

SB 2306

Measure Title: RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE.

Report Title: Kupuna Caucus; Task Force; Deputy Healthcare Transformation Coordinator; Appropriation; Long-term Care Commission

Description: Establishes and directs a task force to coordinate and consolidate state long-term care programs and services. Establishes the position of deputy healthcare transformation coordinator. Appropriates funds.

Companion:

Package: Kupuna

Current Referral: HMS/HTH, WAM

Introducer(s): CHUN OAKLAND, Espero, Ihara



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February 6, 2012
3:00 p.m. Room 229

Testimony on SB 2306
Relating to Long Term Care

Presented by Beth Giesting, Healthcare Transformation Coordinator

Chair Chun Oakland, Chair Green, members of the Committees, the Office of the Governor appreciates the intent of SB 2306. We agree that long term care is an important consideration for any effort to transform our healthcare system, and that the magnitude, policy, and resource needs for long term care warrant significant attention beyond the scope of our office's capacity. Accordingly, we support the creation of a deputy healthcare transformation coordinator for long term care services provided funds are appropriated for the position that do not adversely affect the priorities in the executive budget.

We would propose that SECTION 3 (a) (1) be amended as follows: "Be selected by the healthcare transformation coordinator with the concurrence of the director of the executive office on aging and appointed by the governor as provided in section 26-34."

Thank you for the opportunity to offer our comments.

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SB2306, RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE.

**Testimony of Wes Lum
Director, Executive Office on Aging
Attached Agency to Department of Health**

Monday, February 6, 2012; Conference Room 016

3:00 p.m.

- 1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) supports the intent of this measure,
- 2 provided that its enactment does not reduce or replace funding priorities within our Supplemental
- 3 Budget Request, and we recommend an amendment.
- 4 **Fiscal Implications:** Appropriates an unspecified amount for fiscal year 2012-2013 for the
- 5 position of a Deputy Healthcare Transformation Coordinator.
- 6 **Purpose and Justification:** EOA believes that a restructuring of state agencies as their functions
- 7 relate to long-term supports and services is necessary, and that the feasibility of consolidating state
- 8 functions and funds relating to these programs and services into a single department should be
- 9 assessed. We also believe that this discussion should occur within the context of healthcare
- 10 reform. Therefore, we believe that a Deputy Healthcare Transformation Coordinator for Long-
- 11 Term Care within the office of the Healthcare Transformation Coordinator is appropriate,
- 12 provided that funds are allocated for this purpose.

1 We propose that page 5, line 7 be amended as follow: “Be selected by the healthcare
2 transformation coordinator with the concurrence of the director of the executive office on aging
3 and appointed by the governor as provided in section 26-34.”

4 Pursuing a governmental reorganization will move us toward administrative simplification,
5 a comprehensive vision, consistent policy making, a consolidation of rulemaking authority, quality
6 management, accountability, coordinated budget and personnel management, improved access to
7 services, and global budgeting. Therefore, we support the intent of this measure. Thank you for
8 the opportunity to testify.

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Written Comments

SB2306

RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE

Testimony by the Legislative Reference Bureau
Charlotte A. Carter-Yamauchi, Acting Director

Presented to the Senate Committees on Human Services and Health

Monday, February 6, 2012, 3:00 pm
Conference Room 229

Chairs Chün Oakland and Green and Members of the Committees:

I am Charlotte Carter-Yamauchi, Acting Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau (Bureau). The Bureau appreciates this opportunity to provide written comments on Senate Bill No. 2306, which establishes a long-term care task force.

The Bureau takes no position on the measure, but offers the following comments:

- (1) The task force is required to identify state programs and services related to long-term care and determine the feasibility of consolidating existing state functions and funds relating to these programs and services to a single executive department.
- (2) The task force is directed to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Legislature prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2013.
- (3) The Bureau is directed to assist the task force in drafting legislation to implement its recommendations.

The requirements of this measure generally appear to be manageable for the Bureau.

However to ensure the timely completion of the task force's proposed legislation to implement its recommendations and to meet the submittal deadline, we respectfully request that the measure be amended to direct the task force to submit its recommendations for proposed legislation to the Bureau not later than November 1, 2012, to ensure adequate time for drafting, review, and any necessary revisions.

TO : COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Les Ihara, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice-Chair

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

HEARING: 3:00 pm Monday, February 6, 2012
Conference Room 229, Hawaii State Capitol

SUBJECT: SB 2306 Relating to Long-Term Care

POSITION: The Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, **supports the intent of SB 2306** which establishes and directs a taskforce to coordinate and consolidate long-term care programs and services. Establishes the position of deputy healthcare transformation coordinator. Appropriates funds.

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.

The Long-Term Commission, which reported its recommendations to the Legislature on January 18, 2012, noted serious problems from fragmentation of long-term care services among different departments of state government and strongly recommended that responsibility be consolidated into a single agency under a single person. This bill sets into motion a process to undertake examining the feasibility of consolidation and the creation of a deputy health care transformation coordinator for long-term care services.

We believe that consolidation is desirable but needs to be approached with due consideration of the complexity of the undertaking. Furthermore, adequate resources are needed for staff time to carry out this work.

Thank you for allowing me to testify on this bill.



To: Committee on Human Services
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

Committee on Health
Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair

Date: February 6, 2012, Conference Room 229, 3:00 p.m.

Re: **SB2306 – RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE**

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**, with suggested amendments, the intent of SB2306 which establishes a long-term care (LTC) task force, 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.

AARP suggests the following amendments to increase the commitment, assert stronger leadership, attention, and awareness to LTC issues:

1. Page 2, Section 2 (a), replace lines 1 to 3, with the following: "There is established a long-term care task under the direction of the deputy healthcare transformation coordinator within the office of the Healthcare Transformation Coordinator for administrative purposes."
2. Page 2, Section 2 (b), after line 20, add new subsection (7) to read as follows: "(7) Additional task force members as appointed by the Task Force chairperson."
3. Page 5, Section 3 (a) (1), lines 7-9, replace the "director of the executive office on aging" with the following: "Be selected by the directors of the Department of Health and Department of Human Services, in consultation with the Long-Term Care Commission, and other stakeholders and appointed by the Governor."
4. Page 5, Section 3 (a) (5), lines 18-19, replace the "executive office on aging" with the following: "Work with the directors of the Department of Health and Department of Human Services, the Executive Office on Aging, and stakeholders on all issues relating to long-term care; and"

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

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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 testimony.

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