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Testimony in **support** of HB200  
Relating to the State Budget

Committee on Finance  
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Representative Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
Representative Aaron Johanson, Vice Chair

March 6, 2013  
2:00 pm Room 308

Chair Luke, Vice-Chair Nishimoto, Vice-Chair Johanson, and members of the Finance Committee:

The Office of the Governor **supports** House Bill 200, Relating to the State Budget. This measure appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for Fiscal Years 2013-2014 and 2014-2015.

When our Administration first took office, the State was facing a \$1.3 billion shortfall in its budget. Through collaborative efforts and shared sacrifice, the State ended Fiscal Year 2012-2013 with a \$275 million general fund balance.

As introduced, HB200 provided for many New Day Initiatives to grow a sustainable and diverse economy, invest in Hawaii's people, and transform government into an efficient and effective enterprise. We note that the Legislature held numerous budget briefings at the beginning of the year regarding the Executive Biennium Budget submittal, which afforded departments the opportunity to submit information regarding their budget and the Legislature the opportunity to ask questions regarding departments' budgets.

We recognize the challenges faced by the Legislature in dealing with the budget, amidst the uncertainty of the impact of federal sequestration and public sector collective bargaining. The Administration is ready to work with the Legislature for a better future for the state of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



*The Judiciary, State of Hawai'i*

**Testimony to the House Committee on Finance**

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

Wednesday, March 6, 2013 2:00 p.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

by  
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**Bill No. and Title:** House Bill No. 200, Relating to the State Budget.

**Purpose:** Appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2013-2014 and 2014-2015.

**Judiciary's Position:**

Although the Judiciary does not take a position on the overall Executive Budget, we would like to express our strong support for the Department of Public Safety (PSD) request for 16 additional deputy sheriff positions for court security, as noted on Budget Worksheets detailing PSD 503's request for new positions (SEQ#92-001, 92-002 and 92-003):

FY 2014: 16.0 positions, \$514,426 general funds  
FY 2015: 16.0 positions, \$845,299 general funds

The Judiciary is committed to making its facilities accessible and efficient to court users and the general public; however, the ability to maintain statewide building security and workplace safety is of great concern to the Judiciary. The approval of these 16 new sheriff positions is a critical start to increasing sheriff deputy staffing statewide at our Courthouse facilities and will significantly help to address current vulnerabilities and enhance safety for all Judiciary staff and the general public who visit our court facilities.

A significant safety and security need at each Court building has been identified to be the magnetometer and/or public access points. The best practice safety and security measure, also endorsed by the National Center for State Courts (NCSC), requires that at least one uniformed deputy sheriff must be assigned to each magnetometer and/or each main public ingress/egress





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location within each Court building. This recommendation is critical as the first line of response to deter and/or stop persons who attempt to bring weapons, explosives, etc., into the Court buildings. As such, to mitigate these threats and/or any event involving a disruptive person, an immediate response by law enforcement personnel is necessary. The positions, if approved by the Legislature, will provide this essential coverage for most of the Judiciary's courthouses throughout the State.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 200.



**TESTIMONY OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE, 2013**

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**ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:**

H.B. NO. 200, RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

**BEFORE THE:**

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 6, 2013 **TIME:** 2 p.m.

**LOCATION:** State Capitol, Room 308

**TESTIFIER(S):** David M. Louie, Attorney General, or  
David T. Moore, Administrative Services Manager

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Chair Luke and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General strongly supports this bill.

Economic conditions and consequent restrictions in funding have adversely impacted the ability of the Department to properly respond to the legal needs of our client agencies. The Department has had to fulfill its mission with numerous vacant positions as a result of the high level of budgeted vacancy savings. Because our vacancy savings are budgeted at 17.8 percent of payroll, the Department is stretched thinner than it should optimally be to respond to our clients' legal needs. This can result in longer times for deputies to respond to clients and an increase in the number of pending assignments at any given time.

Because of the critical nature of their work and the requirements to adhere to standards of professional conduct, Deputy Attorneys General often work long hours and weekends, as necessary, to manage their caseloads. The increased work load, along with past furlough days, the current 5 percent salary reduction, and a lack of adequate clerical staff support decreases the attorneys' efficiency. These circumstances have contributed to some deputies leaving the Department, thus creating a loss of critical knowledge and/or skills, and have hampered our ability to hire appropriate personnel with the requisite knowledge skills and experience to fill vacancies. Several former deputies have indicated that the effect of pay reductions to their salaries contributed to their decision to leave the Department. Recently, a number of very well qualified applicants have indicated that they chose not to pursue the available positions because the pay, after the 5% reductions, was lower than expected. The result is fewer qualified candidates and a significant delay in filling the vacancies that have been approved to fill.

Specifically, some current delays in our services to our clients are due to an inability to fill positions. Deputies who usually serve other clients are temporarily handling some of the workload of different clients, but the work takes longer because their experience is primarily with their main clients.

We note that the Department continues to lose attorneys to the county prosecutors and Corporation Counsel offices that on average pay about \$10,000 - \$15,000 (13% to 20%) more.

Although everyone has been doing the best they can under the circumstances, because of the decreased manpower and the increased volume of work, our deputies are faced with more cases, more deadlines, and more trials and hearings with less time to prepare and handle the cases or matters. At some point, this may result in adverse results in state matters and/or litigation.

For these reasons, the Department of the Attorney General respectfully requests this Committee to pass this bill.



STATE OF HAWAII  
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**Date:** 03/06/2013

**Committee:** House Finance

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

**Title of Bill:** HB 0200 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

**Purpose of Bill:** Appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2013-2014 and 2014-1015.

**Department's Position:**

The Department of Education (DOE) appreciates the continued support of education priorities.

The DOE's budget request was developed using the instructions issued by the Department of Budget and Finance in Finance Memorandum 12-12. The first general policy of that memorandum defined how department's budget ceiling for FY14 and FY15 were being established and stating that, "departments are authorized and encouraged to recommend trade-offs and transfers within and among programs under their purview to reflect the department's current priorities and changing conditions." The DOE gave considerable thought and effort to realign budget priorities to align funding for key items in support of the implementation of the Hawaii State Board of Education and Department of Education Strategic Plan: student success, staff success and successful systems of support. The DOE also focused funding in the second year of the biennium to continue reform efforts started by Race to the Top (RTTT), since that grant funding ends September 2014. We request that all internal transfers be included in the House Draft of HB200.

Additional funding requests include:

- \$12,857,918 for the Weighted Student Formula to fund projected enrollment increase of almost 3,000 students in FY13-14, with a reduction of \$1,897,428 in FY14-15 due to the change in kindergarten entry age resulting in approximately 5,100 less students.

- Position requests with no request for additional funding that will focus in the areas of enhancing Autism Centers of Excellence, expand technology support to complex areas and increasing effective communication to schools and community.

- \$29,375,000 over the biennium for the Common Core Digital Curriculum initiative to fund a portion of the curriculum that is aligned to the new common core standards and provide equal access to digital curriculum.

- \$1,000,000 in each year of the biennium to develop, administer, score and report on the assessment in the Hawaiian language aligned with the Common Core State Standards for 3rd and 4th graders at the DOE Hawaiian Immersion schools.

- \$271,014 in each year of the biennium for the Athletics program to ensure quality and accessibility to co-curricular programs.



STATE OF HAWAII  
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TESTIMONY  
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TO THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE  
ON  
FINANCE  
ON  
March 6, 2013

RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Luke and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 200. The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) strongly supports H.B. 200.

We ask for the Finance Committee's favorable consideration of the following budget requests:

1. Five (5) general funded requests for (1) the State Risk Management Office to ensure continued insurance coverage for property, liability and crime policies (\$1.7 million in FY 2014 and \$3 million in FY 2015); (2) the Accounting Division for permanent staff (two accountants) to complete the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report also referred to as the CAFR (\$97,000 in FY 2014 and \$49,000 in FY 2015); (3) the State Archives for the completion of the digital archives project (\$263,000 in FY 2014) and two requests from the Information and Communication Services Division (ICSD) for staff (four positions) and replacement of software which will be unsupported in 2014 (\$232,000 in FY 2014 and \$219,000 in FY 2015).

2. CIP budget requests: DAGS CIP biennium budget of \$104.3 million (excluding the Chief Information Officer's CIP requests for \$60 million) for key items are \$14.7 million for staff costs (\$7.37 million annually); \$29 million for lump sum maintenance of existing facilities; \$23 million for health and safety initiatives at Aloha Stadium; \$15.6 million for health and safety ICSD radio initiatives; \$9 million to replace and reconstruct the facade on the fifth floor of the State Capitol; \$4.4 million to replace the State Capitol roof; \$5.7 million for health and safety renovations at Washington Place; and \$3 million for two lump sum requests for advanced planning for statewide space requirements and upgrade of state-owned offices to facilitate transitions from leased to owned space.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



**DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS,  
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Statement of  
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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**  
Wednesday, March 6, 2013  
2:00 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

in consideration of  
**HB 200**  
**RELATING TO STATE BUDGET.**

Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, and Members of the Committee.  
Thank you for this opportunity to testify on the budget you are proposing to send to the Senate for its consideration.

### **Hawaii Economic Conditions**

As the State's Economic Analysis Center, we believe it's appropriate to emphasize that Hawaii's economy continues to recover from the current recession. The visitor and construction industries are enjoying a strong rebound; and despite the Federal sequester, we are still expecting positive growth this year.

### **Investment Funding**

Our first priority in this legislative session is an effort to establish privately managed investment programs that will form the foundation for supporting entrepreneurial high growth companies in Hawaii.

Both the current Federal support and the Legislative appropriation from last year are one time grants. We are seeking additional resources of \$10 million in each year of the biennium budget to establish a longer-term investment initiative.

## **Administrative Support**

We are requesting a Contracts Specialist position and attendant funding to meet the department's priority of transparent procurement procedures.

This position will provide support to the Contracts Section, which oversees the State Procurement Office's delegation of procurement, training, Electronic Procurement System, Posting and Notices System, contracts and administration, internal post-procurement checks and balances, and other related procurement matters.

## **Research Funding**

DBEDT's request for \$200,000 for research and economic analysis will be used to fill part of the gap left when the Federal government terminated the Honolulu Consumer Expenditure in 2005, terminated the Economic Census in 2007, and terminated the Federal Government Expenditures report in 2010.

These reports provided critical data needed to build models (such as the Input-Output Model) to measure the impacts of economic activities.

In addition, without the Federal spending data, we will not be able to measure the contribution of the Federal government in Hawaii; and without the Economic Census, state analysts will not be able to measure the status and changes in the State's industrial structure or measure industry performance.

## **Research Support**

DBEDT's request for \$70,686 will be used to cover the shortfall in wage and salaries which was cut by the legislature in 2011 in the Research and Economic Analysis Division. The funds will be used to fill a vacant position and to cover the cost of reallocating a Secretary II (SR 14) to a Secretary III position (SR 16).

## **Trade Export Program**

DBEDT's request for \$250,000 is the State's matching portion of a federal US Small Business Administration grant of \$703,000 and for a grant request for next fiscal year. This grant is to increase the number of exporters from Hawaii and to increase the dollar amount of exports from Hawaii. The grant will provide export and training workshops to over 100 Hawaii companies and trade show participation for more than 70 Hawaii companies.

## **Hawaii Fashion Month**

The Business Development and Support Division launched an overall campaign called "Buy Hawaii, Give Aloha" as an umbrella tag-line for its products and export marketing campaign for this year. The focus is on fashion, gift products and natural products from Hawaii. It will encompass overseas trade shows, local trade shows and promotional



support for locally made products and services. We are specifically asking for \$50,000 to support Hawaii Fashion month to increase sales and awareness of Hawaii made fashions, and grow that industry in Hawaii.

**Administrative Support (Creative Industries Division)**

We are asking for \$25,668 to hire an Office Assistant III to clear the backlog of administrative tasks in the Hawaii Film Office.

**Administrative Support (Energy Security Special Fund)**

The State Energy Office is requesting a total of \$5.79 million in each year of the biennium budget, which includes \$1.95 million for positions and funding for the Energy Security Special Fund in order to continue the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative.

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I would like to thank the Committee for your time and your staff's research into our budget needs. I look forward to working with the Legislature as the budget process proceeds.



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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
TWENTY-SEVENTH STATE LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2013

Wednesday, March 6, 2013  
2:00 P.M.

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 200, RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.**

TO THE HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

I am Keali'i S. Lopez, Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department") testifying in support of the Department's fiscal biennium 2013-2015 budget request.

While the Committee has already received the Department's budget requests as set forth in its budget briefing documents, I would like to highlight and provide greater detail regarding certain specific requests.

- 1. CCA102/FA. \$2,000,000 (FY14) Cable Division request to provide up to \$2 million from INET funds to the neighbor island counties to support and promote broadband deployment.**

HRS 440G-11.5 requires the Department to support the efforts of both public and private entities in Hawaii to enhance or facilitate the deployment of, and access to, competitively priced, advanced electronic communications services, including broadband and advocate for, and facilitate the development and deployment of,

expanded broadband applications, programs, and services that will bolster the usage of and demand for broadband level telecommunications. With the assistance of the Broadband Assistance Advisory Council (“BAAC”) and ARRA grant planning funds, the Department completed its Hawaii Broadband Strategic Plan, and has commenced with the planning of its two remaining grant projects, which include activities to increase deployment and adoption of broadband at both the State and local levels.

Consistent with these projects and statutory duties, the Cable Television Division (“CATV”) of the Department will in this calendar year identify and prioritize infrastructure and adoption activities, and plans, in cooperation with State and local entities, to begin work on specific projects by the third quarter of this year. The Department is requesting use of CATV funds designated for Broadband and Institutional Network purposes to work with the individual counties, on specific projects. Because these projects will be identified with the input of the individual mayors and county councils, and reviewed by BAAC, the unique circumstances present in, and priorities, of the respective counties, the project for each county is likely differ. The Department has a unique role in broadband adoption that is tied to its regulatory authority over INET under Chapter 440G. This work will be conducted in collaboration with the counties, OIMT and other State agencies as needed, OIMT in particular has the lead on the Governor’s Hawaii Broadband Initiatives (“HBI”), and these projects do not and will not duplicate OIMT’s efforts, but will be leveraged to support and complement OIMT’s plans.

As noted in the Hawaii Broadband Strategic Plan (December 2012 “Plan”)<sup>1</sup> the Hawaii Broadband Task Force recommends that the State make a substantial commitment and investment in broadband programs and applications in sectors that government operates or influences: energy, education, public safety, health care, government services, and civic engagement. These broadband based services and applications should be targeted to increase the State’s efficiency and ability to deliver an enhanced level of services to Hawaii residents. See, Plan at page 92.

This budget request supports the Plan recommendation by targeting support for neighbor island county broadband initiatives. The Department has met with all of the

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<sup>1</sup> [http://hawaii.gov/dcca.com/broadband/arra-1/Hawaii\\_Broadband\\_Strategic\\_Plan\\_Dec\\_2012.pdf](http://hawaii.gov/dcca.com/broadband/arra-1/Hawaii_Broadband_Strategic_Plan_Dec_2012.pdf)

neighbor island counties to begin the discussion of each counties specific needs and priorities. The Department will pursue projects that address infrastructure deployment or broadband adoption in the counties. With respect to infrastructure projects, CATV will focus on projects that inform the development of legislation, standardized forms, or policies to streamline state and county broadband permitting and approvals processes as well as the pole attachment process. The HBI also charges the Department with these types of activities. In identifying the specific projects to be undertaken, CATV will seek to utilize its regulatory authority under 440G to obtain connectivity for the counties to facilitate specific county broadband projects; utilize the Department's broadband regulatory expertise as a resource to assist the counties to increase the deployment of county broadband infrastructure; and leverage public and private stakeholder expertise available through the participation of the BAAC in DCCA's efforts with respect to the various county broadband projects.

