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TO: The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **S.B. 2320, S.D. 2, H. D. 1 – RELATING TO AGING**

Hearing: Tuesday, April 3, 2012; 6:00 p.m.
Conference Room 308, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of this bill is to establish the Home- and Community-Based Services Program in the Executive Office on Aging and appropriate funds.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) defers to the Executive Office on Aging (EOA) regarding the establishing of a home and community-based program in the EOA.

The DHS offers a cautionary comment that the DHS also has a home and community-based program for Medicaid-eligible individuals. The home and community-based services program proposed to be established in this bill would be for non-Medicaid individuals and requests the Legislature to consider language clarifying this to avoid confusion.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

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SB2320, SD2, HD1, RELATING TO AGING.

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

Tuesday, April 3, 2012; Conference Room 308

6:00 p.m.; Agenda #5

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 priorities within our Supplemental Budget
3 Request.

4 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure appropriates unspecified amounts for:

- 5 1. A home- and community-based services program;
- 6 2. The Healthy Aging Partnership Program;
- 7 3. Catholic Charities for the Lanakila Multi-purpose Senior Center, Moiliili Community
8 Center for the Moiliili Senior Center; and Waikiki Community Center; and
- 9 4. A wanderer's registry to protect individuals with Alzheimer's Disease and related
10 dementia.

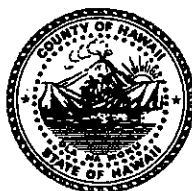
11 **Purpose and Justification:** The Kupuna Care Program has been providing essential services for
12 Hawaii's seniors since 1999, and is Hawaii's only state-funded home- and community-based
13 services program for older adults who do not qualify for other government or private assistance.

1 Although highly successful, the Kupuna Care program has always been considered a
2 demonstration project, and therefore, administrative rules have never been established.

3 EOA would like to develop administrative rules for Kupuna Care, but we are unable to do
4 so until the program is established within EOA's statutes and the Director of EOA is given the
5 authority to adopt rules. Therefore, we are in support of Section 2 which statutorily establishes the
6 Kupuna Care Program within EOA.

7 We note that the appropriations in this measure are not part of the Governor's
8 Administrative package. Should there be surplus funds available for this measure, we would be
9 supportive as we agree with the concept of these initiatives as they are consistent with EOA's
10 goals and objectives. If the Legislature deems these programs necessary, EOA respectfully
11 requests that the Legislature provide the appropriate resources, rather than supplant existing
12 resources, for these proposals. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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TESTIMONY TO: **House Committee on Finance (FIN)**

Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: **SB 2320, SD2, HD1**

"RELATING TO THE AGING"
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Honorable Chairs and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on SB 2320, SD2, HD1. I am Alan Parker, Director of the Hawaii County Office of Aging (HCOA). HCOA concurs that support is needed to provide essential home and community based services for Hawaii's elderly population by establishing a home and community based services program and appropriating funds to support the needs of Hawaii's older adults and elderly individuals.

HCOA in particular supports the establishment of a statewide ADRC program with an appropriation of \$1.4 million and the allocation of \$426,722 for the healthy aging partnership. Both programs are being demonstrated in Hawaii County and need legislative support to ensure continuation and evaluation of the demonstration phase to enable consideration from other funding sources.

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to testify.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan Parker".

Alan R. Parker
Executive on Aging





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House Committee on Finance
SB2320 SD2, HD1 RELATING TO AGING
Testimony of Deborah Arendale
Executive on Aging, Maui County Office on Aging

Tuesday, April 3, 2012; Conference Room 308
6:00 p.m.

MCOA's Position: Maui County Office on Aging (MCOA) is in **strong support** of SB2320 SD2 HD1 RELATING TO AGING. This measure provides funding for Home and Community Based services administered by each County Aging and Disability Resource Center, supports the Healthy Aging Partnership that includes Better Choices, Better Health and EnhanceFitness, supports senior centers on Oahu, and assists with the development of enhanced services for individuals with Alzheimer's Disease and their family caregivers. The direct result of the measure is that the Executive Office on Aging (EOA) and all four Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) will be enabled to better assist the aging population to remain living as independently as possible in the community.

Purpose and Justification: SB2320, SD2, HD1 builds and strengthens a statewide system of support of Hawaii's older adults and their family caregivers. *The need is clear and compelling.* There are about 238,000 Hawaii residents aged 60 and over who constitute 18.7% of the state's total population. Between 2000 and 2030, the number of adults 60 years and older will increase by 93.8% and those 85 years and older will increase by 174.7%. This explosive growth of older

adults alerts us that a strong infrastructure must be in place to serve the growing needs especially as the baby boomers join this age group.

Critical components of Hawaii's aging infrastructure are being addressed by the programs in this bill: 1) access to information; 2) affordable home and community based services including respite care for family caregivers; 3) social and civic engagements for retired seniors; 4) keeping people with Alzheimer's and dementia related diseases safe; and 5) promoting healthy aging through the Healthy Aging Partnership evidence-based programs.

Both direct services as well as a focus on prevention activities are necessary. While we cannot ignore those who need assistance with the basic functions of daily living, we must also work diligently to assist our aging citizens to live as healthily as possible for as long as possible in the most *cost effective* way as possible.

While the aging population is increasing exponentially each year, the base funding for providing services to assist seniors to remain living in the community has not been increased.

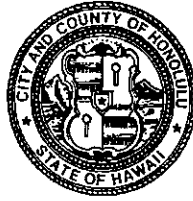
For this reason, SB2320 SD2 HD1 is crucial at this time.

Keeping seniors healthy and at home is the most cost-effective manner to address the needs of one of our most valuable societal resources, and SB2320 SD2 HD1 will ensure that state funds are utilized to provide assistance in the community at a much lesser financial drain than institutional services. *By funding home and community based services, family caregiver assistance, and prevention services, the overall need for Medicaid enrollment and expensive residential care will be minimized.*

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding this measure.

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Testimony of the Department of Community Services

MEASURE:

S.B. 2320, H.D. 1, Relating to aging.

COMMITTEE(S):

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

HEARING DATE: Tuesday, April 4, 2012

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 308

COMMITTEE REQUESTS 2 COPIES

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

Chair Oshiro and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Community Services strongly supports this bill.

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. As the Aging and Disability Resource Center for Honolulu county, EAD provides information and referrals; linkages to essential services; assistance with applications for benefits; and case management support to seniors, persons of any age with any kind of disability, and caregivers.

We support the establishment of the Home- and Community-Based Services program within the Executive Office on Aging, with an appropriation for this program in addition to the base budget of the Executive Office on Aging.

We also support additional appropriations for the Healthy Aging Partnership, Senior Centers, and the Alzheimer's Association.

We respectfully ask that this bill be passed.

TO: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

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

HEARING: 6:00 pm Tuesday, April 3, 2012
Conference Room 308, Hawaii State Capitol

SUBJECT: SB 2320 SD2 HD1 Relating to Aging

POSITION: **The Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs strongly supports SB 2320 SD2 HD1**, which establishes the Kupuna Care program in the EOA statutes and appropriates funds for the Kupuna Care Program, Healthy Aging Partnership Program, Senior Centers, and Elder Registration Services.

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 Kupuna Care program has been a pilot program in the Executive Office on Aging since 1999. The program needs to be established in statutes so that administrative rules can be created which will assist in the efficient operation the program. The program enables frail elders to be cared for at home and there will be a growing need for the services. The program reduces the need for Medicaid enrollment and expensive residential care.
 - During the past several years, the "Rainy Day" fund has enabled many essential services to be offered to our most vulnerable citizens. These funds end in June of 2012. Although, revenues are still low due to a slow process of economic recovery, it is both cost-effective and consistent with our community values that we maintain funding for critically needed services.
 - Just to maintain current **Kupuna Care services**, EOA is requesting an additional \$4.2 million, which provides services for between 1254 and 3398 individuals, depending upon level of impairment. These services are for 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. Not to fund basic home and community services would result in many persons having to use higher cost residential/institutional care, usually at public expense.
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- Evaluation research in Hawaii shows that **The Healthy Aging Partnership program** reduced hospital stays, emergency room use, and falls among the frail elderly and increased physical functioning, thus resulting in substantial reductions health care costs.

- **Senior centers** serve as important and accessible resources for senior programs, congregate meals, health monitoring and education, wellness and exercise programs and social and recreational activities which enrich the lives of our citizens.
- **Elder registration** services are a much needed addition in order to assist law enforcement officers when confused seniors become lost when away from home.

These programs are the heart of our efforts to address the many needs of our vulnerable senior population, who face many challenges in their older years. The proportion of our budget which is devoted to these worthy services is relatively small, but in most instances has the potential to actually save on potential costs as well as assure a quality of life to our vulnerable citizens.

Thank you for allowing me to testify on this bill.



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The Twenty-Sixth Legislature, State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
Committee on Finance

Testimony by
Hawaii Government Employees Association
April 3, 2012

SB-2320, S.D. 2, H.D.1 Relating to Aging

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO in strong support of SB-2320, S.D.2, H.D. 1 which would statutorily establish the Kupuna Care and Healthy Aging Partnership programs.

The HGEA currently represents over 9600 seniors in the state of Hawaii. As statistics show and as we see in our own families, the senior population is increasing. The AARP states that one out of every five Hawaii resident is over 60 years old. The need to establish the Kupuna Care and Healthy Aging Partnership programs as a function of the aging and disability resource centers is critical and is reaching a level of concern if we as a community do not provide the necessary resources to assist this growing population.

