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HB1713, RELATING TO AGING

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Thursday, February 20, 2014; Conference Room 308

12:00 p.m.; Agenda #2

EOA's Position: The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) supports this measure, provided that its enactment does not reduce or replace priorities within the Administration's supplemental budget request.

Fiscal Implications: This measure appropriates funds for FY15 for the following:

1. The Kupuna Care Program;
2. The Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC);
3. The Healthy Aging Partnership; and
4. A long-term care education and public awareness campaign.

Purpose and Justification: EOA notes that three of the appropriations in this bill are priorities of the Abercrombie Administration. These priorities include (1) \$427,937 for the continued development of the ADRCs statewide, (2) a \$4.2 million increase in EOA's base budget for Kupuna Care, and (3) \$300,000 for the Healthy Aging Partnership.

Regarding the funding of the long-term care education and public awareness campaign, we note that the appropriation in this measure is not part of the Governor's supplemental budget

request. Should there be a surplus of funds available for this measure, we would be supportive as we agree with the concept of this initiative as it is consistent with EOA's goals and objectives. If the Legislature deems this program necessary, EOA respectfully requests that the Legislature provide the appropriate resources, rather than supplant existing resources, for this proposal. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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TESTIMONY OF PAMELA A. WITTY-OAKLAND, DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Thursday, February 20, 2014, 12:00 p.m., Conference Room 308

HOUSE Bill 1713, "RELATING TO AGING"

Position: In Support

TO: The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Finance

The Elderly Affairs Division (EAD) is Honolulu's designated Area Agency on Aging and operates in accordance with the Older Americans Act of 1965 to coordinate, advocate, and improve services to assist older persons in leading independent, meaningful, and dignified lives in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

This bill includes funding for important programs that support the needs of the increasing population of elderly residents in Hawaii. The funding included in this bill is essential to maintain the health and welfare of our most vulnerable seniors and their caregivers. We strongly support funding for the following programs in HB 1713:

Kupuna Care. The Kupuna Care program includes essential services that support the needs of the increasing population of frail elderly residents in Hawaii. These services provide assistance to frail older adults who cannot live at home without adequate help from family or formal services. They include services such as attendant care, case management, chore, home-delivered meals, homemaker, personal care, and transportation.

Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC). The ADRC is contained in the federal Older Americans Act (OAA) as amended in 2006. Its vision is "to have Aging and Disability Resource Centers in every community...where people of all incomes and ages can turn for information on the full range of long-term support options and a single point of entry for access to public long-term support programs and benefits." The OAA provided very limited federal funds to develop, implement, or sustain this venture. The \$1.9 million being requested represents the first stage of state funding needed to create this resource for Hawaii's people in all counties.

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Healthy Aging Partnership Program. Through the Healthy Aging Partnership, EAD implements Stanford University's Chronic Disease Self-Management Program, an evidence-based program that provides education, training, and support groups to persons with chronic conditions to assist them in managing their own care. The Enhance Fitness is an exercise program and focuses on maintaining strength, flexibility, and balance to maintain health and function of older adults. The results of both programs have been overwhelmingly positive. In addition, other evidence-based self-management programs have been introduced for arthritis and diabetes. We would urge the committee to consider funding these programs in light of the rising healthcare costs associated with the rapidly growing elder population in Hawaii.

We urge the Committee on Finance to support funding of these vital programs. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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Anthony Lenzer, Ph.D	Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs	Support	No

Comments: TO: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair FROM: Anthony Lenzer, PhD, Chair PABEA Legislative Committee HEARING: 12:00 p.m., Thursday, February 20, 2014 State Capitol Conference Room 308 SUBJECT: HB 1713 Relating to Aging POSITION: The Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA) strongly supports the entire contents of HB 1713, which contains provisions for funding the Kupuna Care program; the Aging and Disability Resource Centers; the Healthy Aging Partnership; and the public awareness and education campaign on long-term care. All of the above are PABEA legislative priorities for the 2014 Legislative Session. This testimony will focus on the importance of the Healthy Aging Program. RATIONALE: HEALTHY AGING PARTNERSHIP HB 1713 is designed, in part, to "provide funding to support community-based programs that incorporate collaborations between health care and social service agencies to provide services necessary for the health and well-being of Hawaii's kupuna" (Part 1, Section 1). Nothing exemplifies this goal better than the Healthy Aging Partnership, which is a coalition led by the Executive Office on Aging, the four Area Agencies on Aging, the Department of Health, and the University of Hawaii, in partnership with 40 service providers throughout the state. The healthy aging partnership consists of 2 programs: better choices, better health, and enhance fitness. Better choices, better health is a nationally acclaimed program designed for people with chronic diseases to better manage their symptoms and improve their overall health. This six-week program, led by trained facilitators, includes topics ranging from healthy eating and exercise tips, to appropriate use of medications, stress and pain management, effective communication with one's physician, etc. Workshops are held at senior centers, community centers, churches, health centers, and various other sites throughout the state. Enhance fitness is a group exercise program consisting of 3 classes a week for a 16 week period. The exercise routines address balance, strength, endurance, and flexibility. Both programs were designed and tested by Stanford University researchers, with proven results in weight loss, improve balance, flexibility and mobility. Eight class sites are located on Kauai and Maui. University of Hawaii project evaluators have been monitoring workshop and class attendees and reported the following in 2011: for enhance fitness participants, there were 39% fewer falls; 19% improved their upper body strength; and 11% improved mobility and balance. For better choices, better health enrollees, there was a 7% decrease in number of physician visits; a 19% decrease in hospitalization; a 5% decrease in emergency room visits; a 25% decrease in symptoms such as pain, fatigue and shortness of breath; and a 31% increase in number of days spent in physical activity per week. National studies show that a one-day reduction in hospitalization and 0.2 fewer emergency room visits produce estimated savings of about \$1000 per participant per year. Thus, these programs can result in significant cost savings over both the short and the long run.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 1713

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House Committee on Finance

The Hon. Sylvia Luke, Chair

The Hon. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

The Hon. Aaron Ling Johnson, Vice Chair

Testimony in Support of House Bill 1713

Relating to Aging

Submitted by Robert Hirokawa, Chief Executive Officer

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The Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA), which represents the federally qualified community health centers in Hawaii, supports House Bill 1713, providing support to healthy aging programs and services.

