

SB 2346

Measure Title:	RELATING TO AGING.
Report Title:	Aging; Long-term Care Education; Appropriations; Majority Package (\$)
Description:	Appropriates general funds to provide ongoing financial support to healthy aging programs and services. Requires the Executive Office on Aging to conduct a public education and awareness campaign on long-term care and appropriates general funds for its support and evaluation. Effective July 1, 2014.
Companion:	<u>HB1713</u>
Package:	Joint Majority Package
Current Referral:	HMS, WAM
Introducer(s):	KIM, CHUN OAKLAND, DELA CRUZ, ENGLISH, ESPERO, GABBARD, GALUTERIA, GREEN, HEE, IGE, IHARA, KAHELE, KEITH-AGARAN, KIDANI, KOUCHI, NISHIHARA, RUDERMAN, SHIMABUKURO, SOLOMON, L. THIELEN, TOKUDA, WAKAI, Baker, Taniguchi

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Committee on Human Services

SB2346, RELATING TO AGING

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

Tuesday, February 4, 2014; Conference Room 016

1:00 p.m.

EOA's Position: The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) supports this measure, provided that its enactment does not reduce or replace priorities within the Administration's supplemental budget request.

Fiscal Implications: This measure appropriates funds for FY15 for the following:

1. The Kupuna Care Program;
2. The Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC);
3. The Healthy Aging Partnership; and
4. A long-term care education and public awareness campaign.

Purpose and Justification: EOA notes that three of the appropriations in this bill are priorities of the Abercrombie Administration. These priorities include (1) \$427,937 for the continued development of the ADRCs statewide, (2) a \$4.2 million increase in EOA's base budget for Kupuna Care, and (3) \$300,000 for the Healthy Aging Partnership.

Regarding the funding of the long-term care education and public awareness campaign, we note that the appropriation in this measure is not part of the Governor's supplemental budget

request. Should there be a surplus of funds available for this measure, we would be supportive as we agree with the concept of this initiative as it is consistent with EOA's goals and objectives. If the Legislature deems this program necessary, EOA respectfully requests that the Legislature provide the appropriate resources, rather than supplant existing resources, for this proposal.

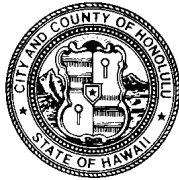
Recommendations: EOA respectfully requests your consideration of the following recommendation:

1. Section 3 (page 2). The request should be \$427,937 rather than \$1,900,000 for the continued development of the ADRCs statewide. EOA and the county offices on aging are developing a statewide Aging and Disability Resource Center system for seniors, people with disabilities, and their family caregivers, to access and receive information and resources on long-term supports and services in their respective counties. We are grateful for the \$1.4 million that the Legislature has already allocated for FY15 for the development of the ADRCs statewide. Our supplemental budget request of an additional \$427,937 represents the balance of what the counties need to continue their ADRC operations and our management information systems.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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TESTIMONY OF PAMELA A. WITTY-OAKLAND, DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
Tuesday, February 4, 2014, 1:00 p.m., Conference Room 016

SENATE Bill 2346, "RELATING TO AGING"

Position: In Support

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

The Elderly Affairs Division (EAD) is Honolulu's designated Area Agency on Aging and operates in accordance with the Older Americans Act of 1965 to coordinate, advocate, and improve services to assist older persons in leading independent, meaningful, and dignified lives in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

This bill includes funding for important programs that support the needs of the increasing population of elderly residents in Hawaii. The funding included in this bill is essential to maintain the health and welfare of our most vulnerable seniors and their caregivers. We strongly support funding for the following programs in SB 2346:

Kupuna Care. The Kupuna Care program includes essential services that support the needs of the increasing population of frail elderly residents in Hawaii. These services provide assistance to frail older adults who cannot live at home without adequate help from family or formal services. They include services such as attendant care, case management, chore, home-delivered meals, homemaker, personal care, and transportation.

Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC). The ADRC is contained in the federal Older Americans Act (OAA) as amended in 2006. Its vision is "to have Aging and Disability Resource Centers in every community...where people of all incomes and ages can turn for information on the full range of long-term support options and a single point of entry for access to public long-term support programs and benefits." The OAA provided very limited federal funds to develop, implement, or sustain this venture. The \$1.9 million being requested represents the first stage of state funding needed to create this resource for Hawaii's people in all counties.

