

# SB 2307

Measure Title: RELATING TO KUPUNA CARE.

Report Title: Kupuna Caucus; Kupuna Care; Appropriation; Long Term Care Commission

Description: Appropriates funds for the kupuna care program. Requires executive office on aging to establish a sliding fee schedule for the kupuna care program.

Companion:

Package: Kupuna

Current Referral: HMS, WAM

Introducer(s): CHUN OAKLAND, GALUTERIA, GREEN, IHARA, SHIMABUKURO, Espero, Nishihara

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**Committee on Human Services**

**SB2307, RELATING TO KUPUNA CARE**

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

**Tuesday, January 31, 2012; Conference Room 016**

**1:15 p.m.**

1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) supports the intent of appropriating  
2 funds for the Kupuna Care Program, provided that its enactment does not reduce or replace  
3 priorities within our Supplemental Budget Request. However, EOA opposes the mandated sliding  
4 fee schedule.

5 **Fiscal Implications:** An unspecified amount would be appropriated to EOA for the Kupuna Care  
6 Program.

7 **Purpose and Justification:** This proposal is based on a recommendation of the Hawaii Long-  
8 term Care Commission. EOA supports the overall concept of additional resources for home and  
9 community services for Hawaii's older adults, and we would encumber and expend these Kupuna  
10 Care funds in a timely manner should this bill pass.

11 We also agree with the concept that recipients of Kupuna Care services should pay  
12 minimal fees for these services. However, EOA is opposed to mandating a sliding fee schedule  
13 because of the possible unintended administrative costs on community-based service providers  
14 and the county offices on aging. One of EOA's goals for 2012 is to establish Administrative

1 Rules for Kupuna Care, which will include, among other things, the discussion of a cost-share and  
2 consumer direction. We believe that the discussion among community-based service providers  
3 and the county offices on aging should occur as we determine how to “re-invent” Kupuna Care  
4 through the Administrative Rules-making process rather than through legislation. Therefore, we  
5 ask that you remove this mandate, or turn this measure into a resolution that would request EOA  
6 to study the feasibility of a sliding fee schedule for Kupuna Care services. Thank you for the  
7 opportunity to testify.

TO: COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES  
Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Sen. Les Ihara, Vice-Chair

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

HEARING: 1: 15 pm Tuesday, January 31, 2012  
Conference Room 016, Hawaii State Capitol

SUBJECT: SB 2307 Relating to Kupuna Care

POSITION: The Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs **strongly supports** SB 2307, which appropriates fund for the Kupuna Care program.

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 Care Commission submitted its recommendations to the Legislature on January 18, 2012. The Commission recommends that funding for the Kupuna Care program be increased in order to meet the growing care needs of the population.

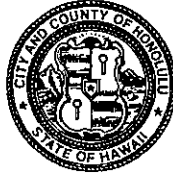
- Kupuna Care serves frail elders not eligible for Medicaid services, enabling families to care for their elders at home and keeping persons from having to go on Medicaid. Reducing funding for basic home and community services would result in many persons having to use higher cost residential/institutional care, usually at public expense.
- Funds from the "Rainy Day" carried over from the previous fiscal year will expire in June of 2012. Unfortunately, we are still in a slow process of economic recovery. However, our frail elders are in immediate need of health and social services. Their care should be an important priority for public support. Maintaining services requires an additional appropriation.
- Current Kupuna Care funding falls far short of meeting the critical need, and the demand for these services will continue to grow. EOA is requesting an additional \$4.2 million for Kupuna Care, which would enable services for between 1254 and 3398 individuals, depending upon level of impairment.
- These critical services have major impacts on the quality of life of frail elders and their caregivers and the cost of the services is relatively low compared to other expenditures of the state. The proportion of the budget allocated for non-Medicaid eldercare services is very small and yet these services can prevent or reduce dependency on Medicaid and expensive institutional care. This funding request is cost-beneficial for our state.

Thank you for allowing me to testify on this bill.

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Testimony of the Department of Community Services

**MEASURE:**

S.B. No. 2307, Relating to Kupuna Care.

**COMMITTEE(S):**

Senate Committee on Human Services

**HEARING DATE:** Tuesday, January 31, 2012

**TIME:** 1:15 p.m.

**LOCATION:** State Capitol, Room 016

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**TESTIFIER(S):** Samuel E.H. Moku, Director  
(Written testimony only. For more information, please call  
Elizabeth Bethea, Elderly Affairs Division, at 768-7708.)