Elderly residents comprise the fastest growing segment of the population here in Hawaii. Between 1980 and 2010, the number of adults in Hawaii over the age of 60 grew by 139.8%, over 34% faster than general population growth. By 2035, it is projected that almost 30% of the population will be comprised of individuals sixty years of age and older.

As such, there is an ever increasing need for long term care services. Basic education and awareness about these issues, including the maximization of single living and long term care financing, must be made available for this emerging population. Doing so will serve to both foster a healthier aging population, but also a more fiscally responsible community as a whole.

For these reasons, the HPCA supports this measure. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



Real Possibilities

To: Committee on Finance
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair

Date: February 20, 2014, Conference Room 308, 12:00 p.m.

Re: **HB 1713 – RELATING TO AGING**
TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT

Chair Luke and Committee Members:

AARP is a membership organization of people 50 and older with nearly 150,000 members in Hawaii. AARP fights on issues that matter to Hawaii families, including the high cost of long-term care; access to affordable, quality health care for all generations; providing the tools needed to save for retirement; and serving as a reliable information source on issues critical to Americans age 50+.

AARP strongly supports HB 1713 - Relating to Aging. This bill appropriates funds for various programs and services for Hawaii's senior population. AARP especially supports the provisions of the bill as it relates to the appropriation of funds for a long-term care education and awareness campaign; the Kupuna Care Program, and the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) from the general revenues for the fiscal year 2014-2015.

Long-Term Care Education and Awareness Campaign

AARP strongly supports the appropriation of \$500,000 for a comprehensive education and awareness campaign.

A comprehensive long-term care education and awareness campaign is needed to alert residents to the risks and costs associated with caregiving and long-term care and to encourage them to plan and save for this part of life.

- Many residents are unaware or underestimate the risk of needing long-term care. Approximately 69% of people who turned 65 in 2005 will need long-term care before they die. Individuals needing long-term care will on average need help for 3 years, and spend on average 2 years at home, and 1 year in a nursing or assisted living facility.ⁱ
- Hawaii residents needing long-term care are faced with long-term care costs that are among the highest in the nation and unaffordable for most Hawaii residents. E.g., the annual nursing home cost (private room) is approximately \$145,270, as compared to the national average of \$83,950.
- Though the majority of Hawaii residents (59%) say they are likely to need long-term care in the future and are not confident that they can afford one-year of long-term care,ⁱⁱ few Hawaii residents are planning ahead to meet these needs.
- Solutions to finance long-term care are limited. Medicare is not designed to cover long-term care services. Medicaid pays for long-term care, but only those with limited assets and income.
- Private long-term care insurance does provide substantial coverage for long-term care, but enrollment is limited.

A long-term care education and awareness campaign will complement the anticipated introduction of a public long-term care insurance program in 2015 that helps people with financing so they can live independently longer in their homes.

Kupuna Care - Appropriation

AARP strongly supports the appropriation of \$4.2 million for the Kupuna Care Program for fiscal year 2014-2015. Kupuna Care is a state funded program designed to help non-Medicaid elderly residents so that they can continue living at home instead of institutional facilities. Kupuna Care assists families by providing a variety of different caregiving and respite support services.

The proposed Kupuna Care appropriation is needed due to the increasing demand for services by Hawaii's rapidly aging population. However, it still falls short of meeting the demand. In 2013 the Kupuna Care program served approximately 4,848 people (unduplicated persons served that does not include people receiving transportation services, as reported by EOA). There are approximately 277,000 individuals over age 60 in Hawaii.ⁱⁱⁱ However, by some estimates, 80% of seniors have at least one chronic health condition and 50% have at least two^{iv} who would also be eligible to use these services.

Kupuna Care – Amendment to Section 349-3.1

We request that "Section 349.3.1 Kupuna care program" be amended as follows: (a) The executive office on aging may establish the kupuna care program. The program shall provide affordable and quality home- and community-based services to prevent and delay the need for institutional-level of care and to prevent spend-down to Medicaid eligibility.

AARP is requesting the amendment to clarify that the intent of the Kupuna Care program is to provide services to non-Medicaid individuals. We understand that on Oahu, some service providers are providing Kupuna Care services to Medicaid eligible individuals in violation of the program. The violation appears to be limited to the City and County of Honolulu which agrees that this program is being used by ineligible individuals. Steps are being taken to remedy the problem by identifying the number of ineligible individuals that received Kupuna Care services. These ineligible individuals will be transitioned off the Kupuna Care program.

A separate funding source and program should be used for Medicaid eligible individuals that are unable to obtain long-term care services through Medicaid and ineligible for Kupuna Care Program services.

As eligible Kupuna Care program recipients are negatively impacted, AARP requests that the State reimburse the Kupuna Care program for the funds provided to serve individuals ineligible for Kupuna Care services.

Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)

AARP strongly supports the additional appropriation of \$428,000 for ADRCs for the counties to continue their ADRC operations and their management information systems. The bill should be amended to reflect an appropriation of \$428,000, rather than \$1.9 million. The legislature has already allocated \$1.4 million for fiscal year 2015.

ADRCs are intended to streamline access to long-term supports and services for older adults, persons with disabilities, and caregivers. The ADRC is a navigational tool that connects individuals to appropriate long-term care options. Hawaii's ADRC program is in various stages of development in each county. ADRCs are operational in Hilo, Maui, and Kauai. The remainder of the Hawaii county and Oahu needs to be implemented.

ADRCs are in need of improvement. AARP's recently published State Long-Term Services and Support Scorecard ranks Hawaii 41st in ability to access long-term care through an ADRC.^v The ADRCs need to be properly resourced and funded to make ADRCs an effective single point of entry for individuals seeking information on their long-term care options. Critical to the success of an ADRC is ensuring the availability of services (e.g., Kupuna Care) when individuals are directed to them. Otherwise, consumers will be increasingly frustrated when referred to services, and only to find out that they are not available.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

ⁱ Kemper, Komisar, Alecxih, Long-Term Care an Uncertain Future: What Can Current Retirees Expect, 2005. Inquiry 42(4): 335-350.

ⁱⁱ AARP Hawaii Survey of Hawaii 50+ Residents on Long-Term Care, 2012.

