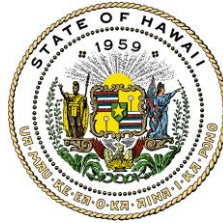


HB 1713

Measure Title:	RELATING TO AGING.
Report Title:	Aging; Long-term Care Education; Appropriations; Majority Package (\$)
Description:	Appropriates general funds to provide ongoing financial support to healthy aging programs and services. Requires the Executive Office on Aging to conduct a public education and awareness campaign on long-term care and appropriates general funds for its support and evaluation. Effective July 1, 2014.
Companion:	<u>SB2346</u>
Package:	Joint Majority Package
Current Referral:	HMS, WAM
Introducer(s):	SOUKI, AQUINO, AWANA, BELATTI, BROWER, CABANILLA, CACHOLA, CARROLL, CHOY, CREAGAN, CULLEN, EVANS, HANOHANO, HAR, ICHIYAMA, ING, KAWAKAMI, KOBAYASHI, C. LEE, LOWEN, LUKE, MCKELVEY, MIZUNO, MORIKAWA, NAKASHIMA, NISHIMOTO, OHNO, ONISHI, OSHIRO, RHOADS, SAIKI, SAY, TAKAI, TAKAYAMA, TAKUMI, TOKIOKA, TSUJI, WOODSON, WOOLEY, YAMANE, YAMASHITA

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Committee on Human Services

HB1713, RELATING TO AGING

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

Tuesday, March 11, 2014; Conference Room 016

1:15 p.m.

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.

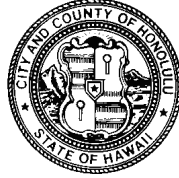
Purpose and Justification: EOA notes that three of the appropriations in this bill are priorities of the Abercrombie Administration. These priorities include (1) \$427,937 for the continued development of the ADRCs statewide, (2) a \$4.2 million increase in EOA's base budget for Kupuna Care, and (3) \$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 SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
Tuesday, March 11, 2014, 1:15 p.m., Conference Room 016

HOUSE Bill 1713, "RELATING TO AGING"

Position: In Support

TO: The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Human Services

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.

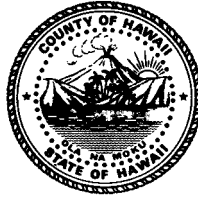
Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC). The ADRC is contained in the federal Older Americans Act (OAA) as amended in 2006. Its vision is "to have Aging and Disability Resource Centers in every community...where people of all incomes and ages can turn for information on the full range of long-term 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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and Members of the Committee on Human Services
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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 Human Services to support funding of these vital programs. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Alan R. Parker
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March 10, 2014

TESTIMONY TO: **Senate Committee on Human Services**

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Josh Green, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: **HB 1713**

"RELATING TO THE AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTERS, KŪPUNA CARE PROGRAM, HEALTHY AGING PARTNERSHIP, AND LONG TERM CARE EDUCATION AND AWARENESS CAMPAIGN"

Tuesday, March 11, 2014
01:15 p.m.
Conference Room 016

Honorable Chairs and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on HB1713. I am Alan Parker, Director of the Hawai'i County Office of Aging. It is critical that HB1713 be passed to enable continuation of vital services and supports to the Kūpuna and family caregivers of Hawai'i County.

The County of Hawai'i has invested heavily in the development of Kahi Mālama, Hawaii County's *Aging & Disability Resource Center*. Having completed the facility, we are still working to fully develop the programmatic aspects that will enable "fully functioning ADRC" status to qualify for additional funding streams and ensure sustainability. The ADRC's single access concept and collaborative mechanism will ensure improved access to all services and supports as well as vital information to enable informed decision making on long-term care options.

The *Kūpuna Care program* is also a vital part of our operations as it provides the funding for critical services that enable our Kūpuna to maintain their independence while reducing substantially the burden on the State for costly institutional long-term care



services. Almost 100% of these funds in Hawai'i County are contracted out to private non-profit agencies that provide these vital community based long-term care services.

