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Hawaii Department of Health

Wednesday, January 29, 2014

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair - Human Services
Senator Josh Green, Chair - Health
Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair - Commerce and Consumer Protection

Honorable Chairs Chun Oakland, Green, Baker and Members of your Senate Committees,

Subject: **Support for SB2228- Part I**

The Fall Prevention Consortium supports SB2228 - Part I that would establish a fall prevention and early detection coordinator within Department of Health's Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention System Branch (EMSIPSB), and appropriates funds to implement this measure.

The Hawai'i Fall Prevention Consortium was formed in 2003. Its purpose is to provide organizations, professionals, caregivers, advocates and interested individuals involved in fall prevention the opportunity to network, share information and collaborate on projects that reduce the incidence and severity of fall injuries in our aging population. Passage of this bill would enable the Consortium to work directly with the state to increase its implementation of the Hawaii Falls Prevention State Plan 2013-2018 co-authored with the Executive Office on Aging and the EMSIPSB.

Falls are preventable. The data confirms that fall injuries among our seniors are epidemic. Every year in Hawaii an average of 7,560 seniors are treated for injuries from falls in Hawaii hospitals. That is almost one every hour, and is increasing every year with the Silver Tsunami. We must curb this terrible impact on their lives and our medical system. A fall prevention and early detection coordinator can use the best available research evidence to help seniors in Hawaii maintain their independence and sustain their quality of life.

Establishing the fall prevention and early detection coordinator is an intelligent response to the senior fall injury epidemic. We urge you to pass SB2228 - Part I, because this measure will save lives and prevent disabilities.

Thank you for allowing us to testify.

Sincerely on behalf of the Consortium,

Chair *BJ Tang*

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Senate, Hawaii State Legislature
Committees on Human Services; Health; and Commerce and Consumer Protection

Committee Hearing on SB 2228
Thursday, January 30, 2014
1:00 pm, Conference Room 016

Chairs Chun Oakland, Green, Baker and members of the Senate Committees on Human Services, Health, and Commerce and Consumer Protection:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on behalf of **SB 2228**. I am Jill Kitamura, Senior Program Director with the Moiliili Community Center Senior Center Program. I refer especially to **the Sections on funding Kupuna Care and the Senior Center programs** and note that we are **in favor** of both sections. The Moiliili Community Center is requesting \$50,000 for its Senior Center program.

Many of the programs under non-profits, like those assisting the elderly, face the anxiety of providing needed services to a rapidly growing (daily, 10,000 people turn 60 in the USA) aging population with funding that has remained the same for over twelve years, while costs keep rising.

The senior center programs at the different community centers (Catholic Charities – Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, Waikiki Community Center, & Kapahulu Center) help the senior to remain independent at home and in their community, a cost saving alternative to being institutionalized. Being socially involved keeps the mind active, exercise classes help with one's physical fitness, learning new things and the awareness of resources in the community -- all contribute to the well being of the senior. These seniors not only gain personally but contribute back to the community in many ways.

Kupuna Care Services are essential to helping seniors stay in their homes as long as possible. They provide important services, such as case management, transportation, bathing, meals, respite for the caregiver. Seniors can and will contribute for services, but many cannot afford the actual cost of these services. These lower income, gap group individuals will fail very quickly, needing institutional care earlier than if intervention services were readily available.

I urge you to seriously consider programs and services for seniors to be one of your priority areas.

Thank you for your kind attention.

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SB2228

Submitted on: 1/29/2014

Testimony for HMS/HTH/CPN on Jan 30, 2014 13:00PM in Conference Room 016

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

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

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Teresa Parsons	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Honorable Senators, I submit testimony in support of this bill. Our kupuna are precious and must be cared for in a compassionate and attentive manner. Providing resources to support the aging population is critical, and as a healthcare provider, I believe these measures are essential to ensure a safe environment for our elders. I thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of this legislation.



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**The Twenty-Seventh Legislature, State of Hawaii
Hawaii State Senate
Committee on Human Services
Committee on Health
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection**

**Testimony by
Hawaii Government Employees Association
January 30, 2014**

S.B. 2228 – RELATING TO AGING

The Hawaii Government Employees Association supports the general purpose and intent of S.B. 2228 with a specific amendment. We fully recognize the importance of establishing a Fall Prevention and Early Detection Coordinator within the Department of Health to protect our aging population from serious injuries that are often preventable. This is an important public health initiative that can make a significant difference in protecting our aging community and reducing health care costs.

However, there is one provision in the bill to which we are opposed. That is in Part II, Section 4 of the bill that makes the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Services Coordinator within the Executive Office on Aging exempt, excluded. Currently, the position is subject to Chapters 76 and 89 HRS, which means it is civil service and included in collective bargaining. The change proposed makes the coordinator an appointed position. These types of positions (exempt excluded) do not have the same rights and benefits as civil service employees.

We do not believe there is any justification to change this statutory provision in Section 349-3.2, HRS. There are already far too many exempt employees in the State Executive Branch and such exemptions are inconsistent with the Article XVI, Section 1 of the Hawaii State Constitution and Section 76-1, HRS. Therefore, the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Services Coordinator should remain subject to Chapters 76 and 89, HRS. We appreciate the opportunity to testify in support of S.B. 2228 with the suggested amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

**Randy Perreira
Executive Director**

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TESTIMONY OF THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF LIFE INSURERS
IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 2228, RELATING TO AGING

January 30, 2014

Via e mail

Honorable Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland
Committee on Human Services
Honorable Josh Green, Chair
Committee on Health
Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection
State Senate
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415 South Beretania Street
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Dear Chairs Chun Oakland, Chair Green, Chair Baker and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 2228, 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.

SB 2228 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 SB 228.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Danielle Na'ahielua	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Senator Josh Green, Chair, Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair, and members of the Senate Committee on Health. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in STRONG SUPPORT of SB 2228, which would institute fall prevention services and programs within the department of health's emergency medical services and injury prevention system branch. As a registered nurse I have seen the effects of falls within our elderly population and the strain it causes physically, emotionally, and financially amongst our kupuna. The implementation of a coordinator to foster the multidisciplinary support of a statewide injury prevention has the potential to positively impact education and risk reduction across Hawai'i. I also am in STRONG support of SB2228 and the proposed effort for the long-term care education and awareness campaign. Many families are not adequately prepared or equipped with the knowledge regarding potential future needs of long-term care, costs, and resources available. An effective campaign has the potential to not only effect this current generation, but cultivate knowledge and preparedness within future generations. Mahalo nui loa for all that you do to support our kupuna and the citizens of Hawai'i. Sincerely, Danielle Na'ahielua, RN