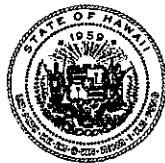


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Committees on Health and Human Services

SB2320, SD2, RELATING TO AGING.

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

Monday, March 20, 2012; Conference Room 329

10:00 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 unspecified amounts for:

- 5 1. The Kupuna Care 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 3 which statutorily establishes the
6 Kupuna Care Program within EOA. However, we respectfully request the following amendments:

7 **"§349- Home and community based services program. [Kupuna**
8 **care program.]** (a) There is established a home and community
9 based services [the kupuna care] program within the executive
10 office on aging. The [kupuna care] program shall provide
11 affordable and quality home- and community-based services that
12 are person-centered and consumer-directed [for adults sixty years
13 of age and older and 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."

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

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, March 20, 2012
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
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Testimony Supporting S.B.#2320, SD2: "Relating to Aging"

Testimony of
Pauline Y. Fukunaga
Aging Program Planner
Hawai'i County Office of Aging

This is a testimony in support of S.B. #2320, SD2, which statutorily establishes the Kupuna Care program, and provides funding support for the healthy aging partnership programs (Better Choices, Better Health and Enhance Fitness), Alzheimer's registry, and senior 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: access to information; affordable home and community based services including respite care for family caregivers; social and civic engagements for retired seniors; keeping people with Alzheimer's and dementia related diseases safe; and promoting healthy aging through the Healthy Aging Partnership program. The Healthy Aging Partnership is a major initiative which offers a successful evidence-based chronic disease self-management program - Better Choices, Better Health – Ke Ola Pono. This program is available statewide to empower people with chronic diseases to take control of their health and better manage their health conditions.

Better Choices, Better Health – Ke Ola Pono, 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. This program has demonstrated to be effective in helping people adopt healthy behaviors, improve their overall health, and reduce hospitalizations and emergency room visits. Significant data reports - 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. Effectively controlling debilitating and chronic conditions can reduce the cost of medications, hospitalizations, frequent physician visits while improving people's quality of life and independence.

The Hawai'i County Office of Aging supports 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 testify in support of this bill.



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Supporting SB 2320 SD 2: 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, which statutorily establishes the Kupuna Care Program and appropriates funds for it 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 2.



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SB 2320, Relating to Aging

Good afternoon, Chair Yamane & Chair Mizuno, Vice Chair Morikawa and Vice Chair Jordan, and Members of the House Health & Human Services Committees,

Lanakila Pacific strongly supports SB 2320 Relating to Aging to provide critically needed services for our most vulnerable seniors. This Measure appropriates essential funding for Kupuna Care services and supports preventative services including the Healthy Aging Partnership program, senior centers, and elder registration services.

As a Kupuna Care service provider, Lanakila Meals on Wheels, a program of Lanakila Pacific, serves more than 250,000 meals for seniors 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 \$4.8 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 over 250 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 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.

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 full funding for SB 2320 as it funds safety net programs that support the most isolated and vulnerable seniors in Hawaii.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian E. Tsuji
President & CEO

Lyn Moku
Director of Lanakila Meals on Wheels



WAIKIKI
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March 19, 2012

To: The Honorable Representative Ryan Yamane, Chair
The Honorable Dee Morikawa, Vice-Chair
Members of the House Committee on Health

The Honorable Representative John Mizuno, Chair
The Honorable Jo Jordan, Vice-Chair
Members of the House Committee on Human Services

From: Michael Lee, Interim Executive Director

RE: SB2320 Relating to Aging

Hearing Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2012
Time: 10:00 am
Place: Conference Room 329

Dear Chairs Yamane and Mizuno and members of the House Committee on Health and House Committee on Human Services:

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

Waikiki Community Center (WCC) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) agency which 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

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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.

