

# SB 2320

Measure Title: RELATING TO AGING.

Report Title: Kupuna Caucus; Aging and Disability Resource Center; Kupuna Care; Healthy Aging Partnership Program; Appropriation

Description: Establishes the aging and disability resource center in the executive office on aging. Appropriates funds for the aging and disability resource center, kupuna care program, healthy aging partnership program, senior centers, and elder registration services.

Companion:

Package: Kupuna

Current Referral: HMS, WAM

Introducer(s): CHUN OAKLAND, Fukunaga, Galuteria, Ihara, Shimabukuro

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**Committee on Human Services**

**SB2320, RELATING TO AGING**

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

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

**1:15 p.m.**

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

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

- 5 1. \$1,427,461 for the establishment of the Aging and Disability Resource Centers;
- 6 2. \$4,200,000 for the Kupuna Care Program;
- 7 3. \$426,722 for the Healthy Aging Partnership Program;
- 8 4. \$285,000 for Lanakila Multi-purpose Senior Center, Moiliili Senior Center, and  
9 Waikiki Community Center; and
- 10 5. \$50,000 for a wanderer's registry to protect individuals with Alzheimer's Disease and  
11 related dementia.

12 **Purpose and Justification:** EOA notes that the development of the Aging and Disability  
13 Resource Centers (ADRC) is a priority of the Abercrombie Administration, and we prefer the  
14 passage of SB2779, which is part of the Administration's Package.

1           We also note that the “disability” component of the ADRC falls outside of the scope of the  
2 title of this measure. Therefore, given the fact that SB2779 is an alternative bill and that the  
3 “disability” provision may render this measure unconstitutional, EOA recommends that Part II in  
4 its entirety be deleted from this measure.

5           Regarding the funding of the Kupuna Care Program, Healthy Aging Partnership Program,  
6 senior centers, and wanderer’s registry, we support the concept of these initiatives as they are  
7 consistent with EOA’s goals and objectives. Should this bill be enacted into law and funds  
8 released, EOA will encumber and expend these funds in a timely manner. Thank you for the  
9 opportunity to testify.

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January 30, 2012

TO: Honorable Suzanne Chun-Oakland, Chair  
Senate Committee on Human Services

FROM: Gladys C. Baisa *GB*  
Council Member

DATE: HEARING OF JANUARY 31, 2012

SUBJECT: SUPPORT OF SB 2320, RELATING TO AGING

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to establish the aging and disability resource center in the executive office on aging, appropriate funds for the aging and disability resource center, kupuna care program, healthy aging partnership program, senior centers and elder registration services.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

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.

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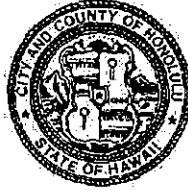
model. Both programs have demonstrated to be effective in helping people adopt healthy behaviors, improve their overall health, and reduce hospitalizations and emergency room visits. Significant data reports - 39% fewer falls; 19% decrease in hospitalizations; and 25% decrease in experiencing symptoms 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.

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

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Testimony of the Department of Community Services

**MEASURE:**

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

**COMMITTEE(S):**

Senate Committee on Human Services

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

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

**LOCATION:** State Capitol, Room 016

**COMMITTEE REQUESTS 1 COPIES**

**TESTIFIER(S):**

Samuel E.H. Moku, Director

(Written testimony only. For more information, please call  
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Chair Chun Oakland 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 4 – Aging and Disability Resource Centers. The U.S. Administration on Aging has long sought to establish a “no wrong door” approach to access services for disabled and older adults and their caregivers. EAD has been part of the development of this initiative in Hawaii for the past four years, working with the State Executive Office on Aging and the other county Area Agencies on Aging. Among many accomplishments, this initiative had led to the development of an important online resource, the Hawaii

ADRC website (<http://www.hawaiidrc.org/>), and has brought additional federal funding to Hawaii.

Section 6 – 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 8 – 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 9 – 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 10 – 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.



