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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 1267, 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 supports the intent of SB 1267 as it would appropriate moneys from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund to maintain levels of programs determined to be essential to education, public health, and public welfare. However, **AARP prefers SB 935**, as the purpose of the latter is more specific in the kinds of safety net programs which would support the most vulnerable population – the elderly, the disabled, children, caregivers, seniors, and the mentally disabled.

While we understand that the state faces a significant budget shortfall, we urge the legislature to use the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund as intended by law – to first and foremost maintain the level of service needed for our most vulnerable residents 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 1267, 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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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 1267 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 1267 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 1267 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 black ink that reads "Katherine E. Murphy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Katherine E. Murphy
Executive Director
HAEYC

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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.



THE SEX ABUSE TREATMENT CENTER

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FROM: Adriana Ramelli, Executive Director
The Sex Abuse Treatment Center

RE: Support of SB1267
Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

Good afternoon Senators Chun Oakland and Green and members of the Committees on Human Services and Health. My name is Adriana Ramelli and I am the Executive Director of the Sex Abuse Treatment Center (SATC), a program of the Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children (KMCWC), an affiliate of Hawaii Pacific Health.

The SATC strongly supports SB 1267 to provide temporary, supplemental funding out of the emergency and budget reserve fund of the State of Hawai'i for programs essential to public health, safety, welfare, and education. This measure includes funding to KMCWC/SATC for statewide sexual assault services. Through a master contract with the Department of the Attorney General, the SATC provides for a comprehensive array of sexual assault crisis intervention, treatment and prevention education services on Oahu and the neighbor islands. **The emergency funds are needed to maintain the 24/7 hotline crisis services throughout all islands.**

Providers of Essential Sexual Assault Services

Sexual assault programs were established in Hawai'i 34 years ago with public funds to support victims following the aftermath of a sex crime and to prevent such crimes from occurring. There is only one program in each county providing 24/7 critical care services to sexual assault victims and the community.

- O'ahu - Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children *Sex Abuse Treatment Center*
- Hawai'i island - *YWCA Sexual Assault Support Services*
- Maui - *Child & Family Service Sexual Assault Support Services*
- Kaua'i - *YWCA Sexual Assault Treatment Program*

Essential Sexual Assault Services

Core crisis intervention services to sexual assault victims and their families must be available throughout Hawai'i. Sexual assault victims need access 24/7 to a trained and experienced crisis worker for immediate trauma counseling, to access medical

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care/collection of evidence, and to get help with police reporting.

Why are these Essential Services Worth Saving?

- The effects of sexual assault on victims can be significant, particularly during the immediate period of crisis following the assault. Research has proven immediate crisis counseling makes a huge difference in the victim's prospects for recovery.
- Crisis intervention services are uniquely integrated into statewide systems with police, prosecutors, health care providers, child welfare services and the judiciary.
- Crisis intervention services increase police reporting of sexual violence crimes. In FY 2010 sexual assault provider agencies had a 72% report rate to the police as opposed to the national average of approximately 30% - 35%.
- Crisis intervention services help to identify pedophiles and sexual predators.
- Providing immediate care to victims decreases the likelihood they will develop other social problems that impact our communities, such as substance abuse and mental illness.

We urge you to support SB1267 which provides a safety net of funding for critically important services such as ours. Sexual violence is a significant safety and public health issue in our communities and it exacts an enormous cost in terms of medical, personal, social and economic problems. Providing 24/7 crisis services statewide must be given the highest of priorities.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Bobby Benson Center

Catholic Charities Hawaii

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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.

KEY (Kualoa-Heeia Ecumenical Youth)
Project

Kids Behavioral Health

Kids Hurt Too

Kokua Kalih Valley

Kula No Na Poe Hawaii

Lanai Community Health Center

Life Foundation

Marimed Foundation

The Maui Farm, Inc.

Maui Youth and Family Services

Palama Settlement

P.A.R.E.N.T.S., Inc.

Parents and Children Together (PACT)

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii

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Kona Unit

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Salvation Army Family Treatment Svcs.

Sex Abuse Treatment Center

Susannah Wesley Community Center

The Catalyst Group

The Children's Alliance of Hawaii

Waikiki Health Center

Women Helping Women

YouthVision

YWCA of Kauai

February 9, 2011

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

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And members of the Committee on Health

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB ¹²⁶⁷~~955~~ RELATING TO THE
EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND**

Hawaii Youth Services Network, a statewide coalition of more than 50 youth-serving organizations, supports SB ¹²⁶⁷~~955~~ 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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Lehua Ka'auwai - Krueger -
About Face Family of Programs -
Paxen Huli Ke Alo

We ask that SB 1267 be
ammended to continue/include
funding for the About Face Family
of programs

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Senate Bill 1267

RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND.

Appropriates moneys from the emergency and budget reserve fund to maintain levels of programs for education, human services, and health.

Aloha Committee Chairs Chun Oakland and Green, Vice Chairs Ihara and Nishihara, and Committee members

My name is Linda Rich and I am testifying in **Support** of SB 1267.

As a professional social worker, certified substance abuse counselor and the director of a social services agency that serves some of Hawaii's most vulnerable families, I urge you to pass this funding to restore vital services that have been interrupted due to a reduction in funding of state contracts. I fully understand the seriousness of the fiscal constraints that led to these reductions. However, I have watched the impact on the mentally ill, those with addictions, and vulnerable children and their families. I have no doubt that we will end up paying a very high price in hospitalizations, incarceration, foster care, special education, and health care, as well as human suffering if we continue to reduce the services that help stabilize our at risk populations. The research clearly has shown time and time again that mental health and substance abuse treatment and other social services reduce public spending in these other areas. It is during these challenging economic times that these services are most needed as families face increased stress and fewer resources. Yet, these services are often the first thing to end up on the chopping block.

I thank you for your efforts to find a workable solution to restoring vital services and I urge you to pass this legislation.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.