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Committee on Finance

HB 1432, HD1, RELATING TO AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTERS.

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

Wednesday, February 20, 2013; Conference Room 308

2:00 p.m.; Agenda #1

- 1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) supports this measure and notes that the
- 2 development of the Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) is a priority of the
- 3 Abercrombie Administration and that \$1.4 million for each year of the fiscal biennium can be
- 4 found in the budget bill, HB200.
- 5 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure appropriates an unspecified amount for each year of the
- 6 biennium to support the development of ADRCs statewide.
- 7 **Purpose and Justification:** An allocation of \$1,400,000 is sufficient to (1) maintain the
- 8 statewide operations and management information systems (MIS), (2) maintain ongoing operating
- 9 expenses of the two ADRC sites that are fully functional in Maui and Kauai counties, and (3)
- 10 increase personnel at the two remaining ADRC sites that are not in compliance with the fully
- 11 functional status in Hawaii and Honolulu counties. All personnel at the four ADRC sites will
- 12 provide intake, referrals, options counseling, and targeting a triage for long term services and
- 13 supports. ADRC site personnel will provide an in-home assessment and will create a person-

- 1 centered support plan for the individuals. When appropriate, ADRC site personnel will assist
 2 older adults who are eligible for publicly funded services such as Kupuna Care.

3 The funds are projected to be used as follows:

Line Item	FY14	FY15	Justification
Consultant	\$200,000	\$171,216	<p>Facilitate and provide technical assistance to transform existing business operations at EOA and the four county-based Area Agencies on Aging to create the fully functioning ADRC.</p> <p>Work on the integration of the Veteran's Health Administration (VA) to deliver home and community supports in conjunction with our ADRC.</p> <p>Integrate the four county-based data systems into a single statewide ADRC database.</p> <p>Assist with drawing down Medicaid federal financial participation administrative funds.</p>
MIS (licensing)	\$115,000	\$124,000	MIS expansion to upgrade and consolidate four separate county databases into a statewide database accessible to EOA for greater reporting capability and management of clients' needs and resources, and automation of new tools for uniform, evidence based, comprehensive, person centered assessment of the clients' needs and preferences in order to design individualized support plans.
Contracted LTC Disabilities Specialist w/fringe	\$59,352	\$79,136	LTC Disabilities Specialist is a critical position for the ADRC as outlined in the ADRC 5 year plan. Coordinate for persons with disabilities; provide ongoing training to the aging network to familiarize themselves with disabilities.
Contracted Community Living Program (CLP) Manager w/fringe	\$79,136	\$79,136	CLP program manager is a critical position for the ADRC as outlined in the ADRC 5 year plan. This position handles the day to day operations and coordination for a participant directed model. Will be responsible to move this model forward

			with the Veteran's Administration.
Evaluation and Quality Improvement	\$75,000	\$75,000	As the ADRC sites become fully functional, evaluation and quality improvement will need to be measured as it related to the ADRC 5 year plan.
County of Honolulu Implementation	\$230,576	\$230,576	Increase personnel for the Honolulu ADRC site. The State's ADRC 5 Year Plan created higher minimum qualifications for staffing to perform the duties of the ADRC. These funds will be used to create and fill positions that will provide for the components of a fully functional ADRC.
County of Maui Implementation	\$383,576	\$383,576	Ongoing personnel cost of the Maui ADRC site. The State's ADRC 5 Year Plan created higher minimum qualifications for staffing to perform the duties of the ADRC. Hence these funds will support the ongoing staff to maintain the fully functional daily operations of an ADRC.
County of Kauai Implementation	\$26,783	\$26,783	These funds will support the ongoing staff to maintain the fully functional daily operations of an ADRC and maintain current operating expenses such as IT support.
County of Hawaii Implementation	\$230,577	\$230,577	Increase personnel for the Hawaii ADRC site. The State's ADRC 5 Year Plan created higher minimum qualifications for staffing to perform the duties of the ADRC. These funds will be used to create and fill positions that will provide for the components of a fully functional ADRC.
	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	

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EOA and/or the county offices on aging will be seeking additional federal funding from

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other sources as follows:

Source of Federal Funding	Amount	Date of Decision/Application
Medicaid Administrative Federal Financial Participation	The administrative match rate is 50% for time spent conducting Medicaid activities for outreach and enrollment.	Pending decision by CMS and MedQuest: August, 2013.
Veteran-Directed Home and	Payment rates will be established between each Veterans Administration Medical	EOA will submit a readiness review in July,

Community Based Services Program	<p>Center (VAMC) and ADRC, with guidance from Veteran Administration (VA) Central Office. VA Central Office will provide each VAMC with a range of county-based rates sufficient to cover most cases. Rates above the range require VA Central Office approval (e.g., ventilator care, TBI).</p> <p>Each VAMC will have two options: (1) set rates within the range, based on services offered; or (2) allow individualized rates, based on the ADRC assessment, within the range.</p> <p>Under either system, rates should be inclusive of costs of direct services, fiscal management, case management/service coordination/support brokerage, and other administrative costs and overhead.</p>	<p>2013.</p> <p>Note: this is not a competitive grant application; this is an agreement with the VA that the ADRCs will provide services to veterans.</p>
Older Americans Act (Title IIIB, IIIC, IIIE)	<p>\$1,107,058 is the county offices on aging’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.</p>	<p>Expected receipt of fund disbursements approximately quarterly beginning in October, 2013.</p>
Affordable Care Act	<p>We are in preliminary discussions with the Hawaii Health Connector so that the ADRCs can become “assistors” by providing outreach, education, and enrollment to people with disabilities who are younger than 60 years of age.</p>	<p>In preliminary discussions.</p>

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EOA is pleased to announce that additional federal funds have already been received in

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2012 as a result of our ADRC development.

Money Follows the Person	<p>\$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</p>
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	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 (Section 3026 of the Affordable Care Act)	The Community-based Care Transitions Program (CCTP) tests models for improving care transitions from the hospital to other settings and reducing readmissions for high-risk Medicare beneficiaries. The goals of the CCTP are to improve transitions of beneficiaries from the inpatient hospital setting to other care settings, to improve quality of care, to reduce readmissions for high risk beneficiaries, and to document measurable savings to the Medicare program. Maui County Office on Aging is now receiving fee-for-service funding from CMS for CCTP.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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February 20, 2013

The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Committee on Finance
Twenty-Seventh Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Luke and Members of the Committee:

**SUBJECT: HB 1432 HD1 – RELATING TO AGING AND DISABILITY
RESOURCE CENTERS**

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **SUPPORTS HB 1432 HD1**. The purpose of the bill is to appropriate funds to support a statewide Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) with sites in each County.

The Council was a member of the State ADRC Advisory Board back in April 2006, as a result of the Executive Office on Aging (EOA) receiving a Federal grant to embark on establishing a one-stop single entry point for older adults and persons with disabilities. Since then, the project has come a long way in establishing a one-stop center on the Island of Hawaii, and developing sites in Kauai, Maui, and Honolulu through the Area Agencies on Aging with direction to streamline and integrate resources and service.

As a systems advocacy agency responsible for statewide planning, coordination, monitoring, evaluation, and advocacy on behalf of individuals with DD and their families, we support a streamlined and user-friendly process for older adults and individuals with disabilities to receive information and be able to navigate the service system to access services and supports.

The Council has a Memorandum of Agreement between the Hawaii County Office of Aging, ADRC, that defines the partner roles and responsibilities related to services provided by ADRC and the Council. We believe identifying and engaging in partnerships with community service provider agencies will contribute to a seamless approach of accessing long-term services and supports in a manner that respects individual choice and desire, is person-centered, promotes independence and dignity, and provides individual control over the person's life.

The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
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The Council defers to EOA regarding the appropriation amount needed to support a statewide ADRC with sites in each County.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **support of HB 1432 HD1.**

Sincerely,



Waynette K.Y. Cabral, MSW
Executive Administrator



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February 19, 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 1432, HD 1 - RELATING TO AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTERS**

Wednesday, February 20, 2013
2:00 p.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 1432, HD 1 – RELATING TO AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTERS. I am Alan Parker, Executive on Aging for the Hawai'i County Office of Aging (HCOA).

We respectfully request full funding of \$1.8 million (instead of \$1.4 million in Governor's biennium budget request) for continued implementation and statewide expansion of the Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) in all counties. \$1.8 million reflects a truer representation of what the counties need to provide effective services and will enable each county to reach the status of a fully functioning ADRC. This status is important because it enables the county to access Federal funds to help sustain the services of the ADRC.

