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SB2228

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Testimony for WAM on Feb 19, 2014 09:10AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anthony Lenzer, Ph.D	Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs	Comments Only	No

Comments: To: Committee on Ways & Means Sen. David Y. Ige, Chair From: Anthony Lenzer, PhD, Chair, Legislative Committee Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA) Re: SB 2228, SD 1 Hearing: Wednesday, February 19, 2014, 9:10 a.m. State Capitol Conference Room 211 Comments in Support of SB 2228, SD 1 PABEA strongly supports major provisions of the bill, as is consistent with its mandate to advocate on behalf of Hawaii's Kupuna. PABEA is also tasked with advising the Executive Office on Aging (EOA), but does not speak for EOA. SB2228,SD1 contains a wide range of provisions affecting the well-being of Hawaii's older citizens. Among these are PABEA's five 2014 legislative priorities. These are: \$78,555 to fund a falls prevention coordinator position (I, 3); a \$4.2 million appropriation for the kupuna care program (II, 6); an appropriation of \$427,937 for the aging and disability resource center (II, 7); an appropriation of \$476,772 for the healthy aging partnerships (II, 9); and an appropriation of \$500,000 for an education and awareness campaign on long-term care, together with an independent evaluation of this campaign (III,12). SB 2228 contains other provisions that PABEA has supported in the past, and continues to support, although they are not on our current priority list. These include an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator; grants to senior centers; and measures to prevent elder abuse and fraud. However, PABEA has not had an opportunity to examine the specific provisions of the Bill regarding the Elder Justice Coordinator position (Part IV) and the Long-Term Support and Services System and Resource Development Coordinator position (Part V), and therefore reserve comments at this time. We would, however, respectfully suggest a shorter title for the latter position! Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on this Bill.

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SB2228

Submitted on: 2/17/2014

Testimony for WAM on Feb 19, 2014 09:10AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
BRUCE McCullough	PABEA	Comments Only	No

Comments: PABEA has a statutory obligation to advocate on behalf of the senior citizens of Hawaii. While we advise the the Executive Office on Aging,(EOA)we not speak on behalf of the.EOA. PABEA is in strong support of this measure.

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SB2228

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Testimony for WAM on Feb 19, 2014 09:10AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Charlene Iboshi	Zonta Club of Hilo & PABEA, Legislative Committee	Support	No

Comments: I am submitting support testimony for two organizations, Zonta Club of Hilo and Policy Advisory Board Elderly Affairs, Legislative Committee. As instructed, I will send it to the Senate Ways and Means Committee. Mahalo Charlene Iboshi

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To: Committee on Ways and Means
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair

Date: February 19, 2014, Conference Room 211, 9:10 a.m.

Re: **SB 2228 SD1 – RELATING TO AGING**
Testimony in Strong Support

Chair Ige 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 SB 2228 SD1 - 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 remain in their home as long as possible.

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 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

Hawai'i Alliance for Retired Americans

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Hawaii Family Caregivers Coalition
Kupuna Education Center

Submitted by email to: WAMtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

Comments of Al Hamai in support of SB 2228, SD 1, Relating to Aging

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

February 19, 2014, 9:10 a.m. Conference Room 211

Chair David Y. Ige, Vice Chair Michelle N. Kidani and Committee Members,

HARA strongly supports SB2228, SD1, which incorporates the Kupuna Legislative Package on aging, that included 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 SB 2228, SD1 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.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAI'I

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Diane M. Terada, Division Administrator

DATE: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 (9:10 a.m., Room 211)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2228, SD1, 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 strongly supports SB 2228, SD1, which will provide funding for Kupuna Care and senior centers.

KUPUNA CARE (Section 6)

CCH supports additional funding for Kupuna Care. **We also request 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.

Additional funding for Kupuna Care	\$4.2M
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(Requesting above to be added to current base budget of \$4.8M. Total: \$9.0M)

Comparison: The total of \$9M would pay for one year of nursing home care for seventy elders to receive nursing home care. Through Kupuna Care services, thousands of elders can receive the supportive services they need to continue to live independently in the community.ⁱ

SENIOR CENTERS (Section 8)

SB 2228, SD1, supports a network of senior centers on Oahu that provide vital health education and screenings, fitness, recreation, case management, and other services to enable thousands of senior citizens to maintain wellness, support independence and avoid costly institutionalization and have a history of state funding.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is a State owned facility that was built as a model senior center for the State of Hawaii in 1969. The Center has been operated by CCH since 1981.

