

**HB 160**  
**HD2, SD1**



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The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair  
The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
State Capitol  
State of Hawaii  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senators Ige and Kidani and Members of the Committee:

**SUBJECT: HB 160 HD2 SD1 – RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES AND HEALTH**

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

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) is in **STRONG SUPPORT of HB 160 HD2 SD1**. The purposes of the bill is to appropriate funds for the Kupuna Care Program and appropriate moneys from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund to maintain funding levels of programs for public health, safety, welfare, and education.

The current fiscal situation is threatening Hawaii's safety net of basic education, human services, and health to its most vulnerable citizens. HB 160 HD2 SD1 would 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 4, page 6, lines 12-17: DOH Respite Program (\$200,000)
2. Section 5, pages 6-7, lines 18-21 and lines 1-2: DOH Healthy Start Program (\$1.5 million)
3. Section 8, page 7, lines 16-21: Aging and Disability Resource Center (\$100,000)

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4. Section 9, page 8, lines 1-6: DOH DD Medicaid Waiver Program (\$1.5 million)
5. Section 11, page 8, lines 13-18: DOH Partnerships in Community Living Program (\$150,000)
6. Section 24, page 13, lines 9-14: DOH Preschool Developmental Screening Program (\$400,000)
7. Section 31, pages 16-17, lines 5-20 and lines 1-8: Adult dental care provided at federally qualified health centers through the Hawaii Primary Care Association (\$1.9 million)
8. Section 32, page 17, lines 9-15: University of Hawaii Maui Community College adult dental care program (\$100,000)
9. Section 53, page 25, lines 1-9: Advocacy services provided to individuals with DD and mental illness through the Hawaii Disability Rights Center (\$165,505).

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to submit written comments in **strong support of HB 160 HD2 SD1.**

Sincerely,



Liz Ann Salvador  
Chair



Waynette K.Y. Cabral, MSW  
Executive Administrator



To: Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair

Date: March 30, 2011, Conference Room 211, 9:30 a.m.

Re: **HB 160, HD2 SD1 - RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES AND HEALTH**

Chair Ige 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 HB 160, HD2 SD 1.** The purpose of the bill is to meet our elderly population's urgent need for assistance by providing additional funding for Kupuna Care programs. The current \$4.85 million base budget appropriation has remained unchanged since 2002. Although the 2010 Legislature appropriated a one-time \$3.5 million supplemental amount by way of Act 191, SLH 2010, these funds are needed on an ongoing, sustainable basis. Seniors and caregivers need assurances that they will continue receiving occasional, yet critical respite services that enables them to live in their homes as long as possible.

AARP's testimony pertains to Part I and Part II, Sections 7 and 17, of this measure. Part I appropriates \$3.5 million for Kupuna Care and meals for the elderly for Kupuna Care from general revenues for the fiscal years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013. Part II appropriates funds for Kupuna Care and meals for the elderly from the emergency and budget reserve fund. AARP's preference is Part I for the appropriation of funds for Kupuna Care from general revenues. This allocation of \$3 million for Kupuna Care and \$500,000 for meals for the elderly of Kupuna Care is the same amounts appropriated and released in Act 191, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010, Sections 5 and 15.

The passage of this bill is vital to support the increasing demand for services from our rapidly aging population:

- Approximately one out of every five (20%) Hawaii residents are over 60 years old.
- Hawaii's population over age 65 is increasing rapidly and projected to increase by 86% between 2007 and 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 caregiving 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 passing HB 160, HD2 SD1 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.

TO : COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES  
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair

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

HEARING: 9:30 am Wednesday March 30, 2011  
Conference Room 211, Hawaii State Capitol

SUBJECT: HB 160 HD 2 SD1 Relating to Human Services and Health

POSITION: The Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, **strongly supports** HB 160 HD 2 SD 1 which would provide additional funds for the Kupuna Care program through the fiscal year 2013. However, we also request the measure be amended to reflect the appropriation amounts recommended by the Executive Office on Aging.

**RATIONALE:**

The Policy Board for Elder Affairs has a statutory obligation to advocate on behalf of the senior citizens of Hawaii. While we advise the Executive Office on Aging, we do not speak on behalf of the Executive Office of Aging.

