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February 29, 2012

TO: The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **S.B. 2659, S.D. 1 – RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET  
RESERVE FUND**

Hearing: Wednesday, February 29, 2012; 9:15 a.m.  
Conference Room 211, State Capitol

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this bill is to appropriate money from the emergency and budget reserve fund to maintain levels of programs for education, human services, and health.

**DEPARTMENT'S POSITION:** The Department of Human Services (DHS) appreciates the intent of this bill. With the fragile state of the State's economy, DHS supports Administrative bill S.B. 2784 that recapitalizes the emergency and budget reserve fund.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this measure.



To: Committee on Ways and Means  
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair

Date: February 29, 2012, Conference Room 211, 9:15 a.m.

Re: **SB2659 SD1 – RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND**

Chair Ige and Committee Members:

My name is Barbara Kim Stanton, State Director of AARP Hawaii. AARP is a membership organization of people 50 and older with nearly 150,000 members in Hawaii. We are committed to championing access to affordable, quality health care for all generations, providing the tools needed to save for retirement, and serving as a reliable information source on issues critical to Americans age 50+.

AARP **supports** the intent of SB2659 SD1 that appropriates moneys from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund to maintain funding levels of programs for public health, safety, welfare, and education. While this bill appropriates moneys for key programs such as Kupuna Care, and the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC), AARP prefers SB2320 SD1 that appropriates moneys for Kupuna Care out of general revenues, and SB2779 SD1 that appropriates moneys for ADRCs out of general revenues as these bills would provide an ongoing, sustainable source of revenue that can be counted upon each year by seniors and their caregivers. If funds are not available from general revenues, then the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund should be used as specified in SB2659 SD1, for the maintenance and growth of Kupuna Care, the ADRC, and the expansion of vitally needed long-term care services.

#### Kupuna Care

This bill appropriates additional funds out of the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund of the State of Hawaii for fiscal year 2012-2013 for the Kupuna Care program. The appropriation amount is not specified in this bill, however, an additional appropriation of \$4.2 million for fiscal year 2012-2013 is needed for the continued maintenance and growth of the Kupuna Care program. This additional appropriation is needed as the current \$4.85 million base budget appropriation 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 additional \$4.2 million appropriation is projected to serve up to an additional 3,398 persons depending on the level of impairment, and would provide seniors and caregivers with assurances that they will continue receiving occasional, yet critical respite services that enables them to live in their homes as long as possible.

Aging and Disability Resource Center

This bill appropriates funds for fiscal year 2012-2013 for the ADRC. The funds will be used to implement fully functional ADRCs on Maui and Kauai during the fiscal year, with Oahu becoming fully functional in 2015. This appropriation is necessary as Hawaii's ADRC program needs improvement. AARP's recently published State Long-Term Services and Support Scorecard ranks Hawaii 41<sup>st</sup> in ability to access LTC through an ADRC or other single entry point. The ADRC program provides the state with an opportunity to effectively integrate the full range of LTC into a single, coordinated system.

The appropriation of funds for the Kupuna Care program and the ADRC 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.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.



February 28, 2012

To: Honorable David Ige, Chair, Ways and Means Committee  
Honorable Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

Fr: Edwin K. Flores, Executive Director

Re: Hawaii Family Law Clinic – Support for SB2659 SD1

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The Hawaii Family Law Clinic dba Ala Kuola is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that assists victims of domestic abuse/violence throughout Oahu to file temporary restraining orders/protective orders with the Family Court of the First Circuit. The Hawaii Family Law Clinic is structured to provide greater access to individuals and families who seek protective court orders against their abuser. This organization fills the gap in services when the Family Court is not available to provide such services. The Hawaii Family Law Clinic is the only private agency/organization that provides this service to the public.

The Family Court of the First Circuit has designated the Hawaii Family Law Clinic a non-judicial agency to assist petitioners in completing petitions for domestic abuse protection orders.

Senate Bill 2559 SD1 will provide much needed operational support necessary for the Hawaii Family Law Clinic to continue to provide services to victims to ensure their immediate safety. We strongly support passage of this bill.

# Karen M. Holt

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February 28, 2012

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

State Capitol  
415 S. Beretania St.  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: Testimony in Support of SB 2659, Rainy Day Bill

Aloha Kaua Legislators,

This letter is submitted in support of the proposed "Rainy Day" bill, Senate Bill 2659, which would provide supplementary funding for a broad variety of critical human service programs throughout Hawai'i.

Our organization, the Moloka'i Community Service Council, runs the island's only domestic violence shelter, and the island's only Judiciary-funded anger management program.

Section 25 of SB 2659 would appropriate funds for domestic violence shelters across the state, including Moloka'i. And section 41 would appropriate funds to the Judiciary for the support of domestic violence programs such as the anger management program that our organization administers here on Moloka'i.

The recession has taken a toll on a host of non-profit community services across the state. The budget for our local shelter and our anger management program, for example, has been cut almost 50% since the start of the recession. We have maintained services, but it has been extremely difficult to do so with severely diminished resources. The Rainy Day bill will help to restore these programs and to insure that they will continue to protect our most vulnerable neighbors.

Please pass SB 2659.

Mahalo,

*Karen M. Holt*

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HAWAI'I PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION

**Senate Committee on Ways and Means**

The Hon. David Y. Ige, Chair

The Hon. Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

**Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 2659 S.D. 1**

**Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

**Submitted by Robert Hirokawa, Chief Executive Officer**

**Wenesday, February 29, 2012, 9:15 a.m., Room 211**

The Hawai'i Primary Care Association, which represents community health centers in Hawai'i, **strongly supports Senate Bill 2659 Senate Draft 1.**

Each of the items identified for funding in SB 2659 is important to the health and well-being of Hawai'i. Each contributes substantially to preventing far worse calamities and costs than we currently experience.

