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

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

Date: February 10, 2011, Conference Room 016, 1:15pm

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

Chair Chun Oakland, Chair Green and Committee Members:

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

AARP strongly supports SB 935 as it funds specific safety net programs that support Hawaii's most vulnerable population – the elderly, the disabled, children, caregivers, seniors, and the mentally disabled. In particular, AARP especially supports moneys for the Kupuna Care program, and meals for the elderly for kupuna care.

AARP prefers that moneys for the Kupuna Care program, and meals for the elderly for kupuna care be appropriated from general revenues as specified in SB 1508, so that there will be an ongoing, sustainable source of revenue for Kupuna Care that can be counted upon each year by seniors and their caregivers. However, AARP understands the state's budget shortfall, and if moneys for Kupuna Care are not available from general revenues, then the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund should be used as specified in SB 935 to first and foremost maintain the level of service needed for the health, public welfare, and education of our most vulnerable residents.

The passage of this bill is vital as it will provide moneys to fund programs to support our most vulnerable population who face the following challenges:

- Hawaii's population over age 65 is increasing rapidly and projected to increase by 86% between 2007 and 2030.
- More than one out of every five (22%) Hawaii residents will be age 65 or older in 2030.
- The population ages 85 and over will increase by 64% between 2007 and 2030.
- Approximately 169,000 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.

- The number of family caregivers is declining. The primary family caregiver group is 50-64 years old. This group will decline by 10% by 2030, and cause further strain on seniors and remaining caregivers.

We urge you to support seniors by voting yes on SB 935, as it funds safety net programs that support our most vulnerable population – the elderly, caregivers, and seniors.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

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The Children's Alliance
OF HAWAII, INC.

February 9, 2011

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

Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair
Senator Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Health

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Joan Naguwa', written over the printed name.

SUBJ: **Testimony in Support of SB 935, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

Hearing Date: Thursday, February 10, 2011

Time: 1:15 pm

Place: Conference Room 016

Dear Chairs Chun Oakland and Green, Vice Chairs Ihara and Nishihara and Members of the Committees on Human Services and Health,

My name is Joan Naguwa, President/Executive Director of The Children's Alliance of Hawaii, Inc. We are in support of SB 935, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund.

The mission of The Children's Alliance of Hawaii, Inc. (CAH) is to provide care and support for sexually abused children, offering hope for the future and serve nearly 500 children and youth and their families each year. CAH is an integral part of the statewide system of services for sexually abused children and youth. Our programs include: 1) Enhancements – providing needed goods and services for child victims, child witnesses and their siblings, residing in foster care or at home on Oahu and Kauai that enhance their ability to regain a sense of normalcy and increase self-esteem. Special projects are also coordinated to provide holiday gifts and school supplies; 2) HEART (Healing Emotions with Art and Recreation Together) – a 6 month, experiential program for sexually abused children and adolescents to increase their self esteem and decrease feelings of isolation; 3) Ho`omaka – enabling child victims to strengthen their resiliency by working with adult mentors and developing skills in goal-setting, problem-solving, healthy relationship-building, independent living and increasing their knowledge about sexually transmitted infections and pregnancy prevention; 4) Strengthening Parents –parent support groups to them manage their own emotions about sexual abuse to their children and increasing their parenting skills. Our programs are not a substitute for primary therapy, but rather are unique adjunct services to individual and/or traditional group therapy, based on evidence-based best practices.

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

While we understand the severe fiscal constraints currently facing the State of Hawaii, the appropriation of \$150,000 for CAH's services listed in SB 935 is critically needed to continue to meet the needs of these vulnerable children and assist them to become productive citizens of Hawaii. Without this appropriation, CAH will have to significantly reduce its core services to these children and the effects of lack of appropriate intervention will have a long term impact on Hawaii's communities.

We ask for your support of SB 935, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund.
Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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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
1:15pm
Conference Room 016, Hawai'i State Capitol

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

My name is Mele Hooper and I am the site manager for Tutu and Me Traveling Preschool. On behalf of the families, we are humbly in favor of the SB 935, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund.