ⁱⁱⁱ U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Demographic Profile Data

^{iv} Centers for Disease Control, Healthy Aging: Preventing Disease and Improving Quality of Live Among Older Americans 2003, At a Glance, Department of Human Services

^v AARP 2011 State Long-Term Services and Supports Scorecard

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Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Rep. Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice Chair
Thursday, February 20, 2014 at 12:00 p.m.
Conference Room 308

HB 1713: Relating to Aging - SUPPORT

Dear Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice Chairs Scott Y. Nishimoto & Aaron Ling Johanson and Committee Members:

Aloha United Way strongly encourages your favorable consideration of HB 1713 which provides support for various programs and services for Hawaii's senior population.

Aloha United Way especially supports the provisions of the bill relating to the appropriation of funds for senior centers, the Kupuna Care Program, and the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC). Senior centers and Kupuna Care services help to meet the overall community goal of helping seniors remain independent in the community and prevent more costly (and often public funded) institutional care. The ADRC is a single-entry point for all families seeking assistance with disabling conditions and provides assessment of needs and connects disabled persons and family caregivers with appropriate services and resources.

While more long-term support is needed to meet the growing needs with one of the fastest growing senior populations with the longest life expectancy in the nation, this measure is a vital part of the solution as it will provide critically needed and more cost effective services for our most isolated and vulnerable elderly neighbors.

We urge you to support Hawaii's Kupuna by supporting HB 1713.

Sincerely,



Kim Gennaula
President & Chief Executive Officer

TO: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair of House Finance Committee
Representative Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair of House Finance Committee
Members of the House Finance Committee

DATE: Thursday, February 20, 2014
PLACE: State Capitol Conference Room 308
TIME: 12:00 pm
SUBJECT: Testimony in support of HB 1713 –Relating to Aging

I am in very strong support HB 1713 – Relating to Aging.

All parts and sections of HB 1713 - Relating to Aging are urgent as the unmet needs of older adults must be met. Hawaii's elderly population is rapidly increasing and more services are needed to maintain seniors to age in place in Hawaii's community.

The need to support the Kupuna Care (KC) program with \$4,200,000 in addition to the base budget of the Executive Office on Aging and funding of \$1,900,000 for the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) would allow seniors to live in their homes. It is less expensive for seniors to age in place as most older adults cannot afford to live in institutions. A safety net of at home and community based services is needed to allow people to have access to Kupuna Care.

A one stop center or the Aging and Disability Resource Center would definitely help consumers and family caregivers by providing a central informational base to access long term care options and eligibility.

Additionally, funding for the healthy aging partnership program and funding for the need for a long term care education and awareness campaign will better prepare Hawaii residents in planning for future long term care needs.

Please support HB 1713 – Relating to Aging.

Thank you very much

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Testimony of Al Hamai in support of HB 1713, Relating to Aging

House Committee on Finance

February 20, 2014, 12 noon Conference Room 308

Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair Aaron Ling
Johanson, and Committee Members,

HARA strongly supports HB 1713, which is a comprehensive majority package that incorporates the Kupuna Legislative Package on aging, that includes many of the major legislative priorities of HARA and many other senior and aging advocacy organizations, including additional funding to increase the base budget for the Kupuna Care Program; additional funding to implement the statewide Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) system for seniors; and appropriating \$500,000 for the urgently needed education and awareness campaign on long term care.

We urge your Committee to approve HB 1713 and then urge your colleagues in the House to act similarly.

Mahalo and Aloha.

HARA is a strong voice for Hawaii's retirees and seniors; a diverse community-based organization with national roots; a grassroots organizer, educator, and communicator; and a trusted source of information for decision-makers.



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Room 308

HB 1713, Relating to Aging

Good afternoon, Chair Luke, Vice Chair Johanson, and Members of the Finance Committee,

Lanakila Pacific **supports** HB 1713, Relating to Aging to provide critically needed services for our most vulnerable elderly neighbors. Although our preference is that ongoing support be provided in the base budget, this measure provides essential supplemental funding for Kupuna Care services which are designed to prevent more costly care.

However, we have serious concerns about how both Kupuna Care funding is to be used and how the Aging and Disability Resource Center will be implemented on Oahu. These concerns are highlighted below.

- **Medicaid recipients are being turned away with no alternative:** The Kupuna Care Request for Proposals/contracts (issued by the C&C Elderly Affairs Division) and Guidelines (issued by the State Executive Office on Aging) do **not** state that providers are not allowed to serve Medicaid recipients. The RFP/contract and Kupuna Care Guidelines **do** state that clients must meet the following requirement: "Not covered by other comparable government or private home- and community-based care services." Thus, excluding Medicaid recipients is a recent interpretation of The Executive Office on Aging.
- **Limitations of Medicaid (Quest Expanded Access/QExA) as a "comparable government service":** In most cases, Medicaid does **not** provide a "comparable government service." Until recently, Medicaid home & community based services (HCBS) were restricted to skilled nursing level elders. MedQuest expanded HCBS eligibility to "high risk" level (lower level than "nursing home"), however, it is still limited to seniors with the most serious health care needs.

- **As you all know, Medicaid is a health care program.** Kupuna Care is a program intended to prevent the onset of more costly health care needs in our seniors.
- **HCBS does not provide the full array of Kupuna Care Services.**
For example, only medical transportation is authorized through Medicaid. This does not cover transportation to nutrition programs, grocery shopping, etc. which are critical to the health, safety and independent living ability of our kupuna.
- **Where are these low-income seniors with the greatest need supposed to turn?**
Although the Kupuna Care program is not an entitlement, it seems that excluding Medicaid recipients is discriminatory as there is no alternative.
- **Preventing higher costs to the State:** The Kupuna Care program is designed to help *all* seniors live independently — to remain in their homes and avoid more costly premature institutionalization, regardless of whether they are on Medicaid. Excluding Medicaid recipients would exclude the most vulnerable seniors with the greatest economic need from receiving these preventative services, thus creating an avoidable expense for taxpayers.

While we are very concerned about programmatic details in Kupuna Care and ADRC programs, we are in support of this comprehensive package that provides grossly needed resources to address the growing needs of Hawaii's senior population.

According to the most recent Hawaii's Older Adults: Demographic Profile: University of Hawaii, Hawaii has one of the fastest growing senior populations and the longest life expectancy in the nation. Over the last ten years, the senior population has increased 30%.