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

While we understand the great financial challenges faced by the State of Hawai'i during this time, Waikiki Community Center is 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 released.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

/s/ Michael Lee

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From: Roy Katsuda, Hale Mahaolu Executive Director
Kathy Louis, Hale Mahaolu Personal Care Program Director
Phone: 808 873-0521

Re: Testimony SB2320, SD2 (SSCR2766) Relating to Aging

Hearing on Tuesday, March 20, 2012, 10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 329

We whole heartedly support SB2320 and the appropriation of Kupuna Care funds to help the hundreds of Kupuna Care clients who rely on their home and community based services to remain safely in their homes. As a personal care service provider in Maui County, we see first hand how effective Kupuna Care services are to the clients we serve. Many of our clients would be institutionalized without these critical and crucial services. These services have been proven to defer institutionalization, keep our Kupuna safely at home, and save our families, communities, and government long term care dollars.

Thank you for your support of our Kupuna and helping them maintain their dignity and independent lifestyle in the comfort of their own home.





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Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: Conference Room 329
State Capitol

From: Rose Nakamura, Administrator, Project Dana

Subject: Testimony in support of SB 2320, SD2 (SSCR2766) Status
Relating to Aging

I am in strong support of SB 22320 SD2 (SSCR2766) Status 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 (SSCR2766) Status Relating to Aging is imminent and funding needs your strong support.

Thank you very much.

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Testimony for HLT/HUS 3/20/2012 10:00:00 AM SB2320

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Submitted by: Anthony Lenzer, Ph.D
Organization: Kokua Council
E-mail: Tlenzer@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 3/18/2012

Comments:

My name is Anthony Lenzer. I am testifying today on the behalf of Kokua Council, Hawaii's oldest senior advocacy organization. Kokua Council strongly supports Senate bill 2320. This bill will establish a support a network of critical services for Hawaii's older adults. These include the Kupuna Care program, the Healthy Aging Partnership, senior centers, and a wanderer's registry. The bill also incorporates the Kupuna Care program by statute into the executive office on aging, so that it will be a permanent part of Hawaii's framework of senior services.

Kupuna Care provides in-home services for frail older adults. Those served have incomes above the level that would allow them to apply for Medicaid but insufficient income to fully cover the costs of private services out of pocket. By helping recipients remain at home, several things are accomplished. First, they are receiving care at a familiar and comfortable setting. Second, by maintaining their health via home care many will avoid the need to apply for Medicaid, thereby saving the state money. Third, service providers' jobs represent a necessary and growing part of the state's economic future. They receive income, buy goods and services, and pay taxes.

The Healthy Aging Program has two main components, with an overall goal of helping older people learn how to maintain and improve their own health. This is accomplished through a variety of classes and demonstrations on chronic disease management, exercise, and health maintenance. This program has been evaluated by University of Hawaii researchers, and the results are well documented. Participants have fewer doctor visits, fewer emergency room visits, fewer falls, and in other ways show evidence of better health. These results indicate direct savings of Medicare and Medicaid dollars as well as prospective future savings. Healthy Aging Programs are carried out via partnerships with many different organizations throughout the state.

Seniors centers provide socialization, classes, nutrition services, and many other benefits to the older people who participate in the center programs. Senior centers have long been a critical part of Hawaii's aging network.

Finally, the wanderers registry included in this bill will allow information about people with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias to be collected in a single location. Information will be available to family members and to others who may be involved in attempting to locate individuals who have wandered from their place of residence.

All of the above programs are critical to meeting the needs of Hawaii's older citizens. We urge your support for this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



To: Committee on Health
Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair

Committee on Human Services
Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair

Date: March 20, 2012, Conference Room 329, 10:00 a.m.

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

Chair Yamane, Chair Mizuno 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. This bill statutorily establishes the Kupuna Care program; appropriates funds for Kupuna Care; healthy aging partnership program, senior centers, and elder registration services. AARP 's especially supports the funding for the Kupuna Care program, and offers the following comments on the Kupuna Care program.

This bill appropriates funds out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii for fiscal year 2012-2013 for the Kupuna Care 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 Kupuna Care program 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 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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**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON S.B. 2320, SD2
RELATING TO AGING**

The ILWU Local 142 supports S.B. 2320, SD2, which statutorily establishes the Kupuna Care program and appropriates funds for the Kupuna Care program, Health Aging Partnership program, senior centers, and elder registration services.