The Hawai'i *Healthy Aging* Partnership (HHAP) is a coalition of individuals and organizations that is playing a critical role in the improvement of health promotion programming in Hawai'i's aging network. Its diverse membership includes the Executive Office on Aging, the State Department of Health, all four county Area Agencies on Aging, various service providers, Federally Qualified Health Centers, the University of Hawai'i, health insurers, and others.

HHAP has worked hard to adapt an evidence-based health promotion program to our multicultural population in Hawai'i. Better Choices, Better Health – *Ke Ola Pono*, also known nationwide as the Chronic Disease Self Management Program is a program where individuals with chronic conditions can learn how to better manage their health conditions to improve their quality-of-life. The workshop does not replace prescribed treatment, but augments and supports medical professional-recommended treatment plans. People learn skills to help them manage their health conditions and interact with their health care providers.

Also since 2003, HHAP has secured close to \$1,000,000 in federal and foundation funding. Our state and county governments have also provided funding for this important effort. Hawai'i has one of the longest life expectancies in the country, therefore it is extremely important for us to keep our elders healthy and functioning for as long as possible.

Finally, as Hawai'i County's 60+ population will increase by 100% between now and 2030, it is imperative that we *educate our residents* about the issues and the need for individuals and families to plan for long-term care and caregiving.

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to testify.

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TO: SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland, Chair
Senator Josh Green, Vice-Chair

FROM: Eldon L. Wegner, Ph.D.
POLICY ADVISORY BOARD FOR ELDER AFFAIRS (PABEA)

HEARING: 1:15 pm Tuesday March 11, 2014
Conference Room 016, Hawaii State Capitol

SUBJECT: HB 1713 Relating to Aging

POSITION: The Policy Advisory Committee for Elder Affairs **strongly supports the entire content of HB 1713**, which funds four important programs which address the health and long-term care needs of our aging population. **This testimony** focuses on Section 7, which appropriates \$500,000 to the Executive Office on Aging for a **community education and awareness program** regarding the risks of needing long-term care and the options for addressing these needs.

RATIONALE:

The Policy Board for Elder Affairs has a statutory obligation to advocate on behalf of the senior citizens of Hawaii. While we advise the Executive Office on Aging, we do not speak on behalf of the Executive Office of Aging.

- Surveys by the 2008 State Long-Term Commission and by AARP have shown that a large proportion of the public have not planned for the provision of long-term care and have little knowledge of their risk and the costs of long-term care. Many also have misinformation regarding the lack of coverage under Medicare and by health insurance and the limited access to Medicaid coverage.
- Between 2007 and 2030, the population 85 and older, more than half of whom need long-term care assistance, will increase by almost 2/3 in Hawaii. Finding the expected resources for this growing need is an urgent problem. The public needs to understand the options, both public and private, which can address the growing care needs.
- Section 7 of HB 1713 would appropriate \$500,000 to the Executive Office on Aging to undertake a private-public effort to increase attention and awareness of the need to anticipate long-term care needs, the risks of needing care, correct misconceptions and misinformation, and stimulate consideration of the feasible options. The Executive Office on Aging will also evaluate the effectiveness of the campaign.
- This bill addresses one of the 2012 recommendations of the Long-Term care Commission and is considered to be essential to the consideration of the possible role a limited public long-term care insurance might play in achieving affordable long-term care for most of the citizens of Hawaii.

Thank you for allowing me to testify. Eldon L. Wegner, Ph.D., Vice-Chair
Legislative Committee, Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs



To: Committee on Human Services
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

Date: March 11, 2014, Conference Room 016, 1:15 p.m.

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

Chair Chun Oakland 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.

While the Kupuna Care Program serves the non-Medicaid elderly, there is also a need for funds for long-term care services for aging and disabled individuals who are Medicaid eligible, but not able to obtain these services through Medicaid and not eligible for services funded by Kupuna Care or the Older Americans Act. Some Honolulu County service providers wrongfully used Kupuna Care program funds for Medicaid eligible individuals for long-term care services. SB149 SD2 is also necessary as it appropriates funds to the Department of Human Services as a means to support this Medicaid eligible "gap group" and to maintain the integrity of the Kupuna Care program as a safety net program for non-Medicaid recipients.

