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Testimony SB 2779 SD2
Relating to Aging and Disability Resource Centers

Governor Neil Abercrombie

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Rep. Marcus Oshiro, Chair

Rep. Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair

March 29, 2012

10:00 am, Room 308

Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and committee members, thank you for hearing SB 2779 SD2 Relating to the Aging and Disability Resource Centers. This bill is one of my priorities this session and I respectfully request your support of this important measure.

My New Day Plan for our kupuna ensures that our retirees and elders live productive and dignified lives at home and in the community. A key component to accomplishing this is to establish an Aging and Disability Resource Center through each county Area Agency on Aging. An ADRC is a coordinated system of information and access to resources in the community for persons seeking long-term support.

These resource centers will be the single point of entry into system and minimize confusion, enhance individual choice, foster informed decision making and enable state and county governments to manage resources and monitor program quality through centralized data collection and evaluation.

Dr. Wes Lum, the Executive Director of the Executive Office on Aging, is my administration's coordinator of services for our kupuna and will be able to speak on the details of this bill.

Thank you again for consideration of this measure.

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SB2779, SD2, RELATING TO THE AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTERS.

Testimony of Wes Lum
Director, Executive Office on Aging
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Thursday, March 29, 2012; Conference Room 308

Agenda #1; 10:00 a.m.

1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) strongly supports this measure.

2 SB2779, SD2 is part of Governor Abercrombie's Administrative Bill Package and supports the
3 New Day agenda of "empowering aging at home and in communities."

4 **Purpose and Justification:**

5 • *Ensure ADRCs are fully functioning.* All of the Aging and Disability Resource Center
6 (ADRC) expansion funds requested will be used to ensure that Hawaii's ADRCs are fully
7 functioning and statewide by 2015, in accordance with our State Plan on Aging. The
8 statewide ADRC sites are operated through Hawaii's four Area Agencies on Aging
9 (AAAs), namely the Kauai Agency on Elderly Affairs, Maui County Office on Aging,
10 Hawaii County Office of Aging, and the City and County of Honolulu, Elderly Affairs
11 Division.

12 • *Develop infrastructure and streamline access.* \$298,585 of the \$1.4 million appropriation
13 request will go toward expenses to develop infrastructure to streamline access to services
14 and supports by ensuring that all intake and assessment protocols are enhanced,

1 standardized, dementia-capable, participant-centered, and automated into the ADRC's
 2 management information system and information technology. This will require purchasing
 3 software licenses, developing information technology tools and protocols, and project
 4 management.

- 5 • *Personnel, office space, equipment, supplies.* The remainder of the funds requested, or
 6 \$1,101,415, will go towards personnel costs at the ADRC sites so that they can provide the
 7 coordinated, consistent, and higher quality level of service required of a fully functioning
 8 ADRC. Additionally, these funds will be used to lease space, equipment, furniture, and
 9 supplies for the increased personnel. EOA and AAAs identified the costs that are
 10 associated with transforming business operations within each AAA so that they can meet
 11 the definition of the full-functional ADRC. Because each county has structured its current
 12 operations in very different ways, the degree of change necessary to meet these
 13 requirements, and the cost associated with these changes, varies substantially.

- 14 • *Breakdown of request for funds by county:*

County	Amount	Notes
Maui ADRC	\$492,404	Maui County will be the first in the state to implement full functioning changes, beginning in April 2012. Positions to be funded include Aging/Disability Specialists at levels I to V (SR16-24).
Kauai ADRC	\$88,683	Kauai is the second county that will become fully functioning by 2013. Kauai will need to add few staff in order to achieve full functioning status.
Hawaii ADRC	\$240,328	Hawaii County has chosen to complete full implementation in 2015 and will be the third county as planned. Hawaii County will use the funds to continue to employ the ADRC Coordinator, the ADRC Resource Specialist, and a part-time planner. Hawaii County would also like to rent space for an ADRC facility in Hamakua and will need to rent equipment for the space.
Honolulu ADRC	\$280,000	The City and County of Honolulu has projected it will take until 2015 to implement ADRC full functioning changes. The City and County of Honolulu sees an immediate need to develop, as part of the full functioning ADRC goals, an ADRC Satellite Office at

		Castle Medical Center with (a) two office spaces in-hospital and one office space in Kaneohe Community Clinic (off-campus), (b) a primary focus on implementing Hospital Discharge Planning and Benefits Enrollment activities and developing and embedding the Benefits Enrollment Center within this community.
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- 2 • *Current county contributions to the ADRC development:*

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County Funds Currently Supporting ADRC Sites				
County	Maui	Kauai	Hawaii*	Honolulu
In-Kind Personnel	\$ 980,460	\$ 347,816	\$ 660,254	\$ 464,692
Operating Budget	\$ 151,680	\$ 65,470		\$ 46,993
Annual Lease for ADRC building			\$ 218,531	
Paving of parking area			\$ 265,544	
Renovations			\$ 89,100	
Air conditioning maintenance			\$ 8,542	
Janitorial Service			\$ 31,363	
Utilities - 12 months			\$ 36,000	

4 *Only Hawaii County established a new building specifically for ADRC. Other county AAAs
5 currently operate ADRC out of their existing facilities. In Honolulu, space is provided in kind by
6 several hospitals for the satellite sites listed below.