As indicated in Hawaii’s 2013 Profile of Successful Aging, “*Supportive relationships, interactions with the environment, engagement in social activities . . . all have positive correlations on the well-being of older adults.*”ⁱⁱ The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also advises older adults that “*regular physical activity is one of the most important things you can do for your health. It can prevent many of the health problems that seem to come with age.*”ⁱⁱⁱ Senior centers are accessible and popular places where elders gather for this type of social engagement and physical activity that contribute to their well-being.

Catholic Charities Hawai`i supports the funding amounts in SB 2228, SD1, for the following senior centers:

Catholic Charities Hawai`i (for Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center)	\$185,000
Kapahulu Center	\$ 40,000
Moiiliili Community Center (for Moiiliili Senior Center)	\$ 50,000
Waikiki Community Center	\$ 60,000
Total requested funding for Senior Centers	\$335,000

Comparison: The requested \$335,000 would pay for one year of nursing home care for three elders to receive nursing home care. By funding these senior centers, thousands of elders can participate in activities that help them remain active, healthy and independent in the community.^{iv}

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.

Catholic Charities Hawai`i asks for your support of SB 2228, SD1. 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.

ⁱ Genworth Financial, Cost of Care Survey 2013, March 18, 2013. Note: Calculated on Median Annual Rate for nursing home (semi-private room) in State of Hawaii.

ⁱⁱ Executive Office on Aging – Department of Health, “Profile of Successful Aging Among Hawaii’s Older Adults”, January 2013.

ⁱⁱⁱ <http://www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity/everyone/guidelines/olderadults.html>

^{iv} Genworth Financial, Cost of Care Survey 2013, March 18, 2013. Note: Calculated on Median Annual Rate for nursing home (semi-private room) in State of Hawaii.

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Aloha United Way

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Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 9:10 A.M.

Conference Room 211

SB 2228, SD1: Relating to Aging: Testimony in Support

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February 18, 2014

Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 9:10 A.M.
Conference Room 211

SB 2228, SD1: Relating to Aging - SUPPORT

Dear Chair David Y. Ige, Vice Chair Michelle N. Kidani and Committee Members:

Aloha United Way strongly encourages your favorable consideration of SB 2228, SD1 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 SB 2228, SD1.

Sincerely,



Kim Gennaula
President & Chief Executive Officer

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 (9:10 a.m., Room 211)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2228, SD1, Relating to Aging**

I am 77 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

its an excellent + fun opportunity for physical + social activities. There would be a tremendous void in my life without my participation at the senior center, there is such a tremendous variety that other places do not have, its the best, + keeps me from only staying home, it keeps me YOUNG in spirit, mind + looks,

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Grace Chang

Address: Honolulu 96817
City Zip Code

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 (9:10 a.m., Room 211)

RE: IN SUPPORT of SB 2228, SD1, Relating to Aging

Aloha

I am 78 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

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Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because: *I get out of the apt. Get together with people my age. Get into clubs P.C.C. AN HAWAII, Get to take classes MARTIAL ARTS etc. WE HAVE A WONDERFUL STAFF to guide AND lead us, There is much need^{ed} protection AN SAFETY, AN LANAKILA CENTER providing it. WHAT EVER WE GET for help is much needed*

THANK YOU

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

John P. Burrows III

Address:

HONOLULU, HAWAII
City

96817
Zip Code

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 (9:10 a.m., Room 211)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2228, SD1, Relating to Aging**

I am 66 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

It helps to keep me healthy & active

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

[Signature]
Gerald Supinda

Address:

Hon.
City

96817
Zip Code

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 (9:10 a.m., Room 211)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2228, SD1, Relating to Aging**

I am 81 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

What a great & wonderful place to be. I have met a lot of seniors & also old class-mates too. I Love coming here & be a part of this program.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Helen Palama

Address:

HONOLULU, HAWAII 96817
City Zip Code

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 (9:10 a.m., Room 211)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2228, SD1, Relating to Aging**

I am 86 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

The supervisors are friendly, pleasant to talk to and kind. It helped ^{me} meet many friends and old-friends.