The elderly population in Hawaii is increasing, and most of us are ill-prepared for the challenges of living longer. S.B. 2320, SD2 is intended to address many of the needs of growing old in Hawaii. As seniors begin to need more services, Kupuna Care should be available to help them remain in their homes and stay out of costly institutions. 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 also 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.

We are especially gratified that the Senate amended the bill to establish the Kupuna Care program by statute. We trust this will provide more stable funding and will ensure that the program will be continued and even be expanded to meet the growing need of seniors, and their caregivers, in our community.

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.

HAWAII ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED AMERICANS

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March 19, 2012

TO: House Committee on Health
Rep. Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Rep. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair
House Committee on Human Services
Rep. John M. Mizuno, Chair
Rep. Jo Jordan, Vice Chair

FROM: Hawaii Alliance for Retired Americans

RE: **S.B. 2320, SD2 - Relating to Aging**

The Hawaii Alliance for Retired Americans (HARA) strongly supports S.B. 2320, SD2, which statutorily establishes the Kupuna Care program and appropriates funds for the Kupuna Care program, the Healthy Aging Partnership program, certain senior centers, and a wanderers' elder registration services.

HARA is a coalition of 10 affiliated organizations: 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 individuals who support quality programs and services for seniors.

All 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, SD2 would indeed be a wise use of taxpayers' dollars.

We are especially grateful that the Senate considered establishing the Kupuna Care program in the statutes. We believe this will provide for more stable funding to the program and assure more and better services to seniors needing support.

HARA urges passage of S.B. 2320, SD2. Thank you for considering our testimony.

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Testimony for HLT/HUS 3/20/2012 10:00:00 AM SB2320

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Testifier will be present: No
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E-mail: elwegner1@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/16/2012

Comments:



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

TO: Rep. Ryan I. Yamane, Chair Rep. John M. Mizuno, Chair
Rep. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair Rep. Jo Jordan, Vice Chair
Committee on Health Committee on Human Services

FROM: Diane M. Terada, Division Administrator

DATE: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 (10:00 a.m., Room 329)

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

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

SENIOR CENTERS

SB 2320, SD2, 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, SD2. 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.

March 18, 2012

TO: Committee on Health, Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair; Committee on Human Services,
Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair

Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2012, State Capitol Conference Room 329, 10:00 a.m.

Re: SB2320, SD2 - Relating to Aging

Chair Yamane, Chair Mizuno, and Committee Members, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of SB2320, SD2, Relating to Aging. My name is Constance Oliva and I am the caregiver for my 96 year old father in law. I am a senior taking care of a much older senior, full time, and at times this task is very very difficult. I am now in the double jeopardy position because my 65 year old husband has not been well. The passage of this bill is vital to so many seniors, their loved ones and caregivers. Even the occasional respite care is life changing for the whole family. The services which would supported by SB2320,SD2 are elementary. These services should be standard for any community. We must take care of our citizens in situations which are so common and in circumstances when require so little to mean so much. Kupuna Care is an essential component of a working community.

I urge the committee to support bill. If each member put themselves in a position of caregiving, stress, worry about finances, worry about the health of a loved one....I know this bill would pass.

I urge you to support seniors by voting yes on SB2320, SD2.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

NAME

Constance Oliva

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From: TJ-Davies-Jr [tjdavies@juno.com]
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Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2012, State Capitol Conference Room 329, 10:00 a.m.

Re: SB2320, SD2 - Relating to Aging

Chair Yamane, Chair Mizuno, and Committee Members, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of SB2320, SD2, Relating to Aging. My name is T. J. Davies and I am retired and live in the Kakaako area. The passage of this bill is vital as:

- Kupuna Care provides services that allow seniors to remain at home as long as possible.
- This is far less expensive for individuals and the government.
- Kupuna Care provides occasional respite for family caregivers, who otherwise would need to provide caregiving to loved ones, 24/7, with no vacations.
- Kupuna Care provides respite services for those who do not qualify for Medicaid, and not wealthy enough to pay for services on their own.

Working caregivers struggle to balance the needs of parents, children and employer. It is really tough – everyone depends on them and the financial support of their job, but without help through community services, all of these things are in jeopardy.