The ADRC empower consumers to make informed decisions about their long term care options and helps them to access the services and support they and their family caregivers need. It is a "one-stop shop" for people looking for long-term care services, and who currently face a confusing variety of avenues for identifying and accessing



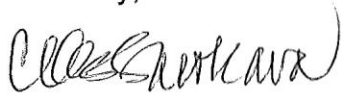
such services.

The Hawai'i County ADRC fielded over 1,300 calls for information and assistance over a one-year time period. The services we provided to a gentleman who we will call Dan are an example of the important services delivered by the ADRC.

"Dan lives alone and was independent until he got the flu. The flu incapacitated him by exacerbating a chronic medical condition. He became unable to walk and was barely eating, partially because of his inability to shop for food. The ADRC connected him with Adult Protective Services (APS), as well as Coordinated Services for the Elderly, who delivered a food basket to him. APS completed an assessment and Dan was admitted to the hospital. He was discharged from the hospital several days later. The ADRC referred him to case management services to access assistance for personal care services and chore services through the Kupuna Care (KC) program. With the coordinated efforts of State and County services, Dan's health has improved; he is independent again and no longer requires services."

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

Sincerely,



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Alan R. Parker
Executive on Aging

House Committee on Finance

**Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair; Representatives Scott Y. Nishimoto and Aaron Ling
Johanson, Vice Chairs**

HB 1432, HD 1 RELATING TO AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTERS

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

**Wednesday, February 20, 2013; Conference Room 308
2:00 p.m.**

MCOA's Position: Maui County Office on Aging (MCOA) is in **strong support** of HB 1432, HD 1 that provides appropriation for statewide Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) with sites in each county.

Purpose and Justification: Maui County Office on Aging implemented the components of a full functioning ADRC on April 16, 2012. The advent of the new operational system has been transformative for the county. Expansion of the ADRC to all counties in Hawaii is necessary to be prepared to meet needs of an ever-increasing aging population. Between 2000 and 2030, the number of adults 60 years and older will increase by 93.8% and those 85 years and older will increase by 174.7%. This explosive growth of older adults alerts us that a strong infrastructure must be in place to serve the growing needs especially as the baby boomers join this age group. In order to minimize the potential **financial strain** of falls on the State, **proactive** efforts are required now.

The national Aging and Disability Resource Center Program (ADRC) is a collaborative effort of the Administration on Aging (AoA) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) designed to streamline access to long-term care. The ADRC initiative is part of a nationwide effort to restructure services and supports for older adults and younger persons with disabilities and it complements other long term care system change activities designed to enhance access to

community living. ADRCs serve as integrated or single points of entry into the long term care system and are designed to address many of the frustrations individuals and their families experience when trying to access needed information, services, and supports. Single points of entry systems strive to make services and supports simpler to access, reduce consumer confusion, and build consumer trust by enhancing individual choice and informed decision-making.

Maui County was the first AAA in the state to implement full functioning ADRC criteria on April 16, 2012. Implementation included utilizing standardized intake and assessment protocols that have transformed the way MCOA operates. Individuals and family caregivers participate in an extremely comprehensive assessment that results in a clear picture of strengths, needs, resources, and gaps in services as indicated by individualized support plans. This plan simplifies the full range of long term support options for each senior/family.

Why is a Successful Statewide ADRC Important for Hawaii?

Benefits for Seniors and Family Caregivers: Any individual or caregiver who has attempted to access home and community-based services designed to assist seniors to live in the community as healthily as possible for as long as possible understands that obtaining services can be a laborious task. The ADRC simplifies this entire process by providing a One-Stop Shop that assists seniors and family caregivers facing very real challenges to create a realistic plan of action that allows for dignity and independence.

Standardized Tools for Effective Assessment: EOA and the AAAs have chosen to utilize the InterRAI HC assessment to provide a comprehensive picture of each senior's need in 27 Clinical Assessment Protocols (CAP) areas. This thorough view allows seniors and their family caregivers to assume a much more proactive role in planning for both current and future needs.

