

# **HB 7, HD2**

Measure Title: RELATING TO THE ELDERLY.

Report Title: Hawaii Kupuna Trust Fund

Description: Creates the Hawaii Kupuna Trust Fund, comprising public and private funding, for meeting the outstanding and future needs of the elderly and vulnerable adult population. Effective July 1, 2030. (HB7 HD2)

Companion: SB107

Package: Kupuna

Current Referral: HMS, WAM

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## Committee on Human Services

### HB7, HD2, RELATING TO THE ELDERLY

Testimony of Wes Lum  
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Attached Agency to Department of Health

Thursday, March 14, 2013; Conference Room 016

1:00 p.m.

1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) supports the intent of this measure,  
2 provided that its enactment does not reduce or replace priorities within our Biennium Budget  
3 Request.

4 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure creates the Hawaii Kupuna Trust Fund, which comprises of  
5 public and private funding to meet the outstanding and future needs of Hawaii's elderly and  
6 vulnerable adult population.

7 **Purpose and Justification:** EOA supports the concept of the Hawaii Kupuna Trust Fund as a  
8 creative way of financing programs and services to strengthen elderly and vulnerable adult care.  
9 Additionally, the work of the Advisory Board will incentivize the development of innovative  
10 services that help older adults remain in their homes and communities with maximum  
11 independence and dignity. However, we defer to the Department of Budget and Finance's (B&F)  
12 position of opposing the creation of trust funds that do not meet the definition of Section 37-62,  
13 HRS. Should your committee pass this measure, we ask that you consider B&F's concerns.  
14 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.