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**TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**

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

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

Re: **SB 2320: RELATING TO AGING**

Chair Chun-Oakland, Vice Chair Ihara, and Committee Members:

Aloha. My name is Deborah Arendale and I am the Maui County Office on Aging (MCOA) Executive on Aging. MCOA serves individuals over the age of 60 throughout Maui County. Last year MCOA served approximately 2400 frail elders with home-based services, supported over 11,000 individuals in Maui County with educational services, and provided caregiving information to approximately 15,000 family members and friends.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding SB 2320, Relating to Aging, included in the January 31, 2012 Hearing at 1:15 p.m., Room 016 at the State Capitol Building.

**I testify in strong support of SB 2320.**

S.B. 2320, Relating to Aging, provides funding for Kupuna Care, Aging and Disability Resource Centers, 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.

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To promote and protect the well-being of the Older Americans in Maui County.



As an Area Agency on Aging, MCOA interfaces each day with kupuna in our community in need of assistance in order to continue living independently. While the base funding for Kupuna Care has remained at a static level since 2002, the number of kupuna in our County has risen.

An increase in the amount of funding provided by SB 2320 will assist us in meeting the growing needs. The additional monies appropriated and released in 2007, 2008, and 2011 proved invaluable as we were able to better keep pace with need. However, unless additional funding is released, crucial services that ensure health, safety, and dignity of our kupuna are in danger of being drastically reduced. Reduction in core services that support health and safety will likely result in greater costs to the State in the long-term if kupuna must seek state-funded institutional care because home and community-based services are limited in availability.

The current estimates for institutional care equal approximately \$8,000 per month. On Maui, the cost of institutional care is even higher. Maintaining adequate levels of in-home services cost a mere fraction of this amount. MCOA estimates that serving individuals with 3 or more deficiencies in Activities of Daily living at home has averaged approximately \$200 per month.

Thank you for your assistance in helping to ensure that Hawaii's kupuna receive the help needed to maintain independence and dignity.

Thank you for considering the testimony.

Sincerely,



Deborah Arendale, Executive on Aging  
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**TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND PUBLIC  
HOUSING**

Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland, Chair

Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice-Chair

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

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

Testimony of

Ludvina K. Takahashi

Executive on Aging, County of Kaua'i Agency on Elderly Affairs

This is a testimony in support of S.B. #2320, the Aging Omnibus Bill which provides funding support for Kupuna Care, Aging and Disability Resource Center, Prevention and Family Support Programs including 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.

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On Kaua'i, we have witnessed the impact on the lives of our seniors who participate in the EnhanceFitness and Better Choices, Better Health programs. Some of their comments are:

- "I feel like I'm getting stronger."
- "This program encourages me to routinely exercise and it's fun to move to music—I love it! I also appreciate the weight bearing exercise which I wouldn't normally think about—it's strengthened my arms."
- "The exercise makes me more energetic. I am hoping to get better numbers on my bone density."
- "Great opportunity to exercise as a group no matter how old the members are they try to do their best—always concern when one misses class. We are like family—we laugh and share concerns."
- "I am especially happy with my increased bone density."

The County of Kaua'i Agency on Elderly Affairs 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 the Aging Omnibus Bill.

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

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

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

SUBJECT: SB 2320 Relating to Aging

POSITION: The Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs **strongly supports** SB 2320, which establishes the Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC's) in the Executive Office on Aging, and appropriates funds for the ADRC's, Kupuna Care Program, Healthy Aging Partnership Program, Senior Centers, and Elder Registration Services.

RATIONALE:

The Policy Board for Elder Affairs has a statutory obligation to advocate on behalf of the senior citizens of Hawaii. While we advise the Executive Office on Aging, we do not speak on behalf of the Executive Office of Aging.