Data Collection: In conjunction with the extensive information gleaned as a result of the assessment process, AAAs will have access to the current status of need and unmet need in each county. For example, if a legislative committee were evaluating the need for a Falls Prevention Initiative and subsequent funding appropriation, the county AAAs could easily provide real-time data regarding how many individuals in each county were at “no,” “medium,” or “high risk” for falls. Later, if the committee wanted to determine whether or not the appropriation was a worthwhile investment, the counties could provide aggregate data that demonstrated effectiveness of the intervention from year-to-year. The ADRC could provide data not only on the 27 CAPs but on other data elements as well. This type of data mining has not ever been possible previously in Hawaii.

Ability to Target Resources: Realistically, there is no way for the State or the County governments to maintain adequate funding that keeps pace with the impending increase in the number of older residents in Hawaii. The ADRC system provides a means by which each county can target resources to those who are most economically needy. While folks under a certain income/asset level are eligible to receive home and community based services utilizing federal, state, and county funding, those above that income level will receive Options Counseling to assist them in creating a plan to utilize personal resources to fund service provision. By targeting resources, the ADRC can focus publicly funded services on those most needing public assistance so that the funding is more efficiently utilized.

Ability to Access New (and previously untapped) Revenue Streams

- Hawaii has already missed the opportunity for an additional \$2,300,000 in federal funding because a statewide ADRC is not fully functioning. This number will continue to

grow the longer the state has not met the federal effort to establish ADRCs in each county.

- Conversely, meeting the criteria of a full functioning ADRC will open additional revenue streams for each county. These revenue streams can help ease the financial burden on the state as the numbers of seniors continues to rise.
- Affordable Care Act—Maui County Office on Aging signed a Program Agreement with CMS in January, 2013 that allows MCOA to bill CMS on a fee-for-service basis for services provided to Medicare recipients being discharged from hospitals and enrolled in the Community Care Transitions Program (CCTP). Never before in MCOA history has the agency engaged in direct billing. Only 87 agencies nationwide have been awarded a Program Agreement for CCTP, and Maui was awarded this opportunity as a direct result of achieving full functioning ADRC criteria. This marks a new way of doing business!! For the first time, MCOA has the opportunity to diversify funding streams. This diversification will become even more important as the numbers of seniors continues to grow in the coming years. Diversification means that MCOA and the other AAAs in the state can, over time, become less dependent on state and county funding.
- Medicaid Federal Financial Participation (FFP)—The ADRCs will have the opportunity to “draw down” Medicaid FFP funds currently available to ADRCs able to document service delivery units to individuals eligible or likely eligible when assisting those individuals with Medicaid application activities. Based on models of other states accessing these funds, it is likely that each county ADRC would be eligible to access at least 25% of all operational costs through Medicaid FFP funds. Accessing these funds would not affect the State’s Medicaid reimbursements in any negative way. Rather,

accessing the funds would simply bring more money into the State to support services for seniors that are occurring each day in every county. The proposed ADRC data system provides the vehicle for accurate documentation of services necessary to initiate the procurement of the Medicaid FFP funds.

- Private Pay—The option for individuals and family caregivers to engage in a Private Pay arrangement with AAAs remains untapped in Hawaii at this time; however, MCOA plans to implement this option in FY 14. When a senior's income/assets are above the established threshold to receive publicly funded in-home services, MCOA will offer the option for individuals and families to purchase services through MCOA rather than arranging for each needed service with the appropriate agency that provides those services. This is a win/win situation as seniors receive necessary services without the hassle of having to obtain and maintain these services personally, and the AAA receives a slight administrative fee to manage those services.

So, while the numbers of seniors is rising and those seniors are living longer, the future of the home and community based service delivery system through the ADRC is very bright indeed.

The ADRC protocols have increased system efficiency and have eased the task of obtaining in-home services. In order to develop a proactive system that keeps pace with the booming elder population, full support of the ADRC is necessary.

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

Twenty-Seventh Legislature
Regular Session of 2013

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Committee on Finance

Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair

Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

Rep. Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice Chair

State Capitol, Conference Room 308

Wednesday, February 20, 2013; 2:00 p.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON H.B. 1432, HD1
RELATING TO AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTERS**

The ILWU Local 142 strongly supports H.B. 1432, HD1, which appropriates funds to support a statement Aging and Disability Resource Center with sites in each county.

