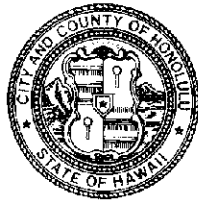


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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

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Comments of the Department of Community Services

MEASURE:

S.B. No. 2320, S.D. 1, Relating to Aging.

COMMITTEE(S):

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

HEARING DATE: Tuesday, February 28, 2012

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 211

COMMITTEE REQUESTS 1 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 Ige 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.

This omnibus bill includes funding for important programs that support the needs of the increasing population of elderly residents in Hawaii. The funding in this bill is essential to maintain the health and welfare of our most vulnerable seniors. We strongly support funding for the following programs:

Section 3 – Kupuna Care. The Kupuna Care program provides assistance to frail older adults who cannot live at home without adequate help from family or formal services. This program helps older adults avoid premature institutionalization by providing essential services, including attendant care, case management, chore, home-delivered meals, homemaker, personal care, and transportation.

Section 5 – Healthy Aging Partnership Program. Through the Healthy Aging Partnership, EAD implements Stanford University’s Chronic Disease Self-Management Program, an evidence-based program that provides education, training, and support groups to persons with chronic conditions to assist them in managing their own care. The results have been overwhelmingly positive. In addition, other evidence-based self-management programs have been introduced for arthritis and diabetes.

Section 6 – Senior Centers. Home- and community-based supportive services enable seniors to remain in their homes for as long as possible. These services include multi-purpose senior centers that coordinate and integrate services for older adults, such as congregate meals, community education, health screening, exercise and health promotion programs, and transportation. The socialization and recreation opportunities offered by senior centers are crucial in keeping seniors active and engaged, one of the most effective ways of preventing or delaying loneliness, isolation, depression, and related declines in mental and physical health.

Section 7 – Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders. EAD recognizes the need to develop services to meet the needs of the rapidly growing cohort of individuals afflicted with this condition. Hence we support the appropriation in this bill to establish a wanderers registry, conduct targeted outreach, provide training for first responders and other community members, and develop an alert system using social media.

We respectfully urge the Committee to pass this bill.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



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Committee on Ways and Means

SB2320, SD1, RELATING TO AGING.

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

Tuesday, February 28, 2012; Conference Room 211

9:00 a.m.

1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) supports the intent of this measure,
2 provided that its enactment does not reduce or replace priorities within our Supplemental Budget
3 Request. EOA also suggests an amendment.

4 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure appropriates:

- 5 1. \$4,200,000 for the Kupuna Care Program;
- 6 2. \$426,722 for the Healthy Aging Partnership Program;
- 7 3. \$285,000 for Catholic Charities for the Lanakila Multi-purpose Senior Center, Moiliili
8 Senior Center, and Waikiki Community Center; and
- 9 4. \$50,000 for a wanderer's registry to protect individuals with Alzheimer's Disease and
10 related 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 requesting that an additional section in Part II be added
6 to establish the Kupuna Care Program in EOA's statutes as follows:

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8 **"§349- Kupuna care program.** (a) There is established the
9 kupuna care program within the executive office on aging. The
10 kupuna care program shall provide affordable and quality home-
11 and community-based services that are person-centered and
12 consumer-directed for adults sixty years of age and older and
13 family caregivers.

14 (b) The kupuna care program shall be available in every
15 county as a function of the aging and disability resource
16 centers.

17 (c) The director shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91
18 necessary for the purposes of this section.

19 (d) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise
20 requires:

21 "Aging and disability resource centers" means an entity
22 established by the State as part of the State system of long-term
23 care serving as a highly visible and trusted source where people
24 of all incomes and ages can get information on the full range of

1 long term support options and a single point of entry for access
2 to public long term support programs and benefits.

3 "Family caregivers" means a spouse, adult child, other
4 relative, partner or friend who has a personal relationship with,
5 and provides a broad range of unpaid assistance for an older
6 adult with a chronic or disabling condition."

7

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

COMMENTS TO COMMITTEE CLERK

February 28, 2012

9:00 a.m.

Room #211

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

Comments of

Pauline Fukunaga

Aging Program Planner

Hawai'i County Office of Aging

These are comments in support of S.B. #2320, SD1, Relating to Aging which provides funding support for the Kupuna Care and Healthy Aging Partnership Programs. 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. 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.

The Kupuna Care Program is a home and community-based long term care program that has been demonstrated to:

- a. Reduce cost of long term care by avoiding institutional care for as long as possible.
- b. Respect the older individual's desire to age in place.
- c. Serve older individuals who are not Medicaid eligible.
- d. Enable sustainability by allowing for voluntary donations.
- e. Fill an important gap in family caregiver support.
- f. Stimulate the economy by providing much needed assistance as well as the creation of jobs to struggling home and community-based service providers.