Hawaii's culture and values directly reflect those of our Kupuna. We take care of our own because that is how we were raised. But, often times that poses a huge financial hardship on families take on those responsibilities. The Kupuna Care program was established in 1999 to address the needs of the aging population, and today we must provide the commitment to address those needs through the ADRC's.

The HGEA strongly supports passage of SB-2320, S.D.2, H.D.1. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this measure.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Perreira
Executive Director

The Twenty-Sixth Legislature
Regular Session of 2012

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Committee on Finance

Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair

Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

State Capitol, Conference Room 308

Tuesday, April 3, 2012; 6:00 p.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON S.B. 2320, SD2
RELATING TO AGING**

The ILWU Local 142 supports S.B. 2320, SD2, HD1, which establishes the Home-and Community-Based Services Program and appropriates funds for the needs of the State's older adults and elderly population.

The elderly population in Hawaii is increasing, and most of us are ill-prepared for the challenges of living longer. S.B. 2320, SD2, HD1 is intended to address many of the needs of growing old in Hawaii. As seniors begin to need more services, home- and community-based services should be available to help them remain in their homes and stay out of costly institutions. Aging and Disability Resource Centers on every island will provide a valuable service to family members seeking services and living arrangements for their frail elderly parents. The Healthy Aging Partnership helps to keep people healthy as they age. Senior centers provide support for healthy aging by offering opportunities for social interaction, physical activity, and mental stimulation. Registration of elderly persons with Alzheimer's Disease and dementia will become increasingly important to protect these vulnerable individuals.

Although the ILWU's retirees may not use all of these specific resources, we support programs such as these and others that many retirees use. These programs serve as models for programs on the neighbor islands, where most of our retirees reside. The State needs to support an array of services that will help the elderly to live independently in their own homes and enhance their quality of life.

Another bill, H.B. 304, HD1, which is being proposed by the Senate offers another vehicle to address the same concerns that S.B. 2320, SD2, HD1 proposes to do. The vehicle makes no difference as long as the content of the legislation passed is to support the elderly and their caregivers to receive the support needed to keep them living independent of long-term care institutions.

The ILWU urges passage of this comprehensive bill to address the needs of the elderly in Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to offer our support for this important measure.



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April 3, 2012; 6:00 PM
Room 308

SB 2320, SD2, HD1 Relating to Aging

Good afternoon, Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and Members of the Finance Committee,

Lanakila Pacific strongly supports SB 2320, SD2, HD1 Relating to Aging to provide critically needed services for our most vulnerable seniors. Although our preference is that ongoing support be provided in the base budget, this measure provides essential supplemental funding for Kupuna Care services (now called home and community based services program) which are designed to prevent more costly care.

As a Kupuna Care service provider, Lanakila Meals on Wheels, a program of Lanakila Pacific, serves more than 1,200 seniors every day or more than 250,000 meals each year. Our staff and volunteers deliver more than a nutritious meal, as they may be the only person that the senior will spend time with each day. Our average meal recipient is a woman of Asian or Pacific Island descent, 83 years old with an income of less than \$1,000 per month.

As a Kupuna Care program, we also provide nutritional education and counseling, monitor health and welfare, and serve as an important bridge to support services, helping seniors remain in their homes rather than more costly premature institutionalization.

Unfortunately, the Kupuna Care appropriation in the base budget has remained flat at \$4.85 million since 2002, despite our rapidly aging population's even more urgent need for these critical services. Because of this, Kupuna Care programs including Lanakila Meals on Wheels are faced with heartbreaking waiting lists.

Lanakila Meals on Wheels alone is already facing a waiting list of 303 seniors that will continue to grow. Seniors like 93 year old Mr. R who was diagnosed with terminal cancer two years ago. He ever imagined needing assistance and wants to stay in his own home for as long as he can. The services of Kupuna Care will enable Mr. R to continue to live in his own home at a fraction of the cost of a nursing home.

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According to the most recent Hawaii's Older Adults: Demographic Profile: University of Hawaii, Hawaii has one of the fastest growing senior populations and the longest life expectancy in the nation. By the year 2020, one out of every four people in Hawaii will be 60 years and older.

Providing Kupuna Care Sevices, which enables seniors to stay in their homes and avoid costly institutionalization, can be the difference between \$170 for a month of home delivered meals vs. \$9,034 for a month of a semi-private room in a nursing facility.

The passage of this measure is vital as it will provide critically needed and more cost-effective services for the most isolated and vulnerable seniors in Hawaii. Aging network providers cannot meet the current and growing demand for services when faced by years of flat or reduced State and Federal funding.

We urge you to support seniors by supporting ongoing funding for Kupuna Care as it provides essential services for the most isolated and vulnerable seniors in Hawaii.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian E. Tsuji
President & CEO

Lyn Moku
Director of Lanakila Meals on Wheels



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Rep. Marcus Oshiro, Chair

Conference Room 308
April 3, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. (Agenda #5)

Supporting SB 2320 SD 2 HD 1: Relating to Aging

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 2320 SD 2 HD 1, which appropriates funds for various programs to improve care for the elderly.

This bill is one of many that are designed to strengthen the infrastructure that cares for the elderly or reduces 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 in Hawaii.

There is a clear relationship between age and the prevalence of chronic conditions and level of disability, so 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. This bill takes several steps toward improving the infrastructure to care for the elderly.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 2320 SD 2 HD 1.



To: Committee on Finance
Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair

Date: April 3, 2012, Conference Room 308, 6:00 p.m.

Re: **SB2320 SD2, HD1 – RELATING TO AGING**

Chair Oshiro and Committee Members:

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 **strongly supports** SB2320 SD2, HD1. This bill establishes the home and community based services program (also known as Kupuna Care); and appropriates funds for the needs of the State's older adults and elderly population. AARP especially supports the funding for the home and community based services program, and offers the following comments.

This bill appropriates funds out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii for fiscal year 2012-2013 for the home and community based services program. This appropriation is in addition to the current \$4.85 million Executive Office on Aging base budget appropriation that has remained unchanged since 2002, even though demand for services has increased as a result of our rapidly aging population.

In 2011, the home and community based services program, Kupuna Care, served 4,836 persons statewide, at a cost of \$103 per month, per person. The Executive Office on Aging has estimated that an additional \$4.2 million appropriation could serve up to an additional 3,398 persons depending on the level of impairment.

Seniors and caregivers need assurances that they will continue receiving occasional, yet critical respite services that enables them to live in their homes as long as possible.

The passage of this bill is vital to support the increasing demand for service from our rapidly aging population:

- Approximately one out of every five (20%) Hawaii residents are over 60 years old.
- Hawaii's population over age 65 is increasing rapidly and projected to increase by 71% between 2010 and 2030.
- Approximately 247,000 family caregivers are the backbone of Hawaii's long-term care system and currently provide nearly \$2 billion a year of unpaid caregiving services.
- The number of family caregivers is declining. The primary family caregiver group is 50-64 years old. This group will decline by 10% by 2030, and cause further strain on seniors and remaining caregivers.

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We urge you to support seniors by passing SB2320 SD2, HD1 as it funds safety net programs that support our most vulnerable population – the elderly, caregivers, and seniors.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

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Dear Chairman Oshiro,

Suzie Neufeldt

The Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter strongly supports the adoption of the **Relating to Aging Bill, SB 2320 SD2 HD1**, which establishes the Kupuna Care Program amongst other vital and important services for the elderly within the state of Hawaii. Also included in the legislation is funding for the establishment of a Wanderer's Registry for persons with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia (ADRD). The development of a statewide Wanderer's Registry is of critical importance to the safety and protection of persons with ADRD.

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Alzheimer's disease is a progressive, degenerative disorder that attacks the brain and the brain's nerve cells typically affecting people 65 years and older. This usually results in loss of memory, decreased thinking and language skills, and extreme behavioral changes. It is estimated that more than 31,000 people within the state of Hawaii have Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia. Furthermore, about 60% of people with Alzheimer's disease wander. Incidences of wandering can pose many dangers and result in injury, hospitalization, or death of the person who has wandered. Additionally, communication and memory problems may impair a wanderer's ability to provide their name, correct home address or any other pertinent information required by emergency response personnel.

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The Wanderer's Registry provides a solution to this safety concern by providing a 24-hour emergency response service for individuals with ADRD that wander or who have a medical emergency. Members enrolled in the registry will wear a bracelet which identifies who they are and their medical conditions. For incidences in which a wanderer is found, whether it is by emergency personnel or a Good Samaritan, hotline or chapter staff will contact the caregiver and provide safety planning to prevent future incidences of wandering. In situations in which the caregiver reports a missing individual, hotline/chapter staff will assist with activating search and rescue efforts in addition to providing safety planning upon finding the wanderer.

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Please make one aspect of caregiving easier for the 31,000 families with Alzheimer's and dementia in Hawaii, by supporting the enactment of SB 2320 SD2 HD1.

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Day and Date: Tuesday, April 3, 2012 6:00 pm, Agenda #5

Time and Place: State Capitol Conference Room 308

Aloha, Representatives Oshiro and Lee and Committee members. I am Howard S. Garval, President & CEO of Child & Family Service, Hawaii's oldest and most comprehensive human service nonprofit organization with services on every island. Each year we touch the lives of 40,000 Hawaii residents from keiki to kupuna.

I am testifying in support of SB 2320 which supports the continuation of implementation of the Hawaii Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC); the allotment of funds for Home and Community-Based Services (Kupuna Care Services) to meet the increasing demands; the continued support and appropriations for the Healthy Aging Partnership (HAP); Senior Centers and implementation of an elder registration program to address the needs of individuals with dementia who are at risk of wandering. These measures help to strengthen the safety net that protects our Kupuna.