I urge you to support seniors by voting yes on SB2320, SD2.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

T. J. DAVIES JR.
Volunteer, AARP & Kokua Council for Senior Citizens
Kakaako (District 23 / Senate District 12)

"Passion for the truth is costly: it often involves being dismissed out of hand, ridiculed or parodied." Cardinal John Henry Newman

TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Ryan Yamane, Chair, Health Committee
John Mizuno, Chair, Human Services Committee

March 20, 2012

10:00 a.m.

Conference Room # 329

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

Testimony of
Audrey Suga-Nakagawa

This is a testimony 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.

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

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From: Jim Crowe [maucrowe@gmail.com]
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To Committee on Health, Rep. Ryan I Yamani Chair, Committee on Human Services, Rep. John Miuno, Chair
March 20, 2012 Room 329 10:00 a m
Re: SB2320 SD2 Relating to Aging

I urge you to strongly support SB2320 SD2. My name is Jim Crowe. I have personal experience as a senior citizen service provider in my profession, then as a volunteer and now as a caregiver.

This bill fully reflects our culture of honoring our Kupuna in a very practical way. A personal service to a senior which may appear brief and minor to us, is to that person, on that day, a magnificent world changing event.

Jim Crowe 808 876 1975 30 Alanui Pl Kula 96790 maucrowe@gmail.com

Leona P. Pereza
1191 Kupau Street
Kailua, Hawaii 96734

March 18, 2012

To: Committee on Health, Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair; Committee on Human Services, Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair

Date: Sunday, March 20, 2012, State Capital conference Rm. 329, 10:00 am.

Re: SB2320, SD2 - Relating to Aging

Chair Yamane, Chair Mizuno, and Committee Members:

Thank you for allowing me to submit a written testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT OF SB2320, SD2, RELATING TO AGING**. My name is Leona Pereza and I am a licensed practical nurse and a licensed master of social work. I was a caregiver for several of my family members who became disabled due to illness of diabetes and unfortunately they all now deceased. As you know, Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders have a very high incidence of this devastating illness that affects people of all ages. Though it was a demanding role I vowed I would never place any of my loved ones in an institution because I believe no one can deliver the kind of loving and compassionate care to a dying patient than the family. In the end stage of life the comfort and quality of care matters most. Allowing a patient or senior to "age in place" brings comfort by being in their own familiar surroundings.

To allow this process the Kupuna Care is the vital support that caregivers like myself need. It is helping to take care of the caregiver so the caregiver can deliver care to one in need 24/7 and for as long as needed.

Overall, in most cases it provides the very best care and at a much lower cost than being placed in institutions of care and being cared for by strangers.

On behalf of all caregivers and patients who could have benefited from this program I urge you to vote in support of SB2320, SD2.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

Leona Pereza
Kailua, Oahu

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Submitted on: 3/18/2012

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To: `Committee on Health, Ryan I. Yamane, Chair; Committee of uman Services, Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair

Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2012, State Capitol Conference Room 329, 10:00 a.m.

re: SB2320,SD2 - relating to Aging

Aloha Chairs Yamane and Mizuno and Committee Members!

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of SB2320,SD2, relating to aging.

My name is Barbara Service and I am an AARP volunteer who resides in Kahala.

As you are aware, Kupuna Care provides services to older adults, so they can remain in their own homes, as long as possible. The services include case management, transportation, home-delivered meals and assistance with the basic Activities of Daily Living (personal hygiene, transfer, feeding, continence, ambulation, and dressing). Hawaii has one of the highest nursing home costs in the nation, estimated to be about \$125,000 per year.

Kupuna Care also provides respite to family caregivers who often work full-time and THEN spend many hours caring for loved ones.

Kupuna Care fills the gap for serving those who do not qualify for Medicaid but cannot afford to pay for services on their own.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of SB2320, SD2.

Please vote to pass this bill to assist our seniors.

Barbara J. Service
Kahala
District 19, Senate District 8

To: House Committees on Health and Human Resources
Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Representative John m. Mizuno, Chair

Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2012, 10:00 a.m.
State Capitol Conference Room 329

Subject: Testimony on SB2320, SD2 Relating to Aging

Chair Yamane and Chair Mizuno 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 SB2320, SD2 Relating to Aging. .