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, Alexih, 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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Senate Committee on Human Services
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HB 1713: Relating to Aging: Testimony in Support

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March 7, 2014

Senate Committee on Human Services
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Josh Green, Vice Chair
Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 1:15 pm
Conference Room 016

HB 1713: Relating to Aging - SUPPORT

Dear Chair Suzanne Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Josh Green 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

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

March 11, 2014

Via e mail

Honorable Suzanne Chun-Oakland, Chair
Committee on Human Services
State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 016
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Chun-Oakland 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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CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Josh Green, Vice Chair
Committee on Human Services

FROM: Diane M. Terada, Division Administrator

DATE: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 (1:15 p.m., Room 016)

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 most 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 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. If I can provide any further information, please feel free to contact me at 808-527-4702 or via email at diane.terada@catholiccharitieshawaii.org. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

HARA Voice of Hawaii's Seniors

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Senate Committee on Human Services March 11, 2014, 1:15 p.m. Conference Room 016

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

Chair Suzanne Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Josh Green, 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 funds 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 Senate 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.

HARA Affiliates: HGEA Retirees, HSTA-Retired, ILWU Retirees, UPW Retirees, AFT Retirees, Kokua Council, Hawaii Family Caregivers Coalition, Kupuna Education Center.

TO : SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Josh Green, Vice-Chair

FROM: Eldon L. Wegner, Ph.D.
Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition (HFCC)

HEARING: 1:15 pm Tuesday, March 11, 2014
Conference Room 016, Hawaii State Capitol

SUBJECT: HB 1713 Relating to Aging

POSITION: The Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition (HFCC) **strongly supports the entire content of HB 1713**, which funds four important programs which address the health and long-term care needs of our aging population.

RATIONALE:

The Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition, with a membership of more than 20 agencies gives voice in the political process to the issues affecting family caregivers.

HB 1713 provides appropriations to the Executive Office on Aging for the following:

- 1) \$4.2 million added to the Kupuna Care Program which provides home and community based services to the non-Medicaid frail elders, enabling them to age in place and supports family caregivers. The program also prevents or postpones the need for more expensive residential placement and enrollment in Medicaid for many persons.
- 2) \$427,937 additional to Aging and Disability Centers. These centers provide a single-entry point for all persons and families seeking assistance with disabling conditions. The ADRC centers provide assessment of needs and connects disabled persons and their caregivers with appropriate services and resources.
- 3) \$476,472 for the Health Aging Partnership program. This program uses evidence-based protocols for Enhanced Fitness classes and a chronic disease self-management class. The University of Hawaii Center on Aging has shown that these programs reduce falls, increase strength, reduce emergency room visits and hospitalizations and has other positive impacts on health indicators. These results also save health care expenses.
- 4) \$500,000 to the Executive Office on Aging to conduct a public education awareness campaign on long term care in order encourage families to plan for their future needs, correct much misinformation among our citizens, and to educate the public about alternatives for the provision and financing of care.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to provide testimony.

Eldon L. Wegner, Ph.D, Chair, Advocacy Committee, Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition.



HPCA

HAWAII PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION

Senate Committee on Human Services
The Hon. Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
The Hon. Josh Green, Vice Chair

Testimony in Support of House Bill 1713
Relating to Aging
Submitted by Robert Hirokawa, Chief Executive Officer
March 11, 2014, 1:15pm, Room 016

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.

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Committee on Human Services

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

Senator Josh Green, Vice Chair

State Capitol, Conference Room 016

Tuesday, March 11, 2014; 1:15 p.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON H.B. 1713
RELATING TO AGING**

The ILWU Local 142 strongly supports H.B. 1713, which appropriates general funds to provide ongoing financial support to healthy aging programs and services and requires the Executive Office on Aging to conduct a public education and awareness campaign on long-term care with general funds for its support and evaluation.

