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

Date: February 26, 2014, Conference Room 211, 9:00 a.m.

Re: **SB 2346 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 2346 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 for fiscal year 2014-2015.

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.

Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)

AARP strongly supports the appropriation of \$427,937 for ADRCs for the counties to continue their ADRC operations and their management information systems for fiscal year 2014-2015. 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.

We urge you to support SB2346 SD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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- 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



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

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

FROM: Diane Terada, Division Administrator

DATE: Wednesday, February 26, 2014, 9:00 a.m., Room 211

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2346, 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 supports SB 2346, SD1, which includes additional funding for Kupuna Care. We also ask that no additional, or restrictive, language be put into statute regarding Kupuna Care eligibility at this time.

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

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

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

Kupuna Care services addresses the overall community goal of helping seniors remain independent in the community and prevent more costly institutional care – as well as supporting caregivers. Kupuna Care services provide a safety net for all kupuna and their caregivers who 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 SB 2346, SD1, and requests that no additional, or restrictive, language be put into statute regarding Kupuna Care eligibility at this time. For further information, please contact me at 808-527-4702 or via email at diane.terada@catholiccharitieshawaii.org. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

The Twenty-Seventh Legislature
Regular Session of 2014

THE SENATE

Committee on Ways and Means
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
State Capitol, Conference Room 211
Wednesday, February 26, 2014; 9:00 a.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON S.B. 2346, SD1
RELATING TO AGING**

The ILWU Local 142 strongly supports S.B. 2346, SD1, 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.

S.B. 2346, SD1 appropriates funding for four programs that 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). ADRC's are vitally needed statewide to help families find resources needed to care for their loved ones. ADRC's are the experts on resources and link families to resources they might otherwise be unaware of. (Another need is for services and resources directly needed by care recipients, but that is for another funding request.) The Senate Committee on Human Services reduced the appropriation, presumably on the basis that the full \$1.9 million requested is not needed. However, given the scope of activities for the ADRC's, more, rather than less, funds will be needed to fully implement the program statewide.

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. The 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 become more open to the need for a mandatory financing mechanism to address these costs.

The ILWU urges passage of S.B. 2346, SD1. Thank you for considering our testimony.

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February 24, 2014

Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 9:00 A.M.
Conference Room 211

SB 2346, 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 2346, 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 2346, SD1.

Sincerely,



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President & Chief Executive Officer

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SB2346 SD1, RELATING TO AGING

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

Wednesday, February 26, 2014; Conference Room 211

9:00 a.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.

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

Date: February 26, 2014, State Capitol Conference Room 211, 9:00 a.m.

Re: SB 2346 SD1 - Relating to Aging

Chair Ige and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of SB 2346 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.

My mother was bed-ridden due to both Parkinson's Disease and emphysema for 3 years before her passing. She was fortunate to be able to stay home most of the time, taken care of by her children/grandchildren and caregivers. Although we are saddened by her passing, we have the consolation in knowing that she had a positive living environment among her loved ones. I wish this good fortune for other seniors.

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

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Re: SB 2346 SD1 - Relating to Aging

Chair Ige and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of SB 2346 SD1 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 at home longer, 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 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 – 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 caregivers by voting yes on SB 2346 SD1.

T. J. DAVIES JR.
Volunteer, AARP & Kokua Council for Senior Citizens
Kakaako (District 23 / Senate District 12)

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Re: SB 2346 SD1 - Relating to Aging

Chair Ige and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in
STRONG SUPPORT of SB 2346 SD1 Relating to Aging. My
name is Midori Kiso and I am a former caregiver for my late
husband. I 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, most of who are already elderly themselves, are facing everyday the difficulties of complex tasks taking care of their loved ones. They also 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 caregivers by voting yes on SB 2346 SD1.

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Ellen Awai	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support SB2346. With Hawaii being one of the highest states with an aging population, this bill is so important to assist our kupuna. Our kupuna has to sometimes choose between eating or taking medications and seeking medical assistance. Any services that can help this Baby Boomer population would be greatly appreciated! Thank you.

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