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To: Chair and Members of the House Committee on Health and Human Services

From: Patrick Stanley and Millie Saito, Co-Chairs Kupuna Caucus, DPH

Date: January 31, 2012

Subject: Support of HB 2696 Relating to Long Term Care Insurance

The Long Term Commission Report is fully endorsed by the Kupuna Caucus, DPH, especially the suggested insurance mechanism of inclusion in the current Prepaid Health Care law which is a national leader in health care coverage.

Our January 2012 survey of all DPH members show LTC to be a top priority along with single payer coverage. For too long, Hawaii has lagged in taking proper and meaningful steps to provide for a publicly responsible infrastructure for long term care. Obviously, as the Hawaii population gains in age, a comprehensive approach as suggested by the LTC Commission is urgently needed.

It is appreciated that inclusion under the Prepaid Care Act will require careful thought and action.

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**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON H.B. 2696
RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE**

The ILWU Local 142 supports H.B. 2696, which establishes a task force to determine the feasibility of establishing a limited, mandatory, public long-term care insurance program.

The issue of financing long-term care has been studied, discussed, and debated for decades. We are not any closer to a mechanism to provide for financing of long-term care, the cost of which is beyond the reach of most Hawaii residents.

For some seniors, long-term care planning amounts to finding ways to divest themselves of their assets in order to qualify for Medicaid. This becomes a huge burden for the State, which, together with the federal government, must fund Medicaid. Other seniors and their families are simply unaware of the costs associated with long-term care and are shocked and unprepared when they find themselves needing long-term care.

We hope that the task force proposed by H.B. 2696 will finally come up with a program that will help Hawaii residents with the high cost of long-term care. With that hope, the ILWU urges passage of H.B. 2696.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our views and concerns.

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