

SCR 69

Measure Title: URGING THE GOVERNOR TO APPOINT A LONG-TERM CARE COORDINATOR.

Report Title: Long-Term Care Coordinator; Kupuna Caucus

Description:

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**Testimony SUPPORTING THE INTENT of
SCR 69 Urging the Governor to Appoint a Long-Term Care Coordinator**

**SENATE HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Sen. Les Ihara, Vice Chair**

**SEN. HEALTH COMMITTEE
Sen. Josh Green, Chair
Sen. Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair**

**March 27, 2012
2:00 PM Room 016**

Chair Chun Oakland, Chair Green, Vice Chair Ihara, Vice Chair Nishihara and members of the committee, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on SCR 69 Urging the Governor to Appoint a Long-Term Care Coordinator.

I support the intent of this resolution but believe that this resolution is unnecessary because I have already appointed Dr. Wes Lum as the Executive Director of the Executive Office on Aging. He is my administration's leader in issues relating to older adults.

As the director of the Executive Office on Aging, Dr. Lum is well respected in the community and has been working during the past year to develop the "Hawaii Systems Change Initiative", a 5-year state plan to implement the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC), the Community Living Program (CLP) and the Person-centered Hospital Discharge Planning (HDP) Initiative. He is also co-leader in a collective impact partnership initiative called "Hui Kupa'a" that will collect data and work on shared goals with the private sector.

I am confident that Dr. Wes Lum will carry out the goals in my New Day Plan for our kupuna. Under his leadership, we will ensure that our retirees and elders live productive and dignified lives at home and in the community, develop a Center of Excellence on Aging, and create a "silver wave" of opportunities for active older adults.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on SCR 69.



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

Committee on Health
Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair

Date: March 27, 2012, Conference Room 016, 2:00 p.m.

Re: **SCR 69 – Urging the Governor to Appoint a Long-Term Care Coordinator**

Chair Chun Oakland, Chair Green 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 **supports** the intent of SCR 69 which appoints a Long-Term Care (LTC) Coordinator to coordinate programs, supports, and services to improve the quality of life for Hawaii's long-term care recipients; their caregivers; and their families.

AARP proposes that SCR 69 be amended as follows:

1. Replace all references to Long-Term Care Coordinator with: Deputy Healthcare Transformation Coordinator. The appointment of a Deputy Healthcare Transformation Coordinator for LTC within the office of the Healthcare Transformation Coordinator will provide the authority and leadership needed to address the immediate LTC problems. The individual appointed to the Deputy Coordinator position will need executive level leadership skills, experience and ability to coordinate activities with the medical industry, LTC providers, and government agencies.
2. The Deputy Healthcare Transformation Coordinator shall establish a long-term care (LTC) task force to determine the feasibility of consolidating state LTC programs and functions under a single executive department or division, within the office of the Governor.

As reported by the Hawaii LTC Commission in its 2012 Report the primary problem is that "The LTC system in Hawaii is broken." One of the most glaring indicators that the system was broken was the Commission's early discovery that no one in the State Government could answer the most elementary of policy questions (e.g., How many people in Hawaii have long-term care problems requiring caregiving?). After repeated attempts to find answers for this and other questions, the reason became obvious: No state leader was asking questions. What is more, no state leader is charged with the responsibility for asking such questions. The "system" is not just broken. Outside the Medicaid population, no "system" exists for Hawaii's population. There is only a no-man's land, a total void in government's role in long-term care (if any) for well over a million people.

Consolidation of the State's LTC system under single leadership in one agency, within the office of the Governor, will lead to streamlining the Hawaii LTC system, achieving more consistent

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policymaking and enhanced economies of scale, and simplifying the consumer's experience. The consolidation of operations allows for increased flexibility, particularly when the consolidated agency has budgeting authority to shift funds among LTC services, to increase spending on home and community based services (HCBS), and to improve consumer access to those services. Consolidation, including global budgeting, by giving responsibility for the budget of all LTC programs to a single administrative unit would allow the financing to follow consumers through the system as their needs and preferences change over time.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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March 27, 2012

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

The Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Chair
Senate Committee on Health

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **S.C.R. 99 - REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENTS OF HUMAN SERVICES AND HEALTH TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO DETERMINE WHEN AND UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS REPORTS OF ALLEGED VULNERABLE ADULT ABUSE, ALLEGED CHILD ABUSE, AND CONFIRMED CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT SHOULD BE EXPUNGED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES CENTRAL REGISTRY**

Hearing: Tuesday, March 27, 2012; 2:00 p.m.
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

PURPOSE: This resolution requests the Departments of Human Services and Health to convene a task force to review the concerns arising from unsubstantiated and unconfirmed cases of child abuse and neglect, and adult abuse and neglect, as they relate to people seeking employment and to assess when and under what conditions reports of alleged vulnerable adult abuse, alleged child abuse and confirmed child abuse or neglect should be expunged from the Department of Human Services' central registry.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services appreciates the intent of the proposed legislation to ensure the appropriate retention and

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expungement of reports and records of maltreatment but this legislation is not needed. As we strive to ensure that only information on confirmed reports of abuse or neglect is shared under specific and appropriate circumstances, we must also strive to ensure that necessary and appropriate information is retained for the protection of children and vulnerable adults.

The Department's Child Welfare Service Branch (CWSB) follows the requirements of the Federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA). The retention of information on unsubstantiated reports for informational, data trending and investigatory purposes is allowed, with the provision that reports that are determined to be unsubstantiated are not made accessible to the general public nor are they allowed to be used for purposes of employment or background checks in cases determined to be unsubstantiated.

For the Department's Adult and Community Care Services Branch (ACCSB), there are no statutory provisions nor administrative rules authorizing the expungement of reports related to vulnerable adult abuse or neglect. It is essential that ACCSB retain the information gathered on alleged victims and perpetrators because many cases involve medical conditions for both victims and perpetrators that may worsen over time. Facts gathered in previously unsubstantiated or unconfirmed cases may become relevant in subsequent reports to DHS and may show evidence of a pattern of abuse or neglect.

Information from the Protective Services Central Registry for children or vulnerable adults may be released, upon consent of the individual, to prospective employers. If there is a confirmed or substantiated report of abuse on file, only the date of confirmation and the type of abuse involved are released. If there is no confirmed

report of abuse on file, the information released will indicate "No record of confirmed abuse on file." No other information is released to the public.

The Department of Human Services is statutorily responsible for the child abuse and adult abuse registries.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.