Unfortunately, there are hundreds of seniors throughout Hawaii on growing waiting lists due to 12 years of flat funding that hasn't kept pace with inflation, let alone the spike in the elderly population. The base budget for Kupuna Care services of \$4.85 million has not been increased since 2002, while Hawaii's senior population has increased by 30% and the costs of living in Hawaii continue to rise. Supplemental funding is requested every year; however, this is not sustainable and should be part of the Executive Office on Aging's budget.

As a Kupuna Care service provider, Lanakila Meals on Wheels serves more than 1,200 Hawaii seniors every day or more than 200,000 meals each year. Our average meal recipient is a woman of Asian or Pacific Island descent, 83 years old with an income of less than \$1,000 per month. Our staff and volunteers deliver much more than a nutritious meal, as they may be the only person that our Kupuna will spend time with each day. Providing Kupuna Care Services, which enables seniors to stay in their homes and avoid costly institutionalization, can be the difference between \$170 for a month of home delivered meals vs. \$9,034 for a month of a semi-private room in a nursing facility

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While more long-term support is needed to meet the growing needs with one of the fastest growing senior populations and the longest life expectancy in the nation, this measure is a vital part of the solution as it will provide critically needed and more cost-effective services for our most isolated and vulnerable elderly neighbors. Aging network providers cannot meet the current and growing demand for services when faced by years of flat or reduced State and Federal funding.

We urge you to support Hawaii's Kupuna by supporting ongoing funding for Kupuna Care as it provides essential services for the most vulnerable senior citizens in Hawaii.

Respectfully submitted,

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President & CEO

Lyn Moku
Director of Lanakila Meals on Wheels



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

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

FROM: Trisha Kajimura, Social Policy Director
Diane Terada, Division Administrator

DATE: Thursday, February 20, 2014, 12:00 p.m., Room 308

RE: **IN SUPPORT of HB 1713, Relating to Aging**

Catholic Charities Hawai'i (CCH) is a tax exempt, non-profit agency that has been providing supportive home and community based services to elders since 1973 and currently serves over 4,000 older persons each year.

CCH supports HB 1713 which includes additional funding for Kupuna Care. We also ask that no additional, or restrictive, language be put into statute regarding Kupuna Care eligibility at this time.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i is a current provider of Kupuna Care transportation services to help support access to necessary medical, nutrition and other services. Through Kupuna Care, CCH Transportation is able to provide hundreds of seniors with needed access to health services, nutrition/food, and financial services/benefits. This also provides relief for caregivers, especially working caregivers who would otherwise have to take time off from work to provide transportation for their elderly relatives.

CCH is particularly concerned that low income elders receive the services they need to remain independent in the community and do not fall into a service gap. Lack of necessary in-home and community based services will result in a rapid spiral into higher and more costly levels of care that is not good for the elder and not good for the taxpayer.

Please be aware that Medicaid provides some of the same type of services as part of their Home & Community Based services (HCBS). However, Medicaid elders do not always qualify for HCBS services under Medicaid. And Medicaid HCBS services are limited to medical need. For example, Medicaid authorizes transportation for medical purposes. They will not authorize transportation for nonmedical purposes, such as nutrition programs, grocery shopping, senior centers, and more.

Kupuna Care services addresses the overall community goal of helping seniors remain independent in the community and prevent more costly institutional care – as well as supporting caregivers. Kupuna Care services provide a safety net for all kupuna and their caregivers who



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cannot afford to pay for in-home and community based services and are unable to receive these services through other means.

Catholic Charities Hawaii wishes to ensure that there is a safety net in place to “catch” the poorest of our kupuna, as well as those who are trying to keep from becoming impoverished.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i asks for your support of HB 1713 and requests that no additional, or restrictive, language be put into statute regarding Kupuna Care eligibility at this time. For further information, please contact Diane Terada at 808-527-4702 or via email at diane.terada@catholiccharitieshawaii.org. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

To: Committee on Finance, Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair

Date: February 20, 2014, State Capitol Conference Room 308, 12 noon

Re: HB 1713 - Relating to Aging

Chair Luke and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB 1713 Relating to Aging. My name is T .J. Davies Jr. and I am retired and disabled and live in the Kakaakpo area. The passage of this bill is vital as:

- A Long-Term Care education and awareness campaign is needed to alert Hawaii residents to plan for long-term care and caregiving. This planning will help residents live independently longer at home, rather than move to costly nursing or group homes.
- The Kupuna Care program provides a safety net for the "gap group" that has thousands of aging Hawaii residents who can't afford to pay for services but do not qualify for Medicaid. There are 277,000 people over age 60, and this program is a cost-effective way to prevent the majority of seniors from falling into poverty.
- ADRCs help caregivers and family members as it's like a "one stop shop" for information about long-term care and caregiving options. It will help reduce the frustration in navigating Hawaii's complicated Long-Term Care system.

It is really tough living on a limited fixed income and people need to be alerted to plan for the next stage of life which may involve Long-Term Care and Caregiving.

I urge you to support Hawaii's growing senior population by supporting HB 1713.

T. J. DAVIES JR.

Volunteer, AARP & Kokua Council for Senior Citizens
Kakaako (District 23 / Senate District 12)

TESTIMONY OF THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF LIFE INSURERS
IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 1713, RELATING TO AGING

February 20, 2014

Via e mail

Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
Committee on Finance
State House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 308
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Luke and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 1713, relating to Aging.

Our firm represents the American Council of Life Insurers ("ACLI"), a Washington, D.C., based trade association with approximately 300 member companies operating in the United States and abroad. ACLI advocates in federal, state, and international forums for public policy that supports the industry marketplace and the 75 million American families that rely on life insurers' products for financial and retirement security. ACLI members offer life insurance, annuities, retirement plans, long-term care and disability income insurance, and reinsurance, representing more than 90 percent of industry assets and premiums. Two hundred twenty-five (225) ACLI member companies currently do business in the State of Hawaii; and they represent 92% of the life insurance premiums and 90% of the annuity considerations in this State.

HB 1713 in part requires the Executive Office on Aging of the Department of Health to conduct an education and awareness campaign on long-term care.

ACLI generally supports legislation for programs which provide information to the public regarding long term care.

