



# SB 2434

**Measure Title:** RELATING TO HEALTH.

**Report Title:** Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Services; Executive Office on Aging

**Description:** Establishes an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services program under the executive office on aging to expand support for people with Alzheimer's disease and their families.

**Companion:**

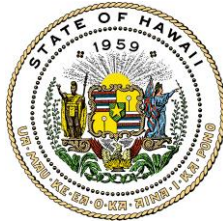
**Package:** None

**Current Referral:** HMS, WAM

**Introducer(s):** DELA CRUZ, ENGLISH, KIDANI, SOLOMON, TOKUDA

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**Committee on Human Service**

**SB2434, RELATING TO HEALTH**

**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 the intent of this measure, provided that its enactment does not reduce or replace priorities within the Administration's supplemental budget request. EOA also respectfully requests amendments as specified below.

**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 intent of this measure to establish an ADRD Services Program in EOA, we believe that such a program would be better suited for non-profit agencies already set up to provide these services to the community. The Alzheimer's Association – Aloha Chapter, is one such organization that would benefit from support to expand their outreach and training to family caregivers, respite care providers, and community organizations. They have trainings already in place and in practice, and would benefit from grants-in-aid to expand these services. Therefore, we respectfully request that

Section 1 of this measure be deleted and, instead, the ADRD Services Program be offered as a grant-in-aid to a non-profit organization to fulfill.

If your committee wishes to amend Section 349-3.2, HRS, we would recommend the following changes to page 3, Section 2:

“There is established within the executive office on aging an Alzheimer’s disease and related dementia services coordinator to coordinate the provision of public and private Alzheimer’s disease and related dementia services[-], and to work toward achieving the following goals:

1. Prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer’s disease;
2. Enhance care quality and efficiency;
3. Expand supports for people with Alzheimer’s disease and their families;
4. Enhance public awareness and engagement; and
5. Improve data to track progress.”

These changes will assure and facilitate implementation of the five major goals of the Hawaii State Plan on ADRD. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



## HAWAII GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

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The Twenty-Seventh Legislature, State of Hawaii  
Hawaii State Senate  
Committee on Human Services

Testimony by  
Hawaii Government Employees Association  
February 4, 2014

S.B. 2434 – RELATING TO HEALTH

The Hawaii Government Employees Association supports the general