The Center has many different activities to choose from and participate in. The atmosphere is very comfortable and the people are very happy.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Catalina Bautista

Address: HONOLULU, HAWAII 96819
City Zip Code

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 (9:10 a.m., Room 211)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2228, SD1, Relating to Aging**

I am 80 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

Enjoy my weekly ^{days} with other seniors, sharing,
Learning new things, having fun time at our own speed
No pressure

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: HAZEL H. MURAKAMI

Address: Hon. 96819
City Zip Code

Jan 22, 2014

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 (9:10 a.m., Room 211)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2228, SD1, Relating to Aging**

I am 89 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

It keeps me healthy and strong and keep me happy by socializing and I take different courses for my well being.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Edith Fujikawa

Address: Honolulu, HI 96817
City Zip Code

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

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RE: IN SUPPORT of SB 2228, SD1, Relating to Aging

I am 86 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

*Keep your mind and health
make friend*

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Gregory Jeong

Address: Peal City 96782
City Zip Code

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 (9:10 a.m., Room 211)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2228, SD1, Relating to Aging**

I am 66 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

it provides activities for many who otherwise would only stay at home.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Diane Kawakami

Address: Honolulu, 96826
City Zip Code

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 (9:10 a.m., Room 211)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2228, SD1, Relating to Aging**

I am 91 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

To entertain myself

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: *Gene Kikuyama*

Address: HONOLULU, HAWAII 968192675
City Zip Code

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 (9:10 a.m., Room 211)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2228, SD1, Relating to Aging**

I am 85 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

To meet friends,
I come here about 7 times
in a month.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Estu Mym

Address: _____

City Zip Code

HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 (9:10 a.m., Room 211)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2228, SD1, Relating to Aging**

I am 96 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

Because I attend Lanakila Senior Center every week, I am still very independent — not bothering my children about trivial matters. I am very healthy compared to many of my friends my age because of the various health lectures I receive.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely, Nobue Akashi

Name: Nobue AKASHI

Address: _____
City Zip Code
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96822

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 (9:10 a.m., Room 211)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2228, SD1, Relating to Aging**

I am 82 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai`i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

SOCIALIZE AND LEARN NEW THINGS AND CRAFTS.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: DORIS S. WAIKUKU

Address: _____
City Zip Code
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96819

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 (9:10 a.m., Room 211)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2228, SD1, Relating to Aging**

I am 65 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

I think it is very important for me because can help each others problem and make our feelings good and energy come to our body, we can live healthy way too. -

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Suzie Hasegawa

Address: _____
City Zip Code
WAIPAHU, HAWAII 96797

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 (9:10 a.m., Room 211)

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I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

This center helps me to keep in touch with other seniors, as we are here to enjoy our twilight years.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Dorothy Joyce

Address:

City

Zip Code

KAILUA, HAWAII 96734

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

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RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2228, SD1, Relating to Aging**

I am 90 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

*enjoy clubs meet people and
make friends. learn things to do
Good to get out of home.*

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Vivert Iwasa

Address: _____
City Zip Code
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96825

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 (9:10 a.m., Room 211)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2228, SD1, Relating to Aging**

I am 78 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

Being a member of Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is very enjoyable because of the fellowship and things I have learned in many ways. I have learned many things that were provided for the seniors to enjoy.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Nakasone Yoneko

Address: WAIPAHO, HAWAII 96797-3426
City Zip Code

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 (9:10 a.m., Room 211)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2228, SD1, Relating to Aging**

I am 26 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

socialization & good health.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Chris S. Sasaki

Address: HONOLULU, HAWAII 96818
City Zip Code

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 (9:10 a.m., Room 211)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2228, SD1, Relating to Aging**

I am 86 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

*I come to Lanakila on Monday + Thursday
to listen to the programs to have lunch
+ Birthday in December.*

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Tomie E. Ige

Address: _____
City Zip Code
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
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Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

*Meet old & new friends
enjoy programs from Japan and Okinawa*

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Stella Okuno

Address:

City Zip Code
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96815

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 (9:10 a.m., Room 211)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2228, SD1, Relating to Aging**

I am 85 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

毎朝 早く 5時半 毎日は 楽しく
毎朝 早く 5時半 毎日は 楽しく

Translation:

"I come to Lanakila Center every day. Thank you very much."
happily

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

FUMIE KAWANO

Address:

HONO LULU HI. 96817
City Zip Code

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 (9:10 a.m., Room 211)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2228, SD1, Relating to Aging**

I am 75 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

。可平行に 幸い様においで 体も元気が有り 楽しく過ごさせて
もらって 助けて 友達も沢山 出来た。

Translation:

"My health has improved by coming to Lanakila
& I've also made many friends here."