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Healthy Aging Partnership Program. Through the Healthy Aging Partnership, EAD implements Stanford University's Chronic Disease Self-Management Program, an evidence-based program that provides education, training, and support groups to persons with chronic conditions to assist them in managing their own care. The Enhance Fitness is an exercise program and focuses on maintaining strength, flexibility, and balance to maintain health and function of older adults. The results of both programs have been overwhelmingly positive. In addition, other evidence-based self-management programs have been introduced for arthritis and diabetes. We would urge the committee to consider funding these programs in light of the rising healthcare costs associated with the rapidly growing elder population in Hawaii.

We urge the Committee on Human Services to support funding of these vital programs. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

SB2346

Submitted on: 2/2/2014

Testimony for HMS on Feb 4, 2014 13:00PM in Conference Room 016

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

Comments: TO: SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair FROM: Anthony Lenzer, PhD, Chair PABEA Legislative Committee HEARING: 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 4, 2014 State Capitol Conference Room 016 SUBJECT: SB 2346 Relating to Aging POSITION: The Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA) strongly supports the entire contents of SB 2346, which contains provisions for funding the Kupuna Care program; the Aging and Disability Resource Centers; the Healthy Aging Partnership; and the public awareness and education campaign on long-term care. All of the above are PABEA legislative priorities for the 2014 Legislative Session. This testimony will focus on the importance of the Healthy Aging Program. RATIONALE: HEALTHY AGING PARTNERSHIP SB 2346 is designed, in part, to “provide funding to support community-based programs that incorporate collaborations between health care and social service agencies to provide services necessary for the health and well-being of Hawaii’s kupuna” (Part 1, Section 1). Nothing exemplifies this goal better than the Healthy Aging Partnership, which is a coalition led by the Executive Office on Aging, the four Area Agencies on Aging, the Department of Health, and the University of Hawaii, in partnership with 40 service providers throughout the state. The healthy aging partnership consists of 2 programs: better choices, better health, and enhance fitness. Better choices, better health is a nationally acclaimed program designed for people with chronic diseases to better manage their symptoms and improve their overall health. This six-week program, led by trained facilitators, includes topics ranging from healthy eating and exercise tips, to appropriate use of medications, stress and pain management, effective communication with one’s physician, etc. Workshops are held at senior centers, community centers, churches, health centers, and various other sites throughout the state. Enhance fitness is a group exercise program consisting of 3 classes a week for a 16 week period. The exercise routines address balance, strength, endurance, and flexibility. Both programs were designed and tested by Stanford University researchers, with proven results in weight loss, improve balance, flexibility and mobility. Eight class sites are located on Kauai and Maui. University of Hawaii project evaluators have been monitoring workshop and class attendees and reported the following in 2011: for enhance fitness participants, there were 39% fewer falls; 19% improved their upper body strength; and 11% improved mobility and balance. For better choices, better health enrollees, there was a 7% decrease in number of physician visits; a 19% decrease in hospitalization; a 5% decrease in emergency room visits; a 25% decrease in symptoms such as pain, fatigue and shortness of breath; and a 31% increase in number of days spent in physical activity per week. National studies show that a one-day reduction in hospitalization and 0.2 fewer emergency room visits produce estimated savings of about \$1000 per participant per year. Thus, these programs can result in significant cost savings over both the short and the long run. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 2346.

To: Committee on Human Services, Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Date: February 4, 2014, State Capitol Conference Room 016, 1:00 p.m.
Re: SB 2346 - Relating to Aging

Chair Senator Chun Oakland and Committee Members:

My name is Charlene Iboshi. I am from Hawaii County. I am a member of the Legislative Committee of the Policy Advisory Board of Elderly Affairs (PABEA), and am involved with many civic organizations interested in the healthy living choices for the growing elder population, commonly known as the "Sliver Tsunami" and "Baby Boomers."

I fully support Senate Bill 2346, Relating to Aging, which reflects the needed funding to address the growing social and economic impact of current elder issues. The funding items found in this proposal were fully vetted and a product of well-researched and responsible recommendations of the Joint-House and Senate Committee, Kapuna Caucus and PABEA.

Since my retirement last year as the Hawaii County Prosecutor, I have involved myself in organizations that support a healthy and safe community. A plan with collaborative, comprehensive implementation of "best practices" is key to reducing economic and social costs facing the elders, disabled and their care-givers. The reduction in costs include the government "support net" when the dollars are maximized to have maximum effect with the least cost.

SB 2346, Relating to Elders (and disabled), addresses the growing challenges of long-term care, user-friendly Aging Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) providing "one stop" assistance, fall prevention, dementia and alzheimer support, kupuna care services for those low income, but not medicaid eligible, to keep the elder in the community out of nursing care homes, and prevention of elder fraud.

