

SB 107

Measure Title: RELATING TO THE ELDERLY.

Report Title: Hawaii Kupuna Trust Fund

Description: Creates the Hawaii kupuna trust fund, which comprises public and private funding for meeting the outstanding and future needs of the elderly and dependent adult population.

Companion:

Package: Kupuna

Current Referral: HMS, WAM

Introducer(s): CHUN OAKLAND, BAKER, GALUTERIA, IHARA, Espero

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Committee on Human Services

SB107, RELATING TO THE ELDERLY

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

Tuesday, January 29, 2013; Conference Room 016

1:30 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.

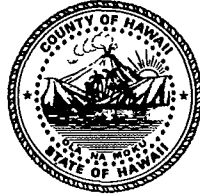
4 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure creates the Hawaii Kupuna Trust Fund, which comprises of
5 public and private funding to meet the outstanding and future needs of Hawaii's elderly and
6 dependent adult population.

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 dependent 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.

12 We note that this measure uses the term "dependent adult," which was deleted from
13 Section 346-222, HRS (the adult protective services statutes). We would recommend that the term

- 1 “dependent adult” be replaced with the term and definition of “vulnerable adult,” which can also
- 2 be found in Section 346-222, HRS. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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January 28, 2013

TESTIMONY TO: Senate Committee on Human Services

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Josh Green, M.D., Vice Chair

SUBJECT: **SB 107 - RELATING TO THE ELDERLY**

Tuesday, January 29, 2013

1:30 p.m.

Hawai'i State Capitol, conference room 016

Honorable Chairs and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of SB 107 – RELATING TO THE ELDERLY that creates Hawai'i Kupuna Trust Fund. I am Alan Parker, Executive on Aging for the Hawai'i County Office of Aging (HCOA).

The Hawai'i Kupuna Trust Fund will include public and private funding to help meet the growing current and future needs of the elderly population.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

Alan R. Parker
Executive on Aging





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To: The Hawai'i State Senate Committee on Human Services
Re: SB 107

To: The Honorable Senator Chun-Oakland and the members of the committee.

Aloha,

The Community Alliance for Mental Health along with United Self Help support SB 107. This bill will be an important part of the transformation of the delivery of care to our aging population. Such services are in short supply now and as our population ages and the rates of disability rise the need will only become greater.

Mahalo,
Robert Scott Wall
Vice-President

Yes to SB 107

Hawaii is unique. One-third of its population within the next 10 years will be 65 years of age or older, which will make it No. 1 among states in terms of the number of elderly as a percentage of its overall population. Possibly because of weather, activity and kupuna eating healthy, kamaainas are living longer.

The hard fact, though, is that just because we are living longer doesn't mean quality of life comes with it. We are learning that with a lengthening life expectancy comes challenging work to care for it.

So society now is asking: Now what?

Today, half of people 85-years or older in Hawaii have Alzheimer's disease. Dementia is now commonly appearing in people in their mid 50s. The growing number of challenged elderly is alarming. Just because we are living longer doesn't mean all our moving parts will continue to keep up.

Many times our kupuna make it through their days alone, with many in unsanitary and even unsafe conditions. Families, friends and society are trying to help, but those who need care daily care progressively grow in number.

It is clear we care, but we do not understand the complexities of the challenge. The phone calls from churches, hospitals, senior residential homes, son or daughters come in to me every day: "Can you help us out?"

Loved ones in every community, in every nook and cranny of the state, are at their wits' ends, exasperated, weary or just plain "burnt out" from caregiving day after day, some year after year – and too many have reached the ends of their ability to continue. The results of this, the magnitude, if not checked will hold this city back from prospering.

Federal and state programs are being cut, and there is a rumor that soon to be eliminated is the private sector's tax-deductible charitable donations to nonprofits. This would only feed the fire of collapse in elderly social services.

Yes! Private and public revenue must be raised and WELL managed. Social enterprise needs to be created. Everyone wants to help our Kūpuna. Give them access! Market, promote, advertise, network, and use the infinite assets of the internet to build the presence (and capture dollars i.e. PayPal) of this need. Create Social enterprise! It will not be difficult. It's just hard focused desire coupled with diligent marketing. Bringing incremental dignity to those that truly deserve this work will be on all and any hearts and minds that hear our message.

We can close our eyes, close our ears and say little, but you can be absolutely sure an elderly challenge will strike you when you least expect it. We can fix this. We need to think, and think hard, because we as a society do not have enough revenues to help all the different issues facing Honolulu, but everyone of us is or will be kupuna and most of us will give to help this advancing problem.

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