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Nishie Tamiyama

Address: _____

City

Zip Code

Honolulu HI 96814

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

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I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

このセンターが私にとってとても大切な場所です。私はいつもこのセンターを待っています。

Translation:

"I always look forward to coming to this Lanakila Center."

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: SEN SUKAGAWA

Address: HONOLULU HI 96819
City Zip Code

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
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I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

エナキラセニア-センターで色々な事を学んで
います。

Translation: "I ^{enjoy} learn various things at Lanakila Center."

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: NITEL MISAYO

Address: HONOLULU HI 96817
City Zip Code

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
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I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

Lanakila came I'm so happy made friends and see the shows
色々習って楽しく過ごして居ます

Translation:

" I'm learning various things & enjoying myself "

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Yoneko Tsuchiyama

Address: HONOLULU, HAWAII 96817
City Zip Code

Translation:

"I come to (Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center) 3 times a week - Yoga twice a week + Taijsho Koto class once

to: weeks. I am learning various by attending and am very happy about my health getting better and making friends; coming here is a priority to me.

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
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RE: IN SUPPORT of SB 2228, SD1, Relating to Aging
will continue forever & ever.

I am 70 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

私はYOGA=週大正琴一回週に3回来ています
体の調子かとても良いお友達もできて毎日楽しくて
外のことはともかく一番先にスケジュールしていつもかかす
お席しいろんな事を学んでいます
SENIORの為にニニのラナキラのいつまでもいつまでも続けて
いサービスを心お願ひ申し上げます

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: MIEKO NISHI

Address: HONOLULU, HAWAII 96819
City Zip Code

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
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Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

of friends + socializing activities

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Louette Pym

Address:

Honolulu

City

96817

Zip Code

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I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

THEY KEEP ME HEALTHY + WISE

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: *Lewial Young*

Address: *Hon 96817*
City Zip Code

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
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I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

Keep me occupied and busy with all the activities. Even provide me with the catholic charities bus.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Kay Takayama

Address: HONOLULU, HAWAII 96817
City Zip Code

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
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RE: IN SUPPORT of SB 2228, SD1, Relating to Aging

I am 71 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

I have made many friends with whom I have contact with. I also take sewing classes and exercise classes.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Aileen M. Madsen

Address:

Honolulu *96817*

City

Zip Code

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Committee on Ways and Means

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RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2228, SD1, Relating to Aging**

I am 67 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

I'm a caregiver of a 90 year old mother. Lanakila provides me support to prevent burnout. I get needed exercise, emotional support and education. My mother also gets nutritional support from the Lanakila Meals.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Sharon Kobashigawa

Address: Hon HI 96813
City Zip Code

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
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Committee on Ways and Means

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I am 84 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

I enjoy attending cultural classes at Lanakila Senior Center. It is home, away from home and a place where we can meet new friends. I take hula classes on Mondays and Tuesdays. My classes improve my body & mind. I learn the Hula language + am grateful for my excellent teacher, Harmony Ponghiler. On Wednesday I help to teach ukulele classes with about 25 seniors who enjoy singing and learning songs while strumming their ukulele. I'm grateful for the supervisors who plan excellent programs for seniors.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely, Cecilia kee - hendo

Name: Cecilia K. hendo

Address: HONOLULU, HAWAII 96817
City Zip Code

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Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

*This is my home away from home.
I do three exercises here.
I'm fit because of Lanakila.*

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Itsuko Kaneshiro

Address: HONOLULU, HAWAII 96817
City Zip Code

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
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Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 (9:10 a.m., Room 211)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2228, SD1, Relating to Aging**

I am 72 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because: *This center provides me with the quality of life that is so important to me. Being able to interact with others fullfills my needs for a well rounded living. I belong to the Okinawa Nenchosha Club, Enka class and Mah Jong class. These things keep my mind active and independent while having an opportunity to meet people. Thank you for your support and I humbly ask for continuing funding. Aloha!*

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

David Y. Ige

Address:

Honolulu, HI 96819
City Zip Code

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
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I am 70 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

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Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

I find it to be a "safe-haven" for seniors like myself - it's a place where socializing can be done ^{in an} organized-fun setting... seniors can share their "drama" and yet feel respected and needed. Your support is greatly appreciated! (I do feel independent!) 😊

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Puna Frank

Address: HONOLULU, HAWAII 96817
City Zip Code

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
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Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

I love Lanakila because of the wonderful people here. I love to talk story with them. We support each other with our ailments. We sing and hula with each other. It is a fun place to be.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Ellen Kong

Address:

City Honolulu, HI Zip Code 96817

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
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Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

IT GIVES ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO REACQUAINT WITH FAMILIAR OLD FRIENDS AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND TOGETHER WE CAN ENJOY OUR WANING YEARS.