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- 8 • *List of current and projected satellite ADRC sites in each county:*

County	Main Site	Satellite
Maui	Wailuku	Kihei, Hana, Lahaina, Molokai, Lanai
Kauai	Lihue	None current
Hawaii	Hilo	Kona, Honokaa
Honolulu	Honolulu at King Street	Leahi Hospital, Kahuku Hospital, Oahu WorkLinks in Hauula, Castle Medical Center (in process), Wahiawa General Hospital (in process), HPAC in Waianae (in process), St. Francis Health System in Ewa (in process), several offices of Liberty Dialysis Center around Oahu (in process)

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- *Sustainability – Reallocating state funds.* In terms of ADRC sustainability, the ADRCs will reallocate current state funding resources by bringing case management in-house to the county offices on aging (moneys previously spent on contracting for case management will now support county positions that carry out the ADRC functions of intake, assessment, and case management) as follows:

County	State Case Management Funds to be Reallocated
Maui	\$71,000
Hawaii	\$319,028
C&C of Honolulu	\$691,000

- *Sustainability - Federal funds.* We will pursue a wide variety of funding options that the Administration on Aging (AoA) identified as potential sources of funding for sustaining ADRC activity. In FY 13, EOA and the AAAs will receive additional federal funds as follows:

Source of Federal Funding	Amount
Medicaid Administrative Federal Financial Participation*	The administrative match rate is 50% for time spent conducting Medicaid activities for outreach and enrollment through the ADRCs.
Veteran-Directed Home and Community Based Services Program*	Approximately \$500/veteran served. Payment rates will be established between each Veterans Administration Medical Center and ADRC, with guidance from Veteran Administration Central Office.
Older Americans Act (Title IIIB, IIIC, IIIE)*	\$1,107,058 is the AAA's allocated funding pursuant to the 4 Year Area Plans on Aging that is being utilized for the following ADRC core functions: (a) information, referral, and awareness, (b) options counseling and assistance, and (c) evaluation and quality improvement.
Money Follows the Person	\$400,000 (\$348,290 to be expended by EOA; \$51,710 to be expended by DHS). This funding will be used to develop capacity of the ADRC to function as Hawaii's MDS Section Q local contact agency statewide and provide options counseling to facility residents. Second, funding will support the identification and implementation of a single assessment tool for all persons requiring home and community-based services statewide. Finally, adoption of a single assessment tool will enable the state to develop quality measures to ensure high quality care for all aged and disabled populations, including following those who have transitioned from institutionalized settings.
Community Based Care Transitions Program	\$300,000 for Maui County Office on Aging for administration and operations (\$100,000) and direct service delivery (\$200,000).

1 *Recurring funds through agreements between EOA/ADRC and the federal government.

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3 **An initial investment in the ADRC will enable us to be “fully functional” as defined**

4 **by the AoA. In being fully functional, we will be able to then leverage additional federal**

5 **dollars and respond to the Affordable Care Act. EOA strongly supports this measure and**

6 **asks for your favorable consideration. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.**



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March 29, 2012

TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Senate Bill 2779, SD2 – Relating to Aging and Disability Resource Centers

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) supports the intent of Senate Bill 2779, SD2 that creates aging and disability resource centers in each county to streamline access to long-term supports and services for older adults, persons with disabilities, and family caregivers.

DCAB initially served as a clearinghouse of information related to disability, but over the course of time our mission changed with the numerous federal laws being implemented relating to disability issues, especially the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The information and referral service related to disability resources originally provided by our office was transferred to the Aging and Disability Resource Center last year. A disability specialist currently provides those services at the Executive Office on Aging, thus expanding information and referral services beyond the elderly to include people with disabilities.

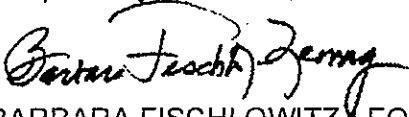
Expanding services at the Aging and Disability Resource Centers is an important step closer to creating a "one-stop shop" for aging and disability related resources.

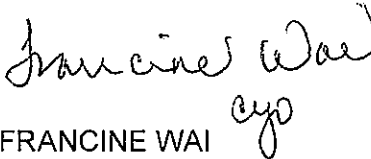
We defer to the Executive Office on Aging and the Department of Health regarding the funding needed to administer the program.

We ask that this bill be passed out of Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,


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

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

HEARING: 10: 00 am Thursday, March 29, 2012
Conference Room 208, Hawaii State Capitol

SUBJECT: SB 2779 SD2 Relating to the Aging and Disability Resource Centers

POSITION: **The Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, supports SB 2779 SD2** which creates Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC's) in each country to streamline access to long-term supports and services for older adults, persons with disabilities, and family caregivers. Makes appropriation.

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.

This bill is to approve the \$1.4 million in the Governor's budget request for the Executive Office on Aging to work with the County offices on aging in implementing the 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.

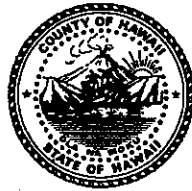
Once the ADRC's achieve full functioning status by Federal standards, they will be **eligible for numerous federal grants and subsidies** which will cover a substantial portion of the operating costs.

The current appropriation will greatly assist in implementing the five-year plan to meet the criteria of fully functioning ADRC's and to be eligible for the Federal funds.

The Long-Term Commission, which reported its recommendations to the Legislature on January 18, 2012, strongly recommended that the state devote additional resources towards the development of the ADRC's. These Centers will ease the access to services for persons in need and also bring greater coordination and efficiency to long-term care services.

Thank you for allowing me to testify on this bill.

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

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

SUBJECT: **SB 2779 SD2**

"RELATING TO THE AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTERS"

March 29, 2012
10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 308

Honorable Chairs and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on SB 2779 SD2. I am Alan Parker, Director of the Hawaii County Office of Aging. It is critical that Hawaii County's request for \$240,000 as contained in the original bill be appropriated to enable continuation of our demonstration project to enable full development and implementation of the programmatic aspects of Hawaii County's Aging and Disability Resource Center Project.

The County of Hawaii has invested heavily in the development of a physical site and has been depending on federal grants that are due to expire at the end of this year to develop the programmatic aspects (nuts and bolts - how things will work and integrate into our existing service network) to improve access to needed information and services.