SB 2320, SD2 would build a statewide system of support for Hawaii's older adults and their family caregivers by::

- (1) Enhancing the delivery of home and community based services through the kupuna care program;
- (2) Statutorily establishing the kupuna care program under the executive office on aging; and
- (3) Engaging seniors in community activities, encouraging healthy aging, and assisting older adults living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia.

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. Many of the people I serve have no nearby family members to help them and these programs provide an essential safety net for them.

Please support this proposal.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony .

To: Committee on Health, Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair; Committee on Human Services, Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair

Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2012, State Capitol Conference Room 329, 10:00 a.m.

Re: SB2320, SD2 - Relating to Aging

Chair Yamane, Chair Mizuno, and Committee Members, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of SB2320, SD2, Relating to Aging.

Aloha to Our State leaders who care about residents both old and young living in Hawaii. These elders need the assistance of Kupuna Care so they can remain in their familiar environment(s) and enjoy their senior moments.

All the services provided by Kupuna Care saves the state a multitude of money, which we are short of at present, so please maintain fundings for our Kupuna's.

Mahalo,

Elaine C. Goldberg
Resident of Kapolei

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Re: SB2320, SD2 - Relating to Aging

Chair Yamane, Chair Mizuno, and Committee Members, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of SB2320, SD2, Relating to Aging. My name is Marvin Paularena and I am disabled and cared for by my wife. I live in the Kahului, Maui area. The passage of this bill is vital as:

Kupuna Care makes it possible for seniors to remain in their own home as long as medically possible. Obviously, this is a much better choice for the senior, his/her family and, of course is far less expensive for our state.

Kupuna Care provides respite services for those who do not qualify for Medicaid. Many are not wealthy enough to pay for services on their own but have too many assets to qualify for Medicaid benefits.

Additionally, Kupuna Care makes it possible for family caregivers to take a little time off and live a less stressful life. We don't want anyone to feel like their loving service is going to become a sentence to drudgery.

My wife has a disability of her own but still provides most of the care I can no longer perform. We have been blessed with the ability to make it on our own but can easily see where others with similar but slightly worse conditions would in a real bind. Please, for the sakes of those brother and sister Kupuna, support this bill.

I urge you to support seniors by voting yes on SB2320, SD2.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

MARVIN PAULARENA

Kahului, Maui

TO: Committee on Health, Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair;
Committee on Human Services, Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair

DATE: Tuesday, March 20, 2012, State Capitol Conference Rm 329, 10:00 a.m.

RE: SB2320, SD2 - Relating to Aging

Chair Yamane, Chair Mizuno, and Committee Members, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony **in STRONG SUPPORT of SB2320, SD2, Relating to Aging**. My name is Kathryn Okazaki and I retired to take care of both my parents. My dad will be 98 in a few months and mom will be 95. I live in Halawa Heights, Aiea.

I strongly ask you to pass this bill as it is vital to our community:

- Kupuna Care helps seniors to age with dignity at home. This is important to seniors as well as our community. In the long run it is less expensive for the senior and the State, and it allows your love one to avoid going to a nursing home as long as possible.
- Kupuna Care provides services for those who do not qualify for Medicaid, and not wealthy enough to pay for services on their own. Without services like Kupuna Care seniors within this income group will deplete their savings and will look towards Medicaid for support. Hence, costing the State more money.
- With the baby boomers becoming seniors, the problems of long term care becomes worst instead of better. I will be 65 this year; I'm a senior taking care of two seniors. I am trying to keep my parents home as long as I possibly can. I look for services that help me and services like Hawaii Meals on Wheels have helped me tremendously when I was working. It is more than just providing a hot meal; with their volunteers following set procedures, you know they are okay in the middle of the day otherwise the organization would have called you.