AS WE GROW ^{OLDER} EACH YEAR, EACH DAY IS BONUS TO BE THANKFUL. THUS I WOULD LIKE TO COME TO L.M.P.S.C. AND SPEND A FEW HOURS A DAY.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Takejino Higa

Address:

City HONOLULU, HI. Zip Code 96817

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Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

*I AM GRATEFUL TO ALL THE PEOPLE WHO
COME TO THE CENTER.
THE PEOPLE ARE SO NICE TO ME.
I ENJOY COMING TO LANAKILA CENTER*

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: KIKUKO KUMAMOTO

Address: HONOLULU HAWAII 96817
City Zip Code

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
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Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

*I enjoyed coming to Lanakila Multiple Center to tease the office staffs
Huluhalu.
I also enjoyed entertaining the nursing homes.*

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Mia K. Y. Saisano

Address:

HONOLULU, HAWAII 96826
City Zip Code

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
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Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

was a lonely person. Was invited to join by Dawn K. (Coffie personal) a while back. Life is happier, many new friends. Look forward to coming to the center. Less a lot of safety issues, health, etc.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Lawrence Ferreira

Address: HONOLULU, HAWAII 96817
City Zip Code

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
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DATE: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 (9:10 a.m., Room 211)

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I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

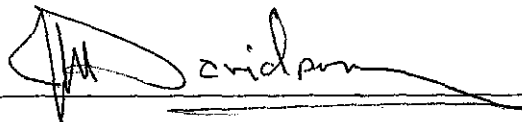
Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

it gives me something to do. their activities are superb + helpful for all seniors, who attend them.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:



Address:

Honolulu
City

96822
Zip Code

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Committee on Ways and Means

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I am 86 + 83 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

We come to the center to exercise & socialize.

We both take taichi classes. My husband also comes to the Kiatau exercise class. Previously he would drop me off at the center and slept practically all day.

I have been coming to the center for many years since we used to care for husband's parents and the center served as a respite for me. In previous years I enjoyed taking Japanese dance classes & numerous other exercise classes. I am presently taking "Sambodan"

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can ^{exercise} remain independent in the community. Thank you. *class.*

Sincerely,

Name: Kurt & Lynn Sekiya

Address: HONOLULU, HAWAII 96817
City Zip Code

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 (9:10 a.m., Room 211)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2228, SD1, Relating to Aging**

I am 90 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

I meet friends and ~~am~~ to see entertainment.

To exercise for my health
I come here four times
a month

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Sally Nakata

Address: Hon. Hi. 96819
City Zip Code

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 (9:10 a.m., Room 211)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2228, SD1, Relating to Aging**

I am 76 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

I like to meet people of all races

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Phoebe M Kimura

Address: Honolulu Hawaii 96817
City Zip Code

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 (9:10 a.m., Room 211)

RE: IN SUPPORT of SB 2228, SD1, Relating to Aging

I am 81 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

In fourteen hundred ninety two Columbus sailed the Ocean blue looking for what he can get to help his queen and country. Well, In two ~~thousand~~ thousand fourteen people helping people (Kupunas) sail in the New Year. -- Looking to Lanakila for a few hours away from home.

We come to Lanakila, just to talk to other Kupunas who have no other one to talk to. -- we do a hula, taijchi, play the Ukulele, tap dances, and even go out to Nursing homes to play our Ukulele and dance and sing for them, what a joy to see them smile and try to move.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Frances de la Cruz

Address:

HONOLULU, HAWAII 96817
City Zip Code

Move side by side with a song they know from when there were sweet sweet and very young.
Mahalo for your time you take to read this. May you feel and work some finance (money) for Lanakila.
May God bless you all.