The Healthy Aging Partnership Program has been demonstrated to:

- a. Be effective in helping older individuals adopt healthy behaviors.
- b. Improve overall health of older individuals.
- c. Reduce hospitalizations and emergency room visits.
- d. Reduce health care costs especially for Medicare and Medicaid clients.

Hawai'i County Office of Aging supports legislation that will appropriate funds for the Kupuna Care Program and the Healthy Aging Partnership Program.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment in support of the SB 2320, SD1.



ALAN ARAKAWA
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Senate Committee on Ways and Means
SB2320 SD1 RELATING TO AGING
Comments of Deborah Arendale
Executive on Aging, Maui County Office on Aging

Tuesday, February 28, 2012
9:00 a.m.

The County Area Agencies on Aging and the Hawaii Executive Office on Aging have invested two years of collaborative planning to create a comprehensive Systems Change Plan. This plan will allow the EOA and AAAs to better target resources so that state funding accomplishes more to help the aging population remain living as independently as possible in the community.

Both direct services as well as a focus on prevention activities are necessary, however. 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 have not been increased. For this reason, SB2320 SD1 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 SD1 will ensure that state funds are utilized to provide assistance in the community at a much lesser financial drain than institutional services. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments regarding this measure.

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Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 (9:00 a.m., Room 211)

RE: SUPPORT of SB 2320, SD1, Relating to Aging

I am 79 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 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 Izuka

Address:

91-1471 Maile St. Ewa Beach 96706
City apt 3104 Zip Code

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

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

I need TRANSPORTATION because:

*I have no car
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:

*Respectfully,
William (Jerry) BRUNN*

Address:

910 1471 Milula 96706
City Zip Code

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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. Granillo

Address:

91-1471 Miula St. 3112

Sawa Beach, HI, 96706

City

Zip Code

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I need TRANSPORTATION because:

I need to sleep for for for

If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:

Have and food in my house

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

Sincerely,

Name: Priscilla Tong
96 1471 Alina St., Apt. 3207
Address: Ewa Beach HI 96706
City Zip Code

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
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I am 66 years old and use the **TRANSPORTATION** service of Catholic Charities Hawaii, which is partially funded through Kupuna Care funding.

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

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

If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:

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

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

Sincerely,

Name:

Janet O. Bays

Address:

91-1471 Mula # 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:

Noa Pussen

91-147 Mula St # 1209

Address:

Ewa Beach

96706

City

Zip Code

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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 Bano Balouso
91-1471 Milua St # 6104

Address:

Cawa Beach

City

Zip Code

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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 Sundby

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

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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, *Cyralina Tacderan*

Name: *Cyralina Tacderan*

Address: *91-1471 Minala St #2112* *Ewa Beach 9676*
City Zip Code

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Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
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I support this bill and urge your support to provide MORE FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE SERVICES, like Transportation

I need TRANSPORTATION because:

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

If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT: things to do -
get my food & visit doctors. I walk with a cane & pretty hard to get on the city bus.

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

Sincerely,

Name: Edith Leggett

Address: Franciscan Vesta Ewa #3201
Ewa Beach, HI 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 need to rely
on my necessary

If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:

I could not go to the
store had to buy used

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

Sincerely,

Name:

Ken Baker #4181

Address:

1111 N. Kalia

City

Zip Code

92206

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

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

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

Sincerely, *Eufrosina G. Magallanes*

Name: Eufrosina G. Magallanes

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

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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:

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
~~visit~~ depression

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

Sincerely,

Name:

Judy Crane
91-1471 miula st # 4210

Address:

EWA Beach 96706
City Zip Code

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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 LADAO

Address: WAILUA 96791
City Zip Code

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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: 1042 EHO EHO AVE 968123
City Zip Code

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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:

Dr apoppo i h e -

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: Denise E. Welton

Address: 22 Koaio Pl Wahiawa 96786
City Zip Code

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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 PAPOLOHIWA
City

MILILANI
96789
Zip Code

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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 Koikoi St. WAHIANUA 96786
City Zip Code

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I am 91 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 TRANSPORTATION TO DOCTOR
I DRIVE LOCALLY ONLY

If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:

COME HAVE MEALS AT HALLE 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:

Kew H. Kawasano

Address:

1810 GLEN AVE ~~96786~~

City

Zip Code

WAHIAWA 96786

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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:

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: Masee Honda

Address: 95-713 Lahaie St 96789
City Zip Code

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 (9:00 a.m., Room 211)

RE: SUPPORT of SB 2320, SD1, Relating to Aging

I am 65 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'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 shop 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, #301, Wahiawa, HI 96786
City Zip Code

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 (9:00 a.m., Room 211)