As a provider of senior services for the past 30 years, we have seen firsthand the difficulties faced by seniors and their caregivers. In a time of reduced resources, the ADRC makes economic sense. This federal initiative of the Administration on Aging and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services will help Hawaii by:

1. Improving operations across counties through standardization of tools and the adoption of common performance standards.
2. Ensuring that older adults and individuals with disabilities can make informed choices about how to meet their long-term care needs.
3. Positioning the state to respond to federal initiatives and requirements affecting health care and long term care services.
4. Helping residents of Hawaii keep their loved ones in the community by building programs that support the spirit of 'ohana.

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Home and Community-Based Services (Kupuna Care) Program 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. Such services also include Meals on Wheels which are critical to seniors. 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. 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.

As a member of the Health Aging Partnership we have implemented the Better Choices, Better Health and EnhanceFitness programs along with other evidence-based programs for seniors. Better Choices Better Health help Hawaii's diverse senior population make good choices using the tools learned in the six week class. CFS was so impressed with the EnhancedFitness program that we also implemented this into our No Fear of Falling Program. Our outcomes were similar to those of Kauai which was funded through the state program. We've seen an improvement in our senior's health and well-being that is in line with the state and the nation.

We recognize the importance of Senior Centers as a "first responder" in the Aging Network. Participants are monitored and linked to services as their needs become evident. These centers serve the more active seniors and add quality to their lives.

There is an estimated 28,000 people living in Hawaii with Alzheimer's disease. Six in 10 people with the disease will wander, and many cannot remember their own name or address. With a registry in place, many wandering patients are found even before they are reported missing. Many families cannot afford this simple program and the funding of the program will assist in reaching many low income families.

At Child & Family Service our mission is Strengthening Families and Fostering the Healthy Development of Children. I think you can see why we strongly support SB2320 which strengthens a senior's family and support their continued living in the community. We and ask for your support of this bill.

Mahalo for providing the opportunity to submit testimony.



HAWAII COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

April 2, 2012

The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
The Honorable Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair
Committee on Finance
House of Representatives

Dear Chair Oshiro and Vice Chair Lee:

SB 2320/SD2/HD1 – Related to Aging

The Hawaii Community Foundation (HCF) strongly supports SB 2320/SD2/HD1 which establishes a home and community-based services program within the Executive Office on Aging.

HCF has been providing direct private support to programs that serve a limited number of elderly throughout the State for many years. We are keenly aware of the demographic data showing the need for long-term care and supports for Hawaii's elderly, as well as the current status of our long-term care infrastructure. Because our philanthropic dollars are limited, we continue to seek opportunities to leverage those dollars and help build systems that will continue to support this growing population. Given that family and informal caregivers are the backbone of the system serving this population, we are especially interested in efforts that support caregivers.

Through support for family and informal caregivers, the preference of Hawaii's elderly to age in their own homes and communities can be honored. This Bill provides the resources for the safety net of home and community-based services which are critical to allowing Hawaii's elderly to "age in place." In addition, this Bill attaches the home and community-based services program to the Executive Office on Aging (EoA). As EoA continues to make efforts to improve the infrastructure for aging services statewide through the Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs), this infrastructure will include information about the funded services. ADRCs are intended as an accessible system providing information and support not only to the elderly person but also to family and caregivers. Therefore, the infrastructure needs, elderly service needs, and the needs of family and informal caregivers can all be supported through this Bill.

The Hawaii Community Foundation urges your support.

Sincerely yours,

Katharine P. Lloyd

General Counsel & Vice President of Operations



April 2, 2012

To: The Honorable Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair
The Honorable Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Finance

From: Michael Lee, Interim Executive Director

RE: **Waikiki Community Center – Relating to Aging**

Hearing: SB2320 S.D. 2, H.D. 1 – Relating to Aging
Hearing Date: Tuesday, April 3, 2012
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Conference Room 308

Dear Chair Marcus Oshiro, Vice Chair Marilyn Lee and Members of the Committee on Finance:

My name is Michael Lee, Interim Executive Director of Waikiki Community Center (WCC).

Waikiki Community Center (WCC) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) agency that has provided services to Waikiki's elders since 1978 and currently serves over 500 older persons each year. Our Senior Program provides vital fitness, cognitive stimulation, social connectivity, education and case management that enable hundreds of older adults to maintain wellness and age in place, for as long as it is possible.

Waikiki Community Center is a community-based focal point for seniors to receive needed services and activities that support their independence and avoid pre-mature institutionalization, thereby saving the State of Hawaii over \$100,000 per person annually in long-term care costs. The Center provides a continuum of over 80 educational, recreational and social services, including health screenings, financial education, physical fitness classes, information and assistance, counseling and case management by a licensed social worker, that helps seniors not only maintain their independence and health, but also assists them as they transition through life changes.

WCC utilizes a preventative health, community-based model for services to older adults, with a focus on 3 major areas that national research documents as imperative to maintaining the ability to age in place:

- physical activity;
- new learning or cognitive stimulation; and
- social connections

The importance of this 3-pronged approach is based on the following evidence: The Bureau of Labor and Statistics states that only 2% of adults aged 75 and older are involved in exercise or recreational activity. Fifty-four (54%) percent spent their time watching TV. It is well established that physical activity has a positive effect on health, leading to better mental health and cognitive functioning. Exercise also reduces the risk of dementia by 50%, even among people who begin exercise after age 60.



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According to research at the Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center, "Loneliness and Risk of Alzheimer's Disease", loneliness has a negative impact on cognitive health and increases the risk of dementia. Elders with higher loneliness scores may be twice as likely to develop dementia. In a study of 7 senior centers in 7 states, over 90% of seniors indicate that they have developed important close friendships at the senior center that provide them with needed emotional security.

For the elders of Waikiki, this is especially important. Approximately 25% of Waikiki's 20,000 residents are over the age of 60 years old. Waikiki has one of the highest numbers of senior citizens per area density on Oahu. Waikiki elders live alone among a proliferation of secured, mixed residential condominiums, and are especially at risk to social isolation and physical and cognitive deterioration. The typical elderly resident is female, mid 70's, living alone, with little or no family support systems nearby. When they become frailer, they have little choices of independent living and are often confused by services available to support them. Waikiki Community Center's continuum of services, ranging from health maintenance activities to case management and counseling provide the needed support to these elders.

Waikiki Community Center has submitted a Grant-in-Aid request to support senior services for 2012-2013, in the amount of \$60,000.

While we understand the great financial challenges faced by the State of Hawaii the Waikiki Community Center remains in jeopardy of discontinuing its services to seniors in the community. We have already reduced some services to our seniors, furloughed program staff in order to keep the program operations available to the community, and will likely terminate case management and counseling services for older adults if funds are not available.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Kupuna Education Center

(Submitted by email to: FINtestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov April 1, 2012)

Hearing of House Committee on Finance

April 3, 2012, 6:00 p.m. Conference Room 308

Testimony of Al Hamai on SB2320, SD2, HD1, Relating to Aging

Chair Marcus R. Oshiro, Vice Chair Marilyn B. Lee and Committee Members,

HARA concurs with the purpose of this bill "...to provide essential home and community based services for Hawaii's elderly population by establishing a home and community based services program and appropriating funds to support the needs of Hawaii's older adults and elderly individuals."

HARA legislative priorities include: the establishment of a statewide ADRC program with an appropriation of \$1.4 million and the allocation of \$426,722 for the healthy aging partnership. Both programs clearly support the needs of Hawaii's older adults and providing the funding proposed for the two programs will clearly demonstrate this Committee's commitment take care of these pressing needs.

Please approve SB2320, SD2, HD1. Mahalo and Aloha.

April 1, 2012

REVISED

Testimony to: Committee on Finance
Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee

Presented by: Stephanie Ackerman
Board member of Child & Family Service

Measure: SB2320 SD2 HD1
Title: Relating to Aging

Chair Oshiro and Members of the Committee:

I am Stephanie Ackerman, a member of the community and also a member of the board of Child & Family Service (CFS). I am testifying in strong support of SB2320 SD2 HD1.

CFS is Hawaii's oldest and most comprehensive human service nonprofit organization with services on every island. Each year CFS programs touch the lives of 40,000 Hawaii residents including our kupuna (seniors). Senior citizens, people age 65 and older, are the largest age group in the United States. Unfortunately, many senior citizens lack the appropriate funds to handle their daily care needs which places added burden on their family members.

Passage of SB2320 SD2 HD1 would provide the necessary funding to support the continuation of: Hawaii Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC), Home and Community-Based Services (Kupuna Care Services), Healthy Aging Partnership (HAP), Senior Centers, and the implementation of an elder registration program to address the needs of individuals with dementia who are at risk of wandering. The continuation of these services is vitally necessary to meet the increasing demands of this growing population group as well as to help strengthen the safety net that protects Hawaii's Kupuna.

Home and Community-based Services Program (Kupuna Care) serves frail elders not eligible for Medicaid services. Most importantly, it enables families to care for their kupuna at home rather than having to institutionalize them often at public expense. Currently Kupuna Care funding falls far short of meeting the critical need, and the demand for these services will only continue to grow. Senior Centers are also important because they provide essential programs for active seniors to come together and remain productive members of the community. Lastly, there is an estimated 28,000 Hawaii residents with Alzheimer's disease. Statistics reveal that six in 10 people with the disease will wander justifying the need for the implementation of an elder registration program.