- We understand the current fiscal crisis facing the state of Hawaii. However, the care of frail elders is an immediate need and should be an important priority for public support.
- Family caregivers provide an estimated \$1.4 billion of unpaid care annually. However, many face severe challenges and need supportive services. The Kupuna Care services, which are for persons not eligible for Medicaid services, enable families to care for their elders at home and also keep persons from having to go on Medicaid. Not to fund basic home and community services would result in many case of persons having to use higher cost residential care, usually at public expense.

- The current Kupuna Care services fall short of meeting the critical need, and the demand for these services will continue to grow. There are wait lists for most services, although they are urgently needed. The state is falling far short of providing for its most vulnerable citizens who are in critical need.
- Based on EOA recommendations, we suggest amending the amount for Kupuna for Care downward to \$2.88 million but increasing the amounts from the Rainy Day Fund for the Aging and Disability Resource Centers and the Healthy Aging Programs
- These critical services have major impacts on the quality of life of frail elders and their caregivers and the cost of the services is relatively low compared to other expenditures of the state. Thus, PABEA strongly recommends support for the requested funding in order to meet our moral obligations to those in greatest need.

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**Comments on HB 160, KUPUNA CARE and EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE  
FUND; APPROPRIATION**

Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Committee Chair: Sen. David Y. Ige  
Committee Vice-Chair: Sen. Michelle Kidani  
Wednesday, March 30, 2011, 9:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 211, Decision-Making Only  
Comments submitted by: Howard S. Garval,  
President & CEO, Child & Family Service

Good morning, Chair Ige and Vice-Chair Kidani. I am Howard S. Garval, President & CEO of Child & Family Service, Hawaii's oldest and most comprehensive human service nonprofit organization with services on every island and touching the lives of 40,000 Hawaii residents from keiki to kupuna each year. I offer comments in strong support of HB 160.

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 HB 160 provides support for Kupuna Care for our seniors as well as critical services related to child abuse and domestic violence. 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 and sustainable funding for Kupuna Care that is included in this bill.

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.

I urge your support of HB 160.

Mahalo for providing the opportunity to submit comments.

With Aloha,

Howard S. Garval, MSW  
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**COMMENTS IN SUPPORT OF**  
**HB160 HD2 SD1 - RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES AND HEALTH**

March 30, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

The Legal Aid Society of Hawaii ("Legal Aid") submits comments in strong support of HB160 HD2 SD1 – Relating to Human Services and Health.

We understand that all programs are having a difficult time right now and the state is facing a significant budget deficit, yet our services are critical to keeping a roof over someone's head, a child with her mother who was beaten by her father, a person who's lost their job get access to public assistance, a family facing foreclosure assistance in renegotiating a loan to stay in their home, and since January 2010 to providing assistance to immigrants in becoming citizens.

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

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments.

Sincerely,

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

#### **Committee on Ways and Means Testimony in Support of H.B.160, HD2, SD1 Relating to Human Services and Health**

**Thursday, March 30, 2011, 9:30 A.M.  
Conference Room 211**

Chair Ige and Members of the Committee:

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 money from the emergency and budget reserve fund to various state departments and several non-profit agencies, to maintain levels of support for the public health, safety and welfare.

We specifically support section 53 of the bill which contains an appropriation to the Hawaii Disability Rights Center in the amount of \$165,505. 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 Section 333F -8.5 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes, expressly recognizes the obligation of the state to provide advocacy services to individuals with developmental disabilities and mental illness in order to receive federal funds. The federal statutes require, as a condition of funding services provided by a number of state agencies, that a protection and advocacy agency be established by the State.

In 1977, state funding for our agency 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%. The reduction of the State's share reflected an increase in the number of federal programs and was not questioned, despite the fact that under federal law, federal funds are to be used to supplement, not supplant the state's efforts. In requesting federal funding for various state projects, every Governor has provided assurances to the federal government that federal funds distributed to HDRC do not supplant funds that are available from state and local sources.

From 2004 until 2010, the state gave HDRC at least \$165,505 each year under a purchase of services contract with the Office of Community Services of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. In July 2010, OCS informed us that the contract would not be renewed because the Hawaii Legislature had reduced funds for OCS programs by \$700,000. OCS subsequently terminated funding for four programs totaling \$699,000. To our understanding, OCS also administratively restricted their budget by an amount significantly greater than the \$700,000 cut by the Legislature, thereby reducing HDRC's funding to zero. While there may have been no intent on the part of the legislature to end State funding for protection and advocacy services, that is what has happened.