With respect to the adoption of broadband services, CATV will, consistent with its statutory duties, seek projects that will facilitate access by all of Hawaii's citizens as well as those that will increase usage and demand for higher speed connections, such as with expanded broadband applications, programs and services.

The Department has allocated a base amount of \$500,000 for each county with the expectation that some counties will require amounts greater than \$500,000.

**2. CCA 105/GA \$40,000 (FY14) PVL request for ceiling increase in the Contractor Education Trust Fund (T-909) to fund the production and airing of public service announcements that warn consumers about the risks of hiring unlicensed contractors.**

HCR 286 HD1 (2011) called for the creation of a task force to develop a cohesive and collaborative enforcement strategy by civil, criminal and administrative enforcement agencies to address unlicensed contracting activity. Among other things, the task force recommended<sup>2</sup> enhanced public education to make clear that unlicensed contracting is not a "victimless crime" but is in fact criminal conduct. To this end, this budget request is for a ceiling increase in T-909 (Contractor Education Trust Fund) to fund a targeted

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<sup>2</sup> [http://hawaii.gov/dcca/reports/dcca\\_reports/Report-of-the-Unlicensed-Contractor-Law-Enforcement-Task-Force.pdf](http://hawaii.gov/dcca/reports/dcca_reports/Report-of-the-Unlicensed-Contractor-Law-Enforcement-Task-Force.pdf)

(PSA) campaign that is intended to focus on the criminal aspects of unlicensed contracting activity. Select members of the Working Group/Task Force (namely, county prosecutors, a representative from the AG's office, and a representative from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs) would appear in the PSA to warn consumers about the dangers of hiring an unlicensed contractor and reiterate that unlicensed contracting is a crime.

The request for \$40,000 includes \$20,000 for PSA production costs and \$20,000 for airtime which equate to about 200 to 300 runs of the PSAs. These runs would be in addition to free run times that would be leveraged as well as distribution through other free mediums such as internet streaming and community access television.

### **3. CCA191/AA \$100K/\$50K Director's Office request for departmental educational campaign ceiling increase.**

The Department is authorized to develop a strong consumer education program. Haw. Rev. Stat. 26-9(g). While the majority of consumer outreach occurs at the division level, important consumer issues such as scams targeting seniors, deceptive mortgage practices, and financial literacy impact multiple divisions and are more effectively addressed collaboratively rather than on a division-by-division basis. The funds will be used for the production and distribution of content for the department's media campaigns. To expand outreach efforts, the department will be employing different outreach methods, such as the use of print, radio, television, internet and other media. The funds are targeted to be utilized for media production (print, radio, television, etc.), airtime and placement of print ads. As such, a larger amount will be needed for the first year for production costs and the development of content. Funding for the second year will be used for additional printing and distribution of content already generated for the media campaigns.

- For example, the department would address a series of issues facing a target group such as seniors or businesses and would go across divisions. That would most likely be in the form of a printed booklet with distribution through the newspaper, magazines or mailers. Most of the cost would be incurred in the first year with production and initial distribution. Content already created can then be used to do

multiple prints with handouts for related agencies and our education outreach events in subsequent years.

- The Department is aware that increased funding through CCA191 will have an impact on all divisions that contribute to the Department's administrative overhead and by extension, on those licensees whose fees support the Department. The Department however anticipates that the economies of scale that come with a combined educational campaign will produce a more consumer-friendly, consumer-centric and cost effective message than a series of division-specific outreach efforts.

**4. CCA191/AI \$135,700/\$32,000. General Support – Information Systems. Request for FY14 to replace aging hardware.**

ISCO's budget request for FY14 includes the replacement of aging hardware. Replacement of this hardware will provide a faster and safer network environment, and will enable the department to utilize the benefit of OIMT's work to increase network speeds and provide centralized services without a significant impact on performance. Without these upgrades, the network upgrades of ICSD's NGN or One Net would stop at the department's router and faster speeds could not be passed on to user workstations. As OIMT attempts to transition the State to a Consolidated Infrastructure/ Enterprise Shared Services model, having faster network speeds and better performance of these shared services/applications will ensure the success and user adoption of these new programs. It is important to note that these systems and replacements have been and will be coordinated with OIMT, and are not a duplication of the support and services provided by OIMT to the Department.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of the Department's budget requests. My staff and I would be pleased to answer any questions that you might have.



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March 4, 2013

**TESTIMONY TO THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

For Hearing on Wednesday, March 6, 2013  
2:00 p.m., Conference Room 308

BY

BARBARA A. KRIEG  
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**House Bill No. 200**  
**Relating to the State Budget**

TO CHAIRPERSON SYLVIA LUKE AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The purpose of House Bill No. 200 is to appropriate funds for the operating and capital improvement costs for agencies in the Executive Branch for the fiscal biennium 2013-2015.

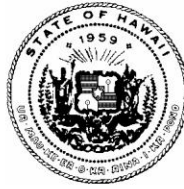
The Department of Human Resources Development (DHRD) strongly supports this measure as it relates to DHRD's two budget requests:

1. HRD102 – Addition of \$457,000 in fiscal year 2014 and \$545,000 in fiscal year 2015 to address increasing workers' compensation costs. Workers' compensation is a statutorily mandated benefit with penalties and fees assessed to employers who do not timely pay their obligations.
2. HRD102 – Addition of six permanent personnel positions and \$153,540 in fiscal year 2014 and \$278,280 in fiscal year 2015 for the Employee Staffing Division to provide more timely and effective recruitment action so State agencies can service the public in a proficient manner.

We are aware of the challenges ahead and remain committed to work with the Legislature to seek solutions that effectively balance short and long term priorities.

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





STATE OF HAWAII  
**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

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March 6, 2013

TO: The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair  
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **H.B. 200 – RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

Hearing: Wednesday, March 6, 2013; 2:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 308, State Capitol

The Department of Human Services (DHS) strongly supports HB 200, which contains Governor Abercrombie's Executive Budget request for the fiscal years 2014 and 2015.

The DHS provided testimony at the Informational Briefing held on January 11, 2013 before the House Committee on Finance on this measure. H.B. 200 reflects the critical budget needs of the DHS, and we seek your full support on this measure.

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



**STATE OF HAWAII**  
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Statement of  
**Hakim Ouansafi**  
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Before the

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

March 6, 2013 2:00 P.M.  
Room 308, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of

**H.B. 200**  
**RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

Honorable Chair Luke and Members of the House Committee on Finance, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comments regarding House Bill (H.B.) 200, relating to the state budget.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) supports enactment of this measure, which appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement costs for agencies in the Executive Branch for the fiscal biennium 2013-2015.

The HPHA asks for the Finance Committee's favorable consideration of a lump sum appropriation for the \$90 million that is budgeted in the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) section of the bill. This will allow the HPHA the flexibility it needs to address the extensive capital need of the agency's housing stock. Currently, it is estimated at approximately \$462 Million, an increase from 2009 estimates of \$350 Million. The HPHA needs the flexibility of lump sum CIP funding, due to the agency's aging inventory, unforeseen costs that might not be accounted for in the future, and to complete projects on a timelier basis. This will allow the HPHA to repair our low-income housing properties quicker, and move more needy families into low-income public housing.

Although we have budgeted for sequestration, we are unsure as to what level of funding the HPHA will receive from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Capital Fund Program in the future. This much needed CIP lump sum funding is needed to bring the HPHA one step closer to bringing its housing inventory up to current on its capital needs.

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The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the House Committee on Finance with the agency's position regarding H.B. 200. We respectfully request the Committee to pass this measure favorably, and thank you very much for your continued support.

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TESTIMONY OF  
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TO THE

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
Wednesday, March 6, 2013  
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H.B. 200

RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Luke, Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 200. The Office of Information Management and Technology (OIMT) strongly supports H.B. 200.

We ask the Committee for its favorable consideration of the following budget requests in support of the State's technology modernization initiative:

1. General fund requests for \$29.73 million in Fiscal Year 2014 and \$29.67 million in Fiscal Year 2015 to:
  - Provide 25 additional positions to manage and support critical programs and projects of the Transformation Plan through collaborative governance and an Enterprise Program Management Office (EPMO);
  - Improve the State's security posture and safeguard its information assets from cyber-threats, cyber-thieves, and attacks;
  - Upgrade the State's technology infrastructure thereby removing single-points of failure that make us particularly vulnerable to catastrophic and irretrievable loss of data and information;
  - Begin consolidation of commonly shared IT services, software, and technology solutions, such as networking, security, cloud computing, email, and help desks to best leverage the State's fiscal resources and invest in our IT knowledge workers; and

- Encourage and increase citizen participation and engagement with State government through the Open Government programs and the development of department mission applications using common software development platforms to provide improved information exchange, accessibility, sharing and interoperability.
2. Capital Improvement Project (CIP) requests for \$30 million in both FY 2014 and FY 2015 to:
- Implement the next phases of the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system, which will provide an integrated, unified solution to financial and budget management, human resources management, payroll, time and attendance, acquisitions management, assets management, and grants management (\$24 million).
  - Plan and design the first phase of the Data Center Consolidation that will ensure continuity of operations (COOP) and disaster recovery (DR) that are vital for the State to deliver its programs and services to the people of Hawaii.

We thank the Legislature for its support of the State's Business and IT/IRM Transformation Plan. The FY 2013 supplemental budget appropriation of \$25 million allowed OIMT to launch foundational proof-of-concept projects that are vital to advancing the Transformation Plan under our Top 10 Enterprise Programs. Our budget requests will continue to move these critical top 10 programs and associated projects forward.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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**Testimony of  
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.  
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on  
FINANCE**

**Wednesday, March 06, 2013  
2:00 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 308**

**In consideration of  
HOUSE BILL 200  
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

House Bill 200 (HB 200) proposes to appropriate funds for the operating and capital improvement budgets of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2013-2014 and 2014-2015. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports this measure.**

**Operating Budget:**

HB 200 proposes to appropriate \$22.2 and \$22.1 million in fiscal years 2014 and 2015 respectively for the Department's operating budget by the following means of financing:

- \$2.5 million in general funds
- \$11 million in special funds
- \$8 million in federal funds
- \$700,000 in interdepartmental funds

The Department's proposed additions are as follows:

- Add 11 temporary positions and special funds for the Watershed Initiative, part of the Governor's New Day in Hawaii Plan (\$8,500,000/\$8,500,000 B).
- Restore funding for the Hawaii Invasive Species Council state programs and projects (\$1,000,000/\$1,000,000A).

- Add general funds to eliminate negative payroll adjustments for the State Parks and Aquatic Resources Divisions. Restore funds for the Supersucker positions (\$711,932/\$711,932A).
- Appropriate funds for Kure Atoll Wildlife Refuge Sanctuary (\$250,000/\$250,000A).
- Appropriate general funds to match \$450,000 in federal aquatic resource management funds to support administration, coordination and strategic planning of the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument's activities with federal and state partners. (\$150,000/\$150,000A).
- Add general funds for the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument (\$50,000/\$50,000A).
- Change the means of financing for 2 Historic Sites Specialist positions from federal to general funds, convert positions from temporary to permanent and add \$20,000 to upgrade positions (\$142,448, \$142,448A).
- Add 3 positions and funds for State Parks and the Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) (\$87,771/169,543).
- Add funds for software licenses and computers for the State Historic Preservation Division (\$62,400/\$44,900A).
- Incorporate the Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement Special Fund established by Act 78, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011, into the Budget Act and increase the expenditure ceiling from \$250,000 to \$550,000.
- Add 25 positions for DOFAW; funds will come from a tradeoff from Other Current Expenses to Personal Services.
- Convert 15 positions from temporary to permanent for DOFAW
- Add 9 new positions and funds for various divisions funded by all means of financing
- Purchase equipment and motor vehicles for DOFAW and State Parks, statewide (\$560,000/\$150,000B).
- Increase various programs special fund expenditure ceiling (\$1,150,000/\$1,350,000).
- Increase federal fund expenditures ceiling for various programs (\$7,982,624/\$7,982,624).

**CIP Budget:**

The Department is also requesting \$68.6 and \$57.7 million in fiscal years 2014 and 2015 respectively for various Capital Improvement Projects, statewide.

Thank you very much for your consideration and the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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**H.B. 200**  
**RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

House Committee on Finance

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** this bill which appropriates funds for our operating and capital improvement budget for fiscal years 2013-2014 and 2014-2015. These funds will allow us to continue daily operations at our facilities, carry out much needed repair and maintenance projects, and continue to execute Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) which are aligned with the Governor's New Day Initiatives.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.





STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 200  
A BILL RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

PRESENTATION TO THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

BY

MAJOR GENERAL DARRYLL D. M. WONG  
ADJUTANT GENERAL

March 6, 2013

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Johanson and members of the House Committee on Finance.

I am Major General Darryll Wong, Adjutant General, State Department of Defense. I am providing written testimony in **SUPPORT** of House Bill 200. Funding from HB 200 will allow the State Department of Defense to continue execution of this administration's New Day Plan, restoring needed services to the general public and providing more timely services to our veterans.

The proposed net increases in the Department's operating budget for Federal and State funds of \$1,747,470 in FY 2014 and \$2,524,578 in FY 2015 will ensure the department's ability to restore and in the case of veterans, increase services that were curtailed in the past.

The CIP request in FY 2014 and FY 2015 for State general obligation bond funds (C) is \$21,286,000, which will bring in matching federal funds of \$37,433,000 (N) for a total of \$58,719,000. This total will support the local economy by creating new jobs, or insuring continued growth in the construction industry.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony that to support this bill.

**NEIL ABERCROMBIE**  
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**TESTIMONY OF RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN  
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**BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2013  
2:00 p.m.  
Room 308**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 200  
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

Chairperson Luke and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 200. This bill appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget for the Fiscal Biennium 13-15. The Department supports this bill.

The Executive budget request includes the restoration of vital positions to provide better direct service to the public and other items to encourage increased food production and the development of alternative energy. Also included in the budget request are funds to repair and expand irrigation systems and other infrastructure to ensure that our farmers have a source of reliable and affordable water to facilitate increased food production within the State.

We realize the budget will continue to undergo further iterations before reaching its final form and look forward to working with the committee to craft a budget that is amenable to all those involved.

Thank you, again, for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 200  
RELATING TO THE  
STATE BUDGET

by  
Ted Sakai, Director  
Department of Public Safety

House Committee on Finance  
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
Representative Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 6, 2013; 2:00 P.M.  
State Capitol, Room 308

Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety **supports** House Bill 200, which reflects the FB 2013-15 Executive Budget Request for operating and capital improvement appropriations for the Department. The Department's budget request supports the Governor's New Day Objective to return inmates from out-of-state facilities, provide our programs with needed resources to help them in their day-to-day operations, proposes trade-off/transfers to realign the budget to further the goals of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative, and makes ceiling adjustments related to federal and other funds. The capital improvement program (CIP) includes a request of \$16 million for each year of the fiscal biennium to fund various needed CIP projects statewide.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



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## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

### HB 200, RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.  
Director of Health

March 6, 2013  
2:00 PM

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports the State budget as proposed by  
2 Governor Abercrombie. The Governor's budget reflects the public health priorities of the DOH and  
3 enables the DOH to provide effective and efficient services to residents and visitors.

4 **Fiscal Implications:** Establishes the Department's budget for the Fiscal Biennium 13-15 and its ability  
5 to effectively carry-out its programmatic responsibilities.

