

**LATE TESTIMONY**

TESTIMONY BY KALBERT K. YOUNG  
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STATE OF HAWAII  
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
ON  
HOUSE BILL NO. 7, H.D. 1

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RELATING TO THE ELDERLY

House Bill No. 7, H.D. 1, establishes a Hawaii Kapuna Trust Fund within the Department of Health into which shall be deposited the funds received from appropriations by the State, county, or federal government; private contributions of cash or property; and income and capital gains earned by the trust fund. Additionally, House Bill No. 7, H.D. 1, proposes that appropriations made by the State shall not supplant or diminish funding of existing elderly and dependent on any health related program funded in whole or a part by the State.

The Department of Budget and Finance does not take any position on elderly and dependent adult population services; however, as a matter of general policy, the department does not support the creation of trust funds which do not meet definition under the requirements of Section 37-62, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Further, it is not evident if the proposed Trust Fund would be self-sufficient.

With regards to the Department's oversight authority over the Trust Fund, it should be noted that we have neither the expertise nor the resources to perform a monitoring function as envisioned in this bill.