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Chair Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Community Services supports section 3 of this bill, which appropriates funds for the Kupuna Care program, but opposes section 2 of this bill, which requires the Executive Office on Aging to establish a sliding fee schedule for Kupuna Care services.

The Elderly Affairs Division (EAD) of the Department of Community Services is Honolulu's designated Area Agency on Aging and operates in accordance with the Older Americans Act of 1965 to coordinate, advocate, and improve services to assist older persons in leading independent, meaningful, and dignified lives in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

EAD recognizes the need to expand Kupuna Care services due to the rising population of frail elderly individuals in Hawaii, but we oppose imposing a fee system for the clients served under this program.

When Kupuna Care was first implemented in 1999, it included a system for administering a sliding scale fee to clients. In that system for charging clients or their caregivers for services received, EAD found that it became burdensome for service provider agencies to actually collect these fees. It required developing a billing system, as well as a system to collect bad debts when clients refused or were unable to make payments. Further, it increased the administrative costs for the provision of services, thus reducing the amount of funds available for the actual services

received by clients. EAD also found that, with at least one service provider agency, the amount collected after the implementation of the fee-based system was less than the amount collected when relying only on voluntary contributions.

Thus, although EAD agrees with the intent of this bill to increase funds for the provision of services under Kupuna Care, we oppose the fee-based method proposed in this bill.

We respectfully urge the committee to delete section 2 of this bill, and to include the full appropriation to maintain critical Kupuna Care services for seniors in greatest need.



SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES  
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

Conference Room 016  
January 31, 2012 at 1:15 p.m.

**Supporting SB 2307: Relating to Kupuna Care**

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii advocates for its member organizations that span the entire spectrum of health care, including all acute care hospitals, as well as long term care facilities, home care agencies, and hospices. In addition to providing quality care to all of Hawaii's residents, our members contribute significantly to Hawaii's economy by employing over 40,000 people. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB 2307, which directs the Executive Office on Aging to establish a sliding fee schedule for Kupuna Care.

This bill is one of many that are designed to strengthen the infrastructure that cares for the elderly or reduce elder abuse.

Hawaii's elderly population is growing faster than even the national average. Since statehood, the proportion of elderly to Hawaii's total population has increased three-fold, from roughly 5% in 1960 to 15% in 2009. By comparison, the nation's population stands at 13%. Between 1990 and 2009, the number of elderly aged 75 and older increased 115% in Hawaii compared to 44% nationally. By 2030, the elderly population will represent 20% of the population, both in Hawaii and nationally.

There is a clear relationship between age and the prevalence of chronic conditions and level of disability. The elderly are the heaviest users of health care resources. Hawaii's existing resources are not sufficient to satisfy the current high demand for care for the elderly, which is increasing further as the population ages.

A related issue is elder abuse. As elders become more physically frail, they are less able to stand up to bullying and/or to fight back if attacked. They may not see or hear as well or think as clearly as they used to, leaving openings for unscrupulous people to take advantage of them.

Elder abuse can take the form of physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, abandonment, and financial exploitation. An infrastructure has been created to prevent elder abuse and to address it when it happens. Some of its components include the following: (1) Respite care to provide relief for caregivers; (2) Public awareness campaigns; (3) Chore services to support the frail elderly; (4) Special provisions to encourage the reporting of abuse by certain professionals and institutions, including banks; (5) Adult Protective Services; and (6) Making fiduciaries, persons with power of attorney, and guardians more accountable for their actions. This infrastructure should be strengthened.

HAH supports a broad range of legislative measures designed to expand care for the elderly and address elder abuse.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 2307.

To: COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES  
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

From: Elizabeth Stevenson, Executive Director  
Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter

Hearing: January 31, 2012 – 1:15 p.m., Conference Room 016

Subject: SUPPORT OF SB 2307, RELATING TO KUPUNA CARE.  
Appropriates funds and establishes a sliding fee schedule for the Kupuna Care program.

The Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter supports SB 2307, which appropriates funds and establishes a sliding fee schedule for the Kupuna Care program.

The Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter is dedicated to eliminating Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (ADRD) through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health in Hawaii. Since 1982, the Aloha Chapter has been the only organization dedicated exclusively to serving family caregivers and individuals affected by ADRD in the State of Hawaii.