The State Funding supports the Lahaina and Kihei community. We are currently providing services for more that 60 children and enrollment continues to increase. The program has provided rich cultural and educational opportunities for children and families. I have testimony letters from families expressing how the program has positively impacted their family lifestyle and child's development. We respectfully ask for Tutu and Me Traveling Preschool to be considered for the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund.

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

Mahalo A Nui Loa,

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TESTIMONY
SB 935 RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND

February 10, 2011

1:15 PM

Room 016

Aloha Chair Chun-Oakland, Chair Green, and members of the Committee on Human Services and Health.

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on Senate Bill 935.

My name is Ed Flores. I am the Executive Director of the Hawaii Family Law Clinic dba Ala Kuola.

First, I would like to request a correction to Page 15, Section 36. This section makes an appropriation of \$282,000 to the *University of Hawaii* Family Law Clinic. The Hawaii Family Law Clinic dba has no connection whatsoever to the University of Hawaii and therefore this appropriation should be directed to the **Hawaii Family Law Clinic**.

The Hawaii Family Law Clinic dba Ala Kuola, a non-profit organization that assists victims of domestic abuse/violence to obtain temporary restraining orders in the Family Court, strongly supports SB 935. During the calendar year 2010, the Hawaii Family Law Clinic accounted for approximately 36% of all TROs docketed on Oahu. The Hawaii Family Law Clinic also provided TRO services to victims of domestic abuse/violence when the Judiciary was furloughed twice per month beginning in November 2010.

The Hawaii Family Law Clinic, like many agencies and organizations, provides a vital service to individuals and families. This funding will allow for services to continue uninterrupted and provide safety to individuals, children and families.

Should the 2011 Legislature pass SB935, it will allow for Hawaii Family Law Clinic dba Ala Kuola to continue to assist victims of domestic abuse/violence to obtain court ordered protective orders. This will also provide for the opportunity to seek federal grant solicitations that become available in the early spring of 2011.

We strongly support the passage of SB935, to enable the Hawaii Family Law Clinic, as well as other agencies and organizations, to keep our doors open and provide our vital services to our community.

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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 Capital Conference Room 016, 1:15pm.

Re: SB935, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

Chair Chun Oakland and Chair Green, Thank you for this opportunity to submit written testimony in strong support of SB935, relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund.

My name is Kiyoshi K. Fujimoto and my wife, Ellen, and I are caregivers for my two disabled brothers. We live in Ninole, Hawaii. Passage of this bill is vital as we ourselves are aging and would like to care for my brothers as long as possible. I know in the future we will need a lot more help as my oldest brother will turn 79 years old this year. We have been providing some financial support for my brothers. I do not know how long we will be able to do this.

I urge you to support senior by voting yes to SB395.

Thank you again for this opportunity.

Kiyoshi K. Fujimoto

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Big Island Substance Abuse Council

Blueprint for Change

Bobby Benson Center

Catholic Charities Hawaii

Central Oahu Youth Services Assn.

Child and Family Service

Coalition for a Drug Free Hawaii

College Connections

Community Assistance Center

Domestic Violence Action Center

EPIC, Inc.

Family Support Services of West Hawaii

Friends of the Missing Child Center of HI

Hale Kipa, Inc.

Hale 'Opio Kauai, Inc.

Hawaii Behavioral Health

Hawaii Student Television

Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition

Hina Mauka Teen Care

Hui Malama Learning Center

Kahi Mohala Behavioral Health

Kama'aina Kids, Inc.

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Kids Behavioral Health

Kids Hurt Too

Kokua Kalihi Valley

Kula No Na Poe Hawaii

Lanai Community Health Center

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Maui Youth and Family Services

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Susannah Wesley Community Center

The Catalyst Group

The Children's Alliance of Hawaii

Waikiki Health Center

Women Helping Women

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YWCA of Kauai

February 9, 2011

To: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
And members of the Committee on Human Services

Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair
And members of the Committee on Health

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 935 RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND

Hawaii Youth Services Network, a statewide coalition of more than 50 youth-serving organizations, supports SB 935 Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund.

