

TESTIMONY BY KALBERT K. YOUNG
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STATE OF HAWAII
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 7

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RELATING TO THE ELDERLY

House Bill No. 7 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 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.

While the Department of Budget and Finance does not take any position on the policy relating to the elderly and dependent adult population services, 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.