It is estimated that there are currently over 31,000 people suffering from this debilitating disease in Hawaii. This number is expected to increase as people age. The risk of developing ADRD is one in eight for persons aged 65 and older. This risk doubles every five years so that at age 85 years and older the risk is one in two (50%). Our organization supports the expansion of public and private long-term care options, especially those that keep individuals in the community and functioning at the highest possible level. We also support the development of a coordinated approach to the delivery of health care and other services provided. This includes but is not limited to respite services to help caregivers cope with constant and oftentimes overwhelming duties. More than half of persons ADRD require some form of assistance with daily activities over the course of disease progression and 80% of such care is provided by informal caregivers, usually family members in the home.

The long-term care services offered through the Kupuna Care program help people live independently at home or with their families for as long as possible and provide relief to family caregivers. These services help ensure a better quality of life for both the care recipient and the family caregiver. We need to ensure that Kupuna Care is sustained and available to those who need help the most.

We support SB 2307 and ask you to vote in favor of this Bill. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.





CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

FROM: Diane M. Terada, Division Administrator

DATE: Tuesday, January 31, 2012 (1:15 p.m., Room 016)

RE: Support of SB 2307, Relating to Kupuna Care, with amendments

Catholic Charities Hawai'i (CCH) is a tax exempt, non-profit agency that has been providing supportive home and community based services to elders since 1973 and currently serves approximately 5,000 older persons each year. We strongly support this bill, with the following recommended amendments:

- Amend section starting on Page 2, line 20:

The purpose of this Act is to require the executive office on aging to study the feasibility of establishing a sliding fee schedule to generate additional revenue for the kupuna care program and to appropriate funds for the kupuna care program.

- Amend Section 2 (page 3):

SECTION 2. The executive office on aging of the department of health shall study the feasibility of establishing a sliding fee schedule to generate additional revenue for kupuna care to expand upon the services it provides to elderly population in Hawaii.

This bill will allow the continuation of vital Kupuna Care Services that were increased through Act 191, Emergency and Budget Reserve funding. This funding ends in June 2012. Without additional funds through SB 2320, there will be significant reductions in Kupuna Care Services that help elders in the State of Hawaii to maintain their independence in the community and avoid premature and costly institutionalization.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i is the current provider of Kupuna Care transportation services. Currently, Act 191 funding makes it possible for Catholic Charities Hawai'i to provide an additional 6,000+ trips for seniors to access health, nutrition and other services this fiscal year. Additional funding through SB 2307 will assure that seniors will continue to receive access to the services they need that support their ability to remain independent in the community.



We participated in the earlier sliding fee schedule for Kupuna Care Services. In addition to the concerns as expressed in testimony offered by the C&C Elderly Affairs Division, one of the additional issues with sliding fees resulted from having a service (transportation) funded through both Federal and State Kupuna Care funds. Federal Older Americans Act does not allow charging fees so seniors receiving transportation through that contract would be asked to make a donation. It was confusing to the seniors and appeared as if there was unequal treatment when 1 senior is asked for a donation and senior in the next seat is asked to pay a required fee.

Therefore, we recommend that a sliding fee schedule for Kupuna Care Services be explored but not mandated at this time. Previous attempts to institute a sliding fee schedule need to be reviewed further so that any new sliding fee schedule for Kupuna Care Services is fair and does not increase the cost of service delivery.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i asks for your support of SB 2307 with the suggested amendments. If I can provide any further information, please feel free to contact me at 808-527-4702 or via email at [diane.terada@catholiccharitieshawaii.org](mailto:diane.terada@catholiccharitieshawaii.org). Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

THE SENATE  
THE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2012

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES  
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

Testimony by Marilyn R Seely

DATE: Tuesday, January 31, 2012  
TIME: 1:15 pm  
PLACE: Conference Room 016

SB 2307 RELATING TO KUPUNA CARE.

Chairs Chun Oakland and Vice Chair Ihara and members of the committee:

**I support the intent and purpose of SB 2307.** As vital as Kupuna Care is to the growing number of seniors who need assistance as well as their caregivers, at its current funding level, it is inadequate to meet individual needs of those enrolled and is unable to include all those who are eligible. Many of those served are in a financial category just above the poverty line without resources to pay for their care, yet excluding them from richer and more comprehensive care in the Medicaid program. Kupuna Care may be the only outside source of funding available to many in the program thus it becomes an essential resource to enable their desire to stay at home as long as possible.

