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aspects of Hawaii's (including those of the City and County agencies) already fragile economy; which could cripple the State and leave the public with no one and nowhere to turn to when something happens.

2. The State needs to address the overview and regulation of long and short term institutional care facilities. There are many examples of how nursing facilities are abusing the Medicaid and Medicare system. But for now I speak about the States list of CNA (Certified Nursing Aide) that the State is responsible for generating and updating. The list contains CNAs that have been deemed unfit to work in any long/short term care facility due to the fact that they have stolen from, neglected, abused or abandoned their clients. This list has not been updated by the State since 2007 and I have been informed by someone from that department that "the list was not a priority"; so for the past 4 years there have been CNAs who should not be working in long/short term care facilities; yet continue to because facilities have no way to perform a complete background check due to this insufficient list generated by the state agency responsible. This inadequate list could cost the State millions in lawsuits if a CNA whose name should be on this list but is not due to the states agency shoddy work; then it could be the start of a domino effect of litigations and develop into a catastrophic economic situation.

These are just a couple of reasons why I want to again confirm my strong support for the passage of SCR 11 and urge the Chair and Senate committees to extend the Homes For Life Task Force date to June 30th 2012.

In closing, I want to thank Melissa Vomvoris from Senator Les Ihara's office for all of her time and effort in communicating information and logistics for the task force.

And lastly, I ask you to please remember that "Independent Living is not doing things by yourself, but it is being in control of how things are done!"

Thank you again for the opportunity to give my testimony.

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TO : COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Les Ihara, Vice Chair

FROM: Eldon L. Wegner, Ph.D.
POLICY ADVISORY BOARD FOR ELDER AFFAIRS (PABEA)

HEARING: 1:15 pm Thursday March 10, 2011
Conference Room 016, Hawaii State Capitol

SUBJECT: SCR 11 Extending the Deadline for the Home for Life Taskforce

POSITION: As a member of The Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, I **support SB SCR 11**, which would extend the deadline for the Home for Life Taskforce.

RATIONALE:

Our national state long term-care policies are aligned in emphasizing a shift of emphasis to enable individuals to “age in place.” There is abundant evidence that individuals prefer to remain in their own homes if at all feasible, and those who are able to remain at home and with family members enjoy better care and better health than those transferred into other residential settings.

In addition, family caregiving and being able to live in one’s home is in most instances much less expensive than any other form of care. We need to explore the kinds of physical home modifications and enhance services which will enable more individuals remain in their homes.

Thus, the work of this taskforce is very valuable and the life of the taskforce should be extended in order to fulfill its mission.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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

Date: Thursday, March 10, 2011
Time: 1:15 p.m.
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Testifier: Eudice Schick

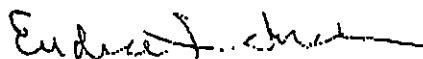
Bill: **SCR 11**
In Full Support

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **full support** of SCR 11. I am a member of the Home For Life Task Force and have participated in one of the work groups. Over a very few short months, since we were able to obtain a quorum, delayed by our former Governor not naming members, this task force has been able to generate an interim report to present to the twenty-sixth Legislature in January, 2011. There is more work to be done so that our Kupuna are better served and better advised on" how to age in place".

With this in mind I ask for your support of SCR 11 which request that the life of the task force be extended until June 30, 2012.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony.

Sincerely,



Eudice Schick

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Committee on Human Services

SCR 11, EXTENDING THE DEADLINE FOR THE HOME FOR LIFE TASK FORCE TO REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCING BARRIERS TO AGING IN PLACE AND FACILITATING MULTIGENERATIONAL LIVING.

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

Thursday, March 10, 2011

1:15 p.m.

1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) supports this measure.

2 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

3 **Purpose and Justification:** The Home for Life Task Force is critical in addressing aging in place
4 and long-term care issues (such as home modifications, universal design principles, training
5 professionals to analyze and recommend structural modifications, and building and zoning codes)
6 to ensure that persons of all ages with disabilities are able to receive quality and appropriate care
7 in their homes.

8 The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) was not originally named to be a member of the
9 Task Force. Should there be a vacancy, EOA would appreciate the opportunity to serve as an
10 official Task Force member. We note, however, that EOA is committed to the work of this Task
11 Force and we look forward to fully participating regardless of a formal invitation.

12 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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March 10, 2011

TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Senate Concurrent Resolution 11 – Extending the Deadline for the Home for Life Task Force to Report its Findings and Recommendations for Reducing Barriers to Aging in Place and Facilitating Multigenerational Living

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) supports Senate Concurrent Resolution 11 Extending the Deadline for the Home for Life Task Force to Report its Findings and Recommendations for Reducing Barriers to Aging in Place and Facilitating Multigenerational Living.