Please support the current elder programs and "best practice" ADRCs, which could encourage future federal funding. The Legislature can work with the Kupuna Caucus and PABEA recommendations to support the economic and social vitality of our growing elder populations.

This funding will be especially supportive for Hawaii County, which has the challenge of being the largest county with frail infra-structure. Our super-rurality makes any services for elders and disabled more challenging. Collaboration is our strength, but the unfortunate status of being the county with the most "challenging" economic and social negative social indicators, including inadequate public transportation, lack of accessible services for "super rural" areas and insufficient primary health care services. Collaboration is important, but adequate funding is key for strengthening of community self-help and maintaining current services.

Thank you for your expected support.
Charlene Iboshi, Hawaii County



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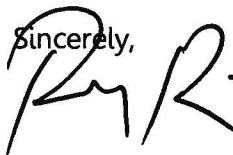
Testimony by
Hawaii Government Employees Association
February 4, 2014

S.B. 2346 Relating To Aging

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO fully supports the intent of S.B. 2346 which appropriates general funds to provide ongoing financial support to healthy aging programs and services including conducting public education and awareness campaign on long-term care.

With Hawaii's aging population of sixty and over projected to be 30 percent of the total population by 2035, the need for programs and services is critical, particularly those that allow for aging in their homes. If we as a community are committed to Hawaii's kupuna to ensure that they are adequately cared for, these programs and services must begin immediately. Long-term care education will provide much needed information to Hawaii's families.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure and the HGEA strongly urges the passage of S.B. 2346.

Sincerely,


Randy Perreira,
Executive Director



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

Date: February 4, 2014, Conference Room 016, 1:00 p.m.

Re: **SB 2346 – RELATING TO AGING**
Testimony in Strong Support

Chair Chun Oakland and Committee Members:

AARP is a membership organization of people 50 and older with nearly 150,000 members in Hawaii. AARP fights on issues that matter to Hawaii families, including the high cost of long-term care; access to affordable, quality health care for all generations; providing the tools needed to save for retirement; and serving as a reliable information source on issues critical to Americans age 50+.

AARP **strongly supports SB 2346 - Relating to Aging**. This bill appropriates funds for various programs and services for Hawaii's senior population. AARP especially supports the provisions of the bill as it relates to the appropriation of funds for a long-term care education and awareness campaign; the Kupuna Care Program, and the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) from the general revenues for the fiscal year 2014-2015.

Long-Term Care Education and Awareness Campaign

AARP strongly supports the appropriation of \$500,000 for a comprehensive education and awareness campaign.

A comprehensive long-term care education and awareness campaign is needed to alert residents to the risks and costs associated with caregiving and long-term care and to encourage them to plan and save for this part of life.

- Many residents are unaware or underestimate the risk of needing long-term care. Approximately 69% of people who turned 65 in 2005 will need long-term care before they die. Individuals needing long-term care will on average need help for 3 years, and spend on average 2 years at home, and 1 year in a nursing or assisted living facility.ⁱ
- Hawaii residents needing long-term care are faced with long-term care costs that are among the highest in the nation and unaffordable for most Hawaii residents. E.g., the annual nursing home cost (private room) is approximately \$145,270, as compared to the national average of \$83,950.
- Though the majority of Hawaii residents (59%) say they are likely to need long-term care in the future and are not confident that they can afford one-year of long-term care,ⁱⁱ few Hawaii residents are planning ahead to meet these needs.
- Solutions to finance long-term care are limited. Medicare is not designed to cover long-term care services. Medicaid pays for long-term care, but only those with limited assets and income.

- Private long-term care insurance does provide substantial coverage for long-term care, but enrollment is limited.

A long-term care education and awareness campaign will complement the anticipated introduction of a public long-term care insurance program in 2015 that helps people with financing so they can live independently longer in their homes.

Kupuna Care - Appropriation

AARP supports the appropriation of \$9.0 million for the Kupuna Care Program for fiscal year 2014-2015. This amount includes the current \$4.8 million Executive Office on Aging base budget appropriation for Kupuna Care that has remained unchanged since 2002, and an additional \$4.2 million appropriation. The bill should be amended to reflect that the appropriation requested is \$4.2 million.

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 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 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 supports the appropriation of \$1.9 million for ADRCs for the fiscal year 2014-2015 which includes an additional appropriation of \$428,000 for the continued implementation and expansion of ADRCs. The bill should be amended to reflect an appropriation of \$428,000.

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.

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

TESTIMONY OF THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF LIFE INSURERS
IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 2346, RELATING TO AGING

February 4, 2014

Via e mail

Honorable Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland
Committee on Human Services
State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 016
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Dear Chair Chun Oakland and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 2346, relating to Aging.