The Hilo ADRC is co-located by nine major service providers and programs serving the elderly and people with disabilities. The \$240,000 for Hawaii County covers personnel costs for four critical positions that are demonstrating our ACCESS model developed to improve our intake, assessment, and care coordination functions of the pilot project that is still being demonstrated and evaluated.



The Aging and Disability Resource Center concept is indeed a noble and needed service empowering individuals to make informed choices and streamline access to long term support which includes in-home care, community based programs and institutional services such as nursing homes and other programs that are designed to help the elderly and individuals with disabilities including the younger adult population. These outcomes, however, can only be achieved through highly skilled and knowledgeable intake staff capable of conducting professional assessments to ensure appropriate and effective counsel and referral. Funding is needed to enable full implementation and evaluation of the entire intake, assessment, care coordination, follow up and evaluation processes of our demonstration project.

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to testify.



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**SB2779, SD2 (HSCR1172-12) RELATING TO THE AGING AND DISABILITY
RESOURCE CENTERS**

Testimony of Deborah Arendale
Executive on Aging, Maui County Office on Aging

Thursday, March 29, 2012; Conference Room 308
10:00 A.M.

MCOA's Position: Maui County Office on Aging (MCOA) is in **strong support** of SB2779, SD2 (HSCR1172-12) for the establishment of Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) in Hawaii. This measure would assist the State Executive Office on Aging and each County in developing ADRCs that meet full-functioning criteria as indicated by the Administration on Aging to serve as "one stop shops" to simplify the experience of obtaining information and accessing appropriate supports and services that enable seniors and persons with disabilities to live independently in the community. MCOA is scheduled to be the first County to implement the full-functioning ADRC criteria, and passage of this measure is crucial to our ability to do so.

Purpose and Justification: In 2006, the Older Americans Act was amended to include the establishment of ADRCs under the direction of each State Unit on Aging. To meet this requirement, the Executive Office on Aging (EOA), the four County Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) and HCBS Strategies, Inc. engaged in a two-year planning process to develop a five-year systems change implementation plan. **The bottom line is that implementation of the five-year plan will result in tangible cost-savings to the State as well as increased revenue for the State.** When successfully implemented, the five-year plan will result in the following:

- Improving operations across counties through standardization of tools and performance standards—the current system delivery system will be better suited to more **effectively and efficiently** accommodate the needs of the rapidly increasing aging population. This new operations system will allow the State to make the **most efficient use of current and future resources by targeting services** to those who are most economically needy. The current operational structure does **NOT** allow a targeted use of existing resources.

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

- Ensuring that older adults and persons with disabilities can make informed choices about how to meet their long-term care needs—The most economically needy seniors will be provided direct service while those with personal resources will be assisted in ***better managing*** those resources through ***Options Counseling*** (a service not previously offered by the AAAs in our state). In this way, the use of ***State resources will be optimized***.
- Positioning the State to respond to federal initiatives and requirements affecting health care and long-term services—this new system allows EOA and the AAS to take advantage of opportunities to ***generate new revenue streams previously untapped***. Specifically, by implementing the new operational system, the AAAs will have the opportunity to draw-down federal Medicaid funds through the ***Federal Financial Participation*** (FFP) program. While other states currently take advantage of this program, the Hawaii AAAs have not had mechanisms in place to verify time devoted to assisting consumers in obtaining Medicaid benefits AND in ***assisting consumers to use personal resources in order to avoid the spend-down that places them on our State Medicaid rosters***. EOA and the AAAs conservatively estimate that each office, once implementing the full-functioning ADRC criteria, can ***recover approximately 28% of current operating costs***. This is a ***LARGE*** revenue source that is readily available with the correct operational structural support. Additionally, EOA and the AAAs will be ***eligible to apply for discretionary funding that is currently unavailable*** due to the fact that the system currently does not support the full-functioning ADRC criteria as stipulated by the Administration on Aging.
- Helping residents of Hawaii keep their loved ones in the community by building programs that support the spirit of 'ohana—Not only will the implementation of the full-functioning ADRC criteria result in cost savings and increased revenue, it will also establish a system of service delivery that is ***much easier for families and seniors to navigate*** and that is ***consistent*** across counties and state departments.
- Ensuring that the aging network is as prepared as possible to most effectively serve the growing aging population—***Without systems change, our State will be quite unprepared*** to accommodate the needs of our kupuna. Not only do we currently lack the critical infrastructure necessary to effectively and efficiently assist seniors, those with disabilities, and their family members, but we consistently face the issue of lack of sufficient funding. The answer should not be to continually request additional funding; rather, ***the approach should include increasing the effectiveness of our service delivery while securing additional revenue streams to support the growth of the population***.

Attached are two charts for review. The first chart demonstrates the Maui County Office on Aging Operational Overview ***without*** a systems change. The “flow lines” marked with an “X” indicate the areas in which MCOA does not currently meet full-functioning ADRC criteria. The second chart demonstrates the Operational Overview that meets the Full-Functioning ADRC Operations Model to be adapted by each county, with Maui slated to implement the operational changes first. The difference between the charts speaks volumes to demonstrate the thought and consideration invested by EOA and the

AAAs in designing a system of operations to equip our State in meeting the needs of an ever-increasing aging population. This Model is fully explained in our comprehensive five-year plan.

SB2779, SD2 (HSCR1172-12) RELATING TO THE AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTERS is truly an opportunity for Hawaii to make tangible steps towards effectively creating a system that is ready to meet the needs of our growing population.

