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Committee on Finance

HB131, HD1, RELATING TO MOBILITY MANAGEMENT

Testimony of Wes Lum
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Attached Agency to Department of Health

Wednesday, February 27, 2013; Conference Room 308

11:30 a.m.; Agenda #2

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 Biennium Budget
3 Request.

4 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure appropriates \$30,000 for FY2013-2014 and \$30,000 for
5 FY2014-15 for the staffing, operation, and convening of the Task Force on Mobility Management.

6 **Purpose and Justification:** Transportation gives older adults and individuals with disabilities a
7 sense of independence and control over their lives. A lack of transportation can lead to isolation,
8 poor health, and decreased well-being, which is common in rural areas where transportation
9 options are scarce. While we support the intent of this measure, we note that the appropriations
10 are not part of the Governor's Administrative package. Should there be surplus funds available,
11 we would be supportive as we agree with the concept of this initiative as this is consistent with
12 EOA's goals and objectives. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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February 27, 2013

TESTIMONY TO: House Committee on Finance

Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Representative Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: **HB 131 - RELATING TO MOBILITY MANAGEMENT**

Wednesday, February 27, 2013
11:30 a.m.
Hawai'i State Capitol, conference room 308

Honorable Chairs and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in strong support of HB 131 – RELATING TO MOBILITY MANAGEMENT, which establishes a transportation framework to assist elders and individuals with disabilities with transportation needs in rural communities. I am Alan Parker, Executive on Aging for the Hawaii County Office of Aging (HCOA).

Transportation is vital to seniors; it helps them to remain at home and access critical services such as medical appointments. This service is especially needed in rural areas where transportation is extremely limited.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this important measure.

Sincerely,

Alan R. Parker
Executive on Aging



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Comments: I am in support of HB131 that establishes a task force on mobility management.

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To: Committee on Finance

Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2013

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Place: Conference Rm. 308

Testifier: Eudice Schick, Member
Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs

Bill: HB 131, HD1
In Strong Support

This testimony is as an individual and no way represents the views of the Executive Office on Aging.

As a disabled individual I can fully appreciate the value of transportation for the disabled. As a resident of Oahu I am fortunate to have the handi-van as my transportation. Without this type of transportation I would not be able to carry on the volunteer service that I do several hours a week and for various organizations. What about the need of all the disabled and elderly persons residing on our neighbor islands? Their ability to get from home to various appointments just does not exist. A task force should only be the first step in resolving this issue.

Your vote in favor of HB 131 is appreciated by all of the disabled and elderly population.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony for HB 131.

Sincerely,

Eudice Schick