CFS's mission is strengthening families from keiki to kupuna. As a board member of CFS, I urge you to pass SB2320 SD2 HD1. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to testify on this measure.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

TO: Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair
Committee on Finance

FROM: Diane M. Terada, Division Administrator

DATE: Tuesday, April 3, 2012 (6:00 p.m., Room 308)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2320, SD2, HD1 Relating to Aging**

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 SB 2320, SD2, HD1.**

This bill will provide funding for a number of important services for senior citizens. In particular, it will allow the continuation of services that were maintained or increased through Act 191, Emergency and Budget Reserve funding. This funding ends in June 2012. Without additional funds through SB 2320, SD2, HD1, there will be significant reductions in services provided to our Kupuna, particularly through senior centers and Kupuna Care:

SENIOR CENTERS

SB 2320, SD2, HD1, supports a network of senior centers on Oahu that provide vital health education and screenings, fitness, recreation, case management, and other services to enable thousands of senior citizens to maintain wellness, support independence and avoid costly institutionalization and have a history of state funding.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i has operated the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center since 1981. Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is a State owned facility that was built as a model senior center for the State of Hawaii in 1969. The Center provides a range of educational, recreational and social services that include:

- Exercise and Educational activities, such as Stretch & Tone and Basic English.
- Recreational courses, such as Ukulele and Sewing.
- Sponsorship of 7 ethnic clubs that perpetuate ethnic traditions and promote cultural sharing.
- Health promotion and screening activities, such as monthly blood pressure checks, health fairs, and more.
- Special events for education and recreation purposes, such as Candidates' Fair.
- Onsite access to professional counseling and case management services –available to Center members and their caregivers to aid in the transition from independence to interdependence.



- Opportunities for hundreds older adults to contribute their time and skills to the community thousands of hours of volunteer service annually.

The Center serves senior citizens, age 60 and older. By contract, it serves seniors living in the geographic area bounded by census tracts 38-66 (Kakaako - Nuuanu/Punchbowl – Downtown - Liliha/Kapalama - Kalihi/Palama - Kalihi Valley - Moanalua). Its priority is to serve those in greatest economic and social need, with an emphasis on serving low-income, minority elders. Seniors who live outside the contracted geographic area and lack access to comparable services due to language, etc. are also served.

KUPUNA CARE (Home and Community-Based Services Program)

Catholic Charities Hawai'i is also the current provider of Kupuna Care transportation services. Currently, Act 191 (Emergency and Budget Reserve funding) provided funds that make 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 2320, SD1, HD1, will assure that seniors will continue to receive access to the services they need that support their ability to remain independent in the community.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i asks for your support of SB 2320, SD2, HD1. 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. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

To: Committee on Finance, Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Date: Tuesday, April 3, 2012, State Capitol Conference Room 308, 6:00PM
Re: SB 2320, SD2, HD1 – Relating to Aging

Dear Chair Oshiro and Members:

My name is Patricia Blair and I work as a Group Dining Leader with Lanakila Meals on Wheels. I work with a group of about 20 seniors at Moiliili Community Center, many of whom support this bill and want to submit testimony. I am submitting testimony on their behalf since many do not have access to a computer. Please see their comments below about why it is important to the seniors to continue home and community based services for seniors.

▲ Philip Kam – Young St.

“I urge you to support seniors by voting yes on SB 2320, SD2, HD1.”

▲ Tomi Pohlbel – Kahala

“Moiliili keeps me healthy and happy providing fellowship, entertainment (ukulele), edifying information and the like. Meals on Wheels are nutritious and delicious and affordable. We are blessed in Hawaii to have legislators looking out for us. If you're lucky too get old!!”

▲ Patsy Yoshii – Palolo

“Having lunch together, and friends to talk to, and exercise. My health has improved from being part of this program.”

▲ Tsugiyo Honda – Manoa

“Doing chair exercise improves one's health. I like socializing with others and the transportation to and from Moiliili Community Center.”

▲ John Uyetake – St. Louis Heights

“I can meet and socialize with other seniors every day. The Lanakila Meals on Wheels Program provides me with a nutritional meal for the day to keep me in good health.”

▲ Louise Coelho – Maunalani Heights

“I attend Moiliili Community Center and I live by myself. I get to go out of my home to the Moiliili Community Center. I get to meet other people there. We have sit down exercises and socialize with other people instead of being home alone. We play games and enjoy being with other people instead of being alone at home. It really is a good way to see and be with other people.”

▲ Beryl Sawyer – Waikiki

“I am 90 years old, single, and live alone. Hoping to remain independent but can use help. Low income. Good food is very important. It is becoming more difficulty to prepared my own food due to arthritis in my fingers. The senior lunch program is excellent – good food – and good company for the socially isolated. Please kokua. Mahalo!”

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony. I hope you will consider these comments from many of the seniors in your decision to continue funding for important programs to help them remain independent.

Sincerely,
Patricia Blair
Lanakila Meals on Wheels

To: The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
The Honorable Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair
House Finance Committee

From: Laura Robertson Smith, President/CEO
Goodwill Industries of Hawaii, Inc.

Date: April 2, 2012

Re: **Testimony in Strong Support of SB 2320 – Relating to Aging**

Goodwill Industries of Hawaii, Inc. (Goodwill) is among the largest human service non-profit organizations in Hawaii and submits this testimony in strong support of SB 2320, SD2, HD1 Relating to Aging.

This bill appropriates essential funding for Kupuna Care services (now called home and community based services program) which are designed to help seniors remain in their own homes with dignity, preventing more costly care, and will assure the services continue for vulnerable seniors.

With a growing population of seniors, and a funding level that has remained flat for many years, the result has been lengthy waitlists for our kupuna who are in need of services. One such program with a lengthy waitlist is Lanakila Meals on Wheels. This program provides essential hot meals to seniors as well as companionship to those who are often isolate. Without continued support, Kupuna Care programs including Lanakila Meals on Wheels will be faced with further reductions in services.

Providing Kupuna Care Services, which enables seniors to stay in their homes and avoid costly institutionalization, can be the difference between \$170 for a month of home delivered meals vs. \$9,034 for a month of a semi-private room in a nursing facility.

We hope that you will support seniors by passing SB 2320, SD2, HD1.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.



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To: The Honorable Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
The Honorable Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Finance

Date: Tuesday, April 03, 2012
Time: 6:00 pm
Place: Conference Room 308
State Capitol

From: Rose Nakamura, Administrator, Project Dana

Subject: Testimony in support of SB 2320, SD2, HD1 (HSCR1248-12)
Relating to Aging

I am in strong support of SB 2320 SD2 HD1 (HSCR1248-12) Relating to Aging. This significant bill addresses the great needs of funds for the Kupuna Care program, healthy aging partnership programs, senior centers and assisting older adults with Alzheimer's and related dementia. An appropriation out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii is requested in the sum of \$4,200,000.00.

Older adults will make up a glaring 25% of Hawaii's population very soon. It's their strong desire to age in place at home and it is by far, less expensive for everyone concerned and for the government. A safety net of home and community based services is needed to allow older adults and family caregivers to have access to a most effective statewide system.

Cost effective programs such as Kupuna Care, Senior Centers, health aging activities, and the establishment of an Alzheimer's wanderers register play a vital role in maintaining older adults to live happily in their homes. Kupuna Care assistance of providing quality care include case management, information and referral, meals on wheels, personal care, transportation, housing, attendant care, etc. as needed services for older adults to age in place in Hawaii.

The numerous unmet needs of older adults must be met. SB 2320, SD2, HD1 (HSCR1248-12) Relating to Aging is imminent and funding needs your strong support.

Thank you very much.

TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Marcus Oshiro, Chair, Finance Committee

April 3, 2012

6:00 p.m.

Conference Room # 308

Testimony Supporting S.B# 2320, SD1, HD1: "Relating to Aging"

Testimony of
Audrey Suga-Nakagawa,
Healthy Aging Partnership

This is a testimony in support of S.B. # 2320, SD1, HD1 – Relating to Aging which provides funding for Kupuna Care (Home and Community Based Program), Aging and Disability Resource Center, Healthy Aging Partnership that includes Better Choices, Better Health and Enhance Fitness workshops, Alzheimer's registry, and seniors centers. This bill builds and strengthens a statewide system of support for Hawaii's older adults and their family caregivers. The need is clear and compelling. There are about 238,000 Hawaii residents aged 60 years and over who constitute 18.7% of the state's total population. Between 2000 and 2030, the number of adults 60 years and older will increase by 93.8% and those 85 years and older will increase by 174.7%. The explosive growth of older adults alerts us that a strong infrastructure must be in place to serve their growing needs especially as the baby boomers join this age group.

Critical components of Hawaii's aging infrastructure are being addressed by the programs in this bill: 1)access to information; 2)affordable home and community based services including respite care for family caregivers; 3) social and civic engagements for retired seniors; 4) keeping people with Alzheimer's and dementia related diseases safe; and 5) promoting healthy aging through the Healthy Aging Partnership program. The Healthy Aging Partnership is a major initiative which offers two widely used evidence-based health promotion programs - Better Choices, Better Health and EnhanceFitness. These programs are available throughout the state to empower people with chronic diseases take control of their health and better manage their health conditions. Better Choices, Better Health is a weekly, six-week sessions which cover topics ranging from healthy eating and exercise, pain and stress management, appropriate use of medication and other practical tips and easy to use tools to help people live a healthy lifestyle.