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

ADRC Operations Overview: Maui

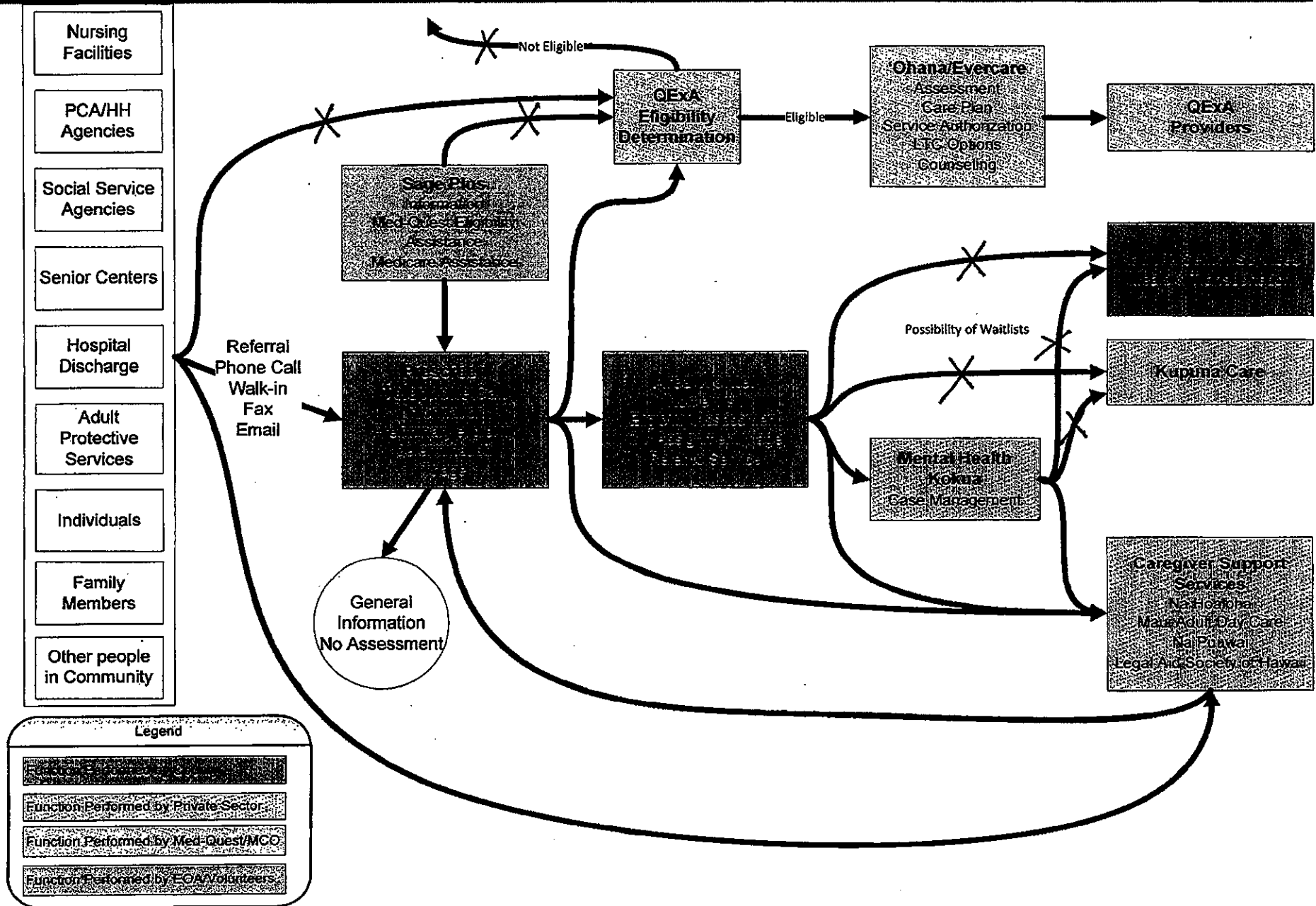
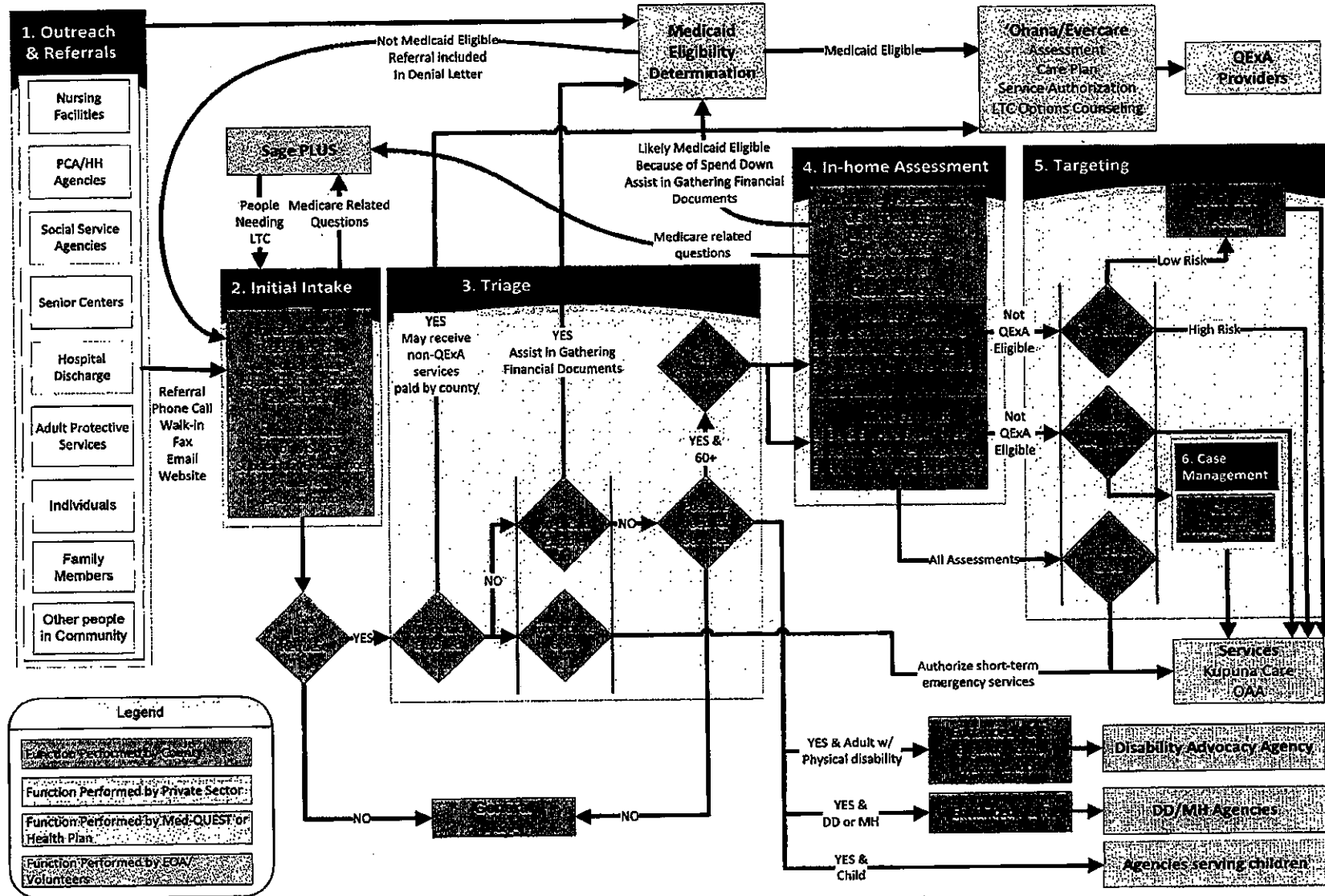