I also support the development of a sliding fee scale to bring in needed dollars to the program. However, I believe there should be a more comprehensive approach to developing and incorporating a sliding scale into a new and revised Kupuna Care program with time to consider other aspects that might need to be added or reworked.

Please keep in mind that in addition to an appropriation to develop the scale, funds are also needed to operate and maintain it as well. There are administrative costs associated with the upfront evaluation of income and assets as well as ongoing monitoring, collection and distribution of funds. Without this additional funding, these admin costs may compete with the dollars designated for direct services.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.

Marilyn Seely

Kaneohe, Hawaii



TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

DATE: Tuesday, January 31, 2012 (1:15 p.m., Room 016)

RE: Support of SB 2307, Relating to Kupuna Care  
& SB 2320, Relating to Aging

I am 81 years old and use the **TRANSPORTATION** service of Catholic Charities Hawaii, which is partially funded through Kupuna Care funding.

**I support this bill and urge your support to provide MORE FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE SERVICES, like Transportation**

**I need TRANSPORTATION because:**

*I have no one  
I need to have the assistance of  
of driving and medication*

**If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:**

*stay healthy  
I have multiple major health  
problems*

**Please make more Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.**

Sincerely,

Name:

*his most truly!*  
William (Jerry) BRUHN

Address:

912 1471 Milua 96706  
City Zip Code

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

DATE: Tuesday, January 31, 2012 (1:15 p.m., Room 016)

RE: Support of SB 2307, Relating to Kupuna Care  
& SB 2320, Relating to Aging

I am 87 years old and use the **TRANSPORTATION** service of Catholic Charities Hawaii, which is partially funded through Kupuna Care funding.

**I support this bill and urge your support to provide MORE FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE SERVICES, like Transportation**

**I need TRANSPORTATION because:**

*I don't have car + I need food*

**If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:**

*I don't have food*

**Please make more Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.**

Sincerely,

Name:

*Elisa J. Manella*

*91-1471 Nihoa St. 3112*

Address:

*Sua Beach, HI, 96706*

City

Zip Code

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

DATE: Tuesday, January 31, 2012 (1:15 p.m., Room 016)

RE: Support of SB 2307, Relating to Kupuna Care  
& SB 2320, Relating to Aging

I am 77 years old and use the **TRANSPORTATION** service of Catholic Charities Hawaii, which is partially funded through Kupuna Care funding.

**I support this bill and urge your support to provide MORE FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE SERVICES, like Transportation**

**I need TRANSPORTATION because:**

*I need to sleep for for sleep*

**If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:**

*Have and sleep in my house*

**Please make more Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.**

Sincerely,

Name: Priscilla Teng  
91-1471 Alani St., Apt. 3247  
Address: Ewa Beach HI 96706  
City Zip Code

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services.

DATE: Tuesday, January 31, 2012 (1:15 p.m., Room 016)

RE: Support of SB 2307, Relating to Kupuna Care  
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I am 66 years old and use the **TRANSPORTATION** service of Catholic Charities Hawaii, which is partially funded through Kupuna Care funding.

**I support this bill and urge your support to provide MORE FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE SERVICES, like Transportation**

**I need TRANSPORTATION because:** *doctor visits (Primary Care)  
Ceph doctor and designated services.  
Children all work; need to supply my own needs  
Have no other means of transportation*

**If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:**

*buy groceries, doctor (Health Issues)  
buy clothes, could not be independent*

**Please make more Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.**

Sincerely,

Name:

*Janice O. Beyr*

Address:

*91-1471 Muiwa Pl #1202* *96706*  
City Zip Code



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Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair  
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I am 82 years old and use the **TRANSPORTATION** service of Catholic Charities Hawaii, which is partially funded through Kupuna Care funding.

**I support this bill and urge your support to provide MORE FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE SERVICES, like Transportation**

**I need TRANSPORTATION because:**

*I am handicapped  
I could not live and eat to keep up my  
quality of life.*

**If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:**

*Could not go to the doctor  
grocery shop.  
I appreciate all that you provided for  
me with your wonderful services*

**Please make more Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.**

Sincerely,

Name:

*Nora Purser*

*91-147 Mula St # 1209*

Address:

*Ewa Beach*

*96706*

City

Zip Code

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

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I am 70 years old and use the **TRANSPORTATION** service of Catholic Charities Hawaii, which is partially funded through Kupuna Care funding.