6 **Purpose and Justification:** HB 200, relating to the State Budget, appropriates funding for operating  
7 and capital improvement costs for departments of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2013-2014 and  
8 2014-2015. The funding requests in HB 200 for the DOH address the impact of critical workforce  
9 reductions over the past years that have impacted the Department's ability to fully achieve its overall  
10 mission to monitor, protect and enhance the health of all people in Hawaii through assessment, policy  
11 development and promotion of personal health and well-being and the preservation of a clean, healthy  
12 and natural environment.

13 The planning and development of the DOH budget was done within parameters outlined by the  
14 Administration to accomplish program goals and objectives through critical, high priority items. Budget  
15 requests focused on addressing program deficits, advancing the Governor's New Day Initiatives and the

1 Department's Five Foundations for Healthy Living. The majority of the DOH requests also reflect the  
2 movement of positions consistent with planned restructuring to improve program delivery. These  
3 movements/transfers align personnel and funding in appropriate organizational units to contribute to  
4 overall department operational effectiveness and efficiency.

5 DOH's focus is on rebuilding critical infrastructure within the Department. Program requests and  
6 prioritization are based on the Department's core public health functions, addressing the Governor's New  
7 Day Objectives and in promoting the Department's strategic planning initiatives. The Department's  
8 significant budget requests include funding to support the early childhood initiatives that are high  
9 priority with the Administration requesting increased funding for the Home Visitation Program (\$3.0M  
10 for each year of the FB 13-15) and Early Intervention Services (\$1.3M for each year of the FB 13-15).

11 The DOH is also requesting \$2.7M for each year of the FB for State match funds for the Home and  
12 Community Based Waiver Services program for the Developmental Disabilities Division and funding to  
13 address the aging spectrum of Hawaii's population with funding support for Aging and Disability  
14 Resources Centers (\$1.4M for each year of the FB 13-15) and Kupuna Care (\$4.2M for each year of the  
15 FB 13-15). Funding requests also provide additional resources to address greater demand for current  
16 and emerging department services in the area of environmental health-clean water, vector control and  
17 food inspection.

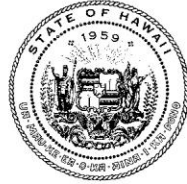
18 The Department's vision remains "Healthy People. Healthy Communities. Healthy Islands." DOH  
19 staffs continue to address the health of our State by doing the greatest good for the greatest number of  
20 people and formulating strategic partnerships to address the needs of our most vulnerable populations.

21 We will continue to advance Hawaii's health agenda through the leveraging of resources and  
22 capitalizing on health reform options with your help and support.

23 Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

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The Honorable Scott Nishimoto, Vice-Chair  
The Honorable Aaron Johanson, Vice-Chair

Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2013  
Time: 2:00 P.M.  
Place: Conference Room 308, State Capitol

From: Frederick D. Pablo, Director  
Department of Taxation

Re: H.B. 200, Relating to the State Budget

The Department of Taxation (Department) **strongly supports** H.B. 200 which funds the operations of the Department and provides for capital improvement funds for its Tax System Modernization (TSM) project.

The Department of Taxation is the only state agency whose primary function is to collect revenue to support all other State operations. For every ½ cent spent to fund the Department, the Department collects \$1 in revenue. This amounts to approximately \$6 billion per year, or over \$15 million per Department employee.

Currently, much of the Department's processes and operations are manual. As a result, the Department's ability to enforce and collect revenue owed to the State is heavily dependent on receiving sufficient funding for staff positions. Experience has shown that there is a direct correlation between Department staffing and revenue collection levels. For example, between 2007 and 2011, the number of cases closed by our Office Audit section dropped from 12,400 to 7,200 cases; the resulting drop in tax assessments went from \$33 million to \$23 million.

At the same time, the Department has been moving forward with its TSM project, which will enable the Department to more efficiently enforce and collect taxes through the use of automation and computer analytics. For those reasons, the Department strongly supports the \$16 million TSM funding in the capital improvement budget, as well as additional operating funds and positions dedicated to the TSM project. Delay or reduction in funding for the TSM will cause a substantial delay in the project. The Department has been diligently preparing for the TSM project since mid-2011 and will be in a position to move forward in FY2014.

The Department urges the Committee to commit sufficient funding for both the ongoing Department revenue collection operations, in addition to funding necessary to develop the TSM project. The ongoing collection effort, through sufficient staffing levels, not only pays for ongoing State programs and operations, but helps fund the cost of the new TSM project. Furthermore, funding for TSM is critical for the transition from our current computer system to a more robust tax enforcement and collection system. Delays in the development of the new system will only cost the state more in the long run in terms of uncollected tax revenues.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

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## Committee on Finance

### HB 200, RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

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

Wednesday, March 6, 2013; Conference Room 308

2:00 p.m.

1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) supports four items in the budget bill:

2 In HTH 904:

3 1. \$1.4 million in each year of the fiscal biennium for the Aging and Disability Resource  
4 Centers.

5 2. An increase of EOA's base budget in each year of the fiscal biennium for Kupuna Care  
6 by \$4.2 million.

7 3. \$80,000 for feasibility study (in FY14) and \$300,000 for an actuarial analysis (in FY15)  
8 for a mandatory social LTC financing system. **EOA would like to recommend that**  
9 **the total amount of \$380,000 be allocated in FY14 rather than sequentially over**  
10 **two years.**

11 In HTH 730:

12 4. \$39,277 (in FY14) and \$78,555 (in FY15) for a Health Educator IV position to focus on  
13 falls prevention for older adults.



1 **Purpose and Justification:** EOA asks for your support for these important initiatives for the  
2 following reasons:

3 **Aging and Disability Resource Centers**

4 An allocation of \$1,400,000 is sufficient to (1) maintain the statewide operations and  
5 management information systems (MIS), (2) maintain ongoing operating expenses of the two  
6 ADRC sites that are fully functional in Maui and Kauai counties, and (3) increase personnel at the  
7 two remaining ADRC sites that are not in compliance with the fully functional status in Hawaii  
8 and Honolulu counties. All personnel at the four ADRC sites will provide intake, referrals,  
9 options counseling, and targeting a triage for long term services and supports. ADRC site  
10 personnel will provide an in-home assessment and will create a person-centered support plan for  
11 the individuals. When appropriate, ADRC site personnel will assist older adults who are eligible  
12 for publicly funded services such as Kupuna Care.

13 The funds are projected to be used as follows:

Line Item	FY14	FY15	Justification
Consultant	\$200,000	\$171,216	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.  Work on the integration of the Veteran’s Health Administration (VA) to deliver home and community supports in conjunction with our ADRC.  Integrate the four county-based data systems into a single statewide ADRC database.  Assist with drawing down Medicaid federal financial participation administrative funds.
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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2 EOA and/or the county offices on aging will be seeking additional federal funding from  
3 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 Community Based Services Program	<p>Payment rates will be established between each Veterans Administration Medical 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>EOA will submit a readiness review in July, 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)	\$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)	Expected receipt of fund disbursements approximately quarterly beginning in October, 2013.

	evaluation and quality improvement.	
Affordable Care Act	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.	In preliminary discussions.

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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	\$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 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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### 5 **Kupuna Care**

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The monthly cost of a semi-private room in a nursing facility is \$9,733<sup>1</sup>, or \$116,800 per year. Approximately 77 people can be served with an annual total budget of about \$9 million.

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An alternative to institutional care is home and community based services. The mission of Kupuna Care is to assist Hawaii’s kupuna to lead independent, meaningful, and dignified lives, by

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<sup>1</sup> Source: 2012 Cost of Care Survey by Genworth Financial. Date accessed July 10, 2012  
[http://www.genworth.com/content/non\\_navigable/corporate/about\\_genworth/industry\\_expertise/cost\\_of\\_care.html](http://www.genworth.com/content/non_navigable/corporate/about_genworth/industry_expertise/cost_of_care.html)

1 providing a continuum of home and community based supports, using state funds to target those  
2 who are frail and vulnerable, and do not have access to other services. Its objectives include  
3 preventing or delaying the need for more restrictive levels of care, such as moving from one's  
4 personal home to a nursing facility or care home.

5 EOA will target and triage the use of Kupuna Care funds to support the most vulnerable  
6 citizens with supports sufficient to reduce their risk of admission to a facility. This will be  
7 accomplished by the development of the Aging and Disability Resource Centers, including the use  
8 of options counseling with a uniform comprehensive individual assessment of needs, to replace  
9 the current variety of minimal assessments not capturing data elements that can track whether the  
10 individual is reducing the risk of placement out of home.

	<b>Persons Served</b>	<b>Monthly Support Budget</b>	<b>Annual Cost</b>		<b>ANNUAL TOTAL</b>
Target by Level of Impairment <sup>2</sup>					
Priority participants triaged by vulnerability characteristics: 3+ ADL deficits, living alone, age 75 or older	923	\$650	\$7,800	\$7,200,000	
KC participants without triage characteristics (maintain current expenditure level per person <sup>3</sup> )	714	\$105	\$1,260	\$899,640	
Total Targeted:	<b>1657</b>				\$8,099,640
AAAs administrative cost 10% of \$9 million					\$900,000
KC Total Cost					\$8,999,640

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<sup>2</sup> Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) includes eating, dressing, bathing, toileting, transferring in and out of bed or chair, and walking or wheeling within the home. A person who is unable to perform one or more of these ADLs without substantial human assistance is said to have an ADL impairment. A person who can perform the ADL independently with the aid of a device (e.g., walker, bath brush, grab bars) does NOT have an ADL impairment.

<sup>3</sup> Cost per month based on SFY 2011 Kupuna Care Program utilization data.

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**Long-term Care Financing Studies**

The majority of Hawaii’s older adults will likely develop one or more serious chronic illnesses, requiring some level of long-term care. Yet, relatively few people of any age are prepared to pay the high cost of long-term care for any length of time. In 2012, Hawaii’s Long Term Care Commission recommended that the Legislature consider creating a mandatory, social long term care financing program to help Hawaii’s residents pay for long term supports and services. Two previous attempts to establish a publicly funded long term care financing program were unsuccessful. The Commission recommended that, as a first step, the Legislature fund a feasibility study, along with an actuarial analysis, of the design and possible costs of such a financing program.

**Falls Prevention Coordinator**

The Governor’s biennium budget contains a request for a Health Educator IV position to focus on fall prevention for older adults. The position would be housed within the Injury Prevention and Control Section of the Department of Health (DOH). The source of funding for this position is the Trauma System Special Fund. The position will work closely with EOA, the Falls Prevention Consortium, and other key stakeholders to implement a comprehensive statewide program to reduce falls and their consequences. While the DOH has recognized the seriousness of the problem of falls in older adults for some time, and has implemented some strategies to date, much more needs to be done. Establishing this position will assure a continued focus on prevention of falls in our community and ultimately result in longer healthier lives for our aging population.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

TESTIMONY OF HERMINA MORITA  
CHAIR, PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE  
STATE OF HAWAII  
TO THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MARCH 6, 2013  
2:00 p.m.

**MEASURE:** H.B. No. 200

**TITLE:** Relating to the State Budget

Chair Luke and Members of the Committee:

**DESCRIPTION:**

This measure would appropriate funds for the State's Executive Branch operating and capital improvement budgets for the 2013-2015 fiscal biennium. With regard to the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"), H.B. No. 200 appropriates amounts from the Public Utilities Commission Special Fund ("Special Fund") under section 269-33, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for the Commission's and the Consumer Advocate's operating expenses, as well as for the Commission's office space expansion and renovation.

**POSITION:**

The Commission supports the passage of H.B. No. 200, as it provides the funding that will allow the Commission to expand and renovate its existing and newly assigned office space and to hire at staffing levels that have been identified as essential through various studies and audits. The Commission would also like to provide the following comments for the Committee's consideration.

**COMMENTS:**

The Commission has finally made substantial progress in the last year in moving forward its comprehensive office expansion and renovation plan in coordination with the Department of Accounting and General Services, the Department of Budget and Finance, and the Office of the Attorney General. In July 2012, the Commission was assigned additional space within the Kekuanaoa Building after eighteen months of

reviewing and evaluating various alternatives, and has, with the assistance of the various departments mentioned above, been moving forward with planning and design for this office expansion. Without this additional assigned space, the Commission is unable to hire newly created positions that are needed to carry out the Commission's evolving and increasing regulatory responsibilities, despite the Legislature's previous Special Fund appropriations to fund the Commission at a fully-staffed level.

Current Commission staffing is at 36 full-time employees,<sup>1</sup> although the Commission was appropriated sufficient funding to hire 62 full-time employees for the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium. The principal reason for the high level of understaffing at the Commission has been the lack of adequate office space to house additional employees. Therefore, it has been a top priority of the Commission to acquire the necessary office space to build a skilled and well-resourced staff. With the assignment and subsequent renovation of the additional office space, the Commission will now have sufficient square footage to fully staff the agency, so the appropriations provided to the Commission in H.B. No. 200 are essential to meet the Commission's office expansion and staffing needs.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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<sup>1</sup> The figure of 36 full-time employees, as of the date of this testimony, does not also take into account 1 full-time staff member on loan from the University of Hawaii, and it includes 3 full-time Commissioners.





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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Statement of  
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Before the

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

March 6, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.  
State Capitol, Room 308

In consideration of  
**H.B. 200**  
**RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.**

HHFDC ***supports*** H.B. 200, the Executive Biennium Budget request, which includes Capital Improvement Project (CIP) requests to address the shortage of affordable housing statewide. HHFDC's CIP requests are summarized below:

<u>Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund Infusion, Statewide</u>	FY2014	\$10,000,000 (C)
(BED 160; CIP Item No. 29.00)	FY2015	\$10,000,000 (C)

The Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund (DURF) is used primarily to make interim loans to private nonprofit and for-profit developers to construct affordable housing statewide. The requested infusion will help to address the estimated need for approximately 24,000 affordable housing units from 2012 to 2016. The infusion will also act as an ongoing economic stimulus, because interim loan repayments revolve back into DURF and are available for interim loans for future affordable housing projects.

<u>Waiahole Water System Improvements</u>	FY2014	\$7,800,000 (C)
(BED 160; CIP Item No. 30.00)		

HHFDC's CIP request is to make immediate repairs to the access bridge to the Waiahole well pumps and upgrade the potable water system in Waiahole Valley, Oahu, which services residential and agricultural water users, the Waiahole Elementary School and area fire hydrants. *Please note that this request is separate and distinct from the Department of Agriculture's CIP request (AGR141; CIP Item No. 12.00), which has the same title.*

Thank you for your consideration of these important CIP requests.

Chair Luke and Members of the Committee:

My name is Anthony Lenzer. I am Chair of the Legislative Committee of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA); Vice President of Kokua Council; Coordinator, Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition(HFCC); and a Member, Board of Directors, Hawaii Pacific Gerontological Society (HPGS). I am testifying today on behalf of PABEA, which advises the Executive Office on Aging (EOA). My statement expresses only the position of PABEA, and not necessarily that of any other organization.

I wish to call your attention to four items in the budget. The first three are in the executive office on aging budget (HTH 904), and the fourth is in the department of health budget (HTH 730). I am requesting that you approve \$1.4 million for the ADRC program; that you increase the executive office on aging base budget for Kupuna Care by \$4.2 million; that you approve \$80,000 for a feasibility study and \$300,000 for an actuarial study for a mandatory social long-term care financing system, all in FY 14 and, finally \$39,277 in FY 14, and \$77,555 in FY 15 for a Health Educator IV position to focus on falls prevention for older adults.