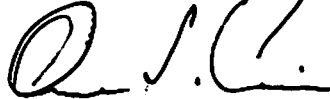
Our firm represents the American Council of Life Insurers ("ACLI"), a Washington, D.C., based trade association with approximately 300 member companies operating in the United States and abroad. ACLI advocates in federal, state, and international forums for public policy that supports the industry marketplace 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 2346 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 2346.

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

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

FROM: Diane M. Terada, Division Administrator

DATE: Tuesday, February 4, 2014 (1:00 p.m., Room 016)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2346, 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 which includes additional funding for Kupuna Care. 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 can address the overall community goal of helping seniors remain independent in the community and prevent more costly institutional care. Kupuna Care services can 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 Hawai'i asks for your support of SB 2346. 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.





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HAWAII PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION

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

Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 2346
Relating to Aging
Submitted by Robert Hirokawa, Chief Executive Officer
February 4, 2014, 1:00 pm, Room 016

The Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA), which represents the federally qualified community health centers in Hawaii, supports Senate Bill 2346, providing support to healthy aging programs and services.

Elderly residents comprise the fastest growing segment of the population here in Hawaii. Between 1980 and 2010, the number of adults in Hawaii over the age of 60 grew by 139.8%, over 34% faster than general population growth. By 2035, it is projected that almost 30% of the population will be comprised of individuals sixty years of age and older.

As such, there is an ever increasing need for long term care services. Basic education and awareness about these issues, including the maximization of single living and long term care financing, must be made available for this emerging population. Doing so will serve to both foster a healthier aging population, but also a more fiscally responsible community as a whole.

For these reasons, the HPCA supports this measure. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Hawai'i Alliance for Retired Americans

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Statement of Al Hamai in support of SB2346, Relating to Aging

Senate Committee on Human Services

February 4, 2014, 1:00 p.m. Conference Room 016

Chair Suzanne Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Josh Green and Committee Members,

HARA supports SB2346, which appropriates general funds to provide ongoing financial support to healthy aging programs and services. It also requires the Executive Office on Aging to conduct a public education and awareness campaign on long-term care and appropriates general funds for its support and evaluation.

This bill, along with the similarly focused SB2228, which was reported out earlier by your Committee, is one of the legislative priorities of HARA. The need for strong legislative support for kupuna services and programs is essential to the well being, not only of our kupuna but also of their families and our communities. The issues have been clearly and thoroughly studied by the Kupuna Legislative Caucus over the years and the time for favorable action on SB2346 is now.

We urge your Committee to approve SB2346.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB2346. 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.

The Twenty-Seventh Legislature
Regular Session of 2014

THE SENATE

Committee on Human Services
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Josh Green, Vice Chair
State Capitol, Conference Room 016
Tuesday, February 4, 2014; 1:00 p.m.

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

The ILWU Local 142 strongly supports S.B. 2346, 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 appropriates funding for four programs we think are vital to the aging population.

The first program is Kupuna Care, an ongoing, well-recognized program which provides services like bathing, transportation, meals-on-wheels, and chore services that allow elderly and disabled persons to remain at home and avoid institutionalization. The services are not only good for the person who wants to live at home but for taxpayers who 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 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. Thank you for considering our testimony.

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

DATE: Tuesday, February 4, 2014
PLACE: State Capitol Conference Room 016
TIME: 1:00 PM
SUBJECT: Testimony in support of SB 2346 - Relating to Aging.

As Administrator of Project Dana, a volunteer caregivers program, I am in very strong support of SB 2346-Relating to Aging.

Part I Section 1 indicates that with the rapid increasing aging population in Hawaii, there is an urgent need to expand home and community based services. The need to support the Kupuna Care (KC) programs with additional funds and funding for the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) would allow older adults to live in their homes and in the community of Hawaii. It is less expensive for seniors to age in place and the majority would not want to live in institutions. Access to services of Kupuna Care would need to be expanded.

A one stop center or Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) would definitely help consumers and family caregivers by providing a central informational base to access long term care options and eligibility.

Funding for the successful health aging partnership program must be continued. A long-term care education and awareness campaign funding would help the citizens of Hawaii prepare to age in place.

Please support SB 2346 – Relating to Aging.

Thank you very much

Rose Nakamura, Administrator

Project Dana

My name is Barbara Service. I am in Senate District 8; Representative District 19. I am also an AARP volunteer.

I urge your strong support of SB2346 which will provide funding for long term care public awareness and education. Most people have not considered how they will pay for their future long-term care needs. This funding will serve to make the public aware of this need.