I urge you to support seniors by voting yes on SB2320, SD2.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

Kathryn Okazaki
99-515 Kaholi Pl.
Aiea, Hawaii 96701
486-5960

Halawa Heights/Aiea

TRANSMITTAL COVER

Testifier: Lehua Lopez-Mau (personal testimony)
(From Na`alehu, Ka`u, Hawai`i)

Committee: Committee on Health and Committee on Human Services

Hearing Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Hearing Time: 10:00 am

Measure Number: S.B. No. 2320 S.D. 2

TESTIMONY:

March 19, 2012

Aloha members of the Committee on Health and the Committee on Human Services:

My name is Lehua Lopez-Mau and I am a 63-year-old widow, born and raised in Honolulu, with no children; I now work in Ka`u and I live alone in Waiohinu. This is my personal testimony:

Funding a statewide system of support for people like me and family caregivers is probably one of the most important pieces of legislation facing your committee today. This support system is extremely important to me and to all of us kupuna here in Ka`u. Across the state, there are thousands of us women who are widowed, low-income, and living alone in our 60's, 70's, and 80's. While we have family and friends who are willing to help, *many of us are very, very worried about our future and about our ability to take care of ourselves and NOT be a burden to our family and friends.*

Last year, I volunteered to learn how to be a Lay Leader in Hawai`i County's Office of Aging, Better Choices/Better Health program. I entered the program so I could learn how to take better care of myself as well as to volunteer some kokua back to my community as a Lay Leader. The methods and techniques I learned about managing my own health are priceless to me. I continue to practice what I was taught and I now teach others these same methods and techniques. The program has definitely made my life, AND my health, better. It is imperative that kupuna programs like Better Choices/Better Health continue, as the services they provide are real lifelines to all of us, especially in rural communities like Ka`u.

As we age in our homes, it will be a huge relief to us to be able to have affordable and quality home and community-based care that takes into account our health, housing, and nutrition needs. At some point in my own future, I anticipate the day when I will need to call someone in government for some kokua. Being able to call our local Office on Aging and get help from the Healthy Aging Partnership program will be very important

to me because it will mean that I can call someone on my own island who I trust and who knows how to help me. As I get older, the last thing I want to do is to leave my home and go into a state long-term care hospital. Home-based and community-based services, including daily events and activities, fitness and health programs, and social services can greatly increase my capacity to stay home longer. And as a kupuna, that's exactly what I want and need.

I know that our state and county are dealing with hard economic challenges. However, it has ALWAYS been our choice as a local community and state-wide society to malama, take care, of our children, our sick, and our elderly. Please vote to support S.B. 2320 S.D. 2.

Malama pono,
Lehua Lopez-Mau, Na`alehu, Hawai`i

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Submitted on: 3/18/2012

Comments:

As a senior, I as you to pass SB2320 SD2.
many of us only need a little support to remain in our homes, as opposed to a nursing home.

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Date: Tuesday, March 20,2012, State Capitol Conference Room 329, 10:00 a.m.
Re:SB2320, SD2-Relating to Aging

Chair Yamane, Chair Mizuno, and Committee members, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in Strong support of SB2320,SD2, realting to Aging. My name is Gregory Kam I am a a concerned senior citizen and Baby Boomer residing in lower Alewa Hts area.I have met my Representative Corrine Ching and have supported her as our representative.My understanding of Kupuna care will address my generation's need by giving us the option to "age" in place as long as possible and not to be loss in the myraid of legal jargon and processes that is soo mind bongling. Please support SB2320, SD 2 by voting yes. This will give our generation hope and options to be independent as long as possible and live our final years with dignity and pride. Thank you very much for allowing me the opportunity to submit my testimony.

Aloha,
Gregory Kam Alewa / Liliha Area

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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Rep. Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Rep. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Rep. John M. Mizuno, Chair
Rep. Jo Jordan, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, March 20, 2012
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 329
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Testimony by Marilyn R Seely on
SB 2320, SD 2

Chairs Yamane and Mizuno and Vice Chairs Morikawa and Jordan and members of the committees:

I support the intent and purpose of SB 2320. As vital as Kupuna Care is to the growing number of seniors who need assistance as well as their caregivers, at its current funding level, it is inadequate to meet individual needs of those enrolled and is unable to include all those who are eligible. Many of those served are in a financial category just above the poverty line without resources to pay for their care, yet excluding them from richer and more comprehensive care in the Medicaid program. Kupuna Care may be the only outside source of funding available to many in the program thus it becomes an essential resource to enable their desire to stay at home as long as possible.