The Aging and Disability Resource Centers ( ADRC), are a critical resource for people seeking services for frail elders and people with disability of all ages. They will provide information on available services and facilities, and will also conduct evaluations to determine the type of service needs of people who contact the centers. Each County will have its own program, fully up and running, by 2016, if the necessary state funding is available. The Kupuna Care program serves frail elders who have limited financial resources, but are not eligible for Medicaid. The program is administered by each county, and offers 8 different types of home and community-based services. The requested addition to the base budget will allow the program to function more efficiently in this and future years. Funds requested for the two studies relating to a mandatory long-term care insurance program are essential to provide the necessary information to allow the legislature to consider enacting this program. It will help future generations of older people pay for long-term care. At present, relatively few people understand the costs of long-term care, or the likelihood that they will need it in the future. Finally, funding for a falls prevention coordinator will allow the DOH to support the work of the falls prevention consortium, and to help convert the recommendations of the falls task force into reality.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on these important legislative issues.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON EARLY LEARNING  
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Testimony Relating to  
**H.B. 200**, Relating to the State Budget  
**Program ID GOV100**  
**Program ID EDN700**  
By Terry Lock, Director

House Committee on Finance  
March 6, 2013  
2:00 p.m., Room 308

Chair Luke, Vice-Chair Nishimoto, Vice-Chair Johanson, and Members of the Committee:

Aloha, I am Terry Lock, Director of the Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL). I strongly support the funding requests included in the Executive Budget that provide for the Office and planning and implementation of an early learning program for the State of Hawaii.

Early learning is an investment in our future. Its rippling effect doesn't only reach the child but also the entire state. Every \$1 invested today will generate \$4.20 in future savings and increased earnings for Hawaii through less spending on special education, reduced crime, reduced dependence on social services, a more highly-qualified workforce, and more.

- DOE school principals have said that early learning is a positive game changer for K-12.
- UH has said that early learning will improve college graduation rates.
- Our business community knows that early learning results in a more productive, highly-paid workforce that will allow Hawaii to compete in a global economy.
- The City Prosecuting Attorney has said that early learning is the one of the most effective crime prevention measures we have.

Recognizing the significant returns of such an investment, all but 11 states have already invested in preschool programs over the past decade ... and some are already experiencing the immense benefits. But even among the remaining states that have not supported early learning, there is movement. In Mississippi, which has historically ranked near the bottom of the nation in educational achievement, the governor and legislature are at the cusp of creating the state's first State-funded preschool program. *Hawaii is behind.*

Even the President has put early learning at the top of his education agenda. Though the President's plan is still being developed, we know that states may be able to access additional funding in support of early learning. We need to have our program in place to take advantage of the monies that may come

down. Hawaii lost out on Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge grant monies because we did not have an early learning program in place. *We don't want to be behind.*

And there is an urgent need to have a program in place to serve about 3,500 children who will be left without services due to the 2014 change in kindergarten entry age mandated by the Legislature (a child must be five years old before August 1 of the school year to be able to attend DOE kindergarten). *We need an early learning program now.*

### **Summary of Funding Request in Executive Budget**

#### **EDN700**

- For contracts with providers for direct services - to ensure that four-year-olds have access to high-quality school readiness opportunities, with priority for late-borns. Based on no cost for low-income children and a family copayment on a sliding fee scale for middle-income children. School-day/school-year schedule.
  - *FY15: \$22.9M. (Estimated to serve 3,500 children.)*
- For capacity building and quality assurance - recognizing the need to increase the availability of, and consumption of, high-quality school readiness services, especially in areas with limited access to providers.
  - *FY14: \$2.9M / FY15 \$5.3M*

#### **GOV100**

- For EOEL positions (7 total in FY14, 8 total in FY15) and other operational costs - to coordinate and manage the early learning system. EOEL's mission is also to create partnerships and align policies and programs related to health, safety, and school readiness, which lay the foundation for academic and life success – improving quality in the existing system.
  - *FY14: \$648,300 / FY15 \$681,300*

FY14 is a critical planning year: we need to establish contracts and procurement processes, and recruit and enroll families.

The amount of future funding and program expansion depends on the decisions of future legislatures.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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**OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY**

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 200  
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Johanson, and Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of House Bill 200 relating to the State budget, which will be heard Wednesday March 6, 2013, at 2:00pm. The purpose of this proposed bill is to appropriate funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2013–2014 and 2014–2015.

I would like to specifically address the following budget items:

- 1) AG – Adds \$1,745,834 in general funds each year for the statewide Career Criminal Prosecution (CCP) and Victim Witness Programs; and
- 2) AG – Adds \$440,000 in general funds for FY 14 and \$794,959 for FY 15 for the County Victim Services program as part of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI).

Within the last 3 months, Hawai'i County has had 7 murders and 2 attempted murder cases. It is imperative that the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney have the necessary staff and training of those staff to meet the demands of these serious cases.

For victims of crime, the support provided by the Victim Assistance Unit is immeasurable. In Hawai'i, victims of crime are entitled to receive notification of offender custody status, case information, details of a plea bargain, case disposition, and notification of parole hearings. It is the Victim Assistance Unit that insures victims receive these basic rights. Funding from the State for the Victim Witness Program (VWP) allows this program to operate effectively, and without it we would not be able to staff the unit to appropriately meet the needs of the victim. The Career Criminal Prosecution (CCP) program has goals to quickly identify, prosecute, and convict those that make a career of crime. For the past thirty years the CCP program has kept the crime rate in Hawai'i down through the early identification and vigorous prosecution of career criminals. Without the needed funds Hawai'i County would have to terminate two Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys and seven investigators, clerks and assistants whose work is to specifically identify and prosecute career criminals.

JRI is committed to enhancing public safety while at the same time making the criminal justice system more efficient. Ensuring public safety is critical to the success of this program. Successful implementation of the JRI includes a permanent victim services component. With the transition of inmates back from non-state facilities, it is imperative that victim services be staffed and trained to handle the number of victim notifications and safety planning services that will be needed. Victims have a right to be notified of a defendant's custody status and without the appropriate staff available to notify them, they may be denied these rights. JRI is about holding the defendant accountable while providing the victim the necessary support they need as well.

JRI also focuses on restitution. Hawai'i County Office of the Prosecuting Attorney has currently hired two staff through JRI. One a Victim/Witness Counselor has been assigned to property crimes, an area which was previously underserved through the victim assistance unit. With this addition alone, we have revamped our entire Victim Assistance Unit response to restitution by creating a new document that more accurately monitors restitution – this includes monies owed not only to the victim directly, but to Department of Human Services for medical liens associated with Quest or Aloha Care, Crime Victims Compensation (CVCC), and other appropriate parties. In one particularly difficult robbery/assault case, the new counselor was able to document that Crime Victims Compensation should have received \$14,591.00 in restitution that wasn't originally ordered. We are currently in the process of requesting a motion to modify the restitution. Restitution back to the State helps the State. Repayment of financial losses from crime is a critical component to defendant accountability.

Each year states battle with ways to balance their budgets and reallocate their funds in order to best serve the constituents of their State. Through JRI, the State of Hawai'i is trying to better allocate resources spent on housing inmates on the mainland, and reinvesting those funds here in the Islands. It is important that we reinvest those funds in a manner which will best lead to the success of this program, and that includes secured funding the victim services component.

The Hawai'i County Office of the Prosecuting Attorney fully supports the passage of HB200.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Mitchell D. Roth  
Prosecuting Attorney  
County of Hawai'i





**HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS**  
C O R P O R A T I O N

*"Touching Lives Everyday"*

**House Committee on Finance  
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
Representative Aaron Ling Johanson**

March 6, 2013  
Conference Room 308  
2:00 p.m.  
Hawaii State Capitol

**Testimony Supporting House Bill 200 Relating to the State Budget  
Appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the  
Executive Branch for fiscal years 2013-2014 and 2014-1015.**

Bruce S. Anderson, Ph.D.  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

On behalf of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) Corporate Board of Directors, thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of HB 200 that relates to the State Budget.

**Economic Challenges**

Hawaii hospitals face an ever-changing and extremely challenging health care environment today with challenges such as:

- Inadequate government and third-party payor reimbursements for quality healthcare services.
- Long-term care waitlist.
- Escalating costs related to physician and clinical staff recruitment and retention.
- The need for capital investment in new technology, particularly in electronic medical records.
- The impact of the provisions of federal health care reform.
- The impact of other federal health care mandates, such as ICD-10.
- Increased costs of caring for Hawaii's elderly population.

Additional major issues impacting HHSC's financial viability include:

- Aging facilities, with extensive life and safety code issues, well beyond the average for similar facilities across the country.
- Exceptional leave benefits and other labor issues that place HHSC's labor costs above national norms.
- Inability to outsource non-clinical functions.
- Under-capitalization of the Corporation.
- Small scale operations, which are costly to maintain.

### **Financial Concerns**

The past year has been very challenging year for HHSC (and all other healthcare systems in Hawaii) financially. More specifically:

- HHSC was assessed a \$10 million restriction to its general fund appropriation in fiscal year 2012 for labor savings and another \$3.7 million restriction in fiscal year 2013 by the Administration. After careful examination of its budget, HHSC was able to make budget adjustments to absorb the general fund reduction, but not without having to increase its accounts payable balances and reduce its cash balances.
- For UPW unit 10 (CNA's, LPN's, etc.), an arbitration panel awarded that unit a 3.2% pay increase effective January 2013, which is expected to cost HHSC an additional \$861,000 in fiscal year 2013. The State still has not settled a collective bargaining contract for HGEA unit 9 (registered nurses), but a final arbitration decision is expected sometime in March 2013. For HHSC, employees in these two units represent approximately 50% of HHSC's total employees. As a result, HHSC will not be able to recognize any labor savings from at least half of its employees.
- HHSC has experienced difficulty in managing its cash flow due to inconsistent payments for patient services from the administrators of the QUEST Expanded Access Plans (Evercare and Ohana). The timeliness of these payments are especially critical for HHSC's critical access hospitals and long-term care facilities, as payments from the QUEST Expanded Access Plans can account for as much as 90% of their patient cash collections. HHSC management is working with the staff and management of Evercare and Ohana weekly to resolve the issues, and similar issues are faced by all healthcare providers in the State of Hawaii.

### **Federal Funds**

HHSC will stand to lose federal funds in the form of reduced Medicare payments as a result of the Federal Budget Control Act sequester. Once sequestration occurred, there was an immediate 2% cut in Medicare payments, which will result in an estimated negative impact of \$3.1 million annually to HHSC's revenues. An increase in HHSC's general fund appropriation would be necessary to absorb the impact of this sequestration reductions.



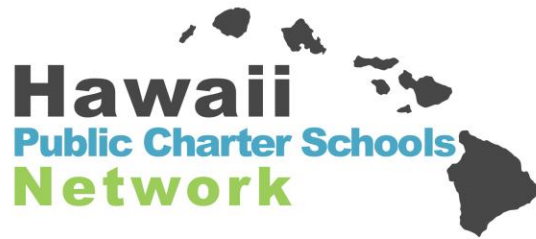
Further, in the recent legislation to avoid the “fiscal cliff,” there is a provision that removes a 26.5% reimbursement reduction to physicians and shifts the burden of those cost savings to hospitals. It is anticipated that all U.S. hospitals will bear the majority of the cost via a \$10.5 billion documentation and coding adjustment that seeks to recoup past overpayments by Medicare to hospitals resulting from the shift to Medicare severity diagnosis-related groups (MS-DRGs) and a \$4.2 billion rebasing of Medicaid disproportionate share hospital (DSH) payments. For HHSC, management estimates that the “fiscal cliff” legislation will result in a \$2.6 million reduction in Medicare reimbursements starting on October 1, 2013.

## **HHSC REQUEST**

Although HHSC is not seeking an emergency appropriation for fiscal year 2013, HHSC is urging the Legislature to, at a minimum, maintain the annual general fund appropriation level of HHSC for all program ID’s at \$84,440,000 for fiscal years 2014 and 2015, as recommended by the Administration. HHSC also urges the Legislature to support the \$50,000,000 in CIP funds for each year of fiscal year 2014 and 2015 as recommended by the Administration. Of critical importance to HHSC is that approximately \$14,700,000 of these funds be used to fund the capital costs of HHSC’s Electronic Medical Record/Health Information System project. The development of a plan for a “Center for Excellence for Long-term Care at Leahi is also a priority.

Further, HHSC respectfully requests that the Legislature consider funding two important areas that were not in the Administration’s budget request. The first is to appropriate additional general funds to HTH 212 to make up for the Medicare funding shortfalls from the sequestration and “fiscal cliff” legislation as detailed above. The amount of the additional appropriation for both fiscal year 2014 and 2015 would be approximately \$5.7 million. Without additional appropriation, HHSC’s accounts payable to vendors and cash position to vendors will worsen. HHSC’s current levels of cash and cash equivalents and accounts payable are already below healthcare industry standards, and any further degradation of HHSC’s financial position could hamper HHSC’s ability to receive the necessary goods and services to provide patient care in a timely manner.

Kahuku Medical Center management also respectfully requests that the Legislature consider funding its request for an additional \$900,000 in annual general fund appropriations for both fiscal years 2014 and 2015 to sustain the critical healthcare services that Kahuku Medical Center provides to the residents of the North Shore of the island of Oahu.



Hawaii State House of Representatives  
Committee on Finance

DATE: Wednesday, March 6, 2013

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 308, Hawaii State Capitol

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Johanson and Members of the Finance Committee,

Re: HB200 State Budget

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of HB200 State Budget. HPCSN is committed to quality education for all public school students in Hawaii through our work with Hawaii's public charter schools. Hawaii Public Charter Schools Network (HPCSN), in partnership with our member schools, Commission, CSAO, BOE and National Association of Charter School Authorizers (NACSA), have been hard at work implementing Act 130 of the 2012 legislative session. This has been no easy feat, but certainly an opportunity to put into place fair and consistent "rules of the game" for oversight, monitoring and governance.

EDN600

#### Per Pupil Funding

The Per Pupil Funding allocation is determined by the estimated number of students that will be in the charter school sector for both fiscal years of the biennium budget. Individual charter school estimated enrollment numbers are not likely to change by much. Another factor is the amount of students added through newly approved charter school applications. A few applicants that were denied during the application process are undergoing an appeals process to the BOE, and therefore, this number may change. Until a final decision is made by the BOE, we ask that this appropriation go unchanged for now.

#### Funding for Commission Office

Part of the problem that existed before Act 130 was passed was the lack of proper and sufficient oversight and monitoring. The cause was identified as the "authorizer" not having dedicated staff to do this work. An amount for Commission staff and office expenses is included in EDN 600 and reflects this new focus. HPCSN supports this addition.

## Facilities Support

Over the years legislators have voiced their support of charter schools and worked to identify funding solutions. It has not been an easy task and progress has been made. One area that continues to stump charter schools and legislators is charter school facilities funding. “Start up” charter schools continue to use their operating per pupil allocation toward facilities cost, an expense that in large measure does not exist for a majority of public schools.

A couple of past efforts, such as the “On The Level? Policy, Law and the Charter School Movement, “ a 2002 LRB Report, and the Charter Schools Funding Task Force Report to the 2011 Legislature, helped to direct funding calculation improvements over the years. Act 130 made substantial and meaningful changes to charter school governance, authority and accountability. The State Public Charter School Commission clearly has the authority and responsibility for the monitoring and oversight of charter schools. HPCSN would like to offer a suggestion that reflects the sentiments of these previous efforts to provide solutions to facilities funding for charter schools.

HPCSN suggests the addition of a new line item under EDN 600 for Needs- and Performance-based Facilities Support. The Commission could have the ability to disperse these monies to charter schools based upon their individual school’s facilities need and performance. Another concern from legislators has been the difficulty of committing to large increases to the budget among the many competing priorities.