**I support this bill and urge your support to provide MORE FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE SERVICES, like Transportation**

**I need TRANSPORTATION because:**

*I need ~~to~~ to be able to ~~the~~ shop for  
grocery  
Ⓢ soon I will need help with Dr. visits*

**If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:**

*Have the quality of life that  
St. Francis Vista has already  
Ⓢ provided me*

**Please make more Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.**

Sincerely,

Name:

*Medy Bruno Balonzo*

*77-1471 Mila St # 6104*

Address:

*Cara Beach*

City

Zip Code

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair  
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**I support this bill and urge your support to provide MORE FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE SERVICES, like Transportation**

I need **TRANSPORTATION** because: I have severe arthritic condition of both feet & knees. I was already denied the use of the handi-caps. I have high blood pressure + even little anxiety makes my blood pressure go up. I truly need the Catholic Charities bus services.

**IF I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:** I have no way of going to the grocery store. My husband's family here in Hawaii. I came from New Jersey, New York as well. I have Osteoarthritis + Osteoporosis that walking especially w/ groceries to carry from the bus stop to my unit would aggravate my

Please make more Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely, *Eufrosina G. Magallanes*

Name: Eufrosina G. Magallanes

Address: 91-1471 Miula St. 96706  
City Unit 5205 Zip Code

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair  
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I am 76 years old and use the TRANSPORTATION service of Catholic Charities Hawaii, which is partially funded through Kupuna Care funding.

**I support this bill and urge your support to provide MORE FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE SERVICES, like Transportation**

I need TRANSPORTATION because:

*I have no car here - sold it in Calif.  
before I moved here. Medical concerns*

**IF I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:**

*grocery shop - pick up prescriptions  
go to the doctor -*

**Please make more Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.**

Sincerely,

Name:

Barbara Sundry

Address:

91-1741 Miala # 1106  
City Zip Code

Ewa Beach 96706

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair  
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~~I support this bill and urge your support to provide MORE FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE SERVICES, like Transportation~~

I need TRANSPORTATION because: *I don't drive and don't own a motor vehicle. I have to depend on my daughter who work and the only time they can bring me is on Saturday or Sunday if they have time to take me. Otherwise I have to call taxi I am not qualified for the Handivan.*

If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:

*go shopping for groceries when I need to. I will have to do without and sometimes its frustrating and depressing.*

Please make more Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely, *Coralina Facciano*

Name: *Coralina Facciano*

Address: *91-1471 Muiaka St #2112* *Evon Beach 9676*  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair  
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I am 88 years old and use the TRANSPORTATION service of Catholic Charities Hawaii, which is partially funded through Kupuna Care funding.

**I support this bill and urge your support to provide MORE FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE SERVICES, like Transportation.**

**I need TRANSPORTATION because:**

*I have no car & do not drive.  
I depend on transportation to take me to the doctor & go food shopping & other ~~very~~ necessary things to do.*

**IF I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:**

*get my food & visit doctors. I walk with a cane & pretty hard to get on the city bus.*

**Please make more Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.**

Sincerely,

Name:

Edith Leggett

Address:

Franciscan Vista Ewa #3201  
Ewa Beach, HI 96706  
City Zip Code

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair  
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**I support this bill and urge your support to provide MORE FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE SERVICES, like Transportation**

**I need TRANSPORTATION because:**

I need to shop  
on my necessary

**If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:**

I could not go to the  
store to buy food

**Please make more Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.**

Sincerely,

Name:

Ken Kaku #4187

Address:

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City

Zip Code

96726

TO: Senator Suzanne Chui Oakland, Chair  
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair  
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**I need TRANSPORTATION because:**

NO CAR  
LITTLE MONEY

**IF I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:**

EAT  
SHOP for NECESSARY ITEMS  
PAY Someone to get gas for me  
worse depression

**Please make more Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.**

Sincerely,

Name:

Judy Crane  
91-1471 Nihoa St # 4210

Address:

EWA Beach 96706  
City Zip Code



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**Comments:**

Strongly support this bill. My in-laws recently needed kupuna care's program's guidance and help in navigating services for home based care. It was a godsend having this service in Hawaii. As our parents and we age ourselves - I am in my late 50's; I hope Kupuna Care is around for a long time in Hawaii.

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