



The Honorable Representative Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
The Honorable Representative Karl Rhodes, Vice Chair  
& Members of the House Committee on Labor and Public Employment  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhodes and Members of the Committee:

RE: HB 1465- Makes it safer for elders to use a Power of Attorney

My name is Gale Bracerros, the site coordinator of Weed and Seed in the Ewa-Ewa Beach site. The Weed and Seed strategy is based on a two pronged approach: Law Enforcement, Community Policing, Prevention, Intervention, and Treatment, and Neighborhood Restoration.

With the collaboration of residents, businesses and service providers we have several projects we do in the Ewa-Ewa Beach community that serves our kupunas (seniors). It is recognized that many who lives alone can easily give their full trust to others and in regards may not be in their favor.

Weed and Seed goals is to provide assistance to our kupunas by educating them to secure their homes, pedestrian safety, identification fraud and providing resources such as food distributions held at our safe haven in the community. There is a need to go beyond this and we need laws that will protect them.

I urge you to please support HB 1465- Makes it safer for elders to use a Power of Attorney.

Sincerely,  
Gale Bracerros  
Site Coordinator  
Weed and Seed  
Ewa Site

## Testimony for HB1465 on 3/3/2011 2:30:00 PM

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Conference room: 329

Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Dr. Mata'u Fuiavailili

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Submitted on: 3/2/2011

**Comments:**

I'm in full support of HB1465. Please call me at 8888045 if you have questions. Dr. Fuiavailili

To Whom It May Concern:

This testimony is in support of HB1465 regarding the abuse of our Elderly. From personal experience I know that this is a real problem here in Hawaii. My Mother-n-Law who lives alone and is 82 years old is constantly being approached by individuals who claim to want to help her. Fortunately to date she has resisted these people but who knows how long before one of these individuals convinces her to agree to something that she will certainly regret. I implore our Legislature to act on HB1465 for the sake of our ever growing elderly population.

Sincerely yours,

Matthew Murphy  
Ewa Beach, Hi

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Comments:

I wholeheartedly support this bill. I am a retired social worker and worked with seniors on the Waianae Coast. I can attest to having clients whose family members took advantage of their parents financially. I dealt with 2 very heart wrenching cases of Elder Abuse. One woman lost her home soon after her husband died. Her two children came home from the mainland and took over the power of attorney. Then, without her knowledge, her children changed her name on the deed of her home, to their names and later kicked her out of her own home. The other case required me elicit the assistance of Elder Abuse. A police officer subsequently accompanied me to the home of my client. We had to forcefully ask the son to leave the home because he had been physically abusing his dad for money. We desperately need laws to protect our seniors who are very vulnerable to being taken advantage of. Please pass this bill in behalf our our kupunas welfare.

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**Comments:**

We need to protect our elderly from predators of this kind.

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**Comments:**

Of course it should be more difficult to get a Power of Atty; Furthermore, Senior advocates should be helping Seniors to provide simple, easy allocation of their affairs.. like a POD on assets, which would make a Power of Atty void for those assets. Please, protect our Seniors.

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**Comments:**

I strongly support HB1465, and I have personal knowledge of numerous incidents of elder abuse here on Oahu. Most of these incidents involve caretakers who manipulate their way into defenseless seniors' financial accounts (sometimes use of force involved). I had also witnessed an elderly woman being "roughed up" by her son on regular basis, as he drained the poor woman's bank account. I did contact HPD to report, but no action taken w/ elderly woman not willing to talk (for fear of what son may do to her). I strongly support this legislation and respectfully request immediate passage of this bill.