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Committee on Human Services
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair
State Capitol, Conference Room 016
Tuesday, January 31, 2012; 1:15 p.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON S.B. 2308
RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE**

The ILWU Local 142 supports S.B. 2308, which requests the Executive Office on Aging to conduct an education and awareness campaign on long-term care and have the campaign evaluated. Funds shall be appropriated for this purpose.

The "tsunami" of aging is upon us as baby boomers have started to turn 65 and the number of seniors age 80 and older is increasing. More workers are being faced with the challenge of holding down full-time jobs while providing care for elderly parents. More seniors are being faced with the unexpected costs of long-term care.

Too many of us are unaware of the issues and costs associated with long-term care. To prepare for future needs, the public needs to become more educated and aware. The campaign that S.B. 2308 will support is long overdue.

The ILWU urges passage of S.B. 2308. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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

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

Re: **SB2308 – RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE**

Chair Chun Oakland 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 SB2308** that requests that the Executive Office on Aging conduct an education and awareness campaign on long-term care; have the campaign evaluated; and appropriates funds.

AARP generally believes that a public awareness campaign should be but one of a number of elements of LTC reform in Hawaii. Further we believe that the private and non-profit sectors have a critical and in fact, necessary role for any public education and awareness campaign.

AARP agrees with the Commission Report that “there is little evidence that long-term care public education campaigns have much impact on behavior.” In fact, AARP membership surveys showed that approximately 29% of those surveyed were misinformed and thought that LTC services would be paid by Medicare, when in most case it does not. Despite the low impact of LTC education and awareness campaigns in other states, nonetheless, there is no question that elevated public awareness of LTC is essential to solving the LTC problem. Meaningful reform would be difficult without a public that is better informed about LTC risks, costs and availability to themselves and their families.

The Commission’s Final Report provides the Legislature with direction and guidance on the establishment of a LTC education and awareness campaign. We strongly urge the implementation of this recommendation. The Commission clearly indicates the problem of the long-term care in Hawaii: “The long-term care system in Hawaii is broken.” We need urgent action to help seniors and near retirees, by taking concrete steps to strengthening the LTC system statewide, and not wait to find the perfect solution.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our testimony.



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

Conference Room 016
January 31, 2012 at 1:10 p.m.

Supporting SB 2808: Making an Emergency Appropriation to the Department of Human Services for Health Care Payments

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 2808, which makes an emergency appropriation to the Department of Human Services for health care payments (HMS 401).

Due to a shortfall in the State budget, funds were transferred from health care payments (HMS 401) to other programs, creating a shortfall in HMS 401. HMS 401 supports Hawaii's Medicaid program, which now covers more than one in five residents of Hawaii. This appropriation helps ensure the uninterrupted reimbursement to providers for the provision of medically necessary services to low-income adults and children.

For the foregoing reasons the Healthcare Association of Hawaii supports SB 2808.