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HB1432, HD1 Relating to Aging and Disability Resource Centers.

Friday, March 22, 2013; 9:00 a.m.; Conference Room 221

St. Francis Hospice supports HB1432, HD1. This bill appropriates funds for the establishment of Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) statewide.

Honolulu County is projected to have an ADRC by 2015. We look forward to partnering with the City and County of Honolulu's Elderly Affairs Division (EAD) when they begin implementing the plan to become a "fully functioning" ADRC. It is at that point in time when we expect to find solutions to the challenges in streamlining our operations and integrating our systems.

We look forward to the newly developed information technology that will allow the sharing of core data among the Executive Office on Aging, the county offices on aging, and all service providers. This new system will enable all care providers (whether or not these vendors are not-for-profit or for-profit organizations, small or large organizations, or contracted service providers of Kupuna Care) access to consumer records. Also, the ADRC will automate referrals to the system, which will be of great value to service providers.

St. Francis Hospice is happy to partner with EAD and fellow service providers in realizing the vision of the ADRC in Honolulu County and to provide a seamless continuum of care to one's end-of-life.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Comments: SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS Senator David Ige, Chair March 22, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. Conference Room 211 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, a majority of home health agencies and hospices, as well as long term care facilities and other health care organizations. Our members contribute significantly to Hawaii's economy by employing nearly 20,000 people statewide, delivering quality care to the people of Hawaii. Thank you for this opportunity to comment 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 comment in support of HB 1432 HD 1.

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To: Committee on Ways and Means
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair

Date: Friday, March 22, 2013, Conference Room 211, 9:00 a.m.

Re: HB1432 HD1 – Relating to Aging and Disability Resource Centers

Chair Ige 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 Mark Crumpton and I am Social Work Student at Hawaii Pacific University and live in the Puck's Alley area of Honolulu. The passage of this bill is vital as:

ADRC'S PROVIDE A CENTRAL LOCATION FOR ASSISTANCE AND PROVIDES A MUCH NEEDED RESOURCE FOR
CAREGIVERS

Recently, I have experienced both directly and indirectly the stress and anxiety of caring for a loved one who required long term care. My family did not learn of the ADRC until AFTER our crisis had past and we lost our beloved family members and friend. As we prepare for the possibility of needing long term care services and information in the future, it is our sincere hope that there will be both a location and personnel that will help us and our loved ones navigate the deluge of rules and regulations during our time of greatest need.

As everyday citizens and proud residents of this beautiful State, we urge that our elected officials of the State Of Hawaii to continue to provide assistance to those of us who are suffering or are vulnerable. Without the services of the ADRC's, the plethora of health information, insurance requirements and changes in healthcare will prove insurmountable to families whose main concern during crisis is caring for our aging family members.

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

Mark Crumpton

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