<sup>th</sup>.

If passed, the \$200,000 designated for the BFC/Neighborhood Place Partnership in SB 935 will allow us to continue services to September 30<sup>th</sup>, giving us more time to identify and secure alternative sources of funding for our program. For example, BFC plans to submit a funding application to the federal Administration for Native Americans on April 1<sup>st</sup>. We will be requesting \$500,000 a year for each of three years (\$1.5 million total). If successful, we would be able to begin drawing down on the first year of funding on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

We strongly support the expeditious passage of SB 935, because without it, the Blueprint for Change/Neighborhood Place Partnership will shut down entirely on June 30th and families needing strengthening services will no longer be served. We strongly urge passage of SB 935. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

# JoAnn Farnsworth, Farnsworth Consulting

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To: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Josh Green, Chair  
From: JoAnn Farnsworth  
Date: Thursday, February 10, 2011, 1:15 p.m.  
Conference Room 016

**Subject: SB 935: Appropriates moneys from the emergency and budget reserve fund to maintain levels of programs for public health, safety, welfare, and education.**

I am writing in support of this bill.

As a long term advocate for the children of Hawaii and a member of One Voice for Hawaii's Children ([www.onevoiceforchildren.net](http://www.onevoiceforchildren.net)), an alliance of organizations and individuals committed to the development of an effective and equitably funded early childhood system of support that gives all young children the opportunity to arrive at kindergarten safe, healthy and ready to succeed, I firmly believe that all children deserve safe and supportive environments that meet their needs as they grow and develop.

The programs named in this bill impacting young children such as Blueprint for Change, Healthy Start, Child Care Subsidies, and Families for R.E.A.L. are part of the safety net for our keiki and foundational to school readiness when they start kindergarten. The Healthy Start Program was pioneered in Hawaii and championed by leaders such as Governor Abercrombie when he served in the Legislature. Since then, this vital program has been improved upon considerably and directly supports the Parent Education and Family Support objectives for the Early Learning Council's Early Childhood System Development.

Additionally, we have seen a decrease in the number of public school kindergarten students who had previously attended preschool. This figure was 61 percent in School Year 2008-2009, and it dropped to 60 percent in School Year 2009-2010 and 59 percent in SY 2010-2011. We believe this is a contributing factor for more of our children starting school not ready to succeed.

Our weakened economy has placed increased stress on families, with rates of re abuse of children doubling from 4% to 8% as per Director McManaman and these programs are a major part of the support system for at-risk children.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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February 8, 2011

To: Committee on Human Services, Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Committee on Health, Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair

Date: Thursday, February 10, 2011

State Capitol Conference Room 016, 1:15pm.

Re: SB 935, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

Chair Chun Oakland and Chair Green:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in strong support of SB 935, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund.

My name is Janice S. Bond. My sister was the caregiver for my mother who passed away last year and we live in the Senatorial District 7 area.

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. Most people want to remain 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 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.

My mother was cared for by my sister who received help with day care services and other respite care. She remained in family care until my sister placed her in a residential assisted living facility. Within two weeks she was in the hospital and died of a heart attack. My sister took it badly that Mom could not remain in home with assistance. We need help through community services.

I urge you to support seniors by voting yes on SB 935. Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

Sincerely,

Janice S. Bond

Senatorial District 7

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Testimony for HMS/HTH 2/10/2011 1:15:00 PM SB935

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**Comments:**

**To:** Committee on Human Services, Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Committee on Health, Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair

**Date:** Thursday, February 10, 2011, State Capitol Conference Room 016, 1:15

**RE:** SB 935, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

Chair Chun Oakland and Chair Green, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in strong support of SB 935, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund. My name is Kathleen V. Phillips and I am a former caregiver for my mom as well as wife of a Deacon. We have reached out to many seniors needing this type of services. 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, but very important respite services. Without this service I do not know how I would have been able to work and at the same time be there for my mom. Being a caregiver is not easy. This person has to struggle to balance the needs of their parent/s, children, spouse and employer. Senior needs can't be swept under the rug. They don't stay stagnant, they increase.

I urge you to support seniors by voting yes on SB 935.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

Kathleen V. Phillips  
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To: Committee on Human Services, Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Committee on Health, Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair  
Date: Thursday, February 10, 2011, State Capitol Conference Room 016, 1:15pm.  
Re: SB 935, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

Chair Chun Oakland and Chair Green, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in strong support of SB 935, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund. My name is Tracy Davidson and I was a family caregiver for my father-in-law and friends to many who care for the elderly. I live in the District 7 area. 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. Most people want to remain 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 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.

We can take care of 3 people at home compared to 1 in a nursing facility.

My friend, who works full time and has a family of her own, and her sister, have been helping an elderly couple. Feeding them, cleaning their house and assisting with bathing. They were not even related to these people. AARP told them about Kupuna Care and were able to get these people help! There are many more just like them!

I urge you to support seniors by voting yes on SB 935.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

Tracy Davidson, RB  
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## ChunOakland2 - Tyrell

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**From:** Steve Godzsak [patnsteve@hawaiiantel.net]  
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**To:** Committee on Human Services, Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Committee on Health, Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair

**Date:** Thursday, February 10, 2011, State Capitol Conference Room 016, 1:15pm.

**Re:** SB 935, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

Chair Chun Oakland and Chair Green, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in strong support of SB 935, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund. My name is Steve Godzsak and I live in the Hilo area. The passage of this bill is vital because:

- 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. But they need help – SB935 could provide that help for thousands of needy individuals and their caregivers.
- This bill will provide a sustainable source of revenue for Kupuna Care ensuring the services provided to the 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.
- Cost analyses of home based vs institutional care 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 transportation that enables a person to remain independent and stay in their home.
- A safety net of home and community based services is needed to allow people who are not poor enough to qualify for Medicaid, but not wealthy enough to pay for services, to have access to the services provided by Kupuna Care.