The ILWU has 20,000 members statewide, many of whom are caring for elderly parents or will be 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 in every county 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 H.B. 1432, HD1. Thank you for the opportunity to offer our support for this measure.

TO : HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair

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

HEARING: 2:00 pm Wednesday, February 20, 2013
Conference Room 308, Hawaii State Capitol

SUBJECT: HB 1432 HD1 Relating to Aging and Disability Resource Centers

POSITION: **The Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs supports HB 1432 HD1** which appropriates funds to support statewide Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC's) in each county to streamline access to long-term supports and services for older adults, persons with disabilities, and family caregivers. We are offering an amendment to change the amount of the appropriation to \$1.8 million.

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.

The ADRC's will provide a single access to reach needed long-term care supports and services for older adults, persons with disabilities, and family caregivers. These Centers will ease the access to services for persons in need and also bring greater coordination and efficiency to long-term care services.

The appropriation will enable the counties to continue implementing a five-year plan for all counties to reach the criteria for fully functioning ADRC's. Maui County has recently achieved this goal and is now able to access federal funds from the Affordable Care Act as well as additional Medicaid funds and other grants. Thus, the state has an incentive to bring all counties up to the fully functioning level which enables them to access federal funds to cover a significant portion of their operating costs. |

The Governor included \$1.4 million in the proposed budget. However, we request that this amount be amended to \$1.8 million, which was the original request of the Executive Office on Aging to maintain implementation of the five-year plan on schedule.

Thank you for allowing me to testify on this bill.



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Rep. Sylvia Luke Chair

February 20, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. (Agenda #1)
Conference Room 308

Supporting HB 1432 HD 1: Relating to 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 HB 1432 HD 1, which appropriates funds for the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC).

Our large elderly population indicates that Hawaii is a healthy state. But at the same time, there is a clear relationship between age and the prevalence of chronic conditions and level of disability. The elderly are the heaviest users of health care resources, particularly long term care.

The ADRC helps older adults, individuals with disabilities, and family caregivers find options for long-term care and support services available to them in Hawaii. The ADRC helps people determine if they are eligible for government-paid programs. If they are not eligible, the ADRC helps people find private-pay providers. The ADRC also helps people develop plans for meeting their long term care needs. Much of the information provided by the ADRC is easily accessible on its website.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB1432 HD 1.

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Patrick Callahan	AARP	Support	No

Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB 1432 HD1 Relating to Aging and Disability Resource Centers. My name is Patrick and I live in Kailua Kona on the Big Island. The passage of this bill is vital as seniors need all the support they can get from Hawaii government. My mother died in Hawaii in 1993, and she did not receive any assistance from the Hawaii government, we paid for her to go to the Kona Adult Day Care Center, a private operation.

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Comments: To: Committee on Finance, Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair Date: Wednesday, February 20, 2013, State Capitol Conference Room 308, 2:00 p.m. Re: HB 1432 HD1 - Relating to Aging & Disability Resource Centers Chair Luke and Committee Members: Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB 1432 HD1 Relating to Aging and Disability Resource Centers. My name is Nancy and I am a retired teacher and live in Kailua Kona on the Big Island. The passage of this bill is vital as seniors need all the support they can get from Hawaii government.

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To: Committee on Finances, Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair;
Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair and Representative Aaron Ling
Johanson, Vice Chair and Committee Members

Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2013, Conference Room 308, 2:00
p.m.

Re: HB 1432, Relating to Aging and Disability Resource Centers
Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson and Committee
Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in
STRONG SUPPORT of HB1432, HD1, Relating to Aging and
Disability Resource Centers. My name is Barbara J. Service and
I am an AARP volunteer who lives in Senate District 8 and
Representative District 19.

ADRC's provide a "one-stop shop" for families trying to navigate
long-term options and make appropriate decisions for their
aged or disabled loved ones. At this time, only Maui has a fully-
functional ADRC. Please assure that there is sufficient funding
to ensure that this invaluable resource can be provided to
Hawaii's families statewide.

I urge your yes vote on HB1432, HD1

Barbara J. Service

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To: Committee on Finance
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair

Date: February 20, 2013, Conference Room 308, 2:00 p.m.