RE: SUPPORT of SB 2320, SD1, 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 Tappan

Address:

600 Pine St. HAH 96786

City

Zip Code

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 (9:00 a.m., Room 211)

RE: **SUPPORT of SB 2320, SD1, 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:

James J. Beachen

Address:

520 Pine St. Honolulu 96786
City Zip Code

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Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

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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: Deana M. Hojokani

Address: 520 Pine St. #213 - Waikaloa HI 96786
City Zip Code

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

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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



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Diane M. Terada, Division Administrator

DATE: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 (9:00 a.m., Room 211)

RE: **SUPPORT of SB 2320, SD1, 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, SD1:

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, SD1, there will be significant reductions in services provided to our Kupuna, particularly through senior centers and Kupuna Care.

SENIOR CENTERS

SB 2320, SD1, 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 Hawaii 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

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, 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, SD1. 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.



SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Senator David Ige, Chair

Conference Room 211

February 28, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

Supporting SB 2320 SD 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 1, which appropriates funds for Kupuna Care and other programs that provide care to 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.

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

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

HAWAII ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED AMERICANS

An affiliate of the Alliance for Retired Americans

c/o AFSCME

888 Mililani Street, Suite 101

Honolulu, HI 96813

February 24, 2012

TO: Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

FROM: Hawaii Alliance for Retired Americans

RE: **S.B. 2320, SD1**

The Hawaii Alliance for Retired Americans (HARA) supports S.B. 2320, SD1, which appropriates funds for the Kupuna Care program; the Healthy Aging Partnership program; senior centers at Lanakila Multi-Purpose Center, Moiliili Community Center, and Waikiki Community Center; and a wanderers' elder registration services.

HARA is a coalition of 10 affiliated organizations, which are: AFT Hawaii Retirees, HGEA Retirees, HSTA-Retired, ILWU Retirees, Kokua Council, Machinists Union Retirees, UPW Retirees, ADA/Hawaii, Hawaii Family Caregivers Coalition, and Kupuna Education Center. Membership in our affiliates total more than 19,000 individual who support quality programs and services for seniors.

All of the programs proposed for appropriation provide invaluable service to the elderly and their caregivers and allow the elderly to continue to live in the community and in their own homes. Many seniors are able to live independently because of Kupuna Care, which provides chore services, meals on wheels and the like, and the Healthy Aging Partnership, which helps seniors with exercise and disease management programs. The senior centers at Lanakila Multi-Purpose Center, Moiliili Community Center and Waikiki Community Center allow seniors to interact with others and give meaning to their lives. The wanderers' registration service is proposed as a new service that will help to provide caregivers peace of mind.

These programs fill a growing need in our communities as more individuals grow older and are less able to manage their daily activities entirely on their own. With the limited funds provided, public and private agencies are able to help seniors remain in their own homes, avoid costly institutionalization, and improve the quality of their lives. Without these services, there is no telling how many more individuals would need nursing home care that likely would increase the State's Medicaid burden. The appropriations called for in S.B. 2320, SD1 would indeed be a wise use of taxpayers' dollars.

HARA urges passage of S.B. 2320, SD1. Thank you for considering our testimony.



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To: The Honorable Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
The Honorable Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee

Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2012
Time: 9:00 am
Place: Conference Room 211
State Capitol

From: Rose Nakamura, Administrator, Project Dana

Subject: Testimony in support of SB 2320, SD1, Relating to Aging

I am in strong support of SB 2320, SD1, 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.

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, SD1- Relating to Aging is imminent and funding needs your strong support.

Thank you very much.

COMMENTS TO COMMITTEE CLERK

February 28, 2012

9:00 a.m.

Room #215

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

Comments of

Theresa Richardson

Office Manager

Kau Rural Health Community Association Inc.

These are comments in support of S.B. #2320, SD1, Relating to Aging which provides funding support for the Kupuna Care and Healthy Aging Partnership Programs. 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. 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.

The Kupuna Care Program is a home and community-based long term care program that has been demonstrated to:

- a. Reduce cost of long term care by avoiding institutional care for as long as possible.
- b. Respect the older individual's desire to age in place.
- c. Serve older individuals who are not Medicaid eligible.
- d. Enable sustainability by allowing for voluntary donations.
- e. Fill an important gap in family caregiver support.
- f. Stimulate the economy by providing much needed assistance as well as the creation of jobs to struggling home and community-based service providers.

The Healthy Aging Partnership Program has been demonstrated to:

- a. Be effective in helping older individuals adopt healthy behaviors.
- b. Improve overall health of older individuals.
- c. Reduce hospitalizations and emergency room visits.
- d. Reduce health care costs especially for Medicare and Medicaid clients.