- We understand the current fiscal crisis facing the state of Hawaii. However, our disabled citizens and frail elders are in immediate need of health and social services. Their care should be an important priority for public support.
- During the past several years, The "Rainy Day" fund has enabled many essential services to be offered to those in need. These funds end in June of 2012. Although, revenues are still low due to a slow process of economic recovery, it is both cost-effective and consistent with our community values that we maintain funding for these much needed services.
- The EOA and County offices on aging are implementing a five-year plan to develop fully functioning ADRC's which will serve as single entry centers for accessing services for the disabled and frail elderly. These centers will reduce redundancy, increase coordination in services, and greatly improve the public's ability to access needed services.
- Kupuna Care serves frail elders not eligible for Medicaid services, enabling families to care for their elders at home and keeping persons from having to go on Medicaid. Not to fund basic home and community services would result in many persons having to use higher cost residential/institutional care, usually at public expense.
- Current Kupuna Care funding falls far short of meeting the critical need, and the demand for these services will continue to grow. EOA is requesting an additional \$4.2 million for Kupuna Care, which enable services for between 1254 and 3398 individuals, depending upon level of impairment.

- The healthy aging program currently reaches only a small proportion of those who could benefit, but evaluation research in Hawaii has demonstrated that these programs increase functioning, reduced hospital stays and emergency room use. The programs should be made accessible to all our residents who could potentially benefit.
- Senior centers serve as important and accessible resources for senior programs, congregate meals, health monitoring and education, wellness and exercise programs and social and recreational activities which enrich the lives of our citizens.
- Elder registration services are a much needed addition in order to assist in the problem of confused seniors who may become lost when away from home.

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

Thank you for allowing me to testify on this bill.



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES  
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

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

**Supporting SB 2320: 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, which establishes the Aging and Disability Resource Center, which will allow easy access to long term services and supports for the elderly and others who need these services.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

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

FROM: Diane M. Terada, Division Administrator

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

RE: Support of SB 2320, Relating to Aging, with amendment

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

- Amend SECTION 9, to reflect the legal names of the nonprofit organizations currently operating the senior centers:

SECTION 9. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$285,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 to provide funding for grants, pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for senior centers and to be distributed as follows:

- (1) Catholic Charities Hawai'i for Lanakila multi-purpose senior center \$175,000
- (2) Moiliili Community Center for Moiliili senior center \$50,000
- (3) Waikiki community center \$60,000

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of health's executive office on aging for the purposes of this part.

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

#### SENIOR CENTERS

SB 2320 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 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 with the suggested amendment. If I can provide any further information, please feel free to contact me at 808-527-4702 or via email at [diane.terada@catholiccharitieshawaii.org](mailto:diane.terada@catholiccharitieshawaii.org). Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.



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

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

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

Subject: SUPPORT OF SB 2320, RELATING TO AGING  
Establishes the Aging and Disability Resource Center in the Executive Office on Aging. Appropriates fund for the Aging and Disability Resource Center, kupuna care program healthy aging partnership program, senior centers and elder registration services.

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

The Alzheimer's Association supports SB 2320, specifically Section 10 that:

- (1) Establishes a wanderer's registration service to protect individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia;
- (2) Conducts targeted outreach throughout the State to increase enrollment in the national wanderer's registry and offer scholarships and subsidies to low income families, as defined by the United States Department of Health and Human Services' 2011 poverty guidelines for Hawaii, who want to enroll in the registry;
- (3) Conducts annual training for first responders and other community members to increase awareness and provide ongoing education on best practices for search and rescue efforts for people with dementia; and
- (4) When authorized by the family, issues customized updates and information through social media to provide alerts to community members and assist with search and rescue efforts.

It is estimated that there are currently over 31,000 people suffering from this debilitating disease in Hawaii. This number is expected to increase as people age. The risk of developing ADRD is one in eight for persons aged 65 and older. This risk doubles every five years so that at age 85 years and older the risk is one in two (50%). Data indicates that nearly 60% of people with ADRD will wander during the course of their illness. In response, the Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter is seeking funding to support the Safe Return Coordinator position.