EnhanceFitness is a group exercise program which helps elders become more active, energized and empowered to sustain independent lives through structured exercise sessions of stretching, low impact aerobics and strength training. The one hour classes are offered three times a week and led by certified fitness instructors who are trained in EnhanceFitness. Both programs have demonstrated to be effective in helping people adopt healthy behaviors, improve their overall health, and reduce

hospitalizations and emergency room visits. For example, Hawaii data showed- 39% fewer falls; 19% decrease in hospitalizations; and 25% decrease in experiencing symptoms such as pain, fatigue and shortness of breath and 31% increase in the number of days spent in physical activities per week. These health improvements translate to health care cost savings especially for Medicare and Medicaid. Effective management of debilitating and chronic conditions can reduce the cost of medications, hospitalizations, frequent physician visits while improving people's quality of life and independence.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of this Bill.

AURINO B. & DIANA M. ABRAHAM BLOSSOM K. CHURCHILL

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April 2, 2012

Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chairperson,
Members of the Committee on Finance
State of Hawaii Capitol
Conference Room 308
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: SB 2320, SD2, HD1 - Relating to Aging

Representative Marcus R. Oshiro - Chair and Finance Committee Members;

This memo serves as our written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of SB 2320, SD2, HD1 Relating to Aging. As Seniors ourselves, I am:

Aurino B. Abraham, age: 73, DOB 8/3/1938, and my spouse is:
Diana M. Abraham, age: 71, DOB 8/7/1940

We also provide care and support to our mother:

Blossom K. Churchill, age: 90, March 15, 1922. (Diana's mother)

Thank you for collectively allowing our written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of SB 2320, SD2, HD1 Relating to Aging. We support the following because:

- SB 2320, SD2, HD1 appropriates essential funding for Kupuna Care services (now called home and community based services program). These services are designed to help seniors remain in their own homes with dignity, preventing more costly institutional care;
- This bill ensures continued services for our most vulnerable seniors;
- While Hawaii has one of the fastest growing senior populations and the longest life expectancy in the nation, the base funding has remained stagnant for TEN (10) YEARS since 2002;
- As a result of this status quo stance, Kupuna Care programs throughout the state are facing heartbreaking wait lists; our kupuna's needs are not being properly addressed;
- Lanakila Meals on Wheels alone list 303 seniors on the waiting list. This list is destined grow, relegating our seniors to fend for themselves despite their health and financial

situation. Seniors like 93 year old Mr. R, diagnosed with terminal cancer two years ago still waits. He has never imagined that he would be needing this kind of assistance today;

- Without continued support, Kupuna Care programs including Lanakila Meals on Wheels are faced with more tough times resulting in further reductions in services;
- The provision of Kupuna Care Services enables seniors to live in their homes and avoid costly institutionalization. The savings is vast - over \$9,000 for a month of a semi-private room in a nursing facility, as compared to \$170 a month of home-delivered meals.

Lanakila Meals on Wheels has been providing the service of delivering nutritious prepared foods, delivered daily to the elderly around the Island. This has been a much appreciated service that gives our seniors the needed sustenance for their continued well-being. I urge you to support seniors of Hawaii by voting YES on SB 2320, SD2, HD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our testimony.

Best Regards;

Aurino B. Abraham

Aurino B. Abraham, signed

Diana M. Abraham

Diana M. Abraham, signed

Blossom K. Churchill

Blossom K. Churchill, signed

To: Committee on Finance, Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair
Date: Tuesday, April 3, 2012, State Capitol Conference Room 308, 6:00PM
Re: SB 2320, SD2, HD1 – Relating to Aging

Dear Chair Oshiro and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to support written testimony in strong support of SB 2320, SD2, HD1 Relating to Aging. My name is Patricia Blair and I work as a Group Dining Leader at the Lanakila Meals on Wheels program at Moiliili Senior Center.

The passage of this bill is vital because it ensures the continuation of services such as senior centers and home delivered meals for our most vulnerable seniors. The population of individuals over the age of 60 is constantly growing in Hawaii, and it is essential that funding continues to support programs for these older adults. The amount of funding has remained the same for the last ten years since 2002, but the number of seniors in need of services continues to grow. As a result of this growth without funding to support it, senior programs around the state face waiting lists and inability to meet the needs of the seniors they serve. Included in this is Lanakila Meals on Wheels Home Delivery program, which currently has a waiting list of over 300 seniors. These seniors are among the most vulnerable because they do not have the ability to shop, cook, or take care of themselves independently. Some of these seniors have no family or informal support to help them care for themselves. Others who have local family members or friends need home delivered meals to help ease the burden on their caregivers, who care for them tirelessly and are in need of respite.

Home delivered meals and other senior programs also allow seniors to live more independently and remain in their homes, versus moving to a care facility. The difference in cost is substantial; a senior can receive home delivered meals for \$170 per month while a nursing home can cost \$9,034 per month.

Without continued support from our state, Kupuna Care programs like Meals on Wheels will be forced to further reduce their services at this critical time when an expansion of services is needed to serve Hawaii's growing aging population.

In my experience working for Meals on Wheels for the last year, I am certain that some seniors could not survive without this program. Seniors rely on home delivery and group dining programs to maintain their independence and improve their nutrition and overall health.

I urge you to support seniors by voting yes on SB 2320, SD2, HD1.

Thank you for your time and support.

Patricia Blair
Group Dining Leader, Lanakila Meals on Wheels
Makiki

To: Committee on Finance
Rep. Marcus Oshiro, Chair
Rep. Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair

Date: Tuesday, April 03, 2012
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Conference room 308

Testifier: Eudice Schick, Chair Policy Advisory Board For Elder Affairs
"PABEA"

Bill: SB 2320, SD 2, HD1
In Complete Support

I am Eudice Schick, current Chair of PABEA. The following testimony is being given by myself as an individual and in no way represents the views of the Executive Office on Aging.

The funding of SB 2320 is vital to so many aspects of our Kupuna. Without these funds the desperately needed Kupuna Services would not be available to several thousand of our Kupuna. The continued growth of the development of the Aging and Disability Research Centers cannot happen, Healthy Aging, a program that teaches our Kupunas how to take care of themselves would no longer be available and the Wanders Registry, a program to help locate lost seniors cannot be funded.

We, as advocates for our Kupunas, and being Kupunas ourselves, ask that you seriously consider the value and importance of funding these programs.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony and your support of SB 2320.

Sincerely,

Eudice Schick, Chair Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs

To: House Committee on Finance
Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair

Date: Tuesday, April 3, 2012, 6 p.m.
State Capitol Conference Room 308

Subject: Testimony on SB 2320, SD2, HD1 Relating to Aging

Chair Oshiro and Committee Members. My name is Esther Ueda and I am a resident of Pearl City, Honolulu. I am submitting this testimony in support of SB 2320, SD2, HD1, Relating to Aging.

SB 2320, SD2, HD1 would establish the home and community based services program within the Executive Office on Aging and appropriate funds to support the needs of Hawaii's older adults and elderly individuals.

Many of my close friends utilize the community based programs that would be provided by this measure, for their older parents,. Also, as a volunteer for Meals on Wheels and Project Dana, I know how important these types of services are to help our seniors enjoy a better quality of life and to remain independent in their own homes for as long as possible.

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Please support this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Dear Chair Oshiro and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of SB 2320, SD2, HD1 Relating to Aging. My name is Kelli Ann Uehara and I am a volunteer of Lanakila Meals on Wheels and the Waikiki Health Center, I am a granddaughter, and a friend of many seniors living in Hawaii; I live in the Makiki area. The passage of these bills are vital as:

Our kupuna are growing at an astounding rate in Hawaii. The population of people over the age of 80 is the fastest growing population, today. The population of those 65 and older are not too far behind. These bills are needed now more than ever.

The SB2320, SD2, and HD1 Bills show that we value our community's most vulnerable populations, the elderly and disabled, by making sure they get the appropriate care they need. Currently, Lanakila Meals on Wheels has a waitlist of about 303 seniors due to lack of funding, and this list is only growing.

As well as a volunteer for the Lanakila Meals on Wheels Program, I am a student at UH Manoa. I started delivering meals to seniors when I was 18 years old. I am now 21 years old, and am still an active volunteer. Over the past three years, I have found so much passion in delivering meals to seniors every week. If you are unaware of how meals on wheels works, let me fill you in a little about what I do. I deliver five frozen, nutritious meals, with milk, bread, and fruits every Saturday morning to about 11 seniors. I do the same route every week, and therefore, have developed a special relationship with each elderly person. These kupuna are unable to get out of the house to go grocery shopping, and/or fix themselves a healthy meal. Therefore, meals on wheels has become a necessary part of their life...essential to their survival.

I urge you to support seniors by voting yes on SB 2320, SD2, HD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

Kelli Ann Uehara
Makiki

To: Committee on Finance, Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair

Date: Tuesday, April 3, 2012, State Capitol Conference Room 308, 6:00 p.m.

Re: SB2320 SD2 HD1 – Relating To Aging

Chair Oshiro and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of SB2320 SD2 HD1, Relating To Aging.

My name is Stanley Ching. My wife and I are caregivers for my wife's mother who has dementia. Strong home- and community-based services programs are needed to provide essential services for seniors. Most seniors who need help with their daily living activities want to stay at home instead of being institutionalized. They are happier living at home plus the cost of institutional care is prohibitive for the vast majority of seniors. However, in order to live at home, seniors need the assistance and services which home- and community-based programs can provide. In addition, the task of caregiving by family members is a very difficult task and the assistance which home- and community-based programs can provide will provide much needed relief for caregivers.

