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## Committee on Human Services

### HB131, RELATING TO MOBILITY MANAGEMENT

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

Tuesday, January 29, 2013; Conference Room 329

10:00 a.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 Biennium Budget  
3 Request.

4 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure appropriates \$30,000 for FY2013-2014 and \$60,000 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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January 28, 2013

TESTIMONY TO: House Committee on Human Services

Representative Mele Carroll, Chair  
Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

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

Tuesday, January 29, 2013  
10:00 a.m.  
Hawai'i State Capitol, conference room 329

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.

Sincerely,

Alan R. Parker  
Executive on Aging





## CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

TO: Representative Mel Carroll, Chair  
Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

FROM: Diane M. Terada, Division Administrator

DATE: Tuesday, January 29, 2013 (10:00 a.m., Room 329)

RE: **Comments on HB 131, Relating to Mobility Management**

Catholic Charities Hawai'i (CCH) is a tax exempt, non-profit agency that has been providing transportation services for elders since 1975 and annually provides transportation services for nearly 800 older persons on the island of Oahu. The agency serves approximately 5,000 older persons with in-home and community based serves and is also a Medicaid waiver provider of services for individuals with developmental disabilities.

CCH would like to offer the following comments on HB 131:

1. The bill appears to focus on transportation needs of elders and individuals with disabilities only in **rural** communities. However, mobility management issues affect elders and individuals with disabilities in all communities, including **urban** areas. **We recommend that any task force review the needs of elders and individuals with disabilities statewide.**
2. Task force membership - We recommend additional representation form the following sectors in order to assure that recommendations result from collaborative effort:
  - a. Private transportation providers, both profit and nonprofit
  - b. Transportation consumers – elders and individuals with disabilities
  - c. State Department of Transportation

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.

