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**Committee on Human Services**

**HCR244, REQUESTING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING TO INVENTORY THE ELDERLY SERVICES AND FAMILY AND ELDERLY DEMOGRAPHICS OF THE ISLANDS OF MOLOKAI AND LANAI AND THE EAST MAUI AREA.**

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

**Thursday, March 20, 2014; Conference Room 329**

**10:00 a.m.**

**EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) supports the intent of this measure but believes that this is duplicative of current efforts of the Maui County Office on Aging.

**Purpose and Justification:** The Maui County Office on Aging (MCOA) is in the process of writing their 4-Year Area Plan on Aging (Plan). This Plan covers the federal fiscal period from October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2019. The Plan will describe the Maui County population and approaches to be taken to provide them an appropriate and coordinated system of services that fully supports the well-being of Maui County residents. In preparation for writing this Plan, MCOA has begun to work on an inventory for elderly services in the County of Maui, which includes the subset of East Maui, Molokai, and Lanai which this resolution addresses. Therefore, we suggest that rather than a duplication of effort, that this comprehensive Plan be submitted to the legislature once the Plan has been completed. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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I would like to submit testimony in favor of HCR 244. Lana'i is currently in the process of trying to improve our services for the elderly. We have formed a community committee as part of the Lana'i Changes organization. Our organization is composed of a wide variety of Lana'i citizens representing many groups on the island. Elder Care is one of our primary focuses and the need for a complete survey of services needed, services offered, and services that would actually be used by the elder is definitely needed.

We ask that you support this resolution.

Linda Kay Okamoto, president

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Robin Kaye	Lāna'i Changes	Support	No

Comments: Lāna'i Changes is Lāna'i's Community Development Corporation (CDC) and Nonprofit Hui. It has been working on establishing an Elder Care Infrastructure System for the past year. This resolution will be extremely helpful in that study. Please support HCR244. Mahalo.

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Comments: Our community is working towards creating an elder care infrastructure. Our Elder Care Infrastructure Advisory Committee, representing 20 of our healthcare and community organizations, has this Mission and Vision: VISION: Lana'i is a a good place to complete one's life. Long term care options and end of life choices provide a quality, affordable, way to live out the last phase of life. Family members will be supported in their comforting and caregiving, and one can die comfortably here on island. MISSION: The Lana'i Elder Care Project is committed to creating a strategic framework for kupuna healthcare on Lana'i. It will do that in the context of supporting existing healthcare services and exploring new options. It will culminate in a strategic plan that has realistic, affordable implementation strategies and a basic business plan. The survey data requested by this Resolution is critical to our community. While we may know most of our kupuna personally (Lāna'i is, still, a small town), we don't know enough about this population as a whole to assure that we make the right decisions in our planning. Accurate data such as this Resolution will provide is critical. Mahalo for your consideration. Please support this Resolution for our Kupuna! Robin Kaye

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