We strongly urge you to support seniors by providing adequate funding for these programs and to get this bill passed and enacted.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

Stanley W.G. Ching
Pearl City, Hawaii

To: Committee on Finance, Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair

Date: Tuesday, April 3, 2012, State Capitol Conference Room 308, 6:00PM

Re: SB 2320, SD2, HD1 - Relating to Aging

Dear Chair Oshiro and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of SB 2320, SD2, HD1 Relating to Aging. My name is Marilyn Seely and I am both a senior citizen, grandparent and a part time caregiver and live in the Kaneohe area. The passage of this bill is vital because it provides basic essential services for disabled elders who wish to stay at home for their care. As you know this care is expensive for individual families to bear, yet there is no other source of assistance for a large number of Hawaii's citizens with these costs other than Kūpuna Care making it even more important in the state's safety net.

Wait lists abounds for these scarce services. Lanakila Meals on Wheels alone is already facing A waiting list of 303 seniors that will continue to grow. Seniors like 93 year old Mr. R who was diagnosed with terminal cancer two years ago and never imagined needing assistance. Without continued support, Kūpuna Care programs including Lanakila Meals on Wheels will be faced with further reductions in services.

I know the difficulties seniors face in areas such as my Mother's home where the state has not funded in home care other than a bit of case management and limited meals on wheels. Hawaii, on the other hand is slowly filling the gap for non Medicaid eligible seniors who live at home. This is the right direction. Now we need to increase the momentum and reduce barriers for care at home by additional funding. The time is right and this is the right thing to do.

I urge you to support seniors by voting yes on SB 2320, SD2, HD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

Marilyn Seely
Kaneohe, Hawaii

Dear Chair Oshiro & Committee Members

My name is Ku'uipo Santimer. I am in strong support of SB2320, SD2HD1 relating to aging. My father who receives meal on wheels really depends on this. The passage of this bill is very important to me and my family. Please help all the Kupuna who really needs this they work hard all of their lives and they deserved this. I hope when I get to be a Kupuna I will have this opportunity our Kupuna have today. We have to Malama our Kupuna and keep them in our hearts and mind if not for them we would not be here today to Olelo for them. One day we all will be a Kupuna. Money should not be an issue for our Kupuna. Me and my ohana volunteer our services to meals on wheels when ever they need us, it's nice to be a part of this organization who helps our Kupuna it's nice to give back.

Mahalo Nui Loa, Malama Pono.

Ku'uipo Santimer & My Ohana

Ku'uipo Santimer 4/2/12

Dear Chair Oshiro and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of SB 2320, SD2, HD1 Relating to Aging. My name is Kelina Anderson and I am a Customer Relations Coordinator and concerned citizen and live in the Kailua area. The passage of this bill is vital as this bill ensures continued services for our most vulnerable seniors, and my parents, who are both in their f60's and still working may need these services at some time in their life.

I urge you to support seniors by voting yes on SB 2320, SD2, HD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

Kelina Anderson
Kailua/Windward area

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Testimony for FIN 4/3/2012 6:00:00 PM SB2320

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Anthony Lenzer, PhD
Organization: Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs
E-mail: Tlenzer@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 4/1/2012

Comments:

Chair Oshiro and Vice Chair Lee:

My name is Anthony Lenzer. I'm testifying on behalf of the policy advisory board for elder affairs, a body which advises the executive office on aging, and also serves as an advocate for Hawaii's older people.

The board strongly supports SB 2320 which contains key elements in an aging program for the State of Hawaii. I note the name of the Kupuna Care program has been changed to home and community-based services program in the current version of the bill. This is indeed the main function of the Kupuna Care program, but the need for the name change is not exactly clear. The other components of the overall program: the healthy aging partnership; the senior centers; and the wanderers registry are all essential services. We strongly believe that all should be supported with appropriations for the coming year.

I also note that the home and community-based program is described in the bill as a function of the Aging & Disability Resource Centers, which serve people of all ages rather than older people, as in the case of the Kupuna Care program. If this is indeed the intent of the legislature, then larger numbers of people will be eligible for these services, and more funds will be needed.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Laura Horigan
Organization: AARP volunteer
E-mail: laurahorigan@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 4/2/2012

Comments:

I am a 76 yr old widow not poor enough for Medicaid but not wealthy enough to pay for the services I will probably need soon. My children live on the mainland. Kupuna Care and similar services will save me and the state a lot of money! I live in the Kaimuki/Kapahulu area.

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Renwick (Uncle Joe) Tassill
Organization: Individual
E-mail: puuhonua2@gmail.com
Submitted on: 4/2/2012

Comments:

Aloha Chair M. Oshiro and members of the Finance Committee. I am in strong support of SB2320 and Kupuna care.

Mahalo Uncle Joe Tassill

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Barbara J Service
Organization: Individual
E-mail: Barbarajservice@gmail.com
Submitted on: 4/2/2012

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

Mahalo for allowing me to provide testimony.

I am Barbara Service and I am An AARP volunteer. I strongly support SB 2320 which will provide necessary funds for seniors in order to enable them to remain in their own homes.

These programs provide care for those in a gap group (who don't qualify for public assistance but cannot afford the high cost of home care). Nursing homes in Hawaii can cost as much as \$120,000 per year. Please assure that this measure is passed to assist these seniors.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Barbara J Service
AARP volunteer
Representative District 19; Senate District 8

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Terry A Johnson
Organization: Individual
E-mail: tjohnson@cfs-hawaii.org
Submitted on: 4/2/2012

Comments:

Dear Chairman Oshiro and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of SB 2320, SD2, HD1 Relating to Aging.

My name is Terry Johnson and I am the Human Resources Director at Child & Family Service and live in the Manoa area. The passage of this bill is vital as:

This bill appropriates essential funding for Kupuna Care services (now called home and community based services program) which are designed to help seniors remain in their own homes with dignity, preventing more costly care.

- This bill ensures continued services for our most vulnerable seniors.
- While Hawaii has one of the fastest growing senior populations and the longest life expectancy in the nation, the base funding has remained flat for TEN YEARS since 2002.
- As a result, Kupuna Care programs throughout the state are facing heartbreaking wait lists.
- Providing Kupuna Care Sevices, which enables seniors to stay in their homes and avoid costly institutionalization, can be the difference between \$170 for a month of home delivered meals vs. \$9,034 for a month of a semi-private room in a nursing facility.

As a concerned citizen, I am keenly aware of the needs of our elderly population. I know that there is a great need in our community for this funding.

I urge you to support seniors by voting yes on SB 2320, SD2, HD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

Sincerely,

Terry Johnson

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Gregory Kam
Organization: Individual
E-mail: greggkam@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 4/1/2012

Comments:

To: Committee on Finance, Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair Date: Tuesday, April 3, 2012
, State Capitol Conference Room 308, 6pm Re: SB 2320, SD2, HD1-Relating to Aging Chair Oshiro
and committee members, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG
SUPPORT of SB 2320, SD2, HD1 Relating to Aging. My name is Gregory Kam and I have experienced
personally the hardship of trying to raise a family while attempting to help my Mother and
Father while they were alive. Currently, my father in law lives by himself and seeing my wife
attempting to bridge and care for her father brings back thoughts of my families attempt to
care for my Mother and Father. The passage of this bill is vital for our aging population
and upcoming baby boomers. This bill would help those who have loved ones that can not
qualify for Medicare and also lack the funds to live in expensive institutions for the
elderly like Kahala Nui, Arcadia, Plaza etc. Your consideration and support of this Home and
Community Based Services bill (HCBS) like Kupuna care program bill will enable our loved
ones to age in place and help offset the states cost of geriatric care. I urge you to support
our seniors by voting yes on SB2320, SD2, HD1. I thank you for your time and opportunity to
submit my testimony.

Sincerely,
Gregroy Kam
Alewa /Puunui District

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Rebecca Torres
Organization: Individual
E-mail: kehauzkrib@msn.com
Submitted on: 4/2/2012

Comments:

Dear Chair Oshiro and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of SB 2320, SD2, HD1 Relating to Aging. My name is Rebecca Torres and I am a granddaughter and live in the Waikele area. The passage of this bill is vital as:

This bill ensures continued services for our most vulnerable seniors. While Hawaii has one of the fastest growing senior populations and the longest life expectancy in the nation, the base funding has remained flat for TEN YEARS since 2002. As a result, Kupuna Care programs throughout the state are facing heartbreaking wait lists. Lanakila Meals on Wheels alone is already facing a waiting list of 303 seniors that will continue to grow.

Seniors like 93 year old Mr. R who was diagnosed with terminal cancer two years ago and never imagined needing assistance. Without continued support, Kupuna Care programs including Lanakila Meals on Wheels will be faced with further reductions in services. Providing Kupuna Care Sevices, which enables seniors to stay in their homes and avoid costly institutionalization, can be the difference between \$170 for a month of home delivered meals vs. \$9,034 for a month of a semi-private room in a nursing facility.

As my grandparents have been receiving meals from Lanakila Meals on Wheels for awhile (my grandfather has since passed away) my grandmother continues to receive help. The volunteers that come to deliver meals are wonderful and caring. Being that my grandmother is often home alone as everyone is at work those meals are easy, healthy, and nutritious. And all she has to do is heat up in the microwave so we dont have to worry about her using the stove.

I can personally attest to the critical need for wholesome, nutritious prepared foods that they deliver to the elderly. For many families these meals are depended on for the kupuna and without it they may not be eating as healthy if at all.