Exhibit 3: Full Functioning ADRC Operations Model



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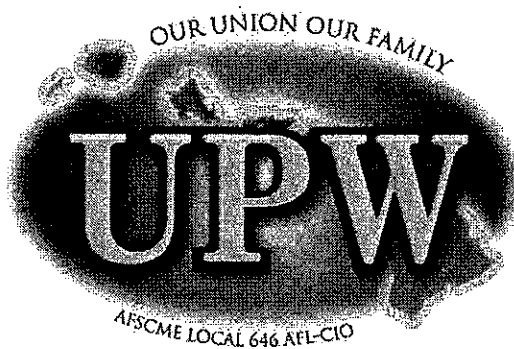
**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON S.B. 2779, SD2
RELATING TO AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTERS**

The ILWU Local 142 supports S.B. 2779, SD2, which establishes and appropriates funds for Aging and Disability Resource Centers in each county to streamline access to long-term supports and services for older adults, persons with disabilities, and family caregivers.

The ILWU has 20,000 members statewide, many of whom are caring for elderly parents or will in the near future. They often contact the union for information about resources when their parents require long-term care or other services. We do the best we can to refer them to agencies that may be able to help them on every island, but we have always believed that a “one-stop shop” would be the most efficient and effective way to provide individuals with information on the services they need.

The Aging and Disability Resource Center in Hilo has been a good resource for people living in East Hawaii. Instead of searching for resources on the Internet or making numerous “cold calls,” Hilo residents can drop in at the ADRC and speak face-to-face with a person who will listen to their needs and help them find the resources that will be most helpful to them. We believe a resource like this on every island will be invaluable to family caregivers who may not have the time or energy to research programs for their parents while holding down full-time jobs.

The ILWU urges passage of S.B. 2779, SD2. Thank you for the opportunity to offer our support for this measure.



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The Honorable Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

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PLACE OF HEARING: Conference Room 308

**TESTIMONY ON SB 2779 SD2 RELATING TO THE AGING AND DISABILITY
RESOURCE CENTERES**

By DAYTON M. NAKANELUA,
State Director of the United Public Workers,
AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO ("UPW")

My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua and I am the State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO (UPW). The UPW is the exclusive representative for approximately 11,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 1 and institutional, health and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and various counties. The UPW also represents about 1,500 members of the private sector.

UPW supports SB 2779 SD2, which establishes and appropriates funds for aging and disability resource centers in each county to streamline access to long-term supports and services for older adults, persons with disabilities, and family caregivers.

In addition to our more than 2000 retirees, UPW also has many members who are caregivers to their parents and grandparents. Streamlining services by creating a single system of information and access will undoubtedly ease the confusion and frustration that exists for the elderly and for caregivers who have no choice but to navigate the current complex system.

With the creation of resource centers in each county, the state and county governments will be able to more effectively and efficiently manage the information and resources that are so crucial for elderly individuals and caregivers to be able to make the best choice for themselves or their family members.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Rep. Marcus Oshiro, Chair

Conference Room 308
March 29, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. (Agenda #1)

Supporting SB 2779 SD 2: Relating to the Aging and Disability Resource Centers

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 2779 SD 2, which establishes an Aging and Disability Resource Center in each county to improve access to long term care.

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, and these resources should be expanded. In addition, these resources are fragmented, and the Aging and Disability Resource Center will create a single point of entry to enable easier access to these resources and help to coordinate them.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 2779 SD 2.

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Bill No & Title: SB2779, Relating to the Aging and Disability Resource Centers
SD2

Day, Date & Time: Thursday March 29, 2012 10:00am

Place: State Capitol Conference Room 308

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

I am testifying in support of SB2779, SD2 which supports the addition of new sections to Chapter 349, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Additionally it provides the necessary funding to continue the implementation of this needed resource.

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.

The funds being requested should be seen as an investment for the very near future as the ADRC helps the rising tsunami of seniors and disabled in an effective, efficient manner.

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 SB2779, SD2 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.



HAWAII COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

March 28, 2012

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

Dear Chair Oshiro and Vice Chair Lee:

SB 2779/SD2 – Related to the Aging and Disability Resource Centers

The Hawaii Community Foundation (HCF) strongly supports SB 2779/SD 2 which establishes statewide aging and disability resource centers with sites in each county which will include informal and family caregivers as a target for delivery of services.