H.B. 1713 appropriates funding for four programs we think are vital to the aging population.

The first program is Kupuna Care, an ongoing, well-recognized program which provides services like bathing, transportation, meals-on-wheels, and chore services that allow elderly and disabled persons to remain at home and avoid institutionalization. The services are not only good for the person who wants to live at home but for taxpayers who would otherwise have to shoulder the burden of matching funds for Medicaid that many in institutions would require.

The second program is the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC). ADRCs are vitally needed statewide to help families find resources needed to care for their loved ones. ADRCs are the experts on resources and can link families to resources they might otherwise be unaware of. (Of course, the resources themselves are essential, and lacking, but that is for another funding request.)

The third program is the Healthy Aging Partnership (HAP), which also helps seniors avoid institutionalization by keeping them healthy in mind and body. HAP provides exercise programs and education and information for chronic disease management. One drawback is that the program can serve only a limited number of individuals.

The fourth program is an education and awareness campaign to help residents, young and old, understand the issues of long-term care and associated costs (e.g., nursing home care can run about \$10,000 a month) so that everyone can get prepared. With knowledge of long-term care needs and costs, Hawaii residents may be more open to the need for a mandatory financing mechanism to address these costs.

The ILWU urges passage of H.B. 1713. Thank you for considering our testimony.



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TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Josh Green, Vice Chair
Members, Committee on Human Services

FROM: Scott Morishige, Executive Director, PHOCUSED

HEARING: Senate Committee on Human Services
Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 1:15 p.m. in Conf. Rm. 016

Testimony in Support of HB1713, Relating to Aging

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony **in support** of HB1713, which among other things would appropriate funds for the Kupuna Care program. PHOCUSED is a statewide coalition of health, housing, and human services organizations committed to strengthening policies and programs that benefit the marginalized and underserved in Hawaii.

Hawaii's population of older adults – our kupuna aged 60 and older – has grown rapidly, and is expected to continue increasing significantly over the next 20 years. With the first group of baby boomers entering this age-phase, the dynamic of our kupuna population is changing. Today's older adults are healthier and more active; they are engaged in social and community activities, and with the proper supports they can maintain this independence and higher quality of living.

The range of services and programs funded for this bill will provide crucial education, wellness, case management, nutrition, fitness, transportation, healthy living, pain management and other supports that support our kupuna to live with the highest levels of independence possible.

Once again, PHOCUSED strongly supports this bill, and we appreciate the opportunity to testify on this important issue. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact PHOCUSED at 521-7462 or by e-mail at admin@phocused-hawaii.org.

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair of Committee on Human Services
Senator Josh Green, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Human Services

DATE: Tuesday, March 11, 2014
PLACE: State Capitol Conference Room 016
TIME: 1:15 pm
SUBJECT: Testimony in support of HB 1713 –Relating to Aging

Chair Oakland and Committee Members

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a written testimony in VERY STRONG SUPPORT OF HB 1713 – Relating to aging.

As Administrator of Project Dana, a volunteer caregivers program, I can attest to the numerous urgent needs of Hawaii's elderly population and more services are needed to maintain seniors to age in place

All parts and sections of HB 1713 are strongly supported.

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

Rose Nakamura,

Project Dana

Aloha Senator Chun Oakland 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 HB1713, HSCR 796-14. 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 the \$9M necessary to support the program. 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 HB1713, HSCR 796-14 will provide additional funding for the ADRC, 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 HB1713, HSCR 796-14.

Beverly Gotelli
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HB 1713: RELATING TO AGING

Chair Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Green:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak in strong support of HB 1713 Relating to Aging. My name is Beverly Gotelli and I live on the island of Kaua`i. I am a strong supporter of the aging as I am a caregiver to my mother.

As others like myself who are caregivers any resources that is provided is helpful in caring for our loved one. At a recent presentation I attended they spoke about aging in place, I believe it is good for an individual to live in their home for as long as they can. Unfortunately not everyone has a caregiver to tend for them. With the growing numbers we need to have a viable long term-care education and awareness campaign.