HPCSN would like to humbly request appropriation amounts of \$7.5m for FY 2013-14 and \$7.5m for FY 2014-15. Our numbers are based upon projected charter school facilities costs most recently reported by schools and consolidated by CSAO<sup>1</sup>. The chart is attached and includes “Total Projected Facilities Expenses” columns that, in taking a conservative approach, HPCSN has not included in the appropriation request, as some of the items may contain costs already included in the general fund per pupil that charter schools receive.

Although we feel very strongly about the State’s constitutional obligation to provide facilities for public education institutions, HPCSN is putting its faith in this legislative process and hopes that progress can be made toward supporting charter school facilities for this biennium budget.

In conclusion, the Hawaii public charter sector is going through a major transition and for the most part our schools are making every effort to engage and make this an opportunity for, instead of a detriment to, our charter schools. HPCSN applauds these efforts. **Charter schools are under tremendous pressure to achieve more with less funding.** As we continue this tedious and time-consuming work, on behalf of

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<sup>1</sup> McKeague and Roberts. Memo to Karen Street – Chair Hawaii Public Charter Schools Commission, CSAO, Honolulu, HI 11 October 2012.

charter schools, **we strongly request some relief for charter schools by adding facilities support language to this bill.**

Thank you for your support of Hawaii's public charter schools.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynn Finnegan", with a horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.

Lynn Finnegan  
Executive Director

Enclosures

**Lump-sum Funding Request For Facilities**

Act 130 Section 3(b)(1) provides the following with respect to a needs based facilities funding request:

“... in preparing the budget request with regard to needs-based facilities funding, the executive director shall ensure that, as a budget item separate from other operating costs, the request is accompanied by a detailed explanation of the formula used and a funding request breakdown by school;”

On September 17, 2012 the CSAO distributed an email to all charter schools requesting that they submit to the CSAO their projected facilities related expenses for FB13-15. The email included a spreadsheet for each charter school to use in providing their projected facilities expenses to the CSAO. The CSAO requested that charter schools provide all projected facilities related expenses, including utility costs, maintenance costs, custodial costs, etc.

The following table summarizes the data that was submitted by the charter schools. Four schools did not respond to the CSAO’s request, for those four schools their projected facilities related expenses were estimated by the CSAO using actual FY11-12 facilities costs. The data was summarized into three different columns for each year: Projected lease/rental of building and grounds costs; adjusted projected facilities expenses and total projected facilities expenses. The CSAO has based the lump-sum facilities budget request on the adjusted facilities expenses columns.

The column labeled Rental/Lease of Building and Grounds is the most restricted of the columns. It reports only projected lease/rental of facilities costs as reported by the charter schools. The column labeled Adjusted Proj. Facilities Expenses includes rental/lease of buildings and grounds plus rental/lease of building/grounds equipment, depreciation of equipment and buildings and maintenance of building and grounds. The total projected facilities expenses column also includes projected utilities, maintenance and operations salaries and custodial supplies expenses.

This request is described as a “lump-sum” request because many of the charter schools, should this item be funded, would like to further develop a more precise distribution methodology different from the projected expense amounts per the attached schedule. The charter schools, with the HPCSN and the CSAO have not developed a methodology at the time this request was prepared. However, there is precedence for this based on the distribution methodology used in FY 10-11 and 11-12 for the small carve out funding for facilities in those fiscal years. Any distribution methodology so developed would be subject to Commission approval.

School Name	ORGID	Reported Projected Facilities Expenses FY13-14			Reported Projected Facilities Expenses FY14-15		
		Rental/Lease of Building & Grounds	Adjusted Proj. Facilities Expenses FY 13-14	Total Projected Facilities Expenses FY 13-14	Rental/Lease of Building & Grounds	Adjusted Proj. Facilities Expenses FY 14-15	Total Projected Facilities Expenses FY 14-15
Waiialae-PCS	149	\$0	\$3,500	\$316,634	\$0	\$3,710	\$335,632
Kamaile	275	-	50,000	705,000	-	50,000	750,000
*Lanikai-PCS	320	-	15,034	178,468	-	15,034	178,468
Laupahoehoe Community PCS	377	-	64,000	420,513	-	69,120	334,604
Waimea Mid-PCS	394	-	25,000	218,494	-	25,000	221,605
Connections-PCS	396	501,600	549,900	971,300	501,600	549,900	971,300
Kanu O Ka'aina-PCS	397	537,500	582,500	786,000	537,300	583,300	790,000
Waters of Life-PCS	398	29,050	64,050	119,595	29,050	65,396	125,990
West HI Explor-PCS	399	10,000	29,000	221,869	70,000	110,000	393,369
Kualapuu-PCS	411	-	-	298,614	-	-	275,614
KANAKA - PCS	466	45,000	69,000	103,100	45,000	69,000	103,700
Halau Ku Mana-PCS	540	300	399,878	521,898	300	399,878	521,898
Voyager-PCS	541	643,600	697,300	717,500	669,800	724,800	746,000
Halau Lokahi NC-PCS	542	321,780	334,280	434,588	321,780	334,280	434,588
Educ Lab: A Hawaii NC-PCS	543	100,000	125,000	125,000	100,000	125,000	125,000
Myron Thompson Acad-PCS	544	371,798	442,298	481,298	385,487	455,987	494,987
*Ka Waihona O Ka Naauao-PCS	545	-	298,257	895,247	-	298,257	895,247
Hakipu'u Learning Ctr-PCS	546	17,021	53,181	80,681	18,000	56,000	84,000
Ke Kula O Kamakau Lab-PCS	547	144,105	174,447	385,617	144,105	174,447	416,517
Innovations-PCS	548	360,000	395,000	560,000	360,000	395,000	560,000
Ke Ana La'ahana-PCS	549	15,000	29,000	127,000	17,250	33,450	142,150
Hawaii Technology Academy	551	295,000	598,800	830,800	309,750	615,350	833,250
Kihel-PCS	554	816,000	1,139,000	1,454,000	900,000	1,240,000	1,574,000
Ke Kula Ni'ihau Kekaha-PCS	556	-	42,200	96,555	-	43,500	272,450
Kua O Ka La-PCS	557	147,615	153,615	225,115	167,615	179,615	270,115
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Hi Academy of A&S-PCS	561	365,000	469,000	803,000	385,000	496,000	850,500
Ka 'Umeke Ka'eo-PCS	562	207,420	231,420	379,965	207,420	231,420	391,815
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Kawaikini	565	72,000	95,400	132,400	72,000	95,400	132,400
Kona Pacific	566	167,100	189,100	243,178	167,100	189,100	243,178
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$5,339,129</b>	<b>\$7,596,758</b>	<b>\$13,440,082</b>	<b>\$5,582,643</b>	<b>\$7,868,889</b>	<b>\$14,084,945</b>

\* These schools did not submit estimated FY 14 & FY15 facilities related costs. Therefore, their estimated costs were based on actual FY11 facilities costs.





## HAWAII COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

March 4, 2013

The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair  
The Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
The Honorable Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice Chair  
House Finance Committee  
House of Representatives  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Luke & Finance Committee Members:

### **H.B. 200 – RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

Chair Luke, Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 200. The Hawai'i Community Foundation strongly supports the request of the Office of Information Management and Technology (OIMT) within H.B. 200. This request supports the State's technology modernization initiative and includes:

- General fund requests for \$29.73 million in Fiscal Year 2014 and \$27.67 million in Fiscal Year 2015; and
- Capital Improvement Project (CIP) requests for \$30 million in both Fiscal Year 2014 and Fiscal Year 2015.

We have worked with the State of Hawai'i including the Hawai'i State Legislature and OIMT since 2010 to provide initial staffing for OIMT, conduct a baseline assessment of the State's information technology (IT) and information resources management (IRM) systems, and develop the State's first-ever Hawai'i Business IT/IRM Transformation Plan. We greatly appreciate the support shown by the Hawai'i State Legislature to date in this historic effort, especially the funding provided in Fiscal Year 2013 to begin some of this critical work. The funds requested now are essential to enable OIMT to move forward to implement the Transformation Plan. Without this funding, OIMT will be unable to begin addressing the critical technology and business process needs within the State to improve the way the State provides services to our citizens.

Information technology systems and business processes challenges in Hawai'i state government have been identified for the last few decades. Our interest in this issue is tied to the concept of social and economic equity – equal access to services and benefits for all Hawai'i residents. Our objectives have been to help improve State responsiveness and cycle times to support the economy, to improve efficiencies and support State workers with up-to-date tools, and to aggregate, organize and streamline data so that the State can work more effectively and business can access information quickly and easily.

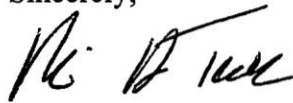
The requested funds will provide for 25 additional positions to manage and support critical programs and projects of the Transformation Plan through collaborative governance and

an Enterprise Program Management Office; improve the State's security posture and safeguard its information assets; upgrade the State's technology infrastructure and begin consolidation of commonly shared IT services and solutions; and encourage and increase citizen participation and engagement with State government. They will also support efforts to implement the next phases of the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system, which will provide an integrated, unified solution for many State services and functions; and to plan and design the first phase of the Data Center Consolidation.

This effort is about transforming how state government delivers programs and services to its citizens, businesses and employees. It goes beyond modernizing the state's information technology infrastructure and systems. A solid foundation must be built that will enable the state to continuously adapt to provide citizens convenient access to services, now and in the future. This is the start of that foundation and a plan which will be a decade in the making. The investment necessary for this transformation to be successful is significant, but the long term cost of not doing it is much higher. Hawai'i has not seriously invested in technology for more than 30 years, putting the state considerably behind in its ability to provide efficient services, ensure information security and prepare for disaster recovery.

We ask for your favorable consideration of the OIMT request within H.B. 200 to take Hawai'i into the future to benefit all of Hawai'i's citizens. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Kelvin H. Taketa  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
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March 6, 2013

The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair  
The Honorable Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
The Honorable Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice Chair

Committee: Testimony to the House Committee on Finance  
Bill No. & Title: HB200, Relating to the State Budget

Date, Time: Wednesday, March 6, 2013, 2:00 p.m.  
Place: State Capitol, Room 308

Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair Aaron Ling Johanson and Members of the Committee on Finance:

I am Burt Lum, Executive Director of Hawaii Open Data, a non-profit dedicated to advancing open data principles in Hawaii and creating collaborative environments that foster civic innovation. Formed in 2012, we focus on improving data accessibility and integrity in support of public/private collaboration, government transparency and civic engagement.

Hawaii Open Data **strongly supports HB200, Relating to the State Budget**. This Bill is necessary to fund Hawaii's IT Transformation Plan. The Office of Information Management and Technology (OIMT), through the administration's budget, is currently requesting approximately \$30 million in general funds and \$30 million in capital improvement program (CIP) funds for each of the next two years of the biennium (FY 2014 & FY 2015) to support efforts related to the Transformation initiative.

**These appropriations are essential to enable OIMT to move forward with the state's business transformation and information technology/information resource management (IT/IRM) modernization plan.** Without this funding, OIMT will be unable to begin addressing the critical technology and business process needs within the state and we will see little or no improvements in the way the state provides services to citizens.

Hawaii Open Data believes that an improvement in IT infrastructure is a necessity for the timely

and efficient delivery of government services to its citizens. It is also the foundation upon which open data is created, stored and transmitted.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill.

March 4, 2013

Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair House Finance Committee  
Representative Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair, House Finance Committee  
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 308  
Honolulu, Hi 96813

Re: HB 200, Health 580, Maternal Child Health, Relating to the Hawaii Home Visiting Program

Dear Committee Chairs and Members,

I am Gail Breakey, Executive Director of the Hawaii Family Support Institute testifying in support of HB 200, Health 580, **relating to home visiting services. Beginning in 1985, the Hawaii state legislature supported a home visiting program called Healthy Start, which was aimed primarily at averting child abuse and neglect and also supported the health and positive development of young children at risk. This program initiated a hospital based screening program, with capability to reach out to families of newborns at risk. This program provided support to at risk families of newborns across the state, with at least a 99% non-abuse rate for many years. In 2009, there was no confirmed abuse for over 99% of families served for at least 12 months, and most of these cases were categorized as threatened harm or maltreatment of a sibling of the infant rather than maltreatment of the target infant.**

**With the loss of nearly all home visiting services statewide during the downturn in 2009, two program sites remained- in Leeward Oahu and Hilo-Puna, communities which exhibited the highest rates of maltreatment. These programs have benefited from a competitively awarded quality improvement grant and are also undergoing accreditation from Healthy Families America, the national program modeled after Hawaii Healthy Start. There has been no confirmed abuse for 99.8% of children among the 505 families served in Leeward Oahu from 2009-2011.**

**To its' credit, the Department of Health has moved creatively to start to rebuild a network of home visiting services for newborns, reaching out to home visiting services like Early Head Start and Parents as Teachers, which have proven successful as models to enhance early learning and along with Healthy Families America are recognized as evidence based programs. Hospital based screening is also being reinstated on an incremental basis. A Healthy Start/HFA programs has been re-established on Maui along with a very small initiative on Kauai. Funds in the budget for 2013-14 are basically for maintenance of these efforts.**

**In regard to future commitment to this initiative, it is important to recognize that the problem of child abuse among young children has not gone away. Most serious abuse and death occur among our youngest keiki. Children under age 1 are largest age group for Hawaii confirmed abuse cases; children under age five comprise half of CPS cases (DHS, 2011). While nationwide data show lower rates of maltreatment**

**overall, the most recent national incidence study shows higher rates for young children living in high risk situations, and a review of hospitalizations for abuse shows a major increase of children under one hospitalized for abuse and neglect. Child abuse and its consequences cost our state millions; approximately \$378,021,600 for the lifetimes of the 1,800 children confirmed for maltreatment in 2008 per CDC estimates according to a Star Advertiser article. (Karen Worthington, 2-2-12) The CDC estimates the life-time costs for one abuse/neglect case at \$210,012,**

Major studies show links between early trauma and emotional/ mental health problems, such as substance abuse, school failure, crime as well as chronic health problems such as obesity, diabetes, heart and lung problems and smoking. **When we understand that 75 % of brain development is completed by age one, it is easier to understand how** abuse and neglect of infants and toddlers negatively impact developing brain architecture, creating long term post-traumatic stress which results in so many costly social and health problems.

While it is likely not feasible to completely restore the Healthy Start program to 2008 levels, it will be very important to restore state wide risk screening and sufficient intensive services designed to avert abuse and neglect for families at highest risk for maltreatment as a major priority. Preventing abuse and neglect among infants and toddlers should be a cornerstone of our early childhood system. Children who are well nurtured and experience healthy early emotional development will have the foundations for early learning and school readiness.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this legislation.

Sincerely,

Gail Breakey, Executive Director  
Hawaii Family Support Institute

**HB200**

Submitted on: 3/5/2013

Testimony for FIN on Mar 6, 2013 14:00PM in Conference Room 308

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Anton Krucky	Child & Family Service	Support	No

Comments: I am a member of the board of directors for Child and Family Service. HB200 deserves support as it may be a vehicle for supporting the Family Centers on Kauai, and these centers are a vital part of that community. Mahalo!

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# **Kaua`i Community Alliance**

c/o ALU LIKE, Inc, 2970 Haleko Rd, Ste 205, Līhu'e, HI 96766

## **TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 200: RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

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

FROM: Debra de Luis, Chair

**Hearing: Wednesday, 3/6/13 ; 2:00 PM; CR 308**

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Johanson and Members, Committee on Finance:

Thank you for the opportunity to **strongly support funding for Housing First which is included in the Department of Human Services (HMS) funding for homeless.** I am Debra deLuis, Chair, Kaua`i Community Alliance, the Kaua`i Chapter of Bridging the Gap, the statewide neighbor island continuum of care..