Re: **HB 1432 HD1 – RELATING TO AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTERS**

Chair Luke and Committee Members:

My name is Steve Tam, Director of Advocacy for AARP Hawaii. AARP is a membership organization of people 50 and older with nearly 150,000 members in Hawaii. AARP fights on issues that matter to Hawaii families, including the high cost of long-term care; 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 HB 1432 HD1 - Relating to Aging and Disability Resource Centers. This bill appropriates funds to support a statewide aging and disability resource center with sites in each county.

ADRCs are intended to streamline access to long-term supports and services for older adults, persons with disabilities, and caregivers. The ADRC is a navigational tool that connects individuals to appropriate long-term care options. Hawaii's ADRC program is in various stages of development in each county. ADRCs are operational in Hilo and Maui, and are scheduled for implementation in Kauai later this year, and expansion to Kona and Oahu in 2015.

The Administration budget bill, HB200, includes \$1.4 million for each year of the fiscal biennium. We are requesting that \$1.8 million be appropriated for the continued implementation and expansion of ADRCs for each of fiscal years 2013-2014 and 2014-2015.

ADRCs are in need of improvement. AARP's recently published State Long-Term Services and Support Scorecard ranks Hawaii 41st in ability to access long-term care through an ADRC.¹ 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 options. Critical to the success of an ADRC is ensuring the availability and funding of services (e.g., Kupuna Care) when individuals are directed to them. Otherwise, consumers will be increasingly frustrated when referred to services, and only to find out that they are not available.

We urge you to support seniors by passing HB 1432 HD1 as it funds safety net programs that support our most vulnerable population – the elderly, caregivers, and seniors.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

¹ AARP 2011 State Long-Term Services and Supports Scorecard

To: Committee on Finance, Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair

Date: Wednesday, February 20, 2013, State Capitol Conference Room 308, 2:00 p.m.

Re: HB1432 HD1 - Relating to Aging & Disability Resource Center

Chair Sylvia Luke and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB1432 Relating to Aging & Disability Resource Centers. My name is Steve Godzsak, a retiree living in Hilo.

We live in an era of unprecedented change affecting just about every facet in our lives. Keeping up with all these changes is time consuming and difficult - often frustrating. Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) offer a one-stop shop to get accurate, unbiased information on all aspects of life related to aging or living with a disability. These centers are friendly, welcoming places where anyone - individuals, concerned families or friends, or professionals working with issues related to aging or disabilities - can go for information tailored to their situation. The ADRC provides information on a broad range of programs and services, helps people understand the various long term care options available to them, helps people apply for programs and benefits, and serves as the access point for publicly-funded long term care. ADRCs help reduce the stress and frustration in obtaining much needed help.

I urge you to support ADRCs by voting yes on HB1432 HD1.

Steve Godzsak

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Comments: To: Committee on Finance, Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair Date: Wednesday, February 20, 2013, State Capitol Conference Room 308, 2:00 p.m. Re: HB 1432 HD1 - Relating to Aging & Disability Resource Centers Chair Luke and Committee Members: Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB 1432 HD1 Relating to Aging and Disability Resource Centers. My name is Nancy and I am a retired teacher and live in Kailua Kona on the Big Island. The passage of this bill is vital as seniors need all the support they can get from Hawaii government. My mother passed away in Hwaih in 1993, and there was no state program for her. She did enjoy the Kona Adult Day Care Center, but that was a private charity. and we did pay a fee.

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To: Committee on Human Finance, Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair

Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2013, State Capitol Conference Room 308, 2:00 p.m.

Re: HB 1432 HD1 - Relating to Aging & Disability Resource Centers

Chair Luke and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HB 1432 HD1 Relating to Aging and Disability Resource Centers. My name is Chalintorn N. Burian, and I am a retiree, who live in the Paauiilo-Mauka area, on the Big Island (Hawaii). The passage of this bill is vital as:

- My mother, who has Parkinson's Disease, is 90 years old. My husband is 75 years old. I am 66 years old. We struggle to find out about the resources and services that are available for people like my mother. It is difficult to find out who to call for help. An ADRC is needed in my community for people like me so I can find help, as needed.

-There is currently only one ADRC on the Big Island (in Hilo), which is far from where I live. Since ADRCs would help providing information about long-term care options and eligibility for me and my family, like a "one stop shop," we need to have more ADRCs on the Big Island. More access to ADRCs will lessen frustration and help consumers develop a long-term care plan for family members or loved ones.

