



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

Date: February 24, 2012, Conference Room 211, 9:00 a.m.

Re: **SB2126 SD1 – RELATING TO HEALTH CARE**

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 offers the following **comments** on SB2126 SD1 which consolidates the authority, duties, responsibilities, and jurisdiction of the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Department of Health (DOH), as they relate to various health care services, by transferring from the DHS the programs relating to home and community-based case management; community care foster family homes; and adult day care, to the DOH.

The consolidation of these programs is a step towards a less fragmented and a more effective and efficient long-term care system as responsibilities for oversight, regulation, monitoring and licensing of health care services is moved under the jurisdiction of a single state department.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.