- This funding is critical to continue the implementation of the Housing First model statewide. The taxpayers of Hawai`i pay a heavy cost when people who are chronically homeless are left to live in places not meant for human habitation. Public costs can be decreased by 79% by providing supportive housing with services.
- All of our neighborhoods and businesses are impacted by homeless sleeping on our streets, beaches, and scenic areas. The impact on tourism is of great concern since this is Hawaii's economic driver.

The Housing First program has proven its success in many states as a way to more effectively address the chronically homeless. These homeless are often the most visible homeless, living on our beautiful beaches, in our parks and neighborhoods, sleeping in doorways and under bridges. These persons experience homelessness over a long period of time and incur very significant public costs. Housing First assists them to gain permanent housing and then provides the services needed to keep them in housing and successfully transition off the streets.

In 2012, 100 medically vulnerable unsheltered homeless individuals were identified during the 100K Homes Campaign on O`ahu and we see equally vulnerable homeless individuals frequently on the neighbor islands. Homeless providers are currently working collaborative and aggressively to house these targeted vulnerable individuals. Housing is only the first step – to be successful these fragile individuals will need ongoing services to ensure that they are able to address their health and social needs.

**The Continuum of Care for Kaua`i County ~ Member, Bridging the Gap**

**The Kaua`i Community Alliance is a collaborative working together to end homelessness and create sustainable housing options on Kaua`i and in the State of Hawai`i.**



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The Housing First program can provide a means through which many of these medically vulnerable unsheltered homeless individuals can receive the services they need. The benefit to these individuals is an improvement to their quality, and quantity, of life.

**We urge your support for \$1.5 million in funding for the Housing First program. This increase would enable Housing First to expand beyond urban Honolulu to other areas, including the Neighbor Islands.**

We urge your support to continue and expand Housing First to reduce the public costs and to move the most vulnerable off our streets. Thank you.

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**TESTIMONY ON HB 200 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET  
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

March 6, 2013

2:00 PM

Conference Rm. 308

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice-Chair Johanson, and members of the House Committee on Finance, **my name is Stephen Morse. I am the Executive Director of Blueprint for Change (BFC) and am here today to support HB 200, particularly as it relates to the Executive Budget for the Department of Human Services.**

Members, for the record, BFC is the fiscal, technical, and administrative support entity for five Neighborhood Place centers statewide that provide support and strengthening services to families at risk of child abuse and neglect under a POS contract with the Department of Human Services. Our Neighborhood Place programs are unique among CAN prevention programs for two reasons: (1) they are the only places where children and families at risk of child abuse and neglect can get services without a referral or appointment and by simply knocking on the door; and (2) because many of the children and families we serve are Native Hawaiian, the NP services are culturally congruent, and for the most part, non-clinical.

In its annual Child Welfare System reports, the Department of Human Services calls the Neighborhood Place programs one of the most cost effective prevention programs it funds through its Purchase of Service system. Currently, the five Neighborhood Places are located on Oahu (Kalihi and Wai`anae), on Maui (Wailuku), and on Hawai`i Island (Puna and Kona).

Since 2006, we have had plans on our books to fill the gap in child abuse and neglect prevention services on the island of Kaua`i by working collaboratively with Child and Family Service – Kaua`i to operate Neighborhood Place programs at two of its sites on Kaua`i, Nana's House in Waimea and Hale Ho`omalu in Kapa`a. However, funding for programs at these two sites has not been included in the Department of Human Service's budget until this year.

We are extremely pleased that funding in the amount of \$300,000 has been included in each year of DHS's biennium budget to operate what's identified in the budget as "neighborhood drop in centers." With this funding, Blueprint for Change and Child and Family Service can begin to fill the huge gap in secondary prevention of child abuse and neglect on Kaua`i, and we ask for your support of this additional funding in DHS's budget.

Aloha and Mahalo for allowing us the opportunity to testify this afternoon.





## CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

### TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 200: RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

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

FROM: Betty Lou Larson, Legislative Liaison, Catholic Charities Hawaii

**Hearing: Wednesday, 3/6/13 ; 2:00 PM; CR 308**

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Johanson and Members, Committee on Finance:

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We urge your support to continue and expand Housing First to reduce the public costs and to move the most vulnerable off our streets. Thank you.



Dear Chair Rep Sylvia Luke, Vice-Chair Rep. Scott Nishimoto, and Vice-Chair Rep. Aaron Johanson and Committee Members:

My name is Rann Watumull and I have been serving on the Board of Directors of Child and Family Services for approximately five years. I am submitting this testimony in strong support for the budget request from the Department of Human Services for Neighborhood Drop-In Centers under Blueprint for Change. These neighborhood Drop-In Centers have proven themselves to be a key part of a service program that can prevent child abuse. Each Drop-In Center is located in the communities they serve. Family members can walk in without an appointment and receive valuable services like food, parenting education, help with budgeting and case management services that have a proven record of preventing child abuse. Child and Family services operates Drop-In Centers on Maui, Kauai Kona, Puna Kalihi, Waimanalo and Waianae. CFS has been operating these Family Centers for over 15 years, but had the primary source of funding cut in 2011.

Therefore, I respectfully ask that you support the Department of Human Services request for the Neighborhood Drop-In Centers under Blueprint for Change.

Thank you very much.

Rann Watumull  
Founder  
Hawaii Film Partners  
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HAROLD K.L. CASTLE  
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March 5, 2013

*Closing the achievement  
and preparation gaps  
in public education*

*Restoring nearshore  
marine ecosystems*

*Strengthening Windward  
Oahu communities*

To: Representative Roy Takumi, Chair  
House Committee on Education

From: Terrence R. George

RE: Testimony in **support** of HB 200

Dear Chairs and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to express strong support of HB 200, with particular attention to four sections of the biennium budget. Those four sections relate directly to the three-part mission of the Harold K.L. Castle Foundation: to close the achievement and college-preparation gap statewide, to restore the health of nearshore marine resources statewide, and to strengthen the vibrancy of communities in Windward Oahu.

We ask that the Legislature (without taking away any other funds requested by the State Department of Education) fully appropriate the \$31,084,700 requested by Governor Abercrombie for early learning under **Program Appropriation G8, Program ID EDN700**. Though we primarily make grants to support improvements in the K-12 education system, we have realized that *it will be impossible to close the achievement gap* without a dramatic increase in the number of children who are truly ready for kindergarten. We must provide access to high-quality school readiness programs for all four-year-olds if we are to put all our keiki on a path to succeed throughout their educational careers and life. Every dollar spent on preschool saves a minimum of \$4.20 in public services down the road because less spending will be needed on remedial education, law enforcement, welfare services, prisons, and other budget items.

We also ask for the full appropriation of the amounts requested for the Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE) of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) under **Program Appropriation D6, Program ID LNR405**. The Harold K.L. Castle Foundation has provided technical assistance and funding to improve DOCARE's professional standards, its nearshore enforcement capacity, and its ability to tap legal expertise in the drafting and analysis of regulations. However, DOCARE is severely underfunded and lacks sufficient capacity to protect Hawaii's precious natural resources from degradation without restoring funding to the agency that has been

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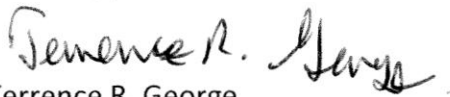
taken away over the years. The agency and the Department now has strong leadership and a clear strategy for improvement.

We also support appropriations to the Department of Land and Natural Resources that would advance its statewide watershed initiative under **Capital Improvement Project Item D6.00, Capital Project No. D01A**. With greater protection of our watersheds from the damage from feral ungulates and invasive species, more of our rainwater will be retained underground, less runoff will pollute and choke our coral reefs, and erosion will be reduced.

Finally, we support appropriations to Kahuku Hospital under **Capital Improvement Project Items E2.00 through E6.00**. Kahuku Hospital is now well run, but it badly needs these long-postponed improvements to its physical plant in order to continue to serve the Koolauloa community.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely yours,

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Terrence R. George  
Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer

## Testimony of Phyllis Dendle

Before:

House Committee on Finance  
The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair  
The Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
The Honorable Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice Chair

March 6, 2013  
2:00 pm  
Conference Room 308

**HB 200      RELATED TO THE STATE BUDGET**

Chair Luke and committee members, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on HB 200 in support of the administrations budget request for the Office of Information Management and Technology (OIMT).

**Kaiser Permanente Hawaii supports this request.**

The Office of Information Management and Technology is requesting:

- ❖ General Fund: \$29.73 million in FY 2014 and \$27.67 million in FY 2015 and
- ❖ Capital Improvement Project funding of \$30 million in both FY 2014 and FY 2015

General fund appropriations will support:

- ❖ Personnel costs for creating 25 positions that are critical for advancing projects related to the business and information technology transformation
- ❖ Initial Governance implementation including an enterprise Program/Project Management function
- ❖ Initial support for future enterprise shared services, including email, collaboration and unified communications tools, etc.



- ❖ Expanding the development of open government and mission applications
- ❖ Improving the state's security and privacy posture to protect vital and confidential information

CIP appropriations will provide support for large systems and infrastructure including:

- ❖ Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system, which will enable the state to strategically manage resources among departments and reduce waste and redundant systems.
- ❖ Consolidated Infrastructure, which will provide better management of the state's information technology, increase security and protect against natural disasters.
- ❖ OneNet, which will consolidate the various networks throughout the state into a single network, allowing central service agency to support networking and department IT staff can be dedicated to support departmental mission applications.
- ❖ Shared Services Center, including email, help desk, computing, network operations, security operations, and data center operations as an enterprise service, again allowing the central service agency to support on an enterprise level and the department IT staff to support mission applications.

At Kaiser Permanente Hawaii we understand the dramatic effect improved technology infrastructure can make on the lives of people. Since 2004 KPHI has been building a system of health care technology that not only created an electronic medical record for our patients but streamlined every system we applied it to from pharmacy, laboratory and diagnostic imaging to registration, scheduling and billing. It has made health care a KPHI safer, faster, more convenient and in every way more efficient.

We believe that what is being proposed by OIMT will provide the same kind of dramatic results for the citizens of Hawaii. Interactions with government by all individuals and organizations will be improved in much the same way our interactions were improved. We look forward to the benefits these changes will make for our organization and members.

Thank you for your consideration.

March 5, 2012

**Enclosed Petition on HB200 Relating to the State Budget  
House Finance Committee Hearing  
Wednesday, March 6, 2013, 2pm Room 308, State Capitol  
Testimony submitted by:**

Chair Rep. Luke, Vice-Chair Rep. Scott Nishimoto, and Vice-Chair Rep. Aaron Johanson (House Finance Committee) and Committee Members

My name is Nancy Golden. I have been working at Nana's House, a family center on the Westside of Kauai, for the last 17 years. The Family Centers provide a safe and comfortable place for families of Kauai to come to receive assistance for many areas of need. We offer free counseling, tobacco treatment, youth programs, case management, food pantry, assistance with SNAP applications, parenting classes, clothing closets, etc. We provide a "home" atmosphere with couches, toys for children, etc. Families come to our centers because they are enjoyable places in the community to relax, learn new things, and seek assistance during vulnerable circumstance, without feeling uncomfortable.

**The families that visit our Family Centers are in strong support for the budget request from the Department of Human Services for Neighborhood Drop-In Centers under Blueprint for Change.** Over the past week, many of the families who visit our centers for various forms of assistance signed in support of the budget request for Neighborhood Drop-In Centers. Please consider the signatures on the enclosed petition in your budget request hearing on HB200 relating to the State Budget, Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at 2pm in room 308 at the State Capitol.

Thank you,

  
Nancy Golden

## Petition for Neighborhood Drop-In Centers on Kauai


I am in strong support for the budget request from the Department of Human Services that supports Neighborhood Drop-in Centers under Blueprint for Change. A center that offers emergency assistance to families, as well as on-going services in a family-friendly setting is very important to our island. Families can get help that they need at any time, from emergency food and clothes, to assistance with strengthening families through parenting, counseling, case management, budgeting, etc. The Hawaiian Value of Lokahi means that everyone pulls together in Unity. Kauai needs a place, supported by the Legislature, where the community can pull together to help one another in this way. Kauai is the only major island that does not have funding for a Neighborhood Drop-In Center. Please approve the DHS budget request that supports Neighborhood Drop-In Centers.

### Signature

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Signature






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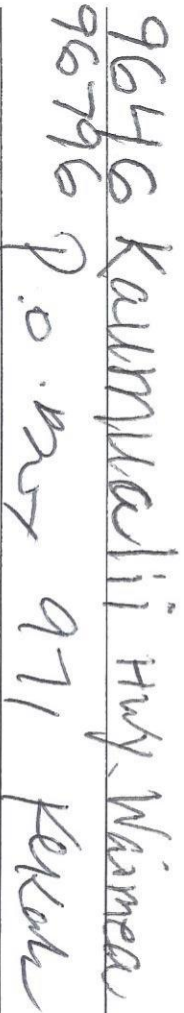
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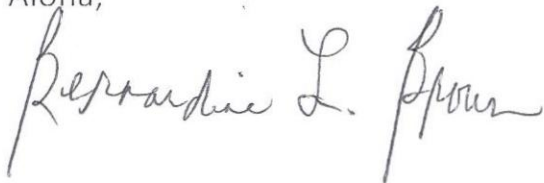
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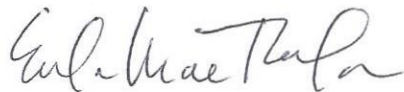


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Testimony on HB200 Relating to the State Budget for  
**DOH Budget for Pre-School Developmental Screening**  
House Finance Committee Hearing

Wednesday, March 6, 2013, 2 p.m., Room 308, State Capitol

Testimony submitted by Howard S. Garval, President & CEO of Child & Family Service

Chair Rep. Sylvia Luke, Vice-Chair Rep. Scott Nishimoto, and Vice-Chair Rep. Aaron Johanson and Committee Members:

I am Howard S. Garval, President & CEO of Child & Family Service (CFS). **This testimony is in strong support for the budget request from the Department of Health (DOH) for Pre-School Developmental Screening.**

In 2009 due to the state budget crisis, the Department of Health's Pre-School Developmental Screening Program (PSDP) was eliminated. DOH has requested \$500,000 for each year of the next biennium to restore this program statewide.

The PSDP provided developmental screening, consultation, and follow-up for approximately 2,000 children ages 3-5 each year until the program ended in 2009. Of the children receiving services, 50-60% of these children had developmental concerns and required PSDP follow-up with specific activities or referrals for evaluation. The loss of PSDP left a gap, so that health care providers no longer had a resource to send children ages 3-5 with developmental concerns for follow-up. Currently there are few community resources available for the gap group of children ages 0-5 who have a developmental concern, but are not eligible for the DOH Early Intervention Services or DOE pre-school special education services. In Hawaii, less than 30% of all children 0-5 receive a developmental screen which means that many children (estimates are close to 30% of the children who do not receive a screening) will have developmental delays in vision, hearing, social-emotional development, and

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other child development milestones and their odds of entering school ready to learn and succeed are severely impaired. We must do better by our youngest keiki and this budget request is one modest way we can increase the number of children who are screened for developmental concerns.

For all of the above reasons, I urge your support for this line item in the DOH budget.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Aloha,

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Testimony submitted by: Karen Tan, Vice President of Programs of  
Child & Family Service

**Strong Support for Home Visitation Funds in Department of Health Budget in HB200**

Aloha, Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, and Committee members. I am Karen Tan, Vice President of Programs of Child & Family Service, Hawaii's oldest and largest human service nonprofit organization with services on every island and touching the lives of 40,000 Hawaii residents from keiki to kupuna each year. I am testifying in strong support of HB200 specifically related to the Department of Health's budget request for \$3 million in general funds for each year of the biennium for Home Visitation Services to prevent child abuse.