It was also add monies for Kupuna Care to the base budget. Kupuna Care is funded now at \$4.8 M and has to request an additional \$4.2 M every year to maintain a \$9M budget. 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 admission to costly nursing homes.

The passage of SB2346 will provide additional funding for the ADRC, the one-stop shop to provide information to families on how to navigate the long-term care system and about caregiving, in general.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide strong written support of SB2346.

Testimony of Benjamin Sill
William S. Richardson School of Law: Class of 2015
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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB2346

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

Tuesday, February 4, 2014
1:00 PM
State Capitol, room 016

**In consideration of
Senate Bill 2346: RELATING TO AGING**

Dear Chair Oakland, Vice Chair Green, and members of the committee,

I write in strong support of Senate Bill 2346: Relating to Aging. As a resident of Hawaii with close family members approaching retirement, or recently retired, I urge you to take any practicable opportunity to assist, support, and inform the aging population

As the bill keenly observes, the aging population is growing at an ever-increasing rate as the baby-boomer generation transitions to retirement age. Although I do not interact with the aged population in any official or formal capacity, I have observed that transition personally, through my family. My parents retired last year (my father was 63 at the time, and my mother had just turned 60), and I currently have one uncle and two aunts who are approaching 60. Over the last several years, my family has struggled with financial uncertainty, unexpected obstacles, and difficulty accessing services and information. I have seen the struggles of aging firsthand, and while my family's position is relatively secure, I am acutely aware that many families, or isolated individuals, do not have our, admittedly modest, resources.

Although I am the only one of my family who is a resident of Hawaii, I assert that my observations are even more relevant in this state. High costs of living, coupled with the shackles of a fixed income, have made the aged population of Hawaii extremely vulnerable. But while financial circumstances unique to the state have made matters more difficult for the aged, I also recognize that another uniquely Hawaiian institution has the power to lighten their burden. In my time here, I have come to appreciate the profound and enduring concept of family that permeates the culture of Hawaii, to a degree that I have never encountered in any other state. It is in that spirit that I urge you to pass Senate Bill 2346.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to present testimony in support of the bill.

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

Date: February 4, 2014, State Capitol Conference Room 016, 1:00 p.m.

Re: SB 2346 - Relating to Aging

Chair Chun Oakland and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of SB 2346 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 caregivers by voting **YES** on SB 2346.

Chalintorn N. Burian, Ph.D.

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Honokaa

HI 96727

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

Date: February 4, 2014, State Capitol Conference Room 016, 1:00 p.m.

Re: SB 2346 – Relating to Aging

Dear Chair Chun Oakland and Committee Members:

I appreciate the opportunity to submit written testimony in Very STRONG SUPPORT of SB 2346 that is relating to Aging. My name is Gail Gainer-Rustin and I am a Registered Nurse from California. I now reside in Honolulu, Hawaii. The passage of this bill is vital for the wellbeing of the elderly and their caregivers because of these facts:

- A Long-term care education and awareness campaign is needed to alert the Hawaii community to plan for long-term care and caregiving. Most people never think about long term care until it is too late. When it is necessary or needed the cost is very high and the elderly cannot afford Long-term Care Insurance. Educating the young and more mature public about the benefits of planning for long-term care will give them time to purchase Long-term Care Insurance at a more affordable rate. The goal of the education and awareness is to allow and help the aging to live independently at home, rather than moving 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 residents over age 60, and this program is a cost-effective way to prevent the majority of seniors from falling into poverty which may lead to homelessness.
- ADRCs would be of great help to caregivers and their 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.

Regarding Kupuna Care: One of my church mothers became very sick and needed health support at home. She had two adult children, one was working and the other was in college. During the day help was needed because their mother was bedridden. They were looking for someone who could take care of their mother. I told them about a friend of mine who was retired. My friend took the job and the family was able to pay her for her services. I also know that in the state of California there are funds paid out to care providers if their income is low.

SB2346

Submitted on: 2/2/2014

Testimony for HMS on Feb 4, 2014 13:00PM in Conference Room 016

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

Comments: Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT.

Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 9:37 AM
To: Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland
Subject: SB 2346

I am a 78 year old widowed senior living alone on a fixed income. I strongly support SB 2346 as I will probably need the services of Kupuna Care in the future. The services of ADRC would be helpful also. Younger people need to be educated as to the need for long term care and this bill cover all three issues.

Laura Horigan I live in the 96826 zip code.