HYSN supports this bill because:

- Low income families, children, elderly, and persons with disabilities are those most severely affected by the economic recession. Health and social services that support vulnerable populations are needed now more than ever.
- Funding for health, human services, and education supports economic recovery. The non-profit sector is the fourth largest employer in Hawaii, accounting for more than 41, 000 jobs. Non-profit organizations are small businesses that purchase goods and services, which benefit all sectors of the economy, such as transportation and real estate.

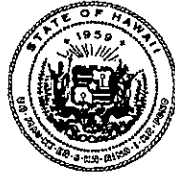
Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Judith F. Clark, MPH
Executive Director

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February 10, 2011

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services

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

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Interim Director

SUBJECT: **S.B. 935 – RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET
RESERVE FUND**

Hearing: Thursday, February 10, 2011; 1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of S.B. 924 is to appropriate moneys from the emergency and budget reserve fund to maintain levels of programs for public health, safety, welfare, and education.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the intent of this bill but defers on the fiscal implications until the Executive Biennium Budget is finalized.

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

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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

From: Katherine Murphy, Executive Director
Hawaii Association for the Education of Young Children (HAEYC)

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

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

As the executive director for the Hawaii Association for the Education of Young Children (Hawaii AEYC), I represent 1,000 members who are early childhood development and educational professionals across the state.

Hawaii Association for the Education of Young Children (Hawaii AEYC) supports SB 935 relating to the emergency and budget reserve fund.

HAEYC recommends that the 2011 Hawaii State Legislature pass this bill and move to expedite moneys from the "rainy day fund" in order to full fill and extend existing contracts so that current levels of programs for education, health, and human services can be maintained to service Hawaii most vulnerable citizens.

Please recommend SB 935 for passage.

The volunteers and staff of Hawaii AEYC would be happy to provide you more information to facilitate your decision-making. Please contact us at 942-4708 or haeyc@hawaiiayc.org.

Thank you for considering this bill. It is a Rainy Day!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katherine E. Murphy".

Katherine E. Murphy
Executive Director
HAEYC

THE SENATE

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**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON S.B. 1267 AND S.B. 935
RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND**

The ILWU Local 142 supports in principle S.B. 1267 and S.B. 935, which appropriate moneys from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund (also known as the "Rainy Day Fund") for state programs in education, human services and health and for nonprofit safety-net programs.

Clearly, all these programs need money. That is why we support the appropriations. However, we are unsure if the Fund has sufficient resources to fulfill all the requests. That is why our support is "in principle." The Legislature will need to determine if funding is available to meet all the needs--or determine which programs will be funded and which will not.

As an aside, we believe a mechanism exists to preserve the Rainy Day Fund while providing for the needs of all these deserving programs. That mechanism is a temporary increase in the General Excise Tax. While the GET is a regressive tax, it does spread responsibility for funding to everyone--including visitors. Other than the TAT, no other tax can tap into this resource like the GET. And if it's a temporary increase, the additional amounts each individual pays in GET will be tolerable. The Rainy Day Fund then can be reserved for the truly rainy days when even an increase in the GET will not be enough.

Thank you for considering our comments. If there is sufficient moneys in the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund, they should be used to shore up these valuable safety net and essential services.

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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), 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. The following information is provided to help you 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. However, a critical program that is missing from this bill is Preschool Open Doors.

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 addresses the needs of our most at-risk babies and families at the very beginning years. This is foundational to our early learning system. These hospital screenings as well as home visits are critical to a child abuse prevention focus as they initiate important parental engagement and training. Thanks to this program, families are better equipped to foster their child's early learning and healthy growth

Additionally, we have seen a decrease in the number of public school kindergarten students who previously attended preschool: 61 percent in School Year 2008-2009, 60 percent in School Year 2009-2010, and 59 percent in SY 2010-2011. We believe this is a major factor in more of our children starting school not ready to succeed. For example, less than 1 out of 4 public school kindergarten classes had most of their students consistently exhibiting the necessary pre-literacy and pre-math skills at the beginning of the current school year. Our keiki truly need our help so they can start school safe, healthy, and ready to succeed.