Accordingly, ACLI supports HB 1713.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
BRUCE McCullough	HARA andPABEA	Support	No

Comments: HARA is in strong support of this measure. This is the major bill for aging programs. We can not allow these programs to be under funded

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To: Committee on Finance, Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Date: February 20, 2014, State Capitol Conference Room 308, 12 noon
Re: HB 1713 - Relating to Aging

Chair Luke and Committee Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit our written testimony in VERY STRONG SUPPORT of SB 2346 Relating to Aging. Our names are Marv and Michele Paularena. Michele, although somewhat disabled, has been my caregiver since I became disabled. We live in Kahului, Maui and we feel that passage of this bill is vital because:

The Kupuna care program has been invaluable to us because we don't qualify for Medicaid but are financially unable to pay for needed services on our own. Without this very valuable program Marv would not be able to obtain services like home health aide assistance. This assistance allows him to care for his personal hygiene needs while maintaining some degree of independence and also continue to live at home with me.

The people of Hawaii urgently need some form of long-term care education and awareness in order to alert them to plan for long-term care and caregiving while they are finically able. This planning will help residents live independently longer at home, rather than to move to costly nursing or group homes which may be beyond their financial means.

Maui's ADRC program has been of great help as we have been able to find information about caregiving options. We don't know how we would have been able to learn about our choices without this wonderful service that helped to reduce the frustration in navigating Hawaii's complicated long-term care system. A form of this program is sorely needed in every county sy that others might be blessed with easy access to services that are not simple to find without assistace.

As a care receiver, I am very aware of the stress my wife Michele faces on a daily basis. We both urge you to promote education and long-term care planning for all the people of Hawai'i so that others may be better prepared to face long-term care and/or caregiving. We all deserve a better future where we and our families are prepared so that we can spend our older years with aloha.

We urge you to support Hawaii's growing senior population by supporting HB 1713 and mahalo for standing beside us and our fellow Kupuna.

Marv and Michele Paularena
Kahului, Maui

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We truly appreciate your time in preparing testimony.

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February 18, 2014

To: Committee on Finance, Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Date: February 20, 2014, State Capitol Conference Room 308, 12 noon
Re: HB 1713 - Relating to Aging

Chair Luke and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HB 1713 Relating to Aging. My name is Janice Bond and I live in Lihue, Kauai. The passage of this bill is vital as:

- A long-term care education and awareness campaign is needed to alert Hawaii residents to plan for long-term care and caregiving. This planning will help residents live independently at home.
- The Kupuna Care program provides a safety net for the "gap group" that has thousands of aging Hawaii residents who can't afford to pay for services but do not qualify for Medicaid. This program is a cost-effective way to prevent the majority of seniors from falling into poverty.
- ADRCs help caregivers and family members as it's a "one stop shop" for information about long-term care and caregiving options. It will help reduce the frustration in navigating Hawaii's long-term care system.

My sister was caregiving our mother for over a year. The last two weeks of her life she was put into Regency at Puakea. It is really tough – people need to plan for the next stage of life involving long-term care and caregiving.

Please support Hawaii's growing senior population by supporting HB 1713.

Sincerely,

Janice S. Bond





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james crowe	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please support HB1713 relating to aging. HB1713 provides substantial help to Hawaii's respected Kupuna, It will help bring awareness to an apparently overlooked looming problem of the need for long term care. It supports caregivers of seniors and leads seniors to the right sources for medical care when crises arrive. I know about these needs. I am a senior who is a caregiver to another senior.

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Curt S. Morimoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this Bill. Coordination and data collecting is essential to programs for the aging for them to be beneficial and widespread!! Thank you!!

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To: Committee on Finance, Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair

Date: February 20, 2014, State Capitol Conference Room 308, 12 noon

Re: HB 1713 - Relating to Aging

Chair Luke and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB 1713 Relating to Aging. My name is Aletia Point Du Jour and I am a student at Hawaii Pacific University and live in the Waialae area. The passage of this bill is vital as long-term care costs in Hawaii are the highest in the nation. Costs range from \$145,270 a year for a private nursing home room to \$53,768 yearly for homemaker services. Hawaii residents age 65 and up are the fastest growing population in the state of Hawaii. 70% of them can expect to need long-term care by the age of 65. A poll conducted by AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research found that two-thirds of Americans ages 40 and up have done little to no planning for long-term care. A long-term care plan will help Hawaii residents to remain in their homes rather than living moving to a nursing home or group home. The Kupuna Care program will prevent many aging Hawaii residents from becoming impoverished by giving them much needed support to pay for services. It is the only program available for people who do not qualify for Medicaid but cannot afford to pay for services. ADRCs would greatly assist caregivers and family members by providing a "one stop shop" for information about long-term care and caregiving options.

I support HB 1713 because I understand the importance of long-term care awareness and education. My family became caregivers to my grandmother when she got cancer. My father did his best to care for his mother while working fulltime to support his family. He took her to her appointments. He and my mother made sure she had her meals and her medicine. And when she cried out at night from the pain, he cried too. Being a caregiver is hard enough. Not having the resources you need to take care of your loved ones makes a difficult task that much harder. That is why I support HB 1713.

I urge you to support Hawaii's growing senior population by supporting HB 1713.

Aletia Point Du Jour

Waialae Resident

To: Committee on Finance, Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair

Date: February 20, 2014, State Capitol Conference Room 308, 12 noon

Re: HB 1713 - Relating to Aging

Chair Luke and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of SB 2228 SD1 Relating to Aging. My name is Nicole Soghomonian and I am a social work graduate student at Hawaii Pacific University and am currently an Intern at AARP Hawaii. I have developed a great interest in long term care and caregiving through my experience at AARP because I have observed the issues amongst Hawaii's growing senior population. There are thousands of aging Hawaii residents who can't afford to pay for services and do not qualify for Medicaid. Many residents without family support and sufficient finances are falling into poverty. Most families do not prepare for this next stage of life that may involve long-term care and caregiving. When that time comes, most families become frustrated and do not know how to navigate Hawaii's complicated long-term care system. It is important for the younger generation to get involved with issues concerning long-term care and caregiving because they can influence and educate others to prepare for the future and avoid situations that they no longer can control.

Personally, my family is going through a difficult time because my grandfather is very ill and my grandmother is not able to take care of him. Unfortunately my aunt is taking advantage of the system and getting paid to take care of him but is never there for him. He is currently hospitalized and my grandma made the decision to transfer him to a nursing home. My father is very upset and wants to take care of him but my aunt will not allow it. There are so many issues because the family did not prepare for this and my grandfather is unable to make a decision and say where he wants to be. I have been very affected as well because I want to advocate for my grandfather as a social worker and his granddaughter but my father does not want me to get involved because he does not want to intensify any family issues. I know that this issue is very complicated and difficult for many people and they need to be educated about prepared for this stage of life.