I urge you to support seniors by voting yes on SB 2320, SD2, HD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

Rebecca Torres
Waikele

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Conference room: 308
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Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Robert Surber
Organization:
E-mail: RWSurber@aol.com
Submitted on: 4/2/2012

Comments:
Honorable Members,

I am writing on behalf of the Hawaii Island Healthcare Alliance in support of SB 2320, SD2, HD1 that will appropriate funds for Home and Community Based Services/Kupuna Care. The Alliance is a broad based group of community representatives across the Big Island with a mission to improve access to quality healthcare service. Our Long Term Care Hui has documented that home and community based services for seniors are insufficient to meet current needs and this problem will become worse as our aging population grows.

Kupuna Care helps insure that seniors who are not eligible for Medicaid can receive the supports they need in order to remain in their home as they grow older. This is not only what want they want, but also represents a financial benefit for the State as home and community based services are more cost effective than institutional care. The Hawaii Long Term Care Commission's report to the legislature this year clearly documents need to increase funding for these services throughout the state. We therefore, encourage you to support SB 2320, SD2, HD1.

Robert Surber
Hawaii Island Healthcare Alliance
Long Term Care Hui

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Jean Ishikawa
Organization: Individual
E-mail: jjog4life@gmail.com
Submitted on: 4/2/2012

Comments:

Dear Committee Members:

Please support SB2320 as this is a vital need for seniors, disabled, and caretakers. Home and Community Based Services such as Kapuna Care gives our people the ability and dignity to remain in our homes - this will save us money in the long run. None of us knows when we will need these services and it is incumbent upon our legislators to enact this bill so that we may all be able to benefit.

Respectfully submitted, Jean U. ishikawa, resident of Kaka'ako

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Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Carol Mon Lee
Organization: Individual
E-mail: carolmonlee@gmail.com
Submitted on: 4/2/2012

Comments:

To: Committee on Finance, Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Date: Tuesday, April 3, 2012, State Capitol Conference Room 308, 6:00PM
Re: SB 2320, SD2, HD1 - Relating to Aging

Dear Chair Oshiro and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of SB 2320, SD2, HD1 Relating to Aging. My name is Carol Mon Lee and I am a family caregiver and live in the Manoa area. My 87 year old mother is permanently disabled and is in a full-time care home so she does not need to take advantage of Kupuna Care. However, there are so many seniors who need this service and are not in full-time care. The passage of this bill is vital as:

· SB 2320, SD2, HD1 appropriates essential funding for Kupuna Care services (now called home and community based services program) which are designed to help seniors remain in their own homes with dignity, preventing more costly care.

· This bill ensures continued services for our most vulnerable seniors.

· While Hawaii has one of the fastest growing senior populations and the longest life expectancy in the nation, the base funding has remained flat for TEN YEARS since 2002.

· As a result, Kupuna Care programs throughout the state are facing heartbreaking wait lists.

· Lanakila Meals on Wheels alone is already facing a waiting list of 303 seniors that will continue to grow. Seniors like 93 year old Mr. R who was diagnosed with terminal cancer two years ago and never imagined needing assistance

· Without continued support, Kupuna Care programs including Lanakila Meals on Wheels will be faced with further reductions in services.

· Providing Kupuna Care Sevices, which enables seniors to stay in their homes and avoid costly institutionalization, can be the difference between \$170 for a month of home delivered meals vs. \$9,034 for a month of a semi-private room in a nursing facility.

I urge you to support seniors by voting yes on SB 2320, SD2, HD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

Carol Mon Lee
Manoa

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Sue Oasay
Organization: Individual
E-mail: sue@oasay.com
Submitted on: 4/2/2012

Comments:

Dear Chair Oshiro and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of SB 2320, SD2, HD1 Relating to Aging. My name is Sue Oasay and I am a senior citizen and a Lanakila Meals on Wheels volunteer and live in the Kaimuki area. The passage of this bill is vital as:

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As a result, Kupuna Care programs throughout the state are facing heartbreaking wait lists.

Lanakila Meals on Wheels alone is already facing a waiting list of 303 seniors that will continue to grow. Seniors like 93 year old Mr. R who was diagnosed with terminal cancer two years ago and never imagined needing assistance.

Without continued support, Kupuna Care programs including Lanakila Meals on Wheels will be faced with further reductions in services.

Providing Kupuna Care Services, which enables seniors to stay in their homes and avoid costly institutionalization, can be the difference between \$170 for a month of home delivered meals vs. \$9,034 for a month of a semi-private room in a nursing facility.

As a Lanakila Meals on Wheels volunteer, I can personally attest to the critical need for wholesome, nutritious prepared foods we deliver to the elderly. It is so gratifying and rewarding as a volunteer when these senior recipients sincerely thank me for providing them a hot meal! Many of them are lonely and welcome someone to chat with for even a few minutes. I am a retired senior citizen and will continue to deliver Meals On Wheels as long health permits.

I urge you to support seniors by voting yes on SB 2320, SD2, HD1.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: You will one day be a senior also!

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

Sue Oasay
Kaimuki, Hawaii 96816



TO: Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair
Committee on Finance

DATE: Tuesday, April 3, 2012 (6:00 p.m., Room 308)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2320, SD2, HD1 Relating to Aging**

I am 94 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawaii i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

*My days at the center keeps me very active and also reminds me of not neglecting my personal appearance,
my morning routine is very punctual — don't be late for the program! Thank you for everything.*

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely, *Nobue Akashi*

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Honolulu, HI 96817



TO: Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair
Committee on Finance

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Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

To meet ~~friend~~
Friend

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Nancy S. Ichikawa

Address:

City

Hon HI 96813
Zip Code



TO: Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair
Committee on Finance

DATE: Tuesday, April 3, 2012 (6:00 p.m., Room 308)

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Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because: *I enjoy the entertainment at the center & the exercise.*

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

V.T. Kamigama
Vernon T. Kamigama

Address:

Honolulu HI 96817
City Zip Code



TO: Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair
Committee on Finance

DATE: Tuesday, April 3, 2012 (6:00 p.m., Room 308)

RE: IN SUPPORT of SB 2320, SD2, HD1 Relating to Aging

I am 85 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawaii'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

*There's a place to go to meet my friends.
Also take lesson - tai-sho-koto, which I enjoy.*

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Mildred M. Higa

Address: Honolulu 96813
City Zip Code



TO: Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair
Committee on Finance

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Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

I GOT SOMETHING TO
KEEP ME ACTIVE

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: ROY NAGANIKI

Address: Hual. Hi, 96817
City Zip Code



TO: Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair
Committee on Finance

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Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

I come to the center five DAYS A WEEK, BECAUSE I ENJOY THE COMPANY OF OTHER PEOPLE PERSONS MY AGE.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

J. KUKER LEE

Address:

WAIMANALO

City

96795

Zip Code



TO: Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair
Committee on Finance

DATE: Tuesday, April 3, 2012 (6:00 p.m., Room 308)

RE: IN SUPPORT of SB 2320, SD2, HD1 Relating to Aging

I am 88 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawaii i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

I come on Mon. + Wed. for much needed exercise class, also on Monday I go to the Japanese club. On Wed. w/ Kulele class under Moana + Janet
Thursday I attend the Okinawa class & enjoy watching the different dances with these activities

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Ruby A Higa

Address: Honolulu 96817
City Zip Code



TO: Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair
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I am 92 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawaii.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

We have some place to go & enjoy & learn & laugh.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Elsie M. Teruya

Address:

Honolulu

City

96817

Zip Code



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Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

I get to socialize, take exercise classes, Ukulele & hula which I never had the opportunity to do while I was employed. Classes are doing the day and gets me out of the house instead of being a couch potato & watch TV.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Gay Shiro

Address:

Honolulu HI

96817

City

Zip Code



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Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

*This is a very good center to
come, see and do all good seniors
in the center.*

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Ellen K. Kahalehale

Address:

City

96813
Zip Code



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Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

The center served as a respite for me since my husband was an only child and we cared for my father-in-law who lived until 96 years old. My mother in law had dementia which made her incapable of caring for him so we had to care for both of them. Now I am able to enjoy myself by singing Karaoke, meeting friends, etc.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: kyon T. Sekiya

Address: _____
City _____ Hon. 96817
Zip Code _____



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Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

To keep us seniors to be in health, and associates with rest of seniors. We can enjoy doing lots of activities. Keep our mind alert and young.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Lillian Y. Poma

Address:

110 + DLULU 96819-2966



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Committee on Finance

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I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawaii.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

I am thankful to have a Center that we can come to. To keep active.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Emiko Yoshida

Address: Honolulu 96817
City Zip Code



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Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

*I am learning the culture of my parents as well as
fellowshipping with friends new and old. I enjoy
the programs each week, making me feel young
in heart.*

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Tomie Aiga

Address:

City

Hon 96822

Zip Code



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I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawaii i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

Maintain social activities in a safe environment;
Continue community awareness and contact with
our leaders; Exercise physically and mentally;
Improve health and well fare of the elderly.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Elouise K. Frank

Address: Hon. _____ 96817
City Zip Code



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Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

It's been wonderful being here. Keep's my mind in function - good to be among people here. I've been here about 11 yrs. & am glad to be part of this Senior Center.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Helen Palama

Address:

City

96817
Zip Code



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Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

THIS IS WHERE I HAVE CHANCE TO ACQUAINT MYSELF WITH OLD FAMILIAR FRIENDS AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS TO SPEND MY WANNING YEARS.