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In reply, please refer to:
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Senate Committee on Human Services

Senate Committee on Health

February 10, 2011

**Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.
Acting Director of Health**

SB935, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

- 1 **Department's Position:** Support intent but defer until the Executive Budget is finalized
- 2 **Fiscal Implications:** Jeopardy to federal matching grant funds received by the state
- 3 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose of SB935 is to appropriate moneys from the emergency and
- 4 budget reserve fund to maintain levels of programs for education, human services, and health.
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- 6 The Hawaii Department of Health strongly supports the intent of SB935 which provide essential
- 7 resources for the most vulnerable Hawaii citizens during times of economic distress: the sick, the
- 8 elderly, those with debilitating physical or mental conditions, and of course the very young. In addition
- 9 to the human needs being met by funded program such as hot meals for our senior citizens and child
- 10 abuse prevention, the absence of a Rainy Day Fund appropriation exposes Hawaii to the loss of federal
- 11 funds. For example, the Substance Abuse Block Grant, which is currently out of compliance due to
- 12 budget cuts, risks federal sanctions that will cut out up to \$550,000 per year from Hawaii's economy.

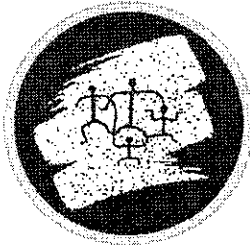
1 The Department of Health expects to make more specific recommendations in the near future, such as
2 the Executive Office on Aging's proposals for reductions in 42F grant programs and increases in
3 Healthy Aging and the Aging and Disability Resources Center allocations. And although the Executive
4 Budget needs to be finalized prior to the department's final comments on the bill, SB935's round figure
5 of \$12M in Department of Health appropriations appears sound.

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7 In light of the absence of improvement in economic and social conditions, the Department of Health
8 strongly urges this Committee to pass this bill out.

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10 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



PACT PARENTS AND
CHILDREN TOGETHER
A FAMILY SERVICE AGENCY

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TO: Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland, Chair
Senator Les Ihara, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services

FROM: Haaheo Mansfield
Vice President of Programs

DATE: February 10, 2011

SUBJECT: In Support of SB 935 Relating to Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

Thank you for the opportunity to give input to decisions impacting Hawaii and the families who live here. Parents And Children Together (PACT) is a multi-purpose agency, providing services to families and individuals statewide. I am writing in **strong support of SB 935 with one amendment. I propose the recent cuts to programs funded by TANF be restored by adding that total to SB 935.**

PACT has been a provider of social services since 1968 and is known for being an innovative community based organization. Parents And Children Together's Community Teen Program, Family Centers and Ohia Domestic Violence Shelter were hard hit by the recent cuts in TANF funding. These programs, along with all of our other programs, provide essential services to the community and promote public health and safety for all families and individuals.

Given the February 2nd cuts to TANF contracts, we strongly urge the Committee to restore the amount appropriated to our Community Teen Program to provide teen pregnancy prevention services in Kuhio Park Terrace (\$199,301) and Puuwai Momi (\$75,000) low income housing complexes in SB 935 for a total amount of \$274,301.

In addition, we strongly urge the Committee to restore the amount appropriated to our Family Centers (\$200,000), located in the communities of Greater Honolulu and Kaneohe. The Family Centers are an important support arm of the Department of Human Services' Program Improvement Plan, working with families referred by DHS Voluntary Case Management Units.

Further, we strongly urge the Committee to restore the amount appropriated to our Ohia Domestic Violence Shelter (\$23,308). Ohia provides confidential shelter and support to victims/survivors and their children who live in Windward Oahu.

Although PACT is requesting restoration funds be appropriated for our programs, please know that our advocacy is restoration of all TANF support contracts that were cut on February 2nd to be added to the funds currently identified in SB 935.

Historically, in hard times, its women and children who go first, and they do, they are the first to be cut. I do not claim to have the answers to resolve our budget woes. I do know, however, that as decision makers, we must make concerted effort to walk the talk of “women and children first” and reflect that value and ethic in the decisions we make about our state budget.

Thank you for your years of public service and the opportunity to help shape decisions. If you would like to speak to me about SB 935, please feel free the call the number below.