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 over the past several years while expenses have continued to increase. Fundraising opportunities for a legal services corporation like ours are very limited, and they would force us to compete with other legal services providers for the same donors. Thus, without the state funds we have received for the past thirty-four years, we will be forced to substantially reduce our activities, cut staffing, and provide fewer services to the most needy, vulnerable population in our state at a time when their needs are increasing.

While we had hoped that the new administration would restore our funding in the base budget for OCS, that has apparently not occurred so far. Therefore, an appropriation from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund would seem to be an appropriate mechanism to continue the vital functions we perform until a more stable, permanent source of state funding can be arranged.

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



March 28, 2011

The Honorable Senator David Ige, Chair  
Members of the Ways and Means Committee  
March 28, 2011

SUBJECT: HB 160 -- RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES AND HEALTH

Aloha Chairman Ige and members of the Ways and Means Committee. My name is Liane Akana and I am testifying in support of Senate Bill 160 H.D. 2, S.D. 1, relating to Human Services and Health with the following amendment: That the language pertaining to Read To Me International Foundation contained in Section 57 read as follows, "There is appropriated out of the emergency and budget reserve fund of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ 200,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 to provide funding for grants pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to Read To Me International Foundation to strengthen families and promote childhood literacy."

This amendment will provide for necessary funds and would provide more flexibility in providing necessary services.

Thank you for considering our testimony.

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FROM: Bruce McCullough  
HARA Legislative Committee, Chair

FOR: Committee on Ways and Means  
Senator David Y. Ige Chair  
Senator Michelle N. Kidani Vice Chair

RE: HB160 HB2 SB1, Relating to Human Services and Health

DATE Wednesday March 30, 2011

TIME: 9:30 AM

PLACE: RM 211

I am submitting testimony on behalf of the Hawaii Alliance for Retired Americans (HARA). HARA represents 21,000 retirees. We are a chapter of the National Organization, The Alliance for Retired Americans.

HARA is in strong support of this Bill

It is extremely important that the safety net for our elder population be protected. The problem with our Economy can not be a reason for not properly funding the kupuna Care program. Our elderly count on this program in order to meet their basic needs.

To: Committee on Ways and Means, Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Date: Wednesday, March 30, 2011, State Capitol Conference Room 211, 9:30 a.m.  
Re: HB160 HD2 SD1 - Relating to Human Services and Health

Chair Ige and Committee Members, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB 160 HD2 SD1, Relating to Human Services and Health. My name is Roy T. Matsuo. I and my wife Joyce have been caregivers for both of my parents; we live in the Kalihi Valley area on Oahu.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT PASSAGE OF THIS BILL for the following reasons:

This bill will provide an ongoing and sustainable source of revenue for Kupuna Care that can be counted upon each year by seniors and their caregivers who depend and rely upon Kupuna Care to provide occasional, yet important respite services. My wife and I have witnessed many local families in dire financial need to help care for their elderly parents. Some of these caregivers must work at two or more jobs just to meet their family budget and additional costs of caregiving, thus neglecting the critical needs of their children and spouses.

The additional responsibilities placed on elderly family member caregivers create much stress in their lives and places an enormous burden on them in taking care of their own immediate family members. Unfortunately, some of these stressed-out caregivers will end up adding to our already overloaded criminal court system and social programs should they resort to abuses of their family members.

As you are well-aware, our aging population is already increasing in greater numbers, and this will create an even greater need for family caregivers' Respite services. If we fail to provide continued support to our family caregivers, our State stands the great risk of having to provide more and more social services support at the expense of our taxpayers and ever dwindling financial resources.

Our large numbers of local 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.

I urge you to support seniors by voting yes on HB160 HD2 SD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roy T. Matsuo

House District No. 30

To: Committee on Ways and Means, Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Date: Wednesday, March 30, 2011, State Capitol Conference Room 211,  
9:30 a.m.  
Re: HB160 HD2 SD1 - Relating to Human Services and Health

Chair Ige and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB 160 HD2 SD1, Relating to Human Services and Health.