The Hawai'i Primary Care Association specifically supports the following sections of SB 2659 S.D. 1:

- Section 24, which appropriates funding for the Immigrant Health Initiative, a program that served 1,667 low income immigrants in 2010. (\$550,000).
- Section 28, which funds adult dental care.
- Sections 30, 31, and 32, which would restore funding for outstationed eligibility workers at community health centers, and pay for outreach in high risk communities to ensure that vulnerable individuals are linked to public benefits for which they are eligible. These workers find the uninsured who are eligible for Med-QUEST and other programs and assist them to submit complete applications so they can get needed health care. Given the drastic cuts in MQD staffing, this community-based service is needed more than ever.
- Section 54, which pays for health care for the uninsured.

**Please note that none of the one-time rainy day appropriations we support should supplant on-going general and special funds directed to Federally Qualified Health Centers.**

Thank you for the opportunity to support this measure and for considering the needs of the growing number of uninsured residents of Hawai'i, as well as many other people who are more vulnerable than ever during this period of economic recovery.

**From:** [Kooki Ambrosia](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** STRONG OPPOSITION TO SB2659  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 28, 2012 6:58:05 PM

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Dear Chair Ige and committee members of WAM:

I strongly oppose this bill. I do not support cutting the already meager funds to recipients of TANF. As it is, the benefit amount is too little to adequately support anyone and the economic and social costs of cutting this essential program will be too high.

Thank you,

Ronnie Perry

**From:** [mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
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**Cc:** [babyjean@hotmail.com](mailto:babyjean@hotmail.com)  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB2659 on 2/29/2012 9:15:00 AM  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 28, 2012 7:04:02 PM

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Testimony for WAM 2/29/2012 9:15:00 AM SB2659

Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Ronnie Perry  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [babyjean@hotmail.com](mailto:babyjean@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/28/2012

Comments:

I am in opposition to cutting the already very, very slim amount of money that TANF recipients receive. It is too expensive to deprive members of our community from the resources they need. Being penny wise but pound foolish is very costly

Thank You for this opportunity to submit testimony.





## CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

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

FROM: Stella M.Q. Wong  
Vice President of Programs

DATE of Hearing: Wednesday, February 29, 2012 (9:15 a.m., Rm. 211)

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT of SB 2659, SD1**  
**Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

Chair Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Ihara, Chair Green, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Members of the Senate Committees on Human Services and Health, my name is Stella Wong and I am the Vice President of Programs at Catholic Charities Hawai'i. I am testifying **in strong support of SB 2659, SD1, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund.**

Catholic Charities Hawai'i (CCH) is a tax exempt, non-profit agency that has been providing social services in Hawai'i for over 60 years. CCH has programs serving elders, children, developmentally disabled, homeless and immigrants. Our mission is to provide services to the most vulnerable of the people in Hawai'i.

Emergency and Budget Reserve funding was approved by the 2010 Legislature and released by Governor Abercrombie to ensure that the safety net of services would be able to serve the growing numbers of people at risk. As of June 30, 2012, these services are at risk of significant reduction or elimination. The negative impact to our community is tremendous.

The economic situation in our state continues to struggle – we continue to have more people coming to our doors needing food, shelter, jobs and other basics of life. There is nothing more heartbreaking than to have to turn away families with young children, frail elders and individuals with disabilities.

The legislature had the foresight to set up the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund as a safety net for social services. The safety net for all social services that affect our most vulnerable in the state still remains thin and we must continue to do what we can to maintain services for at risk populations in the community.

I'm sure I don't have to say it but **"It is still Raining."** Please help maintain programs to protect the most vulnerable in this State. I strongly urge your committee to pass SB 2659, SD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Please feel free to contact me at 527-4888 or [swong@catholiccharitieshawaii.org](mailto:swong@catholiccharitieshawaii.org) if I can provide any further information.





**HAWAII STATE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

To: The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair  
The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Jr., Vice-Chair  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

From: Veronika Geronimo, Executive Director  
Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence

RE: SB2659 - SUPPORT

Hearing Date and Time: Wednesday, February 29, 2012

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Good afternoon Chairs Chun Oakland and Green, and Vice-Chairs Ihara and Nishihara. The Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence respectfully submits the following testimony in support of SB2659. As a statewide coalition of domestic violence service providers, our mission is to engage communities and organizations to end domestic violence through education, advocacy, and action for social justice. On behalf of our member agencies, we thank you and the 2011 Legislature which released Emergency and Budget Reserve Funds for domestic violence intervention services and shelters.

Over the last year, more than 80 percent of local domestic violence programs reported an increased demand for their services while nearly the same number reported decreased funding. The critical shortage of funds is resulting in less staff and programs to assist victims in need of advocacy, legal representation, emergency shelter, interpretation, counseling, support groups, and case management. On one day in Hawaii, 95 requests for services went unmet, largely due to lack of funding. Specifically, the nine emergency shelters statewide, face a \$1million funding shortfall (despite last year's rainy day funds) and funding for programs to assist survivors have been significantly cut.

SB2659 appropriates moneys from the emergency and budget reserve fund to maintain funding levels of programs for public health, safety, welfare, and education. These emergency funds will help many domestic programs and shelters keep their doors open so that they can continue to provide services for survivors; so that victims are safe, supported and self-sufficient.

We respectfully request that the committee passes SB2659. Thank you for your consideration.