As a former educator we believe education on any level is important in our society. I believe this is so especially on elder affairs.

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. The Kupuna Care Program provides a safety net that is a cost-effective way to prevent the majority of seniors from falling into poverty.

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.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify this morning.

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Submitted on: 3/10/2014

Testimony for HMS on Mar 11, 2014 13:15PM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chalintorn N. Burian	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Glenn Shiroma	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT for HB 1713..

To: Committee on Human Services, Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Date: March 11, 2014, State Capitol Conference Room 016, 1:15 p.m.
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 Aging. My name is Midori Kiso and I am a former caregiver to 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 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.

Family caregivers struggle everyday to do their best to help ill and aging family members. They 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. Thank you.

Midori Kiso
Moiliili, Oahu

To: Committee on Human Services, Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

Date: March 11, 2014, State Capitol Conference Room 016, 1:15 p.m.

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 Aging. My name is Ramon Sumibcay, a registered nurse and I am an Advocacy Volunteer for AARP. The passage of this bill is vital as:

The rapid growth of the 65+ population accompanies our seniors with multiple problems. The demographic shift has been referred to as the Silver Tsunami, and the red flag has been raised warning us the imminent danger. But there is still time left to make some planning before the tsunami hits the shore.

First, Hawaii residents must be educated regarding the high cost of long term care. In the Hawaii, the average annual cost of a private room in a nursing is almost \$150,000.00 and growing. Families who are caregivers of their aging parents must know what options and choices in the event their aging parents could no longer be taken care of in their homes.

Second, we have seniors who are even less fortunate than the Medicaid beneficiaries. These seniors, like any other seniors, have health issues. The Kupuna Care was created to protect the seniors in this category. Sufficient funding of the program will ensure that health care services will be delivered to the seniors who are less privileged.

Lastly, Aging and Disabled Resource Centers must be effectively and smoothly running to ensure family caregivers have the right information when choosing options for long-term care system. In Hawaii, sad to say, it quite frustrating just to find out what type of long-term services is available.

As you can see, HB 1713 is really vital for our seniors. This is the simple reason why I ask your support for the passage of the bill.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Ramon Sumibcay, RN

HB1713

Submitted on: 3/10/2014

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Surber	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Honorable Committee members, The unmet needs of people with long terms care needs on Hawaii Island have been well documented for many years. This situation will not only continue, but will also become more acute without immediate intervention and state support. HB 1713 is an initial step to address some of these needs. As a member of the Hawaii Island Healthcare Alliance and AARP I respectfully request that you support this bill. Mahalo, Robert Surber Keaau

To: Committee on Human Services, Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

Date: March 11, 2014, State Capitol Conference Room 016, 1:15 p.m.

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 Aging. My name is Robin Shumpis and I am a social work student at Hawaii Pacific University and live in the Ewa Beach area. The passage of this bill is vital as:

Education about long-term care and awareness campaigns need to be in existence so that Hawaii residents can become informed and better prepared about future long-term care and caregiving instances. People are not being properly alerted about this point in their lives, and in others, and the results are a lot harsher than they should be. By not planning or having any prior education on these issues, there will be added stress, costs and people will become victims of their circumstances. If this bill is passed, the planning that will be implemented will enable people to live independently much longer and save money on nursing home or group homes. People need to be informed for not only themselves, but for their loved ones too so that they are ready when something happens unexpectedly. The knowledge gained through this education will be an intergenerational achievement because individuals of any age have the ability to be informed on these topics.

Another component of this bill is the Kupuna Care program that provides thousands of aging Hawaii residents with coverage since they cannot afford the costly services available and do not qualify for Medicaid. I believe that they should still continue to get the assistance that they need and not have to suffer because they fall into a "gap group". It is essential for this "gap group" to continue to get the help that they deserve, and truthfully need, through this program so that they do not fall into poverty. There are 277,000 people over the age of 60 and Kupuna Care is the only cost-effective way to help this "gap group" continue to get services that help; including financially. Kupuna Care needs to be handled as a critical piece of Hawaii's health care and should continue to get the funds and attention that it deserves.