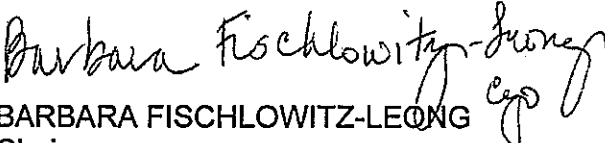
DCAB participated extensively on the Task Force and co-chaired the Task Force with a representative from Chaminade University's Interior Design Program.

DCAB's primary role in the arena of accessible design is to ensure compliance to the Americans with Disabilities Act of government buildings, facilities, and sites, and as well as public accommodations. However, we recognize that where a person lives (i.e., his or her own home) often is a more critical factor for a person with a disability to being able to live in the community in lieu of more costly institutional care.

We understand that the Task Force is submitting a summary and thus we defer to them on the content of the resolution. However, we support continuation of the Task Force for an additional year to complete its work.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,


BARBARA FISCHLOWITZ-LEONG
Chairperson
Legislative Committee


FRANCINE WAI
Executive Director



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

Date: Thursday, March 10, 2011, Conference Room 016 (State Capitol) – 1:15 p.m.

Re: SCR 11 Extending the Deadline for the Home for Life Task Force to Report Its Findings and Recommendations for Reducing Barriers to Aging in Place and Facilitating Multigenerational Living

Chair Chun Oakland and committee members:

My name is Barbara Kim Stanton and I am the AARP Hawaii State Director. 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+.

We support **SCR 11** which would extend the date of the Home for Life Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature to June 30, 2012.

AARP serves as a member of this task force and finds that the deadline to submit recommendations to the legislature needs to be extended because of the insufficient time to prepare its report to cover the scope of work required. Additionally, the taskforce was unable to convene until June 30, 2010, leaving only 6 months to complete its work, because then Governor Lingle declined to name her appointees causing a lack in quorum.

AARP research indicates that 88% of Hawaii residents wish to age in their own home. Additionally:

- 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.

Allowing the task force more time to conduct research and make recommendations would benefit Hawaii residents. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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<u>COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES</u> Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair	Hearing Date/Time: DATE: Thursday, March 10, 2011 TIME: 1:15PM PLACE: Conference Room 016
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Child and Family Service supports SCR 11 calling for the extension of the Home for Life Task Force.

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

Hawaii, along with the nation is working to enable those who wish to live in their homes and age in place. To accomplish this means that many different aspects must be addressed. The Home for Life Task Force has begun to address these aspects by bringing people together from a variety of backgrounds to focus on this one issue. Individuals representing Human Services, Construction, Disability Services, Senior Services, Design and Government each bring their unique point of view.

The Task Force has been able to begin this work and has brought to light many of the barriers that prevent individuals to age in place. Many of these barriers are Hawaii specific issues which can be addressed. Others involve looking forward to make it easier for people such as the use of Universal Design.

We support this bill so that they can continue the work that has been done and seek recommendations to help our community build for the future.

Sincerely,

Howard S. Garval
 President & CEO

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March 10, 2011

TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Re: Senate Concurrent Resolution 11 - Extending the Deadline for the Home for Life Task Force to Report its Findings and Recommendations for Reducing Barriers to Aging in Place and Facilitating Multigenerational Living.

Dear Chair Chun Oakland and Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SCR 11. The Home for Life Task Force was created by Senate Concurrent Resolution 7, SD1 (2009) and amended in 2010 (HCR 13). Its purpose was to “reduce barriers to aging in place and to facilitate multigenerational living.” An additional purpose was to encourage the use of universal design principles in new construction and renovated housing.

In order to more effectively accomplish its goals, the Task Force members divided into four Working Groups: Home Modifications for Accessible Living; Universal Design; Assessing At-Risk Persons and Environments; and Codes and Laws.

The Home for Life Task Force prepared an Interim Report to the Twenty-Sixth Legislature in January 2011 with the following preliminary recommendations:

Overall Functioning of the Task Force

- Seek a Legislative Resolution to extend the life of the Task Force to June 30, 2012 to allow more time to complete its activities.
- Add representatives from the four Counties who can provide input on land use, planning, and zoning issues.
- Expand the preliminary research of the Working Groups, especially the focus groups on home modifications, to be statewide. Preliminary information was gathered primarily from Oahu due to the limited time frame. Ask the Area Agencies on Aging on the Neighbor Islands to assist in carrying out this recommendation.

Information Dissemination and Education

- Develop an online resource tool which Hawaii residents can use to find appropriate local information. Explore using the Aging and Disability Resource Center under the Executive Office on Aging and its website as the preferred option with components to include information on products, suppliers, professionals, and best practices in universal design in residential settings, thereby using an existing structure instead of

'reinventing the wheel.' Seek additional funding for the Aging and Disability Resource Center, so that assessment tools and resources for home modification can be housed in one resource location.