SO..... PLEASE HELP TO SUPPORT OUR CENTER

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: TAKEJIRO HIGA

Address: Honolulu 96817
City Zip Code



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Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

I keep healthy with the exercises, I've learned a lot abt. nutrition and different crafts. I enjoy the fellowships

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Gwen K. Perry

Address:

HONDOLU

96819



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Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

It keeps me active, healthy, & Mentally

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Karen M. Takemoto

Address: _____ Honolulu 96819
City Zip Code



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I am 74 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawaii i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

WITH THE CHILDREN ALL GONE THIS CENTER GIVES ME SOCIAL INTERACTION AS WELL AS AVAIL TO MY DISPOSAL A MULTITUDE OF SERVICES!

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

DONALD GABRIEL

Address:

City

Zip Code

HON. HI. 96819



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RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2320, SD2, HD1 Relating to Aging**

I am 73 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawaii.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

*Study lot for old people
and more ~~so~~ enjoying*

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Yasuko Takeuchi

Address:

City

Zip Code

Kailua, Hi 96734



TO: Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
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Committee on Finance

DATE: Tuesday, April 3, 2012 (6:00 p.m., Room 308)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2320, SD2, HD1 Relating to Aging**

I am 95 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawaii.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

I spend four days a week here. I share many activities which I find helpful for me. We share our lunch from noon which makes it all so easy for me. At my age, friends and association are the most important things —

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Watsuko Itoeuchi

Address:

Honolulu

City

96819

Zip Code



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I am 72 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawaii.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

1. My 95 year old mom is the happiest here and as her care giver, I love to see her happy.
2. This is my support group.
3. I'm happy to participate in the many activities offered here.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Mary Sueda

Address: Aiea 96701
City Zip Code



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I am 85 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawaii'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

Without this center seniors won't have anywhere to go. Please help funding for our sake.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: *Doris H. Nagamine*

Address: *Honolulu* *96817*
City Zip Code



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I am 71 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawaii i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

Keeps me feeling healthy, alert, & happy. This is a place where the environment is very lovely, and activities to participate is very good for everyone.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jean Sugihara

Name:

Jean Sugihara

Address:

Jan St *16217*
City Zip Code



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Committee on Finance

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Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

I consider the center as my second home, a place to learn with many programs available to participate, I especially enjoy the exercise classes. We seniors are fortunate to have a place like LMPSC where we can socialize, help each other and be mentally alert and active. We need the Center!

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Elaine F. Kim

Address:

Honolulu, HI 96817

City

Zip Code



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Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

*I do my exercise to stay healthy
I try to remember so I don't
get alzheimer!*

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Jane Ayako Yamashiro

Address: Militani 96789
City Zip Code

TO: Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
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Committee on Finance

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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 severe arthritic condition of both feet & knees. I was already denied the use of the Hoyer. I have high blood pressure + every little anxiety makes my old pressure go up. I truly need the Cath. Charities bus services

If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT: I have no way of going to the grocery store. My daughter & family here in Hawaii. I have come from New Jersey, New York as well. I have Osteo Arthritis + 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, *E. Magallanes*

Name: Eufrosina G. Magallanes

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

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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:

Patricia Long

Address:

91-1471 Waianae St., Apt. 3247

Ewa Beach HI 96706

City

Zip Code

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I need TRANSPORTATION because:

I really count on this - my needs are food etc and can't do without this. Pls, Kokea

If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT: *have much to eat, nor get 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:

Charmane Bruck

Address:

91-1471 Mula St. Ewa Beach 96706
City apt 3106 Zip Code

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I need **TRANSPORTATION** because:

*I have no
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 ly!
William (Jerry) BRANN

Address:

910 1471 Milua 96706
City Zip Code

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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 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. Manillo

91-1477 Mula St. 3112

Address:

Fua Beach, HI, 96706

City

Zip Code

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I need TRANSPORTATION because: doctor visits (Primary Care)
Ceph doctor and diagnostic services.
Childer 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: _____

Jane O. Bay

Address: _____

91-1471 Meula # 1202 96706
City Zip Code

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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 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 Sussan
Address: 91-147 Mula St # 1209 96706
City Zip Code

TO: Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
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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 ~~go~~ 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 Baroo Balouso
12147 1 Mile Dr # 6104
Address: Casa Beach
City Zip Code

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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 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 Sandby

Address: 91-1741 Mialo # 1106
City Zip Code
Ewa Beach 96706

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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 daughters 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, *Calina Tacderan*

Name: *Calina Tacderan*

Address: *91-1471 Muiwala St #2112* *Euoa Beach 96706*
City Zip Code

TO: Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair
Committee on Finance

DATE: Tuesday, April 3, 2012 (6:00 p.m., Room 308)

RE: IN SUPPORT of SB 2320, SD2, HD1 Relating to Aging

I am 64 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 stay
on my own*

If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:

*I could not go to
work to pay rent*

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

Sincerely,

Name:

Barbara #4187

Address:

9111 N. Kalia

City

Zip Code

96226

TO: Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair
Committee on Finance

DATE: Tuesday, April 3, 2012 (6:00 p.m., Room 308)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2320, SD2, HD1 Relating to Aging**

I am 67 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:

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
~~because of~~ 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

Address:

91-1471 Nihoa St # 4210

EWA Beach 96706

City

Zip Code

TO: Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair
Committee on Finance

DATE: Tuesday, April 3, 2012 (6:00 p.m., Room 308)

RE: IN SUPPORT of SB 2320, SD2, HD1 Relating to Aging

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:

NO ONE TO HELP ME (UNRELIABLE)

If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:

GO DOCTOR APPTS.

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

Sincerely,

Name: GLORIA LADA O

Address: WAILUA 96791
City Zip/Code

TO: Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair
Committee on Finance

DATE: Tuesday, April 3, 2012 (6:00 p.m., Room 308)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2320, SD2, HD1 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:

Meal/ride

If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:

Staying HOME

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

Sincerely,

Name: Alejandra URSUA

Address: 1642 EHO RD 968123
City Zip Code

TO: Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair
Committee on Finance

DATE: Tuesday, April 3, 2012 (6:00 p.m., Room 308)

RE: IN SUPPORT of SB 2320, SD2, HD1 Relating to Aging

I am 96 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:

come to meal site

If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:

Stay home

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

Sincerely,

Name:

DOROTHY UEMOTO

Address:

94-476 PAPALOHIWA
City

MILI'LANI
Zip Code
96789

TO: Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair
Committee on Finance

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RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2320, SD2, HD1 Relating to Aging**

I am 85 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:

DR APPOINTMENTS
EXCURSIONS

If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:

MAKE MY APPOINTMENTS
GO SHOPPING

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

Sincerely,

Name:

Judie Murray

Address:

1798 Koiwai St WAHIAWA 96786

City

Zip Code

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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 TRANSPORTATION TO DOCTOR
I DRIVE LOCALLY ONLY

If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:

COME HAVE MEALS AT HALI KOA
GO SHOPPING OR MARKETINGS

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

Sincerely,

Name:

How H. Kawarneru

Address:

1810 GLEN AVE 96786

City

WAHIAWA

Zip Code

96786

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Committee on Finance

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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'm not currently driving. Using Catholic Charities van for transportation to shop; I have some problem with hip + knee, so it's not easy to get around when I need to.

IF I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:

also, I try to shop when items are on sale, + in bulk, so I don't have to stop as often w/o the van, this would not be easy or convenient for me. Mahalo!

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

Sincerely,

Name: _____

Linda Chew

Address: _____

520 Pine St, ^{TP} 301, Wahiawa, HI 96786

City

Zip Code

TO: Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
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Committee on Finance

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RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2320, SD2, HD1 Relating to Aging**

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:

Cost will be very far

If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:

go shopping or to see my doctor

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

Sincerely,

Name: Mildred Tagawa

Address: 600 Pine St HAH 96786

City

Zip Code

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I need TRANSPORTATION because:

I cannot walk very far with being out of breath.

If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:

*go shopping
go to my doctor at Straub on King St.*

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

Sincerely,

Name: _____

Diana M. Hopkirk

Address: _____

City

520 Pine St. #213 - Waikaeae HI 96786

Zip Code

TO: Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair
Committee on Finance

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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 can't walk well I use a cane, &
I can't use the ~~bus~~ bus because I can't bend
my right knee.

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

Go shopping. Go to the doctor, or anything
else - like pick-up medicine.

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

Sincerely,

Name:

Gloria Pulido

Address:

500 Pine St., Wahiawa, 96786
City Zip Code

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Committee on Finance

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RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2320, SD2, HD1 Relating to Aging**

I am 97 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:

*This service help me
in many way -
I thank you*

If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:

Go out at all

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

Sincerely,

Name:

Gene J. Beacher

Address:

520 Pine St. Kalaheo 96786
City Zip Code

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Committee on Finance

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RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2320, SD2, HD1 Relating to Aging**

I am ⁸⁴~~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:

Drop off the -

If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:

Do it I cannot do it

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

Sincerely,

Name:

Dominic C. Welton

Address:

22 Koaolo Pl *Wahiawa* *96786*
City Zip Code

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Committee on Finance

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I am 86 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:

need transportation for medical visits

If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:

I stay home & watch TV

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

Sincerely,

Name:

Masoe Honda

Address:

95-713 Laha, St 96789

City

Zip Code



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RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2320, SD2, HD1 Relating to Aging**

I am 75 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawaii i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

It has helped me learn about my culture and provides valuable information to update seniors on legislation and community affairs that affect us. It also provides opportunities for regular fellowship & activities.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely, Irene Yamashita

Name: Irene Yamashita

Address: Hon. HI 96817

City

Zip Code