TO: Chair Chun Oakland & Committee Members

DATE February 3, 2014

RE: SB 2346 Relating to Aging

Chair Chun Oakland and Committee Members

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of SB 2346 relating to Aging. My name is Laurel Leslie and I am retired school teacher. I live in Kailua, Oahu. The passage of this bill is important to me because I am getting to an age when I must plan for not only my future, but in planning care for other family members who cannot care for themselves. All of my family members want to live in their own homes as long as possible.

In order to plan for the future, passage of SB 2346 would provide a cost-effective way to prevent the majority of seniors from falling into the Medicaid group. Those services provided by this care, would allow seniors to remain in their own homes for as long as their health allows. We need to encourage this self-reliance by all seniors. The ever-increasing cost of hospital care (and health care in general) should not be a consideration of care for any family.

My family also needs ADRC funding. This service is extremely valuable to the community for desperate family members who don't know where to turn for help and may be handling the care of an elder or disabled person in the family for the first time. This resource center is critical when looking for eligibility options. It is important to reduce the frustration in navigating Hawaii's complicated long-term care system.

I urge your support for seniors by a yes vote on SB 2346.

Ms. Laurel Leslie

Kailua, HI 96734

To: Committee on Human Services, Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Date: February 4, 2014, State Capitol Conference Room 016, 1:00 p.m.
Re: SB 2346 - Relating to Aging

Chair Chun Oakland and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of SB 2346 Relating to Aging. My husband and I are retired elders, and we live on the Hamakua Coast of Hawaii Island in Papaaloa. The passage of this bill is vitally important to all those who live in this rural area.

For the past couple of years, residents in this area have been engaged in a Community Development Planning Process led by the Mayor's Office. Our population has an even higher proportion of elders than the rest of Hawaii and that percentage is growing rapidly. Services are not available without driving 25 miles to Hilo. Elders do not want to leave their homes. That is why being able to "age in place" was identified as one of the most important issues facing people in our tiny villages and on agricultural land.

What is most needed is a state sponsored long-term care program, and I hope that the recommendations coming out of the Hawaii Long Term Care Commission will be looked at closely over the next year. In the meantime, a long-term care education and awareness campaign is a great start; it will help Hawaii residents learn about options for long-term care and caregiving. With good information, changes in the health of a kupuna in their family will not become an unmanageable emergency, with dire consequences for either the kupuna who may not expect to have to leave home, or for other members of the family who may need to stop working to provide the care needed. An advance plan can bring peace of mind and eliminate conflict among family members.

As a member of the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Aging, I know that the ADRC here would do a great job managing an education campaign. And as a Board member of the Hamakua Health Center, I believe strongly in the partnership of health institutions and social service providers; we already work closely with numerous public and private agencies so that together, we can address all the social and economic problems residents face that lead to poor health. A long-term care education and awareness campaign in which the ADRCs, health institutions, and other agencies work together will truly help Hawaii's elders of today and tomorrow.

I urge you to support Hawaii's growing senior population by supporting SB 2346.

Meizhu Lui
PO Box 175
Papaaloa, HI 96780

To: Committee on Human Services, Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Date: February 4, 2014, State Capitol Conference Room 016, 1:00 p.m.
Re: SB2346 - Relating to Aging

Chair Chun Oakland and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of SB2346 Relating to Aging and Caregiving. My name is Midori Kiso and I am a former caregiver for ill family members and live in the Moiliili area of Oahu. The passage of this bill is vital as:

- 1) A long-term care education and awareness campaign is needed urgently 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.
- 2) 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 in Hawaii, and this program is a cost-effective way to prevent the majority of seniors from falling into poverty.
- 3) Establishing Aging and Disability Resource Center help caregivers and family members as 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.

This bill is important to me as I strongly feel that those presently struggling as caregivers to the elderly ill and disabled members need to be alerted to plan for the next stage of life which may involve long-term care and less difficult caregiving.

I urge you to support Hawaii's growing senior population by supporting SB2346.
Thank you.

Midori Kiso
Moiliili, Oahu

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

DATE: Tuesday, February 4, 2014 (1:00 p.m., Room 016)

RE: IN SUPPORT of SB 2346, Relating to Aging

I am 74 years old and use the **TRANSPORTATION** service of Catholic Charities Hawai'i, which is partially funded through Kupuna Care funding.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide MORE FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE SERVICES, like Transportation

I need TRANSPORTATION because:

I have no car.
Shopping for groceries is heavy. I do it on the bus to other stores, but having this service once a week is a great help.
Goes directly to

If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:

Have this service. For heavy groceries. It's a struggle on the bus, then walking from bus stop to our bldg.