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Sincerely,

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In the current biennium that began July 1, 2011, Healthy Start has been funded with Tobacco Settlement Funds at \$3 million per year for FY '12 and FY '13. Mahalo to the Governor and the Director of Health for finding a way to prevent the total elimination of this critically essential child abuse prevention program through the use of these Special Funds that actually had not been released by the previous administration and had not lapsed.

The Hawaii Home Visiting Network includes hospital-based screening using a standardized screening tool for parents of newborns to assess for risk of child abuse and refers families at high risk of child abuse to the Healthy Start Home Visitation program. The Department of Health also is now eligible for Affordable Care Act Home Visitation funds and these can only be used for evidence-based models. Healthy Start is in the process of being accredited under Healthy Families America which is recognized by the Federal government as an evidence-based model.

The Governor publicly touted Healthy Start during his gubernatorial campaign and was one of the original legislators to sponsor the first Healthy Start pilot program for which the Legislature appropriated funds. It is encouraging that we have an administration that believes in Healthy Start which matches the Legislature's consistent support of the program.

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Kimberly Allen  
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**Strong Support for Home Visitation Funds in Department of Health Budget in HB200**

Aloha, Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, and Committee members. I am Kalena Serrano of Child & Family Service, Hawaii's oldest and largest human service nonprofit organization with services on every island and touching the lives of 40,000 Hawaii residents from keiki to kupuna each year. I am testifying in strong support of HB200 specifically related to the Department of Health's budget request for \$3 million in general funds for each year of the biennium for Home Visitation Services to prevent child abuse.

I have had the pleasure of being a family support worker in the Healthy Start Program. The services have proven to be invaluable to the families it services with education and support that some families may not have otherwise had. Being able to support a mother and her new child at a vulnerable time her their life and have them let the program in is a huge achievement and shows the importance and positive report that the program has with it's families.

Before 2009, Hawaii was a leader in child abuse prevention when it still had a statewide Healthy Start Home Visiting program that screened parents of all newborns for risk of child abuse and referred those at high and moderate risk to the voluntary Healthy Start Home Visiting Program. Unfortunately in 2009, this statewide program was decimated when funding was reduced from almost \$10 million in General Funds to \$1.5 million in TANF funds through a Memorandum of Agreement between DHS and DOH. DOH then identified census tracts with the highest rates of child abuse to preserve one Oahu program and one Neighbor Island program. Ewa/Waipahu was selected on Oahu and Child & Family Service was able to keep one small Healthy Start program going as a result since we were already serving Leeward Oahu. The YWCA of East Hawaii was the provider in Puna/Hilo that was able to preserve a small program as well.

In the current biennium that began July 1, 2011, Healthy Start has been funded with Tobacco Settlement Funds at \$3 million per year for FY '12 and FY '13. Mahalo to the Governor and the Director of Health for finding a way to prevent the total elimination of this critically essential child abuse prevention program through the use of these Special Funds that actually had not been released by the previous administration and had not lapsed.

The Hawaii Home Visiting Network includes hospital-based screening using a standardized screening tool for parents of newborns to assess for risk of child abuse and refers families at high risk of child abuse to the Healthy Start Home Visitation program. The Department of Health also is now eligible for Affordable Care Act Home Visitation funds and these can only be used for evidence-based models. Healthy Start is in the process of being accredited under Healthy Families America which is recognized by the Federal government as an evidence-based model..

There is nothing more important that we can do as a state and for our keiki than preventing child abuse. At Child & Family Service our mission is **strengthening families and fostering the healthy development of children**, so I think you can see why we strongly support the Department of Health's budget request for home visitation services to prevent child abuse. The importance of a program like Healthy Start (Healthy Families America) is that we intervene before there is ever a report of child abuse to Child Welfare Services. For numerous years when Healthy Start was a robust statewide program, over 99% of families that stayed 12 months or longer in the program had no report of child abuse. We believe this speaks to the effectiveness of home visitation services for high risk families. We can prevent child abuse, but we must protect these services from being totally eliminated as we

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were close to experiencing back in 2011.

Mahalo for providing the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

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I am Evelyn Higashi, a Program Secretary of Child & Family Service (CFS). **This testimony is in strong support for the budget request from the Department of Human Services for Neighborhood Drop-In Centers under Blueprint for Change.**

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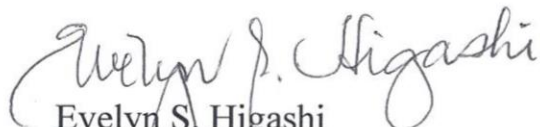
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I am privileged to be able to not just be a staff member of Child & Family Service but accept assistance from the centers when I was not working. The staff had been welcoming, gracious and non-judgmental of everyone who walked in the doors.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the Neighborhood Places.

Aloha,

  
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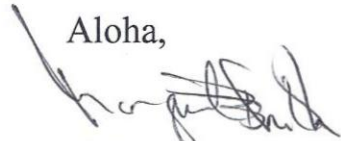


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I am Rebecca Smith, Staff Member of Child & Family Service (CFS). **This testimony is in strong support for the budget request from the Department of Human Services for Neighborhood Drop-In Centers under Blueprint for Change. I am writing to ask that you please support these Centers. These Centers not only help our families with food, clothing and counseling they also provide a safe place to talk to the staff. This gives the staff an opportunity to help guild our families to help themselves, theirs a wonderful saying "If you give a man a fish, he will get a single meal, if you teach him how to fish, He will eat all his life".**

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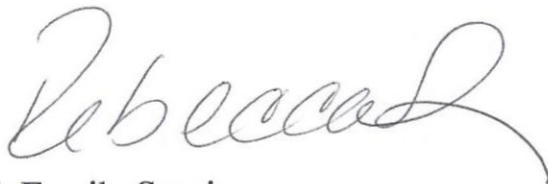
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Aloha,

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Testimony submitted by Jasmine Asuncion, Staff Member of Child and Family Services.

Chair Rep. Sylvia Luke, Vice-Chair Rep. Scott Nishimoto, and Vice-Chair Rep. Aaron Johanson and Committee Members:

I am Jasmine Asuncion, Staff Member of Child & Family Service (CFS). **This testimony is in strong support for the budget request from the Department of Human Services for Neighborhood Drop-In Centers under Blueprint for Change.**

In October 2012 CFS merged with Neighborhood Place of Wailuku which is one of the Neighborhood Places funded under the Blueprint for Change child welfare contract. These Neighborhood Drop-In Centers are a key part of the service system to prevent child abuse as they are all based right in the community and families can walk in without an appointment and no family is ever turned away. Sometimes the immediate request by the family is for food or clothing as these centers have Food Pantries and Clothes Closets, but once the family receives services, it often becomes clear that many of these families can benefit from additional help with parenting and other services. Such families are less likely to go to a social service organization for services due to stigma associated with going to strangers for help. The Neighborhood Drop-In Centers are very family friendly settings that make it more comfortable for families to come in for services.

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### **Strong Support for Home Visitation Funds in Department of Health Budget in HB200**

Aloha, Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, and Committee members. I am

Evelyn Higashi of Child & Family Service, Hawaii's oldest and largest human service nonprofit organization with services on every island and touching the lives of 40,000 Hawaii residents from keiki to kupuna each year. I am testifying in strong support of HB200 specifically related to the Department of Health's budget request for \$3 million in general funds for each year of the biennium for Home Visitation Services to prevent child abuse.

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Sincerely,



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joanie Shibuya	Child & Family Service	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support HB200 for the Neighborhood Drop-In Centers in the DHS budget and Home Visitation Services in the DOH budget to help prevent child abuse and for providing basic needs for families in Hawaii that desperately need these services.

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Testimony submitted by Kimberly Acierito Specialist II Child & Family  
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Chair Rep. Sylvia Luke, Vice-Chair Rep. Scott Nishimoto, and Vice-  
Chair Rep. Aaron Johanson and Committee Members:

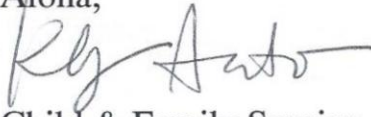
I am Kimberly Acierito, Staff Member of Child & Family Service (CFS).  
**This testimony is in strong support for the budget request from the  
Department of Human Services for Neighborhood Drop-In Centers  
under Blueprint for Change.**

I have had the privilege of working with Child and Family service since  
2003 and have been working in the east side community center, Hale  
Ho'omalulu since 2004. I strongly believe that the community center is an  
asset to the east side community and persons in need. I have been able to  
see how the east and west side centers have helped individuals with  
connecting to services and community resources, counseling, food-  
pantry, clothing and household goods, when in need. Hale Ho'omalulu also  
provides volunteer opportunities and several volunteers have developed  
their job readiness skills by first volunteering in the community center. I  
am also pleased to say that I have seen the pride on the faces of those  
who have received assistance from the center and then have come back  
to "pay back" to the community by donating goods or services. I can say  
that more than a few folks have said how important the center was at a  
time in their life and they were honored to be at a point where they could  
in turn "give something back". What a fabulous model of community  
minded thinking!

I sincerely believe the eastside and west side neighborhood centers can continue to be a gathering place and one -stop resource center servicing the island communities. Please consider supporting funding to allow the centers to operate.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the Neighborhood Places.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kelly A. Aho". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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John Arizumi	Child & Family Service	Support	No

Comments: Drop-in Centers which we support are critical to the social welfare of our community.

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Aloha, Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, and Committee members. I am

Kanoe Garcia of Child & Family Service, Hawaii's oldest and largest human service nonprofit organization with services on every island and touching the lives of 40,000 Hawaii residents from keiki to kupuna each year. I am testifying in strong support of HB200 specifically related to the Department of Health's budget request for \$3 million in general funds for each year of the biennium for Home Visitation Services to prevent child abuse.

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Wednesday, March 6, 2013, 2 p.m., Room 308, State Capitol

Testimony submitted by Gaylen Kinoshita, Staff Member of Child and Family Services.

Chair Rep. Sylvia Luke, Vice-Chair Rep. Scott Nishimoto, and Vice-Chair Rep. Aaron Johanson and Committee Members:

I am Gaylen Kinoshita, Staff Member of Child & Family Service (CFS). **This testimony is in strong support for the budget request from the Department of Human Services for Neighborhood Drop-In Centers under Blueprint for Change.**

In October 2012 CFS merged with Neighborhood Place of Wailuku which is one of the Neighborhood Places funded under the Blueprint for Change child welfare contract. These Neighborhood Drop-In Centers are a key part of the service system to prevent child abuse as they are all based right in the community and families can walk in without an appointment and no family is ever turned away. Sometimes the immediate request by the family is for food or clothing as these centers have Food Pantries and Clothes Closets, but once the family receives services, it often becomes clear that many of these families can benefit from additional help with parenting and other services. Such families are less likely to go to a social service organization for services due to stigma associated with going to strangers for help. The Neighborhood Drop-In Centers are very family friendly settings that make it more comfortable for families to come in for services.

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**Family Centers**-These neighborhood-based programs are designed to prevent child abuse by providing for basic human needs services for families (such as food pantries), parenting education, budgeting, and case management services that all can strengthen the family and lower the risk of child abuse/neglect. Without these services families could end up in the Child Welfare system at higher cost to the state. If we prevent 5 children from entering the child welfare system, we prevent costs of foster care and other child abuse/neglect services ( $\$37,724 \times 5 = \$188,620$ ). We may at times prevent homelessness for a family which is estimated to cost the state over \$20,000 a year per family. It makes absolute sense to support the DHS budget request that funds Neighborhood Drop-In Centers which can easily pay for themselves in reduced costs or cost avoidance within the child welfare system.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the Neighborhood Places.

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State Capitol

Testimony submitted by: Dory Farias of  
Child & Family Service

**Strong Support for Home Visitation Funds in Department of Health Budget in HB200**

Aloha, Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, and Committee members. I am Dory Farias Staff Member of Child & Family Service, Hawaii's oldest and largest human service nonprofit organization with services on every island and touching the lives of 40,000 Hawaii residents from keiki to kupuna each year. I am testifying in strong support of HB200 specifically related to the Department of Health's budget request for \$3 million in general funds for each year of the biennium for Home Visitation Services to prevent child abuse.

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The Hawaii Home Visiting Network includes hospital-based screening using a standardized screening tool for parents of newborns to assess for risk of child abuse and refers families at high risk of child abuse to the Healthy Start Home Visitation program. The Department of Health also is now eligible for Affordable Care Act Home Visitation funds and these can only be used for evidence-based models. Healthy Start is in the process of being accredited under Healthy Families America which is recognized by the Federal government as an evidence-based model.

The Governor publicly touted Healthy Start during his gubernatorial campaign and was one of the original legislators to sponsor the first Healthy Start pilot program for which the Legislature appropriated funds. It is encouraging that we have an administration that believes in Healthy Start which matches the Legislature's consistent support of the program.

There is nothing more important that we can do as a state and for our keiki than preventing child abuse. At Child & Family Service our mission is **strengthening families and fostering the healthy development of children**, so I think you can see why we strongly support the Department of Health's budget request for home visitation services to prevent child abuse. The importance of a program like Healthy Start (Healthy Families America) is that we intervene before there is ever a report of child abuse to Child Welfare Services. For numerous years when Healthy Start was a robust statewide program, over 99% of families that stayed 12 months or longer in the program had no report of child abuse. We believe this speaks to the effectiveness of home visitation services for high risk families. We can prevent child abuse, but we must protect these services from being totally eliminated as we were close to experiencing back in 2011.

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Testimony submitted by: Virginia Phillips of  
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Aloha,

*Gianni Camelo*

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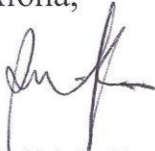


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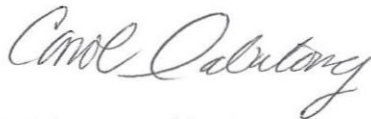
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House Committee on Finance  
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**Strong Support for Home Visitation Funds in Department of Health Budget in HB200**

Aloha, Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, and Committee members. I am Novelyn Hinazumi of Child & Family Service, Hawaii's oldest and largest human service nonprofit organization with services on every island and touching the lives of 40,000 Hawaii residents from keiki to kupuna each year. I am testifying in strong support of HB200 specifically related to the Department of Health's budget request for \$3 million in general funds for each year of the biennium for Home Visitation Services to prevent child abuse.

Before 2009, Hawaii was a leader in child abuse prevention when it still had a statewide Healthy Start Home Visiting program that screened parents of all newborns for risk of child abuse and referred those at high and moderate risk to the voluntary Healthy Start Home Visiting Program. Unfortunately in 2009, this statewide program was decimated when funding was reduced from almost \$10 million in General Funds to \$1.5 million in TANF funds through a Memorandum of Agreement between DHS and DOH. DOH then identified census tracts with the highest rates of child abuse to preserve one Oahu program and one Neighbor Island program. Ewa/Waipahu was selected on Oahu and Child & Family Service was able to keep one small Healthy Start program going as a result since we were already serving Leeward Oahu. The YWCA of East Hawaii was the provider in Puna/Hilo that was able to preserve a small program as well.

In the current biennium that began July 1, 2011, Healthy Start has been funded with Tobacco Settlement Funds at \$3 million per year for FY '12 and FY '13. Mahalo to the Governor and the Director of Health for finding a way to prevent the total elimination of this critically essential child abuse prevention program through the use of these Special Funds that actually had not been released by the previous administration and had not lapsed.