The Aloha Chapter's, Safe Return Coordinator position is responsible for establishing a wanderer's registration services primarily through the utilization of the proven MedicAlert®+ Alzheimer's Association Safe Return® program. This program's registry allows direct access to

wanderer and caregiver personal identification and emergency contact information. The registry also includes up-to-date medical information that assists first responders and emergency personnel to make informed decisions about treatment and care in the event of a wandering incident.

The long-term goal is to provide first responders and healthcare professionals a single point of contact when a wandering incident occurs in Hawaii. Currently, first responders and hospital emergency room staff spend precious time attempting to reunite a wanderer with their caregiver or loved one. Having a single point of contact that can provide names, contact information and other pertinent information will dramatically reduce the amount of time and resources that first responders and healthcare professionals spend on reunification efforts.

In addition, outreach activity is vital to the continued growth of the wanderer's registry, as well as maintaining the single point of contact status for wandering incidents in Hawaii. The Aloha Chapter's Safe Return Coordinator will be responsible for first responder collaboration and training, relationship building with local news media outlets, social media networking (Twitter, Facebook, etc.) and providing presentations to both the general public and health service providers. Additional outreach efforts will also include MedicAlert® + Alzheimer's Association Safe Return® program information and enrollment events at various facilities, health fairs and community functions throughout the state.

This program will not only help protect individuals with ADRD but also assist caregivers, family members and first responders statewide. It is designed to deliver important improvements in outcomes and serve as a strong foundation for subsequent efforts to improve Alzheimer's care in Hawaii. We hope for your support of the Aloha Chapter's Safe Return Coordinator position.

We strongly support SB 2320 and ask you to vote in favor of this Bill. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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**Chair:** Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Les Ihara, Vice Chair  
**Committee:** Committee on Human Services  
**Bill No & Title:** SB 2320 Relating to Aging  
**Day and Date:** Tuesday, January 31, 2012 1:15 pm  
**Time and Place:** State Capitol Conference Room 016

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

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

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

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

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Aloha United Way



Kupuna Care serves frail elders not eligible for Medicaid services, enabling families to care for their elders at home and keeping persons from having to go on Medicaid. Reducing funding for basic home and community services would result in many persons having to use higher cost residential/institutional care, usually at public expense. Current Kupuna Care funding falls far short of meeting the critical need, and the demand for these services will continue to grow. EOA is requesting an additional \$4.2 million for Kupuna Care, which would enable services for between 1254 and 3398 individuals, depending upon level of impairment.

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

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

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

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

Mahalo for providing the opportunity to submit testimony.

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Submitted on: 1/26/2012

**Comments:**

I strongly support SB 2320. I have visited the Big Island's Aging and Disability Resource Center and was very impressed with the types of services available with a knowledgeable staff in place to help seniors and their families in navigating for home care services and other disability related needs. Definitely need similar centers and similar level of services in a one stop center on each island. Our silver tsunami is already here and not just a statistic about the future.

TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland, Chair

Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice-Chair

January 31, 2012

1:15 p.m.

Conference Room # 016

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.





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

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

RE: Support of SB 2320, 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



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

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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. And these nice 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: Mitsuko Itoeuchi

Address: Honolulu 96819  
City Zip Code



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

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

RE: Support of SB 2320, 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 ~~to~~ 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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Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Name:

DONALD GABRIEL

Address:

City

Zip Code

Honolulu 96819



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

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RE: Support of SB 2320. Relating to Aging

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'i.

**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

Honolulu 96819



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Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

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I am 67 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:

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

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

Sincerely,

Name: Elouise K. Frank

Address: Hon. 96817  
City Zip Code



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

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I am 81 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:**

*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 L. Kim

Address:

Honolulu, HI 96817  
City Zip Code



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Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair  
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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:

*4th St* *96317*  
City Zip Code





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Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair  
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RE: Support of SB 2320, 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:**

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

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

Sincerely,

Name: Doris H. Nagamine

Address: Honolulu 96817  
City Zip Code



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

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

Sincerely,

Name:

Helen Palama

Address:

City

96817  
Zip Code



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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Name:

TAKEJIRO HIGA

Address:

Honolulu  
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 Ilika

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. Jones*

Address:

*Honolulu 96819-2936*





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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 \_\_\_\_\_ Hen. 96817  
Zip Code



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

*This is a very good center to  
come, we 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. Kahaloha

Address:

City

96813  
Zip Code



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Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair  
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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:

*Jay Peterson*

Address:

City

*Honolulu HI*

Zip Code

*96817*



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Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair  
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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  
City

96817  
Zip Code



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RE: Support of SB 2320, 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: *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. Kumiyama

Address:

Honolulu HI 96817  
City Zip Code



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

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

RE: Support of SB 2320, 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.**

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

To meet ~~family~~  
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

Honolulu 96813



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Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely, *Nobue Akashi*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City

Zip Code

*Honolulu, HI 96817*



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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 fellowships & 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





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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 F. Higa

Address: Honolulu 96817  
City Zip Code



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Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

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

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

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

*I come to the center five DAYS A WEEK, BECAUSE I enjoy the company of other people persons my age.*

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

Sincerely,

Name:

J. KUKER LEE

Address:

WAIMANALO  
City

96795  
Zip Code



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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 KAGAMINE

Address:

Hual. Hi,  
City

96817  
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 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. Itiga

Address:

Honolulu

City

96813

Zip Code

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

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

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

I am 76 years old and use the **TRANSPORTATION** service of Catholic Charities Hawaii, which is partially funded through Kupuna Care funding.

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

**I need TRANSPORTATION because:**

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Name:

Barbara Sundry

Address:

91-1741 Mialo # 1106

City

Zip Code

Ewa Beach

96706

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Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair  
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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 David 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 Miala St #2112* *Euon Beach 967th*  
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 ~~very~~ necessary things to do.*

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Name:

Edith Leggett

Address:

Franciscan Vista Ewa #320  
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 shop  
on my necessary

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

I could not go to the  
Dr. need to buy med

**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 #4187

Address:

91471 N. Kalahele

City

Zip Code

96726



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Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

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I am 67 years old and use the **TRANSPORTATION** service of Catholic Charities Hawaii, which is partially funded through Kupuna Care funding.

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

**I need TRANSPORTATION because:**

*NO CAR  
LITTLE Money*

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

*EAT  
SHOP for NECESSARY ITEMS  
PAY Someone to get gas for me  
revised 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:

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

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 Bruckner*

Address:

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

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

**I need TRANSPORTATION because:**

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

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

*stay healthy  
I have multiple major health  
problems*

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

Sincerely,

Name:

*his most ly!*  
William (Jerry) BRUHM

Address:

912 1471 Milula 96706  
City Zip Code

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

I need TRANSPORTATION because:

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

If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:

*I don't have food*

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

Sincerely,

Name:

Elisa Giovanniello  
91-1477 Miele St. 3112

Address:

Sua Beach, HI, 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 and sleep in my house*

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

Sincerely,

Name:

Priscilla Tong  
91-1471 Aieua St., Apt 3207

Address:

Ewa Beach HI 96706  
City Zip Code

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

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**I 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)  
Care doctor and diagnostic services.  
Childer all work; need to supply my own needs.  
Have no other means of transportation

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Name:

Anna O. Bay

Address:

91-1471 Mula # 1202 96706  
City Zip Code

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

**I need TRANSPORTATION because:**

*I 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 service*

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

Sincerely,

Name:

Nora Pussen

91-147 Mula St # 1208

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 be able to go to 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:

*Meddy Baroo Balones*  
*77-1471 Miki Ln # 6104*

Address:

*Cara Beach*

City

Zip Code



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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 forklift. 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 & family here in Hawaii. I came from New Jersey, New York as well. I have Osteo Arthritis & Osteoporosis that walking especially w/ groceries to carry from the bus stop to my unit would aggravate my

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

Sincerely, *Eufrosina G. Magallanes*

Name: Eufrosina G. Magallanes

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