Please make more Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Frances Hayashi

Address: Honolulu, HI 96813
City Zip Code

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

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I need TRANSPORTATION because:

CARS ARE EXPENSIVE

If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:

GO AS OFFER TO STORE
OR WALMART

Please make more Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Grace Brennan

Address:

Honolulu 96813
City Zip Code

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

DATE: Tuesday, February 4, 2014 (1:00 p.m., Room 016)

RE: IN SUPPORT of SB 2346, Relating to Aging

I am 75 years old and use the TRANSPORTATION service of Catholic Charities Hawai'i, which is partially funded through Kupuna Care funding.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide MORE FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE SERVICES, like Transportation

I need TRANSPORTATION because:

Nerve damage to my legs
Poly Peripheral Neuropathy

If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:

bring home as many groceries

Please make more Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Rena Blank #331

Address:

Honolulu 96813
City Zip Code

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

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I need TRANSPORTATION because:

Can't carry anything over 10 lbs
can't stand long because of cancer
in hip ~~bones~~^{nes}

If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:

go out often enough to purchase food

Please make more Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Carrie Khim

Address:

Honolulu
City

96813

Zip Code

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

DATE: Tuesday, February 4, 2014 (1:00 p.m., Room 016)

RE: IN SUPPORT of SB 2346, Relating to Aging

I am 86 years old and use the **TRANSPORTATION** service of Catholic Charities Hawai'i, which is partially funded through Kupuna Care funding.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide MORE FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE SERVICES, like Transportation

I need TRANSPORTATION because:

my feet is weak.

If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:

attend classes

Please make more Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Mildred Morita

Address:

Honolulu, HI

96822

City

Zip Code

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

DATE: Tuesday, February 4, 2014 (1:00 p.m., Room 016)

RE: IN SUPPORT of SB 2346, Relating to Aging

I am 80 years old and use the **TRANSPORTATION** service of Catholic Charities Hawai'i, which is partially funded through Kupuna Care funding.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide MORE FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE SERVICES, like Transportation

I need TRANSPORTATION because:

Doctor's visits
Exercise program Manua Gardens

If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:

Do any of the above

Please make more Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely, Myung Hee Choi

Name: MYUNG HEE CHOI

Address: Honolulu 96826
City Zip Code

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

DATE: Tuesday, February 4, 2014 (1:00 p.m., Room 016)

RE: IN SUPPORT of SB 2346, Relating to Aging

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I support this bill and urge your support to provide MORE FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE SERVICES, like Transportation

I need TRANSPORTATION because:

Doctors' visits
Exercise class (Gerontology Prog.) at
Manoa Gardens
Hair appointment

If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:

do most of above or would
have to call a cab which makes
it unaffordable.

Please make more Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Dorothy Kawasaka

Address: Honolulu 96822
City Zip Code

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

DATE: Tuesday, February 4, 2014 (1:00 p.m., Room 016)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2346, Relating to Aging**

I am 90 years old and use the **TRANSPORTATION** service of Catholic Charities Hawai'i, which is partially funded through Kupuna Care funding.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide MORE FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE SERVICES, like Transportation

I need TRANSPORTATION because:

~~Kapiolani Blvd~~
I have difficulty walking and use a cane for support.

If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:

Attend my exercise class at Manoa Garden

Please make more Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Velma C. Check

Address: Honolulu 96826
City Zip Code

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

DATE: Tuesday, February 4, 2014 (1:00 p.m., Room 016)

RE: IN SUPPORT of SB 2346, Relating to Aging

I am 82 years old and use the **TRANSPORTATION** service of Catholic Charities Hawai'i, which is partially funded through Kupuna Care funding.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide MORE FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE SERVICES, like Transportation

I need TRANSPORTATION because:

Health reasons -

If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:

I would be home alone & cannot participate in activities with others; to exercise & fellowship w/ card games & sharing experiences

Please make more Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Caroline Herasima

Address: Kailua 96734
City Zip Code

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

DATE: Tuesday, February 4, 2014 (1:00 p.m., Room 016)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2346, Relating to Aging**

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I support this bill and urge your support to provide MORE FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE SERVICES, like Transportation

I need TRANSPORTATION because:

I'm dependent on Catholic's Charities ^{transportation} for my medical appts. and to come to Lani Huli for my lunch program.

If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:

pick up little items nearby. Walgreens when I go to Lani Huli for lunch & also my medical appts which are in Honolulu.