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Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

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RE: IN SUPPORT of SB 2228, SD1, Relating to Aging

I am 73 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

Keep me motivated and lifts up my spirit.
I'm out of district, but was accepted into the Sr. Center, by Ikie, Mahalo!
Friendly staff and clubs members.
Get up to date thru the events they plan.
Keep up the good work!
Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Joan Rice

Address:

City

Waipahu

Zip Code

96807

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 (9:10 a.m., Room 211)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2228, SD1, Relating to Aging**

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I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

I AM SO GRATEFUL TO ALL THE PEOPLE WHO COME TO THE CENTER THE PEOPLE ARE SO NICE TO ME I ENJOY COMING TO LANAKILA CENTER

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Kay K Tomomita

Address:

City

Hon 96817

Zip Code

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 (9:10 a.m., Room 211)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2228, SD1, Relating to Aging**

I am 69 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

I like it because I get to meet new people and make friends. I sometimes volunteer to clean the yard and plant. I get to learn new things. It helps to keep me young and active.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: DIANA ANTONIO

Address: _____
City HONOLULU, HI Zip Code 96819

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 (9:10 a.m., Room 211)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2228, SD1, Relating to Aging**

I am 75 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

The Lanakila Senior Ctr is very beneficial to all us seniors. It keeps us very healthy, cheerful, socially adaptable and very helpful citizens of the State of Hawaii. Please provide as much

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

help you can to keep the quality good.

Name:

FRED LUN

Address:

City HON. 96817 Zip Code

Aloha Senator Ige 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. 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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SB2228

Submitted on: 2/15/2014

Testimony for WAM on Feb 19, 2014 09:10AM in Conference Room 211

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

Comments: PABEA is in strong support of this measure. This is the major funding bill for aging programs. It is very important that we keep these programs properly funded for our needy seniors.

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To: Committee on Ways and Means, Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Date: February 19, 2014, State Capitol Conference Room 211, 9:10 a.m.
Re: SB 2228 SD1 - Relating to Aging

Chair Ige 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 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 urge you to support Hawaii's growing senior population and caregivers by voting **YES** on SB 2228 SD1

Chalintorn N. Burian, Ph.D.

Positive and Productive Aging Consultant.
Paauilo-Mauka, Hawaii District

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

Date: February 18, 2014, State Capitol Conference Room 211, 9:10 AM

RE: SB 2228 SD1 – Relating to Aging

Aloha Senator Ige and Committee Members:

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to submit written testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of SB 2228 SD1 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 SB 2228 SD1.

Sincerely,

Claire P. Santos, MS, RN

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SB2228

Submitted on: 2/17/2014

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Glenn Shiroma	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT for SB2228 SD1

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SB2228

Submitted on: 2/18/2014

Testimony for WAM on Feb 19, 2014 09:10AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
james crowe	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please support SB2228. Aiding our caregivers, increasing services to our respected kupuna and helping them to quickly find these services is good for their health, good for their finances and good for the State's finances. I know. I am a senior and a caregiver for another senior.

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SB2228

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Janice Bond	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lori Rogers	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

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To: Committee on Ways and Means, Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Date: February 19, 2014, State Capitol Conference Room 211, 9:10 a.m.
Re: SB 2228 SD1 - Relating to Aging

Chair Ige 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 Midori Kiso and I am a former caregiver for my 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.

I am keenly aware that many family caregivers in Hawaii are facing the situations where they have to perform complex medical type tasks with little or no instruction. This is why I strongly support this particular bill. I urge you to support Hawaii's growing senior population by supporting SB 2228 SD1. Thank you.

Midori Kiso
Moiliili, Oahu

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SB2228

Submitted on: 2/17/2014

Testimony for WAM on Feb 19, 2014 09:10AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patrick Callahan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: To: Committee on Ways and Means, Senator David Y. Ige, Chair Date: February 19, 2014, State Capitol Conference Room 211, 9:10 a.m. Re: SB 2228 SD1 - Relating to Aging Chair Ige 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 Patrick Callahan and I am a family caregiver for my wife and live in the Kona 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. I urge you to support Hawaii's growing senior population by supporting SB 2228 SD1. Patrick Callahan Kailua Kona

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18 February 18, 2014

TO: Senator David Ige
Chair, Committee on Ways and Means

Chair Ige and Committee Members:

I hereby submit my STRONG SUPPORT of SB 2228 SD1 Relating to Aging.

My name is Ramon Sumibcay, RN and I am a volunteer for AARP. I believe the passage of this bill is vital because it provides safety nets for the elderly population. The 65+ age group represents over 200,000 of the population and continues to grow. As estimated, by 2030, another 100,000 seniors will be added to this age group. Because of the high financial cost associated to aging, the time to act is NOW. We need to be more prepared before the Silver Tsunami hits the shore.