The passage of this bill is vital as it provides an ongoing, sustainable source of revenue for Kupuna Care...a safety net of home and community based services used by 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. How can they be stretched further?

I urge you to support Hawaii's seniors by voting yes on HB160, HD2 SD1.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Olah  
Honolulu Resident  
P.O. Box 3294  
Honolulu, HI 96801

To: Committee on Ways and Means, Senator David Y. Ige, Chair

Date: Wednesday, March 30, 2011, State Capitol Conference Room 211, 9:30 a.m.

Re: HB160 HD2 SD1 - Relating to Human Services and Health

Chair Ige and Committee Members, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB 160 HD2 SD1, Relating to Human Services and Health. My name is Jack Katahira and I am a retiree providing part-time care for my two grand-daughters. I live in the Alewa Heights area.

The passage of this bill is vital for the provision of ongoing and sustainable source of revenue for Kupuna Care. Kupuna Care services are counted upon each year by seniors and their caregivers for occasional, yet important respite services. Most people requiring care prefer to live at home where they are amongst family and friends. People receiving the services of Kupuna Care will require less institutional care and in the long run will be less of a burden on the Hawaii Medicaid program. Kupuna Care is a safety net for home and community based services that 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.

I urge you to support seniors by voting yes on HB160, HD2 SD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

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To: Committee on Ways and Means, Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
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Re: HB160 HD2 SD1 - Relating to Human Services and Health

Chair Ige and Committee Members, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB 160 HD2 SD1, Relating to Human Services and Health. My name is Kathleen V. Phillips and I have in the past been a care giver and I know the importance of Kupuna Care. I would not have been able to work and take care of my own family without the Kupuna Care 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.

The passage of this bill is vital as:

&#183; The 2010 legislature appropriated \$3 million and \$500,000 for Kupuna Care and meals for the elderly for kupuna care, respectively, and our most vulnerable kupuna need an equal amount of funds this year.

&#183; This bill will provide an ongoing, sustainable source of revenue for Kupuna Care, that can be counted upon each year by seniors and their caregivers who depend and rely upon Kupuna Care to provide occasional, yet important respite services.

&#183; Most people want to remain at home and it is far less expensive for individuals and for the government, if they should do so.

&#183; 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.

&#183; Being a care giver, I struggled to balance the needs of my mom, my husband, my children and my employer. It was really tough - everyone depended on me and the financial support of my job, but without help through community services, I would not have been able to do it...and all would have been in jeopardy. As individuals get older Senior Services

becomes greater. In this State of Aloha, we must be sure that our Seniors are taken cared of! I urge you to support seniors by voting yes on HB160, HD2 SD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

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**Comments:**

I am 86 years old and caregiver for my husband who is 94. I need help with shopping, and household chores, both that could be supplied for Kupuna Care if there were no waiting lists. This bill will provide an ongoing, sustainable source of revenue for Kupuna Care, that can be counted upon each year by seniors and their caregivers who need or depend upon Kupuna Care to provide occasional, yet important respite services and save money for both our family and the state by not requiring institutional care.

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**Date:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011, State Capitol Conference Room 211, 9:30 a.m.  
**Re:** HB160 HD2 SD1 - Relating to Human Services and Health

Chair Ige and Committee Members, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB 160 HD2 SD1, Relating to Human Services and Health. My name is Mark A. Koppel. I live in Ninole in Hawaii County and have been the caretaker for my late father and am helping as caretaker for my cousin.

I know from this experience how necessary is for our kupuna to age in place in their own homes. Both members of my o'hana were and are so much better for the opportunity.

However, my cousin is running out of money. Without Kupuna Care, she will not be able to continue paying for her home health attendants. She will then have to move into a nursing home on Medicaid which will cost the State (meaning us taxpayers) three (3) times as much as home care.

Please provide the necessary funding to help our kupuna age with dignity at home AND save us all money.

Mahalo.

Mark A. Koppel

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Very Strong Support of This Measure

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**Comments:**

Chair Ige and committee members, I strongly support HB160 as a caregiver and as a senior citizen. Us seniors need the security of not having to worry about consistent funding for Kupuna Care and related services. We know that we will be consistent in our caregiving. So we should also know that we can count on being supported.