I to urge you to support Hawaii's growing senior population by supporting HB 1713

Nicole Soghomonian

Honolulu, Hawaii

To: Committee on Finance, Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Date: February 20, 2014, State Capitol Conference Room 308, 12 noon
Re: HB 1713 - Relating to Aging

Chair Luke and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB 1713 Relating to Aging. My name is Midori Kiso and I am a former family caregiver for my late husband and live in the Moiliili area. The passage of this bill is vital as:

- A long-term care education and awareness campaign is needed to alert Hawaii residents like myself, relatives and friends to plan for long-term care and caregiving. This planning will help residents live independently longer at home, rather than move to costly nursing or group homes.
- The Kupuna Care program provides a safety net for the "gap group" that has thousands of aging Hawaii residents who can't afford to pay for services but do not qualify for Medicaid. There are 277,000 people over age 60, and this program is a cost-effective way to prevent the majority of seniors from falling into poverty.
- ADRCs help caregivers and family members as it's like a "one stop shop" for information about long-term care and caregiving options. It will help reduce the frustration in navigating Hawaii's complicated long-term care system.

Many people are already going through tough times physically, mentally and financially as caregivers for ill or disabled family members. As they try everyday to cope with their difficult situation, they also need to be alerted, especially now, to plan for the next stage of life which may involve long-term care and caregiving.

I urge you to support Hawaii's growing senior population by supporting HB 1713. Thank you!

Midori Kiso
Moiliili, Oahu

To: Committee on Finance, Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair

Date: February 20, 2014, State Capitol Conference Room 308, 12 NOON

RE: HB 1713 – Relating to Aging

Aloha Chair Luke and Committee Members:

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB 1713 Relating to Aging. My name is Claire Santos and I am a registered nurse and healthcare advocate living in the Punchbowl area. The passage of this bill is vital because:

In the best interest of community health and safety, all Hawaii residents must be made aware of available options in order to plan for their later years. Hawaii has a “gap group” of aging residents who can’t afford to pay for services, yet they also don’t qualify for Medicaid and don’t know where to turn for assistance. With over 277,000 people over the age of 60 in our community, a long-term care education and awareness campaign is vital to alert Hawaii residents to plan for long-term care and caregiving. This information will be essential for planning to live independently at home, rather than moving to costly nursing homes or group homes.

The Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) is a vital one-stop source of information and guidance for caregivers and family members to obtain the information they need about the very complex process of navigating the long-term care system.

In terms of available services that need support in order to be of continued value, the Kupuna Care Program provides a cost-effective safety net for those who cannot afford pay for services while remaining in their homes during later years.

As a former home care representative for the Medicare population, I was involved in the discharge planning process as well as the home health care assessment and planning. I believe that it is in the best interest of every aging person to have available the appropriate resources for long-term health and life planning and management that is presented in the appropriate cultural, language and literacy levels for the person and their caregiver.

I urge you to support caregivers by voting YES on HB 1713.

Sincerely,

Claire P. Santos, MS, RN

Aloha Representative Luke and committee members,

My name is Barbara Service and I reside in Senate District 9, Senate District 19. I am an AARP volunteer and also belong to Kokua Council.

I urge your strong support of SB2228 SD1. This will provide funding for long term care public awareness and education. Many people have not considered how they will pay for their future long-term needs. This funding will serve to make the public aware of this need.

Additionally, it will add monies for Kupuna Care to the base budget. Kupuna Care is now funded at \$4.8 M and must request an additional \$4.2M every year to maintain a \$9M budget. As you are aware, Kupuna Care covers a "gap" group of individuals who cannot afford private in-home care and are not Medicaid eligible. Kupuna Care helps to keep individuals in their own homes, avoiding costly nursing home care.

The passage of SB2228 SD1 will provide additional funding for the ADRD, the one-stop shop which provides information to families on how to navigate the long-term system and about caregiving, in general.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide strong support of SB2228 SD1.

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TO: Chair Chun Oakland & Committee Members

DATE February 19, 2014

RE: HB 1713 Relating to Aging

Chair Chun Oakland and Committee Members

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in strong support of HB 1713 relating to Long Term Care Education, Kapuna Care and the ADRC (The Aging & Disability Resource Center). My name is Laurel Leslie and I am retired school teacher. I live in Kailua, Oahu. The passage of this bill is important to me because I am getting to an age when I must plan for not only my future, but in planning care for elderly family members who cannot care for themselves. All of my family members want to live in their own homes as long as possible.

Passage of HB 1713 Kapuna care would provide a safety net for those that cannot afford to pay for services, and who can't qualify for Medicaid. Those services provided by Kapuna care, would allow seniors to remain in their own homes for as long as possible. We need to encourage this self-reliance. The ever-increasing cost of hospital care (and health care in general) should not be a consideration of care for any family.

My family also needs ADRC funding. This service is extremely valuable to the community for desperate family members who don't know where to turn for help and may be handling the care of an elder or disabled person in the family for the first time. This resource center is critical when looking for eligibility options. It will help to reduce the frustration when navigating Hawaii's complicated long-term care system.

I urge your support for seniors by a yes vote on HB 1713.

Ms. Laurel Leslie

223 Aikapa St.

Kailua, HI 96734

To: Committee on Finance, Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Date: February 20, 2014, State Capitol Conference Room 308, 12 noon
Re: HB 1713- Relating to Aging



Chair Luke and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB 1713 Relating to Aging.

My name is Chalintorn N. Burian, Ph.D. and I am a retiree. I live in Paauli-Mauka on the Big Island. The passage of this bill is vital as:

- Living in long-term care facility can be very expensive and not satisfying. But most people do not understand this predicament. A long-term care education and awareness campaign is needed to alert Hawaii residents to plan for long-term care and caregiving. This planning will help residents live independently longer at home, rather than move to costly nursing or group homes.

- The Kupuna Care program provides a safety net for the "gap group" that has thousands of aging Hawaii residents who can't afford to pay for services but do not qualify for Medicaid. There are 277,000 people over age 60, and this program is a cost-effective way to prevent the majority of seniors from falling into poverty. More funding is needed for Kupuna Care program, so that more people can benefit from it.