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

HCF believes it is critical to invest in informal and family caregivers as they are the backbone of the system of long term care services and supports in Hawaii. Systems should provide ready access to needed information and help caregivers navigate and locate appropriate services for their family members. HCF also believes in honoring the preferences of Hawaii's elderly to remain in their own homes and communities and that systems should also support a process to help family members determine the needs, values, preferences and individual circumstances of the elderly person.

Because the Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) established by SB 2779/SD2 are intended to act as the single point of entry at the county level to obtain the full range of long-term supports and services options for Hawaii's elderly, because the ADRCs target family and informal caregivers, and because ADRCs will support home and community-based services, HCF urges passage of this Bill. HCF has been and will continue discussion with the Executive Office on Aging (EoA) as we seek to leverage private dollars to build systems such as the ADRCs.

Sincerely yours,

Katharine P. Lloyd
General Counsel & Vice President of Operations



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

Date: March 29, 2012, Conference Room 308, 10:00 a.m.

Re: **SB2779, SD2 – RELATING TO THE AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTERS**

Chair Oshiro and Committee Members:

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

AARP **strongly supports** SB2779, SD2 which creates Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) in each county to streamline access to long-term supports and services for older adults, persons with disabilities and caregivers; and appropriates funds for its establishment.

However, the ADRCs need to be properly resourced and funded to make ADRCs an effective single point of entry for individuals seeking information on their long-term care (LTC) options. The ADRC is a navigational tool that connects individuals to appropriate long-term care options. Critical to the success of an ADRC is ensuring the availability of services (e.g., Kupuna Care) when individuals are directed to them.

Hawaii's ADRC program is in various stages of development in each county, needs to be expanded statewide, and needs improvement. AARP's recently published State Long-Term Services and Support Scorecard ranks Hawaii 41st in ability to access LTC through an ADRC or other single entry point.

This bill appropriates funds out of general revenues for fiscal year 2012-2013 for ADRCs. The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) should be consulted as to the appropriate amount of funds.

ADRCs will address consumer frustration when trying to determine how to obtain long-term supports and services, if appropriately resourced, funded, and services are available. Otherwise, this frustration will be magnified with the increasing demand for service due to a 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 testify.



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March 29, 2012; 10:00am
Room 308

SB 2779, Relating to the Aging & Disability Resource Centers (ADRC)

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

Lanakila Pacific strongly supports SB 2779 to create fully functioning ADRC's throughout the state. This would significantly improve services for seniors, persons with disabilities and their caregivers by eliminating duplication, providing a single point of entry, streamlining data collection and improving case management services.

However, if this measure were to be passed without also appropriating funds for Kupuna Care, the ADRC would become a single-entry-point to the network of services, yet lack viable services to which to refer eligible clients. Therefore, it is imperative that the funding appropriated in SB 2320 Relating to Aging also be passed.

As a Kupuna Care service provider, Lanakila Meals on Wheels, a program of Lanakila Pacific, serves more than 250,000 meals to 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.

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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.

Lanakila Meals on Wheels alone is already facing a waiting list of over 270 seniors that will continue to grow. Seniors like 93 year old Mr. R. who was diagnosed with terminal cancer two years ago. He never 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.

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 with years of flat or reduced State and Federal funding.

We urge you to support both SB 2779 and SB 2320 to provide critically needed services for the most isolated and vulnerable seniors in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian E. Tsuji
President & CEO

Lyn Moku
Director of Lanakila Meals on Wheels

March 28, 2012

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

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

FROM: **Steve Ono, President**
Hawaii Alliance of Retired Americans – Big Island

SUBJECT: **SB 2779 SD2**

“RELATING TO THE AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTERS”

March 29, 2012
10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 308

Honorable Chairs and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on SB 2779 SD2. I am Steve Ono, Big Island Representative for the Hawaii Alliance for Retired Americans (HARA). HARA is supportive of SB2779, SD2, as the legislation is needed to enable Aging & Disability Resource Centers in all counties to improve ACCESS to needed supports and services as well as provision of much needed options counseling to enable consumers to make INFORMED DECISIONS on long-term care issues.

Of utmost importance to the State, a fully functioning Aging & Disability Resource Centers will also assist in reducing the ever increasing high costs associated with Long-term Care. In-home support through community based services and family caregivers is also the overwhelming choice of residents in the state of Hawaii. The Aging & Disability Resource Centers will also provide much needed support for family caregivers.

Please note that it is also very important that requested amounts by the different counties be maintained. As all of the counties are at different places in regards to the State Executive Office on Aging’s Hawaii Systems Change Initiative, individual county requests are based on critical needs of each county.

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to testify.

Steve Ono

Big Island Alliance of Retired Americans
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To: Committee on Finance, Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Date: Thursday, March 29, 2012, State Capitol Conference Room 308, 10:00 a.m.

Re: SB2779, SD2 - Relating to the Aging and Disability Resource Centers

Chair Oshiro and Committee Members, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of SB2779, SD2, Relating to the Aging and Disability Resource Centers. My name is T. J. Davies Jr. and I am retired and an advocate for seniors aging in place and live in the Kakaako area. The passage of this bill is vital as:

- ADRCs will help senior consumers and caregivers as it's like a "one stop shop" for consumers to find information
- ADRCs will lessen senior consumer and caregivers' frustration when trying to understand long-term care options

I am frequently asked for advice from seniors being released from hospitals and other seniors "aging in place in Waikiki. I struggle to find information on what to advise and to whom to refer them. It will be so much easier for access to an ADRC.