I urge you to support seniors by voting **YES** on HB 1432 HD1.

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I am writing this testimony in support of HB1432. It is of no surprise that our elderly population will be expanding exponentially as the Baby Boomers begin to reach the age of retirement. It is therefore of critical importance that we not only take intentional steps towards ensuring we have adequate care set up for this expansion, but also in ensuring our elderly and *kupuna* have access to the resources and support they need in order to thrive in their later years. As such, this bill is critical to the quality of life of our elders and it is a step in the right direction to ensuring our state is properly equipped to support this expected drastic growth.

To this day, the elderly population faces discrimination and marginalization as we as a society continuously underestimate the worth and respect this diverse group deserves. While other minority groups have been widely recognized as being disempowered and have thus received much needed support and attention, the aging population continues to be a minority group that is “okay” to openly oppress and discriminate against. Take a walk down the greeting card aisle of any store and notice the widely displayed examples of ageism. You’ll see cards emblazoned with “Happy birthday ya old fart!” and “What’s another year when you’re almost dead?” While it was once acceptable to also make fun of other oppressed groups such as people of color or homosexuality, one would *never* see this type of unabashed prejudice so unashamedly displayed against these groups today. Interestingly enough however, the one population in which we will all be able to identify with someday is the only group we seem to think is acceptable to openly degrade and devalue. This messaging is pervasive and in my opinion, unacceptable.

I believe HB1432 to be an imperative step for the future of us all. God-willing, we will all be a part of the elderly population one day and I believe it is safe to assume we will want our value judged not on age or beauty, but on our inherent worth as human beings. My sincere hope is that the passing of this bill will be a positive step towards ending ageism as it will serve as an example of the value we place in supporting our aging population. By including a resource center for senior citizens in each county of the state of Hawai’i, we are taking a pro-active step in ensuring even ourselves will someday have access to information and support we might not otherwise have access to.

Sincerely,

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Testimony in Support of HB 1432 HD1

TO: Committee on Finance, Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair

DATE: February 19, 2013

SUBJECT: HB 1432, HD 1 – Relating to Aging and Disability Resource Centers

Aloha, Chair Luke and Committee Members –

Thank you for providing the opportunity for citizens to submit written testimony via the Internet. This truly enables greater citizen participation in the legislative process.

I am writing in strong support of HB 1432, HD 1, Relating to Aging and Disability Resource Centers. My name is Kathy Jaycox. I am a senior citizen, living alone. Although I am fortunate enough to have private long-term disability insurance, I realize that many seniors have not had the opportunity to purchase such insurance, or even to understand the need for such insurance.

Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC's) would help **many** consumers – not only those of advanced age, but also the family members who care for them. These centers provide help by providing information about long-term care options and about the eligibility for various services.

I have helped three family members face their final days as hospice patients. And while hospice agencies provide an incredible service to patients and their families, their services are limited to those whose life expectancies have already been identified as six months or less. Meanwhile, thousands of Hawai'i's people may face years of living with serious disabilities that prevent them from caring for themselves. Often, individuals in such situations have no idea where to turn for help, nor do their family members – who may want to help, but don't know how. The existence of ADRC's can help individual consumers and their family members to develop long-term care plans, and thus to avoid the frustration that so often accompanies both patients and caregivers in long-term illnesses.

I urge you to support HB 1432 HD1 by voting yes.

Kathy Jaycox
Kailua

TO: Honorable Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair
Members of the House Finance Committee

DATE: Wednesday, February 20, 2013
PLACE: State Capitol Conference Room 308
TIME: 2:00 pm
SUBJECT: Testimony in support of HB 1432 HD 1 Relating to Aging and Disability
Resource Center (ADRC)

I am in very strong support of HB 1432 HD 1 Relating to the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC).

ADRC would help consumers, family caregivers and everyone in Hawaii's community to access valuable information about long-term care options and eligibility. Many seniors, disabled persons, and family caregivers would definitely utilize the information that ADRC would provide.

Project Dana, a volunteer caregivers program has witnessed so many older adults, disabled persons and family caregivers struggle for resources and a "one stop shop" would help everyone.

ADRC plays a vital role in maintaining Hawaii's aging population to live happily and safe in their homes.

Please support HB 1432, HD 1.

Thank you very much

Rose Nakamura,

Project Dana