- Develop an interdisciplinary course that brings together the appropriate professionals/experts to train architects, designers, builders, developers, draftsmen in Universal Design principles, the value of implementing the Universal Design principles and the positive impact on the health, safety, welfare and quality of life of an individual and/or family.

Additional Research

- Investigate existing model programs (national and international) that support encourage and provide incentives to design universally thereby inspiring consumers and developers to engage in well-designed, quality environments.
- Investigate ways of educating people on the need to renovate their home to be more accessible prior, rather than waiting for, the need to arise.
- Research what Neighbor Island Zoning Codes permit as far as multigenerational homes and see if there is a trade-off in new subdivisions for increased lot size or number of lots. Explore options for zoning of Accessory Dwelling Units in lieu of more restrictive Ohana Dwelling Units.
- Explore public policies for builders to incentivize the construction of aging in place, multigenerational, visitable, or accessible homes. Possible incentives may be tax credits for developers through density bonuses, increased lot size or other credits.
- Explore efforts in other jurisdictions to provide support for families through providing tax deductions on personal income tax returns for construction or providing no or low interest loans or offer grants to those in need.
- Explore sources of funding to help seniors and persons with disabilities implement the preliminary recommendations of the Task Force.

The Task Force respectfully requests authorization to continue its work until June 30, 2012. We also wish to acknowledge the support of Senator Ihara's staff in assisting with the logistics of the Task Force to-date.

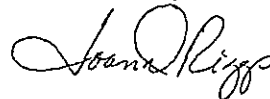
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Comments:

Chairperson Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee on Human Services:

My name is Anthony Lenzer. I am a member of the Home for Life Task Force, and am testifying in strong support of this Resolution. The Task Force is essentially concerned with two main issues: (1) creating the physical infrastructure which will allow frail elders and persons with disabilities of all ages to remain in their homes safely and comfortably for as long as possible; and (2) facilitating multigenerational housing in which the generations can live together in conditions which foster both independence and interdependence.

This Resolution is needed because the Task Force did not officially convene until June 2010. Since that time, the Task Force has met seven times. In addition, four working groups were created, and they have held numerous meetings. An Interim Report was submitted to the Legislature in January 2011. This report summarized the activities of the working group, and included preliminary recommendations. However, much remains to be done to accomplish the tasks set forth in the concurrent resolution creating the Task Force, which was passed at the 2009 Legislative Session. Therefore, we request this extension of the life of the Task Force to June 2012.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of this resolution.

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From: Curt Kiriu [curtk@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2011 9:50 PM
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To: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair and Members of the Senate Committee of Human Services

Date: Thursday, March 10, 2011 - Conference Room 16 (State Capitol) – 1:15 p.m.

I appreciate the opportunity to testify why I am in strong support of SCR 11; which would extend the date to June 30th 2012.

My name is Curt Kiriu and I am the owner and president of CK Independent Living Builders. I am a local-born licensed General Contractor and a NAHB (National Association of Home Builders) Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist or as I sometimes describe as an Independent Living Specialist. Besides doing typical remodeling of homes, we specialize in home modification for seniors and physically challenged so they can live independently and not move into an industrial long term care facility. As far as I know, I am the only licensed General Contractor who specializes in this specific field of construction. I have a passion for this subject because I was the caregiver for my father (after my mother passed) for 17 years until his passing in 2010; and I also have relatives with Muscular Dystrophy.

Besides running my company, I developed a PowerPoint presentation that I offer free to seniors groups and clubs, caregivers, design student, orthopedic therapist and the public throughout Oahu. My presentation comprises of several topics such as, what is Aging-in-Place, Universal Design, Falling in the senior population the risks, causes and prevention, the costs associated with living in an institutional care facility and other pertinent topics. I also offer free Home Evaluations to seniors and their caregivers on how to make their homes accessible, safe, and comfortable to live in independently for their lifetime.

In late 2010 I was asked by Joan Riggs (HFLTF Co-chair) if I would attend one of the State's Homes For Life Task Force monthly meetings. I attended the meeting and was surprised to see that the State was interested in keeping our senior population in their homes rather than being placed in a nursing/care homes. I was then asked if I would give input on one of their working groups (Home Modification for Accessible Living) from a contractor's point of view. I then was asked and nominated to become a member of the task force and agreed; because I know firsthand that there is an immense amount of work to be done and that requires an abundance of time and effort from various sources.

Speaking from experience through my presentations, home evaluations, meeting with families, meeting senior groups, caregivers and the public I know there needs to be much more information on aging in place and independent living disseminated not only to the senior population but their children and Hawaii's future caregivers.

I can give you an abundant amount of statistics, but I will give you just two for now.

1. According to the 2010 Census Bureau, "the population of Hawaii that reaches age 60 will be 25% of Hawaii's overall population by 2020"; and it will continue to escalate. So unless immediate action is taken to address the swelling (or sometimes called the "Silver Tsunami") population and the lack of information of caregiving options the result of inaction will have a devastating negative impact on all