When family members and caregivers are searching for long-term care, it often takes a considerable amount of time to find the right place and is a very frustrating process. There are also cases where time is limited and decisions on long-term care and caregiving options have to be rushed. ADRCs provide long-term care and caregiving options in the form of a "one stop shop" for information. This will alleviate any worries, troubles and wasted time on trying to find the right fit for care services in Hawaii's complex long-term care system. Each of these segments of the bill is crucial to the influence that the bill has overall. Aging is inevitable and should be something that we all go through with ease; which is exactly what this bill is in support of.

I urge you to support caregivers by voting yes on SB 2346 SD1.

Robin Shumpis

Ewa Beach

To: Committee on Human Services, Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

Date: March 11, 2014, State Capitol Conference Room 016, 1:15 p.m.

Re: HB1713 - Relating to Aging

Chair Chun-Oakland and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HB1713 Relating to Aging. My name is Sylvia Ching. I live in the Punchbowl area. The passage of this bill is vital as my family was unaware of the availability of professional long term care options. My brother and I did all the caregiving for my parents, brother, and sister. It was an enormous burden to us emotionally, physically and financially. I wish we had knowledge of the importance and availability of long term care insurance. Many long term insurance policies provide funds to help pay for outside help (nurses aides, etc.) that would have helped us provide custodial care to help us care for our family at home. This not only lessens the burden to the caregivers but it also enhances the life of the person who is being taken care of. Most people would rather be taken care of in their homes than in an institution.

Educating people about the need for long term care funding options is cost effective for both government and individuals. If people had long term insurance they wouldn't have to rely on such government programs as Medicaid, thus saving government and taxpayers money. Caring for someone at home, paid for by long term care insurance, is much cheaper than paying for nursing home care by Medicaid. I support a long term care education and awareness campaign.

I also support the Kupuna Care program as I fall into this gap group. I currently have long term care insurance but if I should not be able to afford to pay the premiums in the future, I will lose coverage. This program will provide protection for me and many other seniors from falling into poverty having to pay expensive nursing home bills without insurance help.

I also support the Aging & Disability Resource Center. Seniors and their friends and families need a one-stop place in which they can get valuable long term care information. It will help to navigate Hawaii's complicated long term care system.

I urge you to support Hawaii's seniors by supporting HB 1713.

Sylvia Ching

Residing in Punchbowl area

To: Committee on Human Services, Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

Date: March 11, 2014, State Capitol Conference Room 016, 1:15 p.m.

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 Aging. My name is T .J. Davies Jr. and I am retired and disabled and live in the Kakaako 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)

HB 2053, HD 1, HSCR616-14, Relating to Aging (Falls Prevention)
HB 1713, Relating to Aging (Kupuna Care; ADRCs; Longterm Care Campaign)

Related cross-over bills:

HB No. 2056, HD1, Relating to Aging (Dementia Services and Elder Justice Coordinators)

Testimony in Support, Zonta Club Of Hilo

Joint Hearing before the Senate Committees on Human Services and Health
Tuesday, March 11, 2014, 1:00pm HB 2053, HD1, 1:15 pm HB1713
State Capitol Conference Room 016

Senators Chun-Oakland and Green, Chairs, 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 the Majority Package and Kupuna Caucus funding bills related to aging services and prevention coordinators for Falls, Dementia and Elder Justice. 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."

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."

We fully support Bill HB 1713, HSCR742-14, 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. This bill will be heard at 1:15 pm before the Senate Human Services Committee.

HB 1713 is the first priority bill, Relating to Elders (and disabled), addresses the growing challenges of long-term care awareness, financing and preparation; 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 a falls prevention coordinator in HB 2053. 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 the opportunity to testify.

Charlene Iboshi, Zonta Club of Hilo