I believe it has been well established that supporting services that keep people in their own homes not only offers them a level of quality of life important to their well being, but also saves precious government and family resources in the long run. Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.

Marilyn Seely

Kaneohe, Hawaii

TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Rep. Ryan I. Yamane, Chair

Rep. John M. Mizuno, Chair

DATE: Tuesday, March 20, 2012

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PLACE: Conference Room 329

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Testimony Supporting S.B.#2320, SD2: "Relating to Aging"

Testimony of
Timothy C. Hansen

I have worked for over 3 years as a Program Director of an elderly services program in Hawaii County. My program does not receive Kupuna Care Funds but I see the positive impact of this important funding everyday in the lives of the seniors I work with. I present this testimony as a private citizen and not as a representative of the program I work for. I have witnessed firsthand over and over again how the Kupuna Care Fund has helped to keep seniors independent and in their homes, delaying dehumanizing and costly institutionalization. Imagine the savings if only 1 senior is able to maintain long-term independent living instead of being placed in a care home at a cost of \$3,000 a month or in a nursing care facility at a cost of \$12,000 a month. Even delaying this transition for a few months can be a huge cost savings.

Imagine also what it must be like to get to that point in life when living independently becomes more and more difficult. Just like you and me, many know that eventually they will have to give up driving and then perhaps have to begin sacrificing more and more of their privacy and independence as outside helpers begin coming into their homes to do the things they can no longer do on their own. But even this loss of independence, many agree, is better than having to "be put away" into a care home or nursing home.

Many seniors can maintain their independence longer with needed in-home and community based services such as light housekeeping, laundry, meal preparation and transportation services. The invaluable services of senior centers and adult day care can also provide needed social interactions and much needed respite for family caregivers. Others might need a higher level of case management that includes financial and medication management and increased personal care such as bathing and dressing. Funding such supportive services in the community that assists seniors in staying safe and independent in their homes or with caring family members makes not only good moral sense, it also makes good financial sense.

I strongly encourage you to support Kupuna Care Funding. Make sure these invaluable services are available in our community. I know I will probably need them someday, and there is always a chance you or someone you love will also need them.

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

Sincerely,

Timothy C. Hansen
Hilo, Hawai'i 96720

TO: Rep. Ryan I. Yamane, Chair Rep. John M. Mizuno, Chair
Rep. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair Rep. Jo Jordan, Vice Chair
Committee on Health Committee on Human Services

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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. Vannello

Address:

91-1471 Miele St. 3112

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: Charmaine B. Bush

Address: 91-1471 Maui St. Ewa Beach 96706
City apt 3104 Zip Code

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I need TRANSPORTATION because:

*I have no car
I need to have the necessities
of living and medicine*

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 needly!
William (Jerry) BRUNN

Address:

910 1471 Miloliu 96706
City 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 anything 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 Keolu St., Apt 3247

Address: *Ewa Beach HI 96706*
City Zip Code

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I need TRANSPORTATION because: doctor visits (Primary Care)
Eye doctor and Magnetics 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:

Janet O. Beyer

Address:

91-1471 Mula # 1202 96706
City Zip Code

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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 Susser
91-147 Mula St # 1209
Address: Ewa Beach 96706
City Zip Code

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I need TRANSPORTATION because:

*I need this to be able to go to shops 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: Melody Bundo Balonson
91-1771 Milua St # 6104

Address: Casa 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 expenses*

If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:

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

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

Sincerely,

Name: Barbara Sundry

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

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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 Taccaran*

Name: *Cyralina Taccaran*

Address: *91-1471 Māhala St #2112* *'Ewa Beach 96706*
City Zip Code

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

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I need TRANSPORTATION because:

I need to rely
on my neighbors

If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:

I could not go to
work had to buy car

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

Sincerely,

Name:

Ken Kulev #4181

Address:

2141 N. Nimitz

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 Hombus. 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 home & family here in Hawaii. I came from New Jersey, New York as well. I have Osteoarthritis & Osteoporosis that will be especially w/ groceries to carry home. I can't stop to my what would happen to 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:

*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
w/ ~~insurance~~ 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 miula St # 4210

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 #1fe

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 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: Derrine E. Welton

Address: 22 Koaia Pl 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:

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 MILILANI
City Zip Code

96789

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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:

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. WAHIANUA 96786
City Zip Code

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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 HALE 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:

Ken K. Kawamuro

Address:

1810 GLEN AVE ~~96786~~
City Zip Code
WAHIAWA 96786

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I need TRANSPORTATION because:

need transportation for med. rtr.