- ADRCs help caregivers and family members as it's like a "one stop shop" for information about long-term care and caregiving options. On the Big Island, we are fortunate to have an ADRC in Hilo. We need more ADRCs in other locations, and to make sure that potential users know about this service, which will help reduce the frustration in navigating Hawaii's complicated long-term care system.

I am a member of Honokaa Senior Club, and I am familiar with the needs of members of senior clubs in this vicinity: Kohala, Waimea, Paaulo, Laupahoehoe, etc. I know that seniors and their caregivers would benefit greatly if HB 1713 is approved. I therefore urge you to support Hawaii's growing senior population and caregivers by voting **YES** on HB 1713 – Relating to Aging.

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HB1713, Related to Aging (Majority Package); HB2053, HD1 (Falls Prevention); HB 2056, HD1 (Dementia and Elder Justice Coordinators), Hearing before the Finance Committee

Testimony in Support, PABEA, Legislative Committee

Wednesday, February 20, 2014, noon; State Capitol Conference Room 308

Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair and Committee Members:

My name is Charlene Iboshi and I am writing as a member of PABEA, Legislative Committee in support of the Majority Package Bill, HB1713, related to aging. As an organization, we realize that aging issues are the "Silver Tsunami" challenging the future resources of our state financially, socially and culturally. The role of the PABEA is the advocate those measures that help our elders have healthy aging while they remain in the community as long as possible. The recommendations should be strategic, effective and be fiscally responsible as the "Baby Boomers" quickly follow the "Great Generation."

We fully support the funding relating to the elderly and their caregivers. The omnibus funding items recommended by the Kapuna Caucus and PABEA were fully vetted and a product of well-researched and responsible recommendations. Additionally, the Governor's proposed budget and the Joint House and Senate Majority proposals, included funding for: 1) Kupuna Care; 2) Aging and Disability Resource Centers; 3) Long-term Care Funding Awareness Campaign.

Since my retirement last year as the Hawaii County Prosecutor, I have involved myself in PABEA, Legislative Committee, and other organizations that support a healthy and safe community. To reduce economic and social costs facing the elders, disabled and their caregivers, a plan with collaborative, comprehensive implementation of "best practices" is key. This includes a government and community "support net" and preventative measures that reduce medical and residential care for our elders and disabled.

Our first priority bill HB1713, Relating to Elders (and disabled), sustain funding of the user-friendly Aging Disability Resource Centers providing "one stop" assistance; kupuna care services for low income elders, but not medicaid eligible, and addresses the growing challenges of long-term care financing through an awareness initiative. The funding efforts allow our elders to remain in the community and stay out of nursing care facilities. HB2053, HB1 (fall prevention coordinator)and HB 2056, HB (prevention of elder abuse and fraud and dementia and alzheimer support coordinators). The coordinators will develop interdepartmental, statewide, coordinated and comprehensive strategic implementation. The funding proposals will reduce the overall social and economic costs by using prevention measures to avoid and mitigate fall injuries and develop comprehensive and cost-effective "best practices" to avoid institutional care and ensure healthy aging initiatives, including reducing elder abuse and fraud exploitation.

The Legislature should adopt the Kupuna Caucus and PABEA recommendations to support the economic and social vitality of our growing elder populations and their caregivers. This strategic legislation is especially helpful to women, who live longer and are the elders' primary caregivers, and the middle-class who do not qualify for government assistance, but cannot afford long-term care costs. The Neighbor Island communities have the challenges of strained infra-structure, so these continuing funding and coordinated statewide initiatives help to strengthening our community's self-help strategies and maintain current cost-effective services to the elderly.

Thank you for your expected support and opportunity to testify.

Charlene Iboshi, PABEA, Legislative Committee

LATE

To: Committee on Finance, Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair

Date: February 20, 2014, State Capitol Conference Room 308, 12 noon

Re: HB 1713 - Relating to Aging

Chair Luke and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB 1713 Relating to Aging. My name is Ramon Sumibcay, RN. I am a volunteer for AARP. The passage of this bill is vital for the growing elderly population.

As we all know, that the 65+ age group is the fastest growing segment of the population. In Hawaii, there will be close to 300,000 Hawaii residents by 2030. While most of our seniors live in their homes, those who will need long-term care outside of their homes have to plan way early. Currently, a private room in a nursing home costs about \$145,000 a year. A long-term care education and awareness campaign must start now. Seniors should know what their options are and what resources will be available for them in the near future.

There are seniors who are not eligible even for Medicaid services. We could not afford to leave these seniors in the dark. The Kupuna Care Program provides vital services for these seniors. We must ensure the appropriation of sufficient funds for this program.

There are various programs and services offered to seniors. But it is confusing what type of services a senior citizen is eligible for. That's why a single point of entry for services should be established throughout the state. Adult and Disabled Resource Centers (ADRCs) must be funded to have effective operations and eliminate confusion. ONE STOP SHOP like the ADRC is the answer.

I urge you to support Hawaii's growing senior population by supporting HB 1713.

Thank you very much.

Ramon Sumibcay, RN

LATE

HB No. 1713, Relating to Aging (Kupuna Care; ADRCs; Longterm Care Campaign)
HB No. 2053, HD1, Relating to Aging (Falls Prevention)
HB No. 2056, HD1, Relating to Aging (Dementia Services and Elder Justice Coordinators)

Testimony in Support, Zonta Club Of Hilo

Hearing before the Finance Committee

Thursday, February 20, 2014, noon; State Capitol Conference Room 308

Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair, and Committee Members:

My name is Charlene Iboshi and I am writing on behalf of the Zonta Club of Hilo. The Zonta Club is an international organization of business and professional women whose mission is to advance the status of women and girls. We voted recently to support this Kupuna Caucus bills, HB 1713, HB No. 2053, HB 2056, related to aging. As an organization, we realize that aging issues disproportionately impact women for two main reasons; 1) greater social, medical and economic costs associated with longer life-expectancies; and 2) women still bear most of the responsibilities of elder caregiving. Many of our members are "Baby Boomers" or in the "Great Generation," so we understand the challenges of being an "elder."

