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Comments:

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THE SENATE

Committee on Ways and Means
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
State Capitol, Conference Room 211
Tuesday, February 28, 2012; 9:00 a.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON S.B. 2306, SD1
RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE**

The ILWU Local 142 supports S.B. 2306, SD1, which establishes and directs a long-term care task force to coordinate and consolidate state long-term care programs and services and establishes the position of Deputy Healthcare Transformation Coordinator.

This measure will help to set the State's policy on long-term care, something that has been discussed for years but never fully coordinated. We know that the elderly population is growing faster than any other age group. We know that the elderly require many services and programs to address their needs in aging, including health care, assistance in activities of daily living, programs to expand their quality of life, and financing. We know that the State's share of Medicaid continues to climb as more of the elderly and disabled are placed into nursing homes and become unable to afford that care.

We know all these things, yet very little has been done to coordinate and consolidate the programs and services in the area of long-term care. S.B. 2306, SD1 should be a step toward that end and hope that the task force, with the help of a person dedicated to that function, will finally be able to move the State in the right direction.

The ILWU urges passage of S.B. 2306, SD1 and thank you for the opportunity to offer our support for this measure.



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

Date: February 28, 2012, Conference Room 211, 9:00 a.m.

Re: **SB2306 SD1 – RELATING TO LONG-TERM 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 **supports** SB2306 SD1 which establishes a long-term care (LTC) task force to determine the feasibility of consolidating state LTC programs and functions under a single executive department or division, establishes the position of deputy healthcare transformation coordinator for LTC within the office of the governor, and appropriates funds.

As reported by the Hawaii LTC Commission in its 2012 Report the primary problem is that “The LTC system in Hawaii is broken.” This bill is a concrete first step towards fixing this problem, as it requires a transitional Deputy Coordinator to coordinate State LTC activities, and establishes a task force to plan for the consolidation of LTC responsibilities in a single agency or department.

Consolidation of the State's LTC system under single leadership in one agency, within the office of the Governor, will lead to streamlining the Hawaii LTC system, achieving more consistent policymaking and enhanced economies of scale, and simplifying the consumer's experience. The consolidation of operations allows for increased flexibility, particularly when the consolidated agency has budgeting authority to shift funds among LTC services, to increase spending on home and community based services (HCBS), and to improve consumer access to those services. Consolidation, including global budgeting, by giving responsibility for the budget of all LTC programs to a single administrative unit would allow the financing to follow consumers through the system as their needs and preferences change over time.

The appointment of a Deputy Healthcare Transformation Coordinator for LTC within the office of the Healthcare Transformation Coordinator will provide the authority and leadership needed to address the immediate LTC problems. The individual appointed to the Deputy Coordinator position will need executive level leadership skills, experience and ability to coordinate activities with the medical industry, LTC providers, and government agencies.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.