I urge you to support seniors by voting yes on SB2779, SD2.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

T. J. Davies, Jr., Volunteer
AARP Chapter 60 & Kokua Council for Senior Citizens
Kakaako (District 23 / Senate District 12)

To: Committee on Finance, Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Date: Thursday, March 29, 2012, State Capitol Conference Room 308, 10:00 am.
Re: SB 2779, SD2 - Relating to ADRC

Dear Chair Oshiro and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of SB 2779, SD2, Relating to Aging and Disability Resource Centers. My name is Neal Uehara and I am a volunteer and live in the Waikele area.

This bill is important because it appropriates essential funding to create fully functioning ADRC's throughout the state of Hawaii.

This will benefit and improve services for seniors, persons with disabilities and their caregivers by eliminating duplication, providing a single point of entry, streamlining data collection and improving case management service.

If this bill were to pass without also appropriating funds for Kupuna Care, the ADRC would become a single-entry-point to the network of services, yet lack viable services to which to refer eligible clients.

Therefore, it is so very important that the funding appropriated in SB2320 Relating to Aging also be passed.

I am a volunteer with Lanakila Meals on Wheels. I pickup the frozen meals from Lanakila, shuttle meals to the Pearl City volunteers, shuttle meals to the Mililani volunteers and deliver my meals to my Kupuna's. I am very proud on what I do as well as the other volunteers. You should see the joy on the senior's faces when we bring the meals to them. Some of them cannot even come to the door. We are very concerned why there are over 270 seniors on the waiting list. We found out that funding is lacking so they cannot get a nutritious prepared meal.

I humbly urge you to support seniors by voting yes on SB 2779, SD2.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

Neal Uehara
Waikele

TO: Committee on Finance, Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
DATE: Thursday, March 29, 2012, State Capitol Conference Rm 308, 10:00 a.m.
RE: SB2779, SD2- Relating to the Aging and Disability Resource Centers

Chair Oshiro and Committee Members, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT of SB2779, SD2, Relating to the Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC)**. 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..

The passage of this bill is vital as:

- ADRCs will help caregivers like myself identify all the services that are available to me and my parents.
- Seven years ago, I needed an ADRC when I started to care for my parents. I was extremely frustrated and confused trying to understand my options or even basically how to start. I attended conferences, workshops over several years and tried to work out what was best for my parents. It would have been so much easier and timely for me if I had access to an ADRC at that time.
- Having ADRCs will be a blessing to all new caregivers or those planning their own long term care plan. To be able to get accurate and unbiased information that is best for an individual's situation is very much needed and the demand for this service will increase with the number of baby bloomer becoming seniors.
- Streamlining processes and maximizing efficiency by expanding and growing ADRCs within the State will positively impact soft and hard dollar savings for the State.

I urge you to support seniors by voting yes on SB2779, SD2. This program needs to grow and your support is very much needed.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

Kathryn Okazaki
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Halawa Heights/ Aiea

I submit this testimony in strong support for SB2779, Relating to Aging & Disability Resource Centers. I have had the privilege of serving as a Meals on Wheels Volunteer for the past year. It has been a most rewarding and enlightening experience for me. The elderly and disabled persons who receive these meals are for most part unable to prepare meals for themselves but are resolved to remain in their homes. Many live alone. I suspect that some should be institutionalized, but for their desire to stay in their own homes. Because of their choice, the State actually benefits from expending up to \$9,034 a month for semi-private rooms for these kapuna in a nursing facility. It costs Lanakila Meals on Wheel only \$170 a month to provide nutritious, hot meals for these stoic individuals. Due to funding cut-backs, Lanakila, which now serves 1,700 kapuna each week, is unable to provide meals to over 270 seniors on its waiting list, and the list continues to grow. It would appear to be obvious that the State and the taxpayers would be prudent to invest more resources into programs that allow Meals on Wheels to continue its invaluable service, if not expand its services to more underserved kapuna struggling to stay in their own homes. Thank you for this opportunity. Respectfully submitted, Francis M. Nakamoto, retired, Moanalua Valley.

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

Date: Thursday March 29, 2012, State Capitol Conference Room 308, 10:00 a.m.

Re: SB2779 SD2 – Relating To The Aging and Disability Resource Centers

Chair Oshiro and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of SB2779 SD2, Relating To The Aging And Disability Resource Centers.

My name is Stanley Ching. My wife and I have been recently searching for available services for our elderly parents to help them cope with their daily difficulties of life. However, the process is very time consuming and frustrating because of having to deal with separate agencies and programs each with its own requirements. The process to determine what is available, what programs they quality for, and determining what best meets their needs is very difficult. I can see why many people give up trying to obtain the help that they need.

Having an expanded and more fully staffed Aging and Disability Resource Centers will go a long way to provide more complete information in one place to seniors and caregivers of available services which they so desperately need.

I strongly urge you to support seniors by providing adequate funding for this program and to have SB2779 SD2 become law.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

Stanley W.G. Ching
Pearl City, Hawaii

Committee on Finance
Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

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Place: State Capitol Conference Room 308

Aloha, Representatives Oshiro, Lee and committee members. I am a Service Assistant for an agency that provides various services to Hawaii's seniors.

I am testifying in support of SB2779, SD2 which supports the addition of new sections to Chapter 349, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Additionally it provides the necessary funding to continue the implementation of this needed resource.

I have been working with seniors in Hawaii for 3 years and 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:

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

The funds being requested should be seen as an investment for the very near future as the ADRC helps the rising tsunami of seniors and disabled in an effective, efficient manner.

I think you can see why I strongly support SB2779, SD2 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: 3/28/2012

Comments:

Honorable Committee Members,

I am writing on behalf of the Hawaii Island Healthcare Alliance in support of SB2779, SD2 that will further develop Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC). The Alliance is a group of broad based community representatives with a mission to improve access to quality healthcare services on the Big Island. Our Long Term Care Hui has documented that home and community based services for seniors and people with disabilities are insufficient to meet current needs and this problem will become worse as our aging population grows.