We fully support Senate Bill HB 1713, Relating to Aging, which reflects the needed funding to address the growing social and economic challenges facing the elders. The omnibus funding items recommended by the Kapuna Caucus and PABEA were fully vetted and a product of well-researched and responsible recommendations. The Governor's proposed budget and the Joint House and Senate Majority proposals, included funding for: 1) Kupuna Care; 2) Aging and Disability Resource Centers (four counties); 3) Long-term Care Funding Awareness Campaign.

Since my retirement last year as the Hawaii County Prosecutor, I have involved myself in organizations that support a healthy and safe community. To reduce economic and social costs facing the elders, disabled and their care-givers, a plan with collaborative, comprehensive implementation of "best practices" is key. This includes a government and community "support net."

HB 1713 is the first priority bill, Relating to Elders (and disabled), addresses the growing challenges of long-term care financing; user-friendly Aging Disability Resource Centers providing "one stop" assistance; kupuna care services for low income, but not medicaid-eligible, elders to keep these elders in the community and out of nursing care facilities. The second priority is HB 2053, HD1 fall prevention coordinator. The final priority is the HB2056, HD1, prevention of elder abuse and fraud and dementia and alzheimer support coordinators. The funding proposals would reduce the overall societal and economic costs by using prevention measures and avoiding costly institutional care.

The Legislature should adopt the Kupuna Caucus and PABEA recommendations to support the economic and social vitality of our growing elder populations. This support is especially helpful to women, who do the caregiving primarily and become the cared for

elder as they become frail and unable to take care of themselves because of their longer life expectancies.

The funding will be helpful for Hawaii County, which has the challenge of being the largest county with strained infra-structure. Our super-rurality makes any delivery of services for elders and disabled more challenging. Collaboration is our strength, but we continue to have the unfortunate status of being the county with the most "challenging" economic and social negative social indicators, including inadequate public transportation and insufficient primary health care services. Please provide adequate funding for prevention of falls, elder fraud, strengthening of community, self-help strategies with "one stop" access through the ADRCs, and maintaining current cost-effective elder services, such as Kupuna Care, for aging without institutional care.

Thank you for your expected support and opportunity to testify.
Charlene Iboshi, Zonta Club of Hilo

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19 February 2014

Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
Committee on Finance
State House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 308
415 South Berentania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: House Bill 1713, relating to aging SUPPORT TESTIMONY

Dear Chairwoman Luke and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 1713. On behalf of the Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter, I am pleased to extend our full support for House Bill 1713, which provides funding for the Kupuna Care Program, the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC), the Healthy Aging Partnership and a long-term care education and public awareness campaign. The Association strongly supports programs that assist family caregivers and help individuals live in their homes and communities for as long as possible before having to utilize more costly forms of care.

The Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter strongly supports additional funding for the ADRCs to provide enhanced availability of services for Kupuna statewide. A key strategy in the *Hawaii State Plan for Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias* is the availability of a one-stop resource for information about and referral to long-term care, support, and services. One way this will be accomplished is by bringing all of Hawaii's ADRCs to national fully functioning standards. The requested appropriation in HB1713 will be vital to moving toward that goal. We concur with testimony previously submitted by the Executive Office on Aging which calls for an appropriation of \$427,937, rather than \$1,900,000, citing an existing legislative allocation of \$1.4 million.

We also strongly support enhanced funding for the Kupuna Care program, which provides home and community-based services for non-Medicaid elderly persons, including respite for family caregivers. Approximately seventy percent (70%) of older adults with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias live in the community and usually receive a significant amount of their care from family caregivers. In addition, those with cognitive impairment needing assistance with activities of daily living, such as dressing and bathing, are more than twice as likely to receive paid home care than those without cognitive impairment.ⁱ Alzheimer's family caregivers report the highest levels caregiver-related stress, burn-out, and health problems, and thus, stand to benefit tremendously from the enhanced availability of Kupuna Care respite and support services.ⁱⁱ

Finally, we strongly support the allocation of funding for a long-term care education and awareness campaign. Another key strategy in the *Hawaii State Plan for Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias* is to ensure that families receive education and support upon diagnosis with Alzheimer's disease.

An essential part of that education includes long-term care options and resources, how to maximize community and home living for as long as possible and how costs of long-term care are paid (i.e., out-of-pocket and/or through public programs). Alzheimer's disease is a progressive, terminal disease, and as a result, most individuals with the disease are certain to need some level of long-term supports and services at some point during the disease process. Families living with Alzheimer's will undoubtedly benefit from heightened public awareness about the need for long-term care planning.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on this legislation and applaud your leadership in bringing it forward.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C Payne". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland
Representative Gregg Takayama

ⁱ Alzheimer's Association, 2013 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures, *Alzheimer's and Dementia*, Volume 9, Issue 2: 46

ⁱⁱ Alzheimer's Association, 2013 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures, *Alzheimer's and Dementia*, Volume 9, Issue 2: 33

To: Finance Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair

LATE TESTIMONY

DATE: Thursday, February 20, 2014
TIME: 12:00 P.M.
PLACE: Conference Room 308, State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

RE: HB1713, Relating to Aging

Testimony in Strong Support

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Chair Luke and Committee Members:

I am a concerned citizen and I come to you in support of HB1713, Relating to Aging. I believe that the fate of this bill will greatly impact the current programs we have for our kupuna population in Hawaii. As a young man with an aging mother and relatives, I am at the point of realization that I need to start thinking about the future of my family members. I have to begin planning to help my mother and relatives find services that will enable them to live at home safe and secured.

Programs funded through Kupuna Care, target people who are socially isolated and physically weak to get the support they need for self-care, home maintenance and monitoring. Many elders like my aunt Nena, who is in her mid-70's and suffer from frailty and early stages of dementia, needs semi-constant supervision, and other supportive services. At this point of her life, my aunt constantly needs housekeeping assistance, light personal care, chore services and transportation to take her to doctor's appointments. Unfortunately, despite our efforts, my family cannot always be there to help. Thus, the enabling services provided by the agencies involved with Kupuna Care are integral for people in the same situation.

By keeping the programs funded, this bill will help many elders of Hawaii live safe, secure and at peace at home. Our kupunas will be able to sleep in their own beds with privacy and dignity, which is not always the case if they were to live in care homes and nursing facilities. I urge you to approve this bill with the thought that one day the survival of these programs will provide the services we will need in our imminent future.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide this testimony.