Although most of our seniors continue to live in their homes, it will come to a point that families could no longer take care of their own. The price of long-term care could be devastating. For instance, a year in a nursing home in Hawaii costs around \$145,000.00. Seniors are not only aging, they are living longer. Personal savings and assets could be drained easily. For those who have not saved for the rainy days, the State will end up absorbing for their long-term care. Our citizens and residents need to be educated now so they can take precautionary steps to safeguard their future. Long-term care education and campaign will provide our citizens and residents to plan ahead. Long-term care insurance needs to be explored as part of the campaign.

Due to aging, seniors are prone to falls that lead to costly hospitalization. Hospitalizations related to falls cost millions of dollars. Not all falls are avoidable, but preventive programs and services dedicated to early identification of the risks of falls could reduce significantly the dollars spent for treatment, and needless to say, possibly saving lives.

Currently, in the State of Hawaii, there are various programs for long-term care. Residents are eligible for programs based on needs and financial status. Different programs could be confusing for families. Aging and Disabled Resource Centers throughout the State should have the capabilities like a One Stop Shop to direct families to the appropriate programs available for them.

There are other residents in the State who are not qualified under Medicaid program. We need to ensure that there is enough funding appropriated for Kupuna Care Program so necessary services could be provided to low income residents.

Mr. Chair, it is so evident that a lot of seniors will need services. Supporting the passage the SB 2228 SD1 will help us in the future alleviate the cost related to our aging population.

Thank you very much for this opportunity.

Ramon Sumibcay, RN

To: Committee on Ways and Means, Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Date: February 19, 2014, State Capitol Conference Room 211, 9:10 a.m.
Re: SB 2228 SD1 - Relating to Aging

Chair Ige 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 Robin Shumpis and I am a full time student Social Work student at Hawaii Pacific University and live in the Ewa Beach area. The passage of this bill is vital as:

Although I have not experienced family caregiving first hand, I am aware that it is something I will inevitably experience in my lifetime. With the mentality of planning ahead, I am in strong support of communities being educated and informed about the next stages of life, which may include long-term care and caregiving. This bill is vital in order to better educate people on the topics of long-term care and ways to set themselves up for a smooth transition, as well as living independently longer. Families that have experienced the adversity of long-term care and caregiving have been stricken with much more than just the hardship of efficiently supporting their loved ones. They have taken tremendous pay cuts, added physical and emotional stress to their lives and also risk losing retirement benefits of their own. These effects are definitely not what should happen, but it does occur when families are not properly informed and prepared for this stage in life. The Kupuna Care is also another program that I am in support of because it provides assistance to thousands that are unable to afford costly services but do not qualify for Medicaid. By supporting this program, more people will be able to receive the treatment and various services that they are in need of and not fall into poverty. Too many of our Hawaii residents are unprepared and not confident in their ability to afford even one year of care. This issue should not be overlooked; we need to be in support of every proactive effort and opportunity to get people educated on how to better prepare for their futures. I strongly support this bill so that more education is given to those who are struggling with caregiving and long-term care issues. This will reduce the confusion of not knowing what is ahead of many people and how to better prepare for the next stages of life.

I urge you to support Hawaii's growing senior population by supporting SB 2228 SD1.

Robin Shumpis
Ewa Beach

TO: Senator David Ige, Chair of Committee on Ways and Means
Members of the Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Wednesday, February 19, 2014
PLACE: State Capitol Conference Room 211
TIME: 9:10 am
SUBJECT: Testimony in support of SB 2228- SD1-Relating to Aging

I am in very strong support of SB 2228- SD 1– Relating to Aging.

All parts and sections of SB 2228 SD1- Relating to Aging are urgent as the unmet needs of older adults must be met. The need to support the Kupuna Care (KC) program with additional funds and funding for the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) would allow seniors to live in their homes and in the community of Hawaii. It is less expensive for seniors to age in place rather than 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.

Funding support to community centers, establish positions for a fall prevention and early detection coordinator, an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator, prevention of elder abuse and fraud coordinator as well as funding for an education and awareness campaign on long-term care are necessary to meet the urgent needs of older adults.

Please support SB 2228 SSD1– Relating to Aging.

Thank you very much

Rose Nakamura,

Project Dana