Kau Rural Health Community Association Inc. supports legislation that will appropriate funds for the Kupuna Care Program and the Healthy Aging Partnership.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment in support of the SB 2320, SD1.

COMMENTS TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Senator David Ige, Chair

Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice-Chair

February 28, 2012

9:00 a.m.

Conference Room # 211

Comments for S.B# 2320: "Relating to Aging"

Submitted by:

Audrey Suga-Nakagawa

Healthy Aging Partnership

These following are comments in support of S.B. # 2320 – Relating to Aging which provides funding for Kupuna Care, 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.

This is a critical legislation that will appropriate funds for the Healthy Aging Partnership along with other vital components of Hawaii's aging infrastructure.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit my comments in support of this Aging Bill.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: s.matsumoto@shs-hi.com
Subject: Testimony for SB2320 on 2/28/2012 9:00:00 AM
Date: Friday, February 24, 2012 9:12:42 AM
Attachments: [SB2320_SD1_testimony_022812.docx](#)

Testimony for WAM 2/28/2012 9:00:00 AM SB2320

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Shinichi Matsumoto
Organization: Individual
E-mail: s.matsumoto@shs-hi.com
Submitted on: 2/24/2012

Comments:

COMMENTS TO COMMITTEE CLERK

February 28, 2012

9:00 a.m.

Room #215

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

Comments of

Your Name Here

Your Title Here

Your Agency Name Here

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Independent Living of Hawaii, Inc. supports legislation that will appropriate funds for the Kupuna Care Program and the Healthy Aging Partnership.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment in support of the SB 2320, SD1.

From: [Carol](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: [Auntie Marques](#)
Subject: Support of SB2320 SD1
Date: Sunday, February 26, 2012 12:41:24 PM

COMMENTS TO COMMITTEE CLERK

February 28, 2012

9:00 a.m.

Room #215

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

Relating to Aging provides funding support for the Kupuna Care and Healthy Aging Partnership Programs. 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. The explosive growth of older adults alerts us that a strong infrastructure must be in place to serve their growing needs especially as we baby boomers join this age group.

I have personally benefitted recently when I participated in and completed an excellent program on the Big Island (in Kona), sponsored by the Hawaii County Office of Aging. The program, Better Choices Better Health Ke Ola Pono, focuses on Chronic Disease Self Management and has proven invaluable for numerous HI locations (as well as in 15 countries, per curriculum developer Stanford University). Without the funding support, this program would be in jeopardy. This excellent program is part of the Healthy Aging Partnership Program. Please help us keep it going.

Carol Trowbridge
Kailua Kona Senior Citizen
Senior Caregiver

COMMENTS TO COMMITTEE CLERK

February 28, 2012

9:00 a.m.

Room #215

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

Comments of

Myrtle H. Miyamura, DMD

General Dentist

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As a dentist and health care provider, I support legislation that will appropriate funds for the Kupuna Care Program and the Healthy Aging Partnership.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment in support of the SB 2320, SD1.



TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 (9:00 a.m., Room 211)

RE: **SUPPORT of SB 2320, SD1, Relating to Aging**

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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:

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



TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

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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 i.

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 nice lunches from those which makes it all too 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: Natsuko Itoeuchi

Address: Honolulu 96819
City Zip Code



TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

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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 H. 96819



TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 (9:00 a.m., Room 211)

RE: SUPPORT of SB 2320, SD1, Relating to Aging

I am 84 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

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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: _____
City Zip Code

Hon. HI 96819



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Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

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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 wellfare 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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Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 (9:00 a.m., Room 211)

RE: SUPPORT of SB 2320, SD1, Relating to Aging

I am 81 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 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 Fe Kim

Address:

Honolulu, HI 96817

City

Zip Code



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Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 (9:00 a.m., Room 211)

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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:

Honolulu
City

96817
Zip Code



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Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
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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



TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
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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



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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

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Sincerely,

Name:

Gwen K. Perry

Address:

HONOLULU

96819



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

It's been wonderful being here. Keeps 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 WANING 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
City

96817
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 fellowshiping 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 Igea

Address:

City

Hon 96822

Zip Code



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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:

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. Ige

Address:

HONOULULU 96819-2906



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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: Lynn T. Sekiya

Address: _____
City Zip Code

Hon. 96817



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

*This is a very good center to
come, ye 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:

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: _____

Les Shironi

Address: _____

City

Honolulu HI

Zip Code

96817



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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 96817
City Zip Code



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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



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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 96795
City Zip Code



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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 MAGAMINE

Address: HUAL. HI, 96817
City Zip Code



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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. Ifiga

Address: Honolulu 96813
City Zip Code



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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.A.f.
Vernon T. Kamigama

Address:

Honolulu HI 96817
City Zip Code



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

To meet ~~my~~
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



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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



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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
City

96817

Zip Code