ADRC's are a nationally recognized evidence based approach for ensuring that seniors and their families can obtain information and support in order to obtain and make the most effective use of the resources that are available to address their numerous problems. Left unattended, these needs can force them to leave their homes, and result in significantly higher healthcare costs as well as reduced quality of life. The Hawaii Long Term Care Commission's report to the legislature this year clearly documents need to develop and expand this service capacity throughout the state. We therefore, encourage you to support SBV2779,SD2.

Robert Surber
Hawaii Island Healthcare Alliance
Long Term Care Hui

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Submitted on: 3/27/2012

Comments:

Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and members of the Committee:

I am testifying today on behalf of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA), a body which advises the Executive Office on Aging (EOA) and also serves as an advocate for Hawaii's older people. My testimony reflects the views of the Board, but you should know that the Board's position in support of SB 3779 is shared by every other senior advocacy organization in Hawaii.

SB 2779 calls for the establishment of a system of Aging & Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) in each county, as part of a statewide network to improve access to long-term care services for people of all ages; with all types of physical and mental disabilities; and at all income levels. At present, people needing long-term care are faced with a bewildering variety of questions, for which there is no one, reliable source for answers. Typical questions include: where can I obtain help with my mother? What services do we really need? How much do they cost? Can some agency or department help pay the bills? The list of questions is endless, and the answers hard to find.

When Hawaii's ADRC system is in place, there will truly be a single source for information about long-term care and LTC services available to all of our citizens. This will be an important, indeed critical, resource in helping people deal with the many scattered public, for-profit, and non-profit LTC services which may be available.

PABEA understands the financial demands from many worthy organizations which your Committee is attempting to deal with. We hope that you will see the importance and value of the ADRC program, and put ADRC funding high on your priority list.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 2779.

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Comments:

I urge the committee members to support SB2779 as it will serve as a One Stop information center. At this time, there is no such center. I feel as one ages, ADRC becomes a very useful tool.

Thank you for your consideration and, hopefully, your support.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Ishikawa
Kaka'ako resident

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Comments:
Aloha!

My name is Barbara Service and I am a member of AARP and the Kokua Council. I am a retired Child Welfare supervisor.

I strongly support SB2779 regarding the ADRC. Citizens need a one-stop shop for the needs of seniors and disabled individuals.

ʻahalo for the oppportunity to testify.

Barbara J. Service

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Bill No & Title: SB2779, SD2 Relating to the Aging and Disability Resource Centers
Day, Date & Time: Thursday March 29, 2012 10:00am
Place: State Capitol Conference Room 308

Aloha, Representatives Oshiro, Lee and committee members. I am a case manager with Child and Family Service Gerontology Program I am testifying in support of SB2779, SD2 which supports the addition of new sections to Chapter 349, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Additionally it provides the necessary funding to continue the implementation of this needed resource.

As case manager I 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:

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

The funds being requested should be seen as an investment for the very near future as the ADRC helps the rising tsunami of seniors and disabled in an effective, efficient manner. I think you can see why I strongly support SB2779, SD2 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.

Adam Priseler

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Comments:

I am testifying in support of SB2779, SD2 that supports the addition of new sections to Chapter 349, of the Hawaii Revised Statutes. In addition, it provides necessary funding to continue implementation of this needed resource. As a caregiver to a senior parent, I've witnessed the struggles and difficulties that Hawaii Kupunas and those who care for them face. With all the reductions in resources the ADRC is economically smart. The federal initiative of the AoA and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services will help Hawaii by 1)improving operations in all counties with standardization of tools and the adoption of common performance standards.2) Giving older adults and persons with disabilities a mechanism to provide information that will allow them to make sound choices to meet their long-term needs, 3)Positioning the state to respond to federal initiatives and requirements affecting health care and long term care services, 4)support Hawaii residence caring for loved ones in the community by building programs which support the spirit of family or ohana. The funds being requested really are an investment in the near future of the ADRC and will help the increase of seniors with the baby boomers entering this population and increased disabled citizens in an effective and efficient manner. I strongly support the SB2779, SD2. Please support this bill!

Thank you for your time and attention while I submit this testimony. Aloha, Debbie L Hart

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Comments:

Dear Chair Oshiro and Committee members, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of SB 2779, SD2, Relating to Aging and Disability Resources Centers. I am from the Ewa Beach area and feel that the passage of this bill would significantly improve services for seniors, persons with disabilities and their caregivers. It is also imperative that the funding appropriated in SB2320 Relating to Aging also be passed so that there will not be a lack in viable services to refer eligible clients. As someone who interacts daily with both seniors as well as persons with disabilities, I know these bills are crucial to the services that are needed by this population. I urge you to support by voting yes on SB 2779, SD2.
Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

Shannon C.
Ewa Beach, HI

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

Date: Thursday, March 29, 2012, State Capitol Conference Room 308, 10:00 am.

Re: SB 2779, SD2 - Relating to ADRC

Dear Chair Oshiro and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of SB 2779, SD2, Relating to Aging and Disability Resource Centers. My name is Sue Oasay . I am a volunteer delivery person for Lanakila Meals on Wheels and live in the Kaimuki area. The passage of this bill is vital as:

· SB2779 Aging & Disability Resource Centers, appropriates essential funding to create fully functioning ADRC's throughout the state.

· This would significantly improve services for seniors, persons with disabilities and their caregivers by eliminating duplication, providing a single point of entry, streamlining data collection and improving case management services.

· However, if this measure were to be passed without also appropriating funds for Kupuna Care, the ADRC would become a single-entry-point to the network of services, yet lack viable services to which to refer eligible clients.

· Therefore, it is imperative that the funding appropriated in SB2320 Relating to Aging also be passed.

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

I urge you to support seniors by voting yes on SB 2779, SD2.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

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