

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

Date: February 4, 2014

State Capitol Conference Room 016, 1 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.

My name is Michael Sumja and I am a member of PABEA and the Kupuna Caucus and live in the North Kohala area of the Big Island.

Over the past 8 years I have worked closely with Alan Parker of the Hawaii County ADRC and am in constant awe of how effective the ADRC program is. It is imperative that we continue the ongoing financial support of all aging programs and services. Just as our Kupuna need us today, in the near future many more of us will be in need of these services.

I strongly urge you to support our Kupuna by voting yes on SB2346.

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