Please make more Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Blasiana Churchill

Address:

City

Kaiua

Zip Code

96734

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

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I support this bill and urge your support to provide MORE FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE SERVICES, like Transportation

I need TRANSPORTATION because:

*I have no car,
cannot drive.*

If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:

*travel and attend
Senior center.*

Please make more Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Ichiro Tamashiro
Ichiro Tamashiro

Address:

Kaneohe 96744
City Zip Code

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

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I need TRANSPORTATION because:

*I am a non driver. The bus schedule is hourly.
Live in a hilly area.*

If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT: *get to the
doctor, bank, post office*

Please make more Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: *Jane S. Kinoshita*

Address: *Honolulu, HI. 96813*
City Zip Code

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

DATE: Tuesday, February 4, 2014 (1:00 p.m., Room 016)

RE: IN SUPPORT of SB 2346, Relating to Aging

I am 73 years old and use the **TRANSPORTATION** service of Catholic Charities Hawai'i, which is partially funded through Kupuna Care funding.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide MORE FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE SERVICES, like Transportation

I need TRANSPORTATION because:

To get to my appointments at Queens for my cancer treatments. I can't drive to my appointments cause I'm handicapped. Hard time walking my legs are weak. Bad eye sight.

If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:

not be able to go to my cancer treatment, bus stop too far from for me to walk to my appointments. So I probably stay home and get more sick.

Please make more Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

R. Maurice

Address:

Honolulu
City

96813
Zip Code

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

DATE: Tuesday, February 4, 2014 (1:00 p.m., Room 016)

RE: IN SUPPORT of SB 2346, Relating to Aging

I am 79 years old and use the **TRANSPORTATION** service of Catholic Charities Hawai'i, which is partially funded through Kupuna Care funding.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide MORE FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE SERVICES, like Transportation

I need TRANSPORTATION because:

*unable to walk far. (2-3 blocks)
unable to go on the bus.*

If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:

*get to appointments
get to the market.*

Please make more Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

June J. Kaychi

Address:

Honolulu

96814

City

Zip Code

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

DATE: Tuesday, February 4, 2014 (1:00 p.m., Room 016)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2346, Relating to Aging**

I am 62 years old and use the **TRANSPORTATION** service of Catholic Charities Hawai'i, which is partially funded through Kupuna Care funding.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide MORE FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE SERVICES, like Transportation

I need TRANSPORTATION because:

*I HAVE A HARD TIME CATCHING
THE BUS. DUE TO MY INFECTED FOOT.*

If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:

GO TO MY DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT

Please make more Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Floyd Shenke

Address:

Honolulu

City

96826

Zip Code

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

DATE: Tuesday, February 4, 2014 (1:00 p.m., Room 016)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2346, Relating to Aging**

I am 65 years old and use the **TRANSPORTATION** service of Catholic Charities Hawai'i, which is partially funded through Kupuna Care funding.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide MORE FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE SERVICES, like Transportation

I need TRANSPORTATION because:

my physical conditions, neck pain, cancer patient,
need to go to Dr's appointments

If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:

Probably my physical conditions gets worse cause
I wont have ride to my Dr's appointments plus its
hard to caught the bus cause the bus stop is to
far and its a far walk.

Please make more Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: matue Seagrist

Address: Honolulu 96822
City Zip Code

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

DATE: Tuesday, February 4, 2014 (1:00 p.m., Room 016)

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I support this bill and urge your support to provide MORE FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE SERVICES, like Transportation

I need TRANSPORTATION because:

I can't afford the taxi and

I can't ride the bus because it's

too slow to cross the water street
IF I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT *wait walk*

If I did not have this transportation I probably would have to cut down
which I already have - the number of times
stand too long

Please make more Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

I also have visual problems I got to my
Sincerely,

Name:

Jennie Dany

Address:

Honolulu 96816

City

Zip Code

Have difficulty reading

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

DATE: Tuesday, February 4, 2014 (1:00 p.m., Room 016)

RE: IN SUPPORT of SB 2346, Relating to Aging

I am 85 years old and use the **TRANSPORTATION** service of Catholic Charities Hawai'i, which is partially funded through Kupuna Care funding.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide MORE FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE SERVICES, like Transportation

I need TRANSPORTATION because:

Back problem cant drive or take the bus cause the bus takes long and crowded.

If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:

Attend senior class for exercise to better myself my back problem will get worse if I no go exercise class. I would get weaker.

Please make more Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

May Waterhouse

Address:

Honolulu

96805

City

Zip Code

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

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I support this bill and urge your support to provide MORE FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE SERVICES, like Transportation

I need TRANSPORTATION because:

*I am renal failure and unable drive
due left arm broken + dialysis on right arm.*

If I did NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION, I could NOT:

Make these appointments

Please make more Kupuna Care funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Shirley Kaipo Cunha

Address:

Honolulu

96814

City

Zip Code