The Hawaii Home Visiting Network includes hospital-based screening using a standardized screening tool for parents of newborns to assess for risk of child abuse and refers families at high risk of child abuse to the Healthy Start Home Visitation program. The Department of Health also is now eligible for Affordable Care Act Home Visitation funds and these can only be used for evidence-based models. Healthy Start is in the process of being accredited under Healthy Families America which is recognized by the Federal government as an evidence-based model.

There is nothing more important that we can do as a state and for our keiki than preventing child abuse. At Child & Family Service our mission is **strengthening families and fostering the healthy development of children**, so I think you can see why we strongly support the Department of Health's budget request for home visitation services to prevent child abuse. The importance of a program like Healthy Start (Healthy Families America) is that we intervene before there is ever a report of child abuse to Child Welfare Services. For numerous years when Healthy Start was a robust statewide program, over 99% of families that stayed 12 months or longer in the program had no report of child abuse. We believe this speaks to the effectiveness of home visitation services for high risk families. We can prevent child abuse, but we must protect these services from being totally eliminated as we were close to experiencing back in 2011.

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The Hawaii Home Visiting Network includes hospital-based screening using a standardized screening tool for parents of newborns to assess for risk of child abuse and refers families at high risk of child abuse to the Healthy Start Home Visitation program. The Department of Health also is now eligible for Affordable Care Act Home Visitation funds and these can only be used for evidence-based models. Healthy Start is in the process of being accredited under Healthy Families America which is recognized by the Federal government as an evidence-based model.

The Governor publicly touted Healthy Start during his gubernatorial campaign and was one of the original legislators to sponsor the first Healthy Start pilot program for which the Legislature appropriated funds. It is encouraging that we have an administration that believes in Healthy Start which matches the Legislature's consistent support of the program.

There is nothing more important that we can do as a state and for our keiki than preventing child abuse. At Child & Family Service our mission is **strengthening families and fostering the healthy development of children**, so I think you can see why we strongly support the Department of Health's budget request for home visitation services to prevent child abuse. The importance of a program like Healthy Start (Healthy Families America) is that we intervene before there is ever a report of child abuse to Child Welfare Services. For numerous years when Healthy Start was a robust statewide program, over 99% of families that stayed 12 months or longer in the program had no report of child abuse. We believe this speaks to the effectiveness of home visitation services for high risk families. We can prevent child abuse, but we must protect these services from being totally eliminated as we were close to experiencing back in 2011.

Mahalo for providing the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

Staff Member, Child & Family Service

*Sandy Wilson  
Healthy Start (FSA)*

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Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Johanson and Committee members. My name is David Striph and I am Senior Vice President-Hawaii for the Howard Hughes Corporation. I am on the board of directors for Child and Family Services which is Hawaii's oldest non-profit organization. As a board member, I strongly support HB 200's budget request for Neighborhood drop-In Centers under Blueprint for Change. These neighborhood drop in centers are extremely important in the fight against child abuse. Please be sure to fund this very important neighborhood service.

Mahalo for providing me this opportunity to testify.

Best regards,

David Striph

Senior VP-Hawaii

The Howard Hughes Corporation

Board Member Child and Family Services

Testimony of John Q. Murray  
FOR  
HB 200

Madame Chairwoman, and Honorable members of the Finance Committee.

My name is John Q. Murray and I live in the vibrant Palama neighborhood of Honolulu. I am a software developer with a very deep interest in civic activity. I previously worked as a newspaper publisher in Montana and have an advanced degree in Public Administration. So it is no surprise that I am very strongly in favor of HB200, which promotes two of my favorite interests: Information Technology and good-government initiatives.

HB200 will enable us to provide the funding to build out a solid digital infrastructure for the citizens of Hawai'i. This investment will allow our state government to provide more services at lower cost, and to ensure the security of our personal confidential data.

While there are many important features of this initiative, I would just like to highlight the need for robust security for the state's digital records. In recent reporting on state-sponsored digital espionage, The New York Times has pointed out that Public Administration is among the sectors most frequently targeted by these cyberattacks.<sup>1</sup> HB200 is essential in securing our state computer network against intruders.

I encourage you to vote FOR this bill.

Thank you.

Note 1: Chinese Army Unit Is Seen as Tied to Hacking Against U.S., The New York Times, [http://www.nytimes.com/2013/02/19/technology/chinas-army-is-seen-as-tied-to-hacking-against-us.html?pagewanted=all&\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2013/02/19/technology/chinas-army-is-seen-as-tied-to-hacking-against-us.html?pagewanted=all&_r=0), retrieved March 5, 2013.

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Ryan Ozawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hawaii has made national headlines for its outdated technology infrastructure, from a VAX machine from the 1970s kept alive with parts off eBay to its \$130 million payroll processed by hand and managed via printed checks. I support the administration's budget and, specifically, its request for \$60 million (\$30 million in general funds and \$30 million in CIP funds for each of the next two years) focused on bringing the government's IT systems into the 21st century. It won't instantly fix three decades of neglect, but it will help Hawaii leapfrog from last place to the front of the pack.

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Michael Mohr	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I appreciate your support of this bill. For Hawaii to thrive in the future, it needs information about important activities that flows freely throughout the state, much like a healthy circulatory system in one's body. The projects proposed will improve citizen accountability and efficiency for virtually all state services. I commend OIMT for all they have accomplished so far.

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March 5, 2013

The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair  
The Honorable Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair

Committee: Testimony to the House Committee on Finance  
Bill No. & Title: HB200 Relating to State Budget

Date, Time: Monday, March 6, 2013, 2:00 p.m.  
Place: State Capitol, Room 308

Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Scott Nishimoto, and Members of the  
Committee on Finance:

My name is Tara Coomans I am a founding member of Hawaii  
Innovation Alliance and immediate Past President of Social Media  
Club Hawaii and a community supporter of technology and  
entrepreneurialism in the state of Hawaii.

**I strongly supports HB200 Relating to the State Budget.**

For far too long, the State of Hawaii has ignored its technology  
infrastructure, leaving our state and its employees to use inefficient,  
outdated and increasingly costly technology. With OIMT, we have  
opportunity to set the tone for innovation and increased efficiency  
which benefits tax payers in the long-term.

I have read and commented on the states' OIMT plan and I believe  
that now is the time for our state to commit to making Hawaii a leader  
in efficiency, innovation and technology.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill

Sincerely,  
Tara D. Coomans

March 6 Hearing Date  
Hearing on House Bill 200

Dear Chair, Rep. Sylvia Luke, and Committee Members,

I am Linda Coble, an advocate for child abuse prevention for three decades. As I understand it, the Department of Health is seeking to re-build a system of home visiting services for families of newborns in need of extra support in parenting. These services will address a range of needs, including child health and development, early learning, and prevention of child maltreatment. The 3-million dollars in General Funds in the Department of Health Budget for Home Visitation Services for child abuse prevention is necessary and welcomed !!

I support the efforts of the Department to creatively use all existing resources to improve the development of young children in the most formative years of birth to three. I urge you to prioritize services to those families who are most at risk for maltreatment. The consequences of child abuse and neglect are too serious for the child and the family. Many studies show links between early abuse and emotional problems, substance abuse, delinquency and chronic health problems. Prevention now will greatly reduce costs down the road.

The Healthy Start program, which was the model for and is now under certification as Healthy Families America, has done a good job in leading the way in prevention of child abuse. These early identification and home visitation services need to be restored and maintained for those at highest risk in communities across the state.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this extremely important budget matter.

Sincerely,  
Linda Coble



**Testimony on HB200 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

House Committee on Finance  
Wednesday, March 6, 2013, 2:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 308  
State Capitol

Testimony submitted by: Joey McKeague, MSW

**Strong Support for Home Visitation Funds in Department of Health Budget in HB200**

Aloha, Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Scott Y. Nishimoto and Committee members,,

I am writing today in support of HB200, related to the Department of Health's budget request for \$3 million in general funds for each year of the biennium for Home Visitation Services to prevent child abuse. I have a strong belief that our state must do all that is possible to ensure the safety and security of our children by reducing such risks to our keiki.

In Hawaii, home visitation services, such as Healthy Start has been a prevention mechanism to reducing such abuse and neglect. In 2009, Healthy Start was significantly reduced in funding, so much so that we almost lost our home visiting programs altogether. Hundreds of families who were in need of home visiting services were left with little to no support at all. It is with a bill such as HB200 that we can avoid the elimination of such needed services in our state by ensuring that the highest risk families are identified and provided home visitation services through the Hawaii Home Visitation Network.

Please know that this bill is not only important to the families of highest risk, but also to the state as a whole. As a state we benefit from utilizing evidence-based programs, such as Healthy Start to reduce risk factors that ultimately will cost us more money in its absence in future years. It is a bill that makes sense both socially as well as financially.

HB200 will ensure that home visitation services will be protected from total elimination in future years, thus ensuring families with the highest risk will continue to receive services. I thank you for your leadership in authoring this important bill.

Mahalo,

Joey McKeague, MSW

March 4, 2013

Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair, Finance Committee  
Representative Scott Nishimoto, Vice-Chair, Finance Committee  
Hawaii State Legislature, Room 308  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: HB 200 Health 580, Maternal Child Health, relating to the Hawaii Home Visiting Program

Dear Representatives Committee,

I am Carol Plummer, Associate Professor at the Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work and Research Affiliate with the Consuelo Foundation. My research specialization is in child abuse and neglect and its prevention. I am testifying in support of home visiting services within the Health section of HB 200.

My work and area of expertise over the past 35 years has been in child abuse and neglect. As someone who has seen the devastation in the lives of children, both short term and long term, in treating hundreds of children and their parents, I urge you to consider the importance of this Bill. Home visiting with families at risk for abuse in the earliest years has been proven to be one of the most effective ways to promote bonding, improve health, and most of all prevent incidences of abuse. After my many years of clinical work, program development, and research, I am convinced that prevention must receive priority consideration in order to alleviate future problems and substantial costs to both youth and society.

Most recently I conducted a study entitled "And How are the Children", which involved meeting with 8 Hawaiian communities on all islands, involving 18 focus groups comprised of service providers or kupuna. A total of 181 individuals participated. First of all, every group highlighted the importance of addressing child abuse and family dysfunctions that impact children. Even more striking was the fact that Healthy Start was singled out as something that was of great help and, when defunded, had dire consequences in our communities. As I noted in my report, "Service providers were frustrated that oftentimes even politicians did not realize the impact of cutting those important family prevention efforts."

I hope that you will support home visiting efforts which are specifically aimed at working with families of children who are at significant risk of abuse and neglect in order to reduce this problem in our communities. I urge you to prioritize prevention programs which strengthen families rather than waiting to pick up the broken pieces, something the literature and research shows can be effective.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify on this matter. I am at your service if I can ever provide you with relevant information.

Sincerely,

Carol A. Plummer, MSW, Ph.D.

Associate Professor, Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work

Research Affiliate, Consuelo Foundation

## **Testimony on DHS Budget Request for FY '14 and FY '15**

Chair Sen. Ige, Vice-Chair Sen. Kidani (Senate Ways and Means Committee) and Committee Members

Chair Rep. Luke, Vice-Chair Rep. Scott Nishimoto, and Vice-Chair Rep. Aaron Johanson (House Finance Committee) and Committee Members

I am Kelley Phillips, a social worker working with children and families on Kaua'i. This testimony is in strong support for the budget request from the Department of Human Services that supports Neighborhood Drop-In Centers under Blueprint for Change.

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Sincerely,

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Mr. Kelley Phillips, MSW  
Lihu'e, Kaua'i

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Chair Rep. Luke, Vice-Chair Rep. Scott Nishimoto, and Vice-Chair Rep. Aaron Johanson (House Finance Committee) and Committee Members

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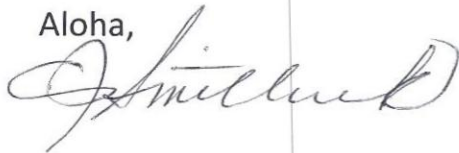
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Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the Neighborhood Places.

Aloha,

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Aloha,

*Ayana Sun*  
*by Mida*



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Testimony submitted by Estrella V. Lopez, Parent Educator of Child &  
Family Service

Chair Rep. Sylvia Luke, Vice-Chair Rep. Scott Nishimoto, and Vice-  
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I am Estrella V. Lopez, Staff Member of Child & Family Service (CFS).  
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Child & Family Service



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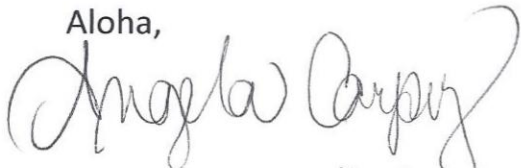
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Aloha,

  
Kauai Community College  
Student



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My name is Mathea Gandia. I am a community member of Kauai, and strong supporter of the Family Centers at Child & Family Service. This testimony is in strong support for the budget request from the Department of Human Services that supports Neighborhood Drop-In Centers under Blueprint for Change.

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Aloha,

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My name is Remedios Corpuz. I am a community member of Kauai, and strong supporter of the Family Centers at Child & Family Service. This testimony is in strong support for the budget request from the Department of Human Services that supports Neighborhood Drop-In Centers under Blueprint for Change.

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Aloha,

*Mrs. Remedios A. Corpey*  
3161 A Unaka St.  
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My name is Harde Liza Dizdagan. I am a community member of Kauai, and strong supporter of the Family Centers at Child & Family Service. This testimony is in strong support for the budget request from the Department of Human Services that supports Neighborhood Drop-In Centers under Blueprint for Change.

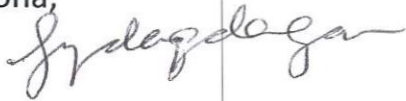
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Aloha,

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My name is Epipanio Batangay, I am a community member of Kauai, and strong supporter of the Family Centers at Child & Family Service. This testimony is in strong support for the budget request from the Department of Human Services that supports Neighborhood Drop-In Centers under Blueprint for Change.

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My name is Suneepon Pochai I am a community member of Kauai, and strong supporter of the Family Centers at Child & Family Service. This testimony is in strong support for the budget request from the Department of Human Services that supports Neighborhood Drop-In Centers under Blueprint for Change.

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*Suneponi Poohai*



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My name is Estrella Yago. I am a community member of Kauai, and strong supporter of the Family Centers at Child & Family Service. This testimony is in strong support for the budget request from the Department of Human Services that supports Neighborhood Drop-In Centers under Blueprint for Change.

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My name is Bonnie Balbin I am a community member of Kauai, and strong supporter of the Family Centers at Child & Family Service. This testimony is in strong support for the budget request from the Department of Human Services that supports Neighborhood Drop-In Centers under Blueprint for Change.

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Aloha,

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Tip Top Restaurant



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My name is FRANCIS PASCUAL. I am a community member of Kauai, and strong supporter of the Family Centers at Child & Family Service. This testimony is in strong support for the budget request from the Department of Human Services that supports Neighborhood Drop-In Centers under Blueprint for Change.

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Places  
*Hebrews & Patina*

Aloha,

*Hebrews & Patina*

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jan Yokota	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This testimony is in strong support of: the Department of Health's budget request for \$3 million in general funds for each year of the biennium for Home Visitation Services; and the Department of Human Services' budget request for Neighborhood Drop-in Centers under Blueprint for Change. These programs are critical in helping to prevent child abuse.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Alika Campbell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am strongly in support of the funding in this bill targeted to the Housing First approach to addressing homelessness in Hawaii. While there is no "silver bullet" or 1 single approach that can be a cure to all the challenges of homelessness, Housing First is an important piece of the puzzle and I urge you to support the \$1.5 million in funding.

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