I urge you to support seniors by voting yes on SB935.  
Thank you for this opportunity to submit my testimony.  
Steve Godzsak  
Hilo, HI 96720

To: Committee on Human Services, Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Date: Thursday, February 10, 2011, State Capitol Conference Room 016, 1:15pm.  
Re: SB 935, RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND.

Chair Chun Oakland and Committee Members, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in strong support of SB 935, RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND. My name is Roy T. Matsuo, and I and my wife Joyce have been caregivers for both my stepfather and my mother. The passage of this bill is vital as

I strongly SUPPORT SB935 for the following reasons:

- \* This bill will significantly support on-going funding for Kupuna Care services which are essential to provide respite and elderly care for our rapidly aging population.

- \* This bill will also allow more of our elderly citizens to remain at home to receive care from their family members; many of our elderly citizens prefer to remain at home instead of being placed in institutions.

- \* There are many Hawaii residents who don't qualify for Medicaid and lack enough financial resources to afford the high costs of institutional care facilities. Kupuna Care service is a vital option for them and in the long run, can mitigate even larger State funded support such as Welfare and even Unemployment benefits for caregivers.

- \* Family Caregivers are the backbone of Hawaii's long term care system and the over 169,000 care givers currently provide \$1.4 billion a year of unpaid care. But they need help – in the form of respite and some services. Care giver Burn Out and lack of financial support to these vast number of care givers could mean added social problems and needs which will drain the State's existing resources.

\*My wife Joyce and I have personally experienced the great stress involved in family care giving, as well as have witnessed several relatives and friends having similar results. Families need to be able to take care of each other and not depend solely on the Government for assistance. The Kupuna Care Services' safety net will go a long way in helping families to care for each other.

I urge you to support seniors by voting Yes on SB935.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy T. Matsuo  
Senate District No. 14

Committee on Human Services, Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

Committee on Health, Senator Josh Green, Chair

Hearing on Thursday, February 10, 2011, 1:15 p.m.

Testimony by Josephine Chang

In Support of S.B. 935 Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

I support S.B. 935 that would appropriate funds for Kupuna care from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund.

I am a family caregiver for my elderly mother and fully understand the value and need for kupuna care. It is a reflection of a caring and compassionate society to try to care for the most vulnerable, including our aging seniors. Kupuna care assists family caregivers as well as the elderly themselves, allowing many seniors to remain independent as long as possible and supporting the efforts of family caregivers to care for their seniors.

Kupuna care is also budgetwise and cost effective, as it helps to contain health care costs for the elderly. If seniors are left alone or without support services available from Kupuna Care to maintain their independence and health, they would decline much faster, both mentally and physically, placing a greater burden on our health care system, including our state Medicaid program. Keeping seniors independent and healthy with the help of Kupuna Care is in the interests of our overall state budget and programs.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

## ChunOakland2 - Tyrell

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**From:** laura horigan [laurahorigan@hotmail.com]  
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**To:** HMS Testimony; LAURA Horigan  
**Subject:** SB935

**Categories:** Red Category

To: Committee on Human Services , Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Date: Thursday, February 10, 2011, State Capitol conference Room 016, 1:15 pm  
Re: SB935, 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 SB935. My name is Laura Horigan. I am 75 years old and have lived and worked in Hawaii for 46 years. I raised two children here but they now live on the mainland for better employment opportunities. I am not wealthy enough for an extended stay in a nursing home but have too high an income to qualify for Medicaid. Kupuna care would provide my caregivers with respite and enable me to have necessary support services at a reasonable cost. Keeping me in my own home would save me, my family and the state money. I urge you to vote "yes" on SB935 to help me and other seniors in Hawaii.

Mahalo!

Laura Horigan

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**Comments:**

Please support our Kupuna by voting FOR SB935. Our Kupuna, our elderly depend on your knowledge and wisdom. Please don't let them down.

**TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT**  
**SB1267 and SB 935**  
**Senate Committee on Human Services**  
**Senate Committee on Health**  
**Hearing : February 10, 2011 1:15 PM Conf Room 16**

To: The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland,  
Chair, Senate Committee on Human Services  
and

To: The Honorable Josh Green, M.D.,  
Chair, Senate Committee on Health

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Re: SB 1267  
RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND.  
and

Re: SB 935  
RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND

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

We are in STRONG SUPPORT of the purposes of either SB 1267 and SB 935 which would continue the appropriation of funds from the emergency and budget reserve fund for a variety of essential health and human services purposes.

Whichever Bill goes forward, we urgently request that it include funds to continue services for our citizens with Developmental Disabilities, and in particular, 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.

We thank you for all of the assistance that the State of Hawaii, and in particular the Legislature, for persons with developmental disabilities in the past.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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**From:** flemming carstensen [flemming@hawaii.rr.com]  
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To: Committee on Human Services, Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

Committee on Health, Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair

Date: Thursday, February 10, 2011, State Capitol Conference Room 016, 1:15pm.

Re: **SB 935, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

Chair Chun Oakland and Chair Green, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in strong **support of SB 935**, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund. 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.

Family Caregivers are the backbone of Hawaii's long term care system.

Chair Chun Oakland and Chair Green I urge you to support seniors by voting **yes on SB 935**.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

Flemming H. Carstensen

Waialae Nui, lower ridge area