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Committee on Health

SB2434, SD2, RELATING TO HEALTH

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

Monday, March 10, 2014; Conference Room 329

10:00 a.m.

EOA's Position: The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) supports the intent of this measure, provided that its enactment does not reduce or replace priorities within the Administration's supplemental budget request. We recommend, however, that Section 2 allow EOA to procure for this scope of work rather than to establish and fill a position within our office.

Purpose and Justification: The greatest risk factor for Alzheimer's disease and other related dementias (ADRD) is age. Approximately 50 percent of those over age 85 will have some form of memory loss. By 2025, the number of people in Hawaii 65 and over who have diagnosed dementia will reach 34,000, an increase of 48% from the 27,000 cases in 2010.

While we appreciate the establishment of a full-time position within EOA to assist the ADRC Coordinator to provide information and referrals, counseling, education, support groups, and safety services, we believe that the scope of work would be better suited for a non-profit agency to provide these services to the community. Therefore, we respectfully request that EOA be allowed to procure for these services to a non-profit organization to fulfill. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



House Committee on Health

The Hon. Della Au Belatti, Chair

The Hon. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 2434, SD2

Relating to Health

Submitted by Robert Hirokawa, Chief Executive Officer

March 10, 2014, 10:00 am, Room 329

The Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA), which represents the federally qualified community health centers in Hawaii, supports Senate Bill 2434, creating an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services program.

The HPCA is a staunch believer in the social determinants of health, those economic and social conditions that influence an individual and a community's health status. These conditions serve as risk factors endemic to a person's living and working environment, rather than their behavioral or genetic histories. Factors such as income, education, access to recreation and healthy foods, housing, and employment, can and do have measurable impacts on a person and a community, both in health and financial outcomes.

Senate Bill 2434 speaks to social determinants by outlining the various measures the newly created service program would address. These would include in-home needs assessments and consultations, caregiver assistance, and training and educational resources for patients and their families.

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

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RE: Senate Bill 2434, SD2 relating to health SUPPORT TESTIMONY

Members

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Dear Chairwoman Au Bellatti and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 2434, SD2. On behalf of the Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter, I am pleased to extend our full support for SB 2434, SD2, which proposes to allocate funding for a full-time Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Services Coordinator.

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It is estimated that there are about 27,000 individuals with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia currently living within the state of Hawaii. Despite having such a huge population of individuals affected by the disease, there are very limited resources within the state to help the individual and/or their families. The creation of an Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Services Coordinator would be of critical help to families affected by the disease. By providing this funding, families affected will now be better informed and have better access to resources and services that are available in the community.

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I appreciate the opportunity to comment on this legislation and applaud your leadership in bringing it forward.

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Comments: The Zonta Club of Hilo supports SB Bills 2434 and SB 2346. I am having difficulty submitting the testimony by attaching the file. So, I will email it to the Committee directly. Thank you, Charlene Iboshi

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To: Senate Committee on Human Services
Re: SB 2434, SD2

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Aloha Chair Belatti and the members of the committee,

On behalf of the Community Alliance for Mental Health along with United Self Help we strongly support the passage of SB 2434, SD2.

According to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Studies America will have up to twenty million more Alzheimer's patients in the next twenty years. The horrible thing is that there is no plan for this at all. There are no long term care facilities. We applaud the government for this attempt to address our joint problem. I only hope there are more plans to follow.

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