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HB 1432, RELATING TO AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTERS.

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

Tuesday, February 12, 2013; Conference Room 329

11:00 a.m.

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:** EOA, along with four county offices on aging, is striving to develop
8 the statewide ADRC to achieve fully functional status as defined by the U.S. Administration on
9 Community Living. Our vision for ADRCs are to serve every community as a highly trusted
10 source where people of all incomes and ages can get information on the full range of long term
11 support options and act a single point of entry for access to public long term support programs and
12 benefits.

1 In 2011 we developed a Five-Year ADRC Implementation Plan to roll out fully functional
2 ADRC operations sequentially in each county until full statewide operations are achieved in 2016.
3 EOA contracts with a highly skilled systems change developer, HCBS Strategies, to facilitate and
4 provide technical assistance to transform existing business operations at EOA and the four county-
5 based Area Agencies on Aging to create the fully functioning ADRC.

6 The appropriations will be used to (1) maintain the statewide operations and management
7 information systems, (2) maintain ongoing operating expenses of the two ADRC sites that are
8 fully functional (Maui and Kauai), and (3) increase personnel at the two remaining ADRC sites
9 that are not in compliance with the fully functional status. All personnel at the four ADRC sites
10 will provide intake, referrals, options counseling, and targeting a triage for long term services and
11 supports. ADRC site personnel will provide an in-home assessment and will create a person-
12 centered support plan for the individuals. When appropriate, ADRC site personnel will assist
13 older adults who are eligible for publicly funded services such as Kupuna Care.

14 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Testifier's Name: Gary Simon
Chair, Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs

Testimony Is Directed To: House Committee on Human Services
House Committee on Health

Measure: HB1432 RELATING TO AGING AND DISABILITY
RESOURCE CENTERS

Date & Time of Hearing: Tuesday, February 12, 2013, 11:00 a. m.

Position: PABEA strongly supports HB1432

Dear Chair Carroll, Vice Chair Kobayashi, Chair Au Belatti, Vice Chair Morikawa, and Honorable Members of the House Committee on Human Services and Honorable Members of the House Committee on Health:

I am Gary Simon, Chair of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA), which is an appointed board tasked with advising the Executive Office on Aging (EOA).

I am testifying as an individual who has worked in healthcare for over twenty-five years, and I am offering testimony on behalf of PABEA.

My testimony does not represent the views of the EOA but of PABEA.

PABEA wholeheartedly supports HB1432.

In collaboration and partnerships between the State Executive Office on Aging and the county Area Agencies on Aging, Hawaii continues to develop one-stop resource centers in each county for long term care information and services for the aged and disabled population.

The ADRCs are good programs (helping older adults and the disabled find options for care and support) based upon good policy (protecting the health and welfare of our elders and our disabled). Continuing development of the ADRCs in our communities will benefit residents throughout the State.

We urge you to support HB1432 and to recommend its passage, and we thank you for seriously considering the Bill.

Very sincerely,



Gary Simon
Chair, Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
Rep. Mele Carroll, Chair

February 12, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.
Conference Room 329

Supporting HB 1432: 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, 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.



To: Committee on Human Services
Representative Mele Carroll, Chair

Committee on Health
Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair

Date: February 12, 2013, Conference Room 329, 11:00 a.m.

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

Chair Carroll, Chair Belatti 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 - 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.

AARP proposes that the following friendly amendment to HB 1432:

Section 1, paragraph 1 be amended as follows:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the executive office on aging of the department of health to support programs and services that support the State's elderly population including a statewide aging and disability resource center with sites in each county, and the kupuna care program.

Kupuna Care is a state funded program designed to help non-Medicaid eligible, elderly residents so that they can continue living at home instead of institutional facilities. Kupuna Care assists families by providing a variety of different caregiving and support services.

We urge you to support seniors by passing HB 1432 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.

To: Committee on Human Services, Representative Mele Carroll, Chair and Committee on Health, Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair

Date: Tuesday, February 12, 2013, Conference Room 329, 11:00 a.m.

Re: HB 1432, Relating to Aging and Disability Centers

Chair Carroll, Chair Au Belatti and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written in STRONG SUPPORT of HB1432, Relating to Aging and Disability Resource Centers. My name is Barbara J. Service and I am an AARP volunteer who lives in SD8 and RD 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. Maui already has a fully-functional ADRC and Hilo has an office. Please assure that there is sufficient funding so that the entire state is able to proceed with this invaluable resource for our families.

I urge your yes vote on HB1432.

Barbara J. Service

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To: Committee on Human Services, Representative Mele Carroll, Chair
Committee on Health, Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair

Date: Tuesday, February 12, 2013, State Capitol Conference Room 329, 11:00a.m.

Re: HB 1432 – Relating to Aging & Disability Resource Centers

Chair Carroll, Chair Belatti and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HB 1432 Relating to Aging and Disability Resource Centers. My name is Rochelle Ribbentrop. I am a retired nurse living on Hawaii Island. The passage of this bill is vital as:

Because many services are housed under one roof, ADRCs are better able to assist members of the community with issues such as long-term care and eligibility. They lessen the frustration and remove the mystique of long-term care planning.

We are fortunate on Hawaii Island because we have an ADRC. It is such an asset to our community. Many services are available under one roof. It also serves as a venue for classes and presentations to the community, both seniors and issues related to our aging population as well as residents planning for the future.

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

Rochelle Ribbentrop
Volcano, Hawaii Island

To: Committee on Human Services, Representative Mele Carroll, Chair

Committee on Health, Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair

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

Chair Carroll, Chair Belatti and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HB 1432 Relating to Aging and Disability Resource Centers. My name is Chalintorn N. Burian, and I am a retiree, who live in the Paauilo-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.

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I stand in strong support of HB1432 for funding of Kupuna Care and the ADRC. I am seventy-seven years old and a widow who has no family in Hawaii so I have a very good chance of needing these services in the near future. The state faces a "Silver Tsunami" with a great increase in the aging population!

Laura Horigan

I live at Zip 96826

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Comments: I live in Hilo and we have an ADRC office. I do think that these should be more wide spread in the islands. It is an invaluable resource.for our community of seniors

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Troy Abraham	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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