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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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 up to 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

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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 Yamane

Address: 600 Pine St. KAH 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's 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: *Dennis M. Hojokuni*

Address: *520 Pine St. #213 - 'Wahacawa Hi 96786*
City Zip Code

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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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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:

Grace J. Beachen

Address:

520 Pine St. Hahaione 96786
City Zip Code

morikawa2 - Grant

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, March 16, 2012 9:05 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Cc: grethman@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB2013 on 3/20/2012 9:00:00 AM
Attachments: SB2013SD1Testimony.doc

Testimony for HLT 3/20/2012 9:00:00 AM SB2013

Conference room: 329
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jill Rethman, RDH, BA
Organization: Hawaii Dental Hygiensits' Association
E-mail: grethman@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 3/16/2012

Comments:

morikawa2 - Grant

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, March 16, 2012 9:06 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Cc: diane.terada@catholiccharitieshawaii.org
Subject: Testimony for SB2320 on 3/20/2012 10:00:00 AM
Attachments: CCH testimony 2012 SB2320_Rel to Aging_03 20 SD2 LMPSC clients.pdf

Testimony for HLT/HUS 3/20/2012 10:00:00 AM SB2320

Conference room: 329
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center clients
Organization: Individual
E-mail: diane.terada@catholiccharitieshawaii.org
Submitted on: 3/16/2012

Comments:



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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.

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 J Kim

Address: Honolulu, HI 96817
City 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:

I spend four days a week here. I share many activities which I find helpful for me. We share our lunches 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 Horiuchi

Address: Honolulu 96819
City Zip Code



TO: Rep. Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Rep. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair
Committee on Health

Rep. John M. Mizuno, Chair
Rep. Jo Jordan, Vice Chair
Committee on Human Services

DATE: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 (10:00 a.m., Room 329)

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

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'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



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Committee on Health Committee on Human Services

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RE: **SUPPORT of SB 2320, SD2, 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'i.

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



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

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.

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

Honolulu 96819



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I am 84 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:

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



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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: San Diego 96217
City Zip Code



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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 keep 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 D. Nagamine

Address: Honolulu 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:

Mililani
City

Zip Code

96789



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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 fellowship

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:

HONOLULU

96819



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I am 80 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's been wonderful being here. Keeps my mind in function - good to be among people here. I've been here about 11 yrs. I 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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I am 89 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:

THIS IS WHERE I HAVE CHANCE TO ACQUAINT MYSELF WITH OLD FAMILIAR FRIENDS AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS TO SPEND MY WAXING 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 City
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 associate 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 96819-2906



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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: Ryan T. Sekiya

Address: _____
City Hon. 96817
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:

*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. Kahalehoe

Address: _____
City

96813
Zip Code



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

I am 68 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 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 Phum

Address:

City

Honolulu HI

Zip Code

96817



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

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'i.

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 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
City

96817
Zip Code



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

I am 87 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 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 NAGAMINE

Address:

Hual. Hi,
City

96817
Zip Code



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RE: **SUPPORT of SB 2320, SD2, 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 lessons - taisho-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



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I am 87 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 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.F.
Vernon T. Kamiyama

Address:

Honolulu Hi 96817
City Zip Code



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

I am 91 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:

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:

Zip Code

Hon. HI 96813



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RE: **SUPPORT of SB 2320, SD2, 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, *Nalme Akashi*

Name: _____

Address: _____
City Zip Code

Honolulu, HI 96817



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RE: **SUPPORT of SB 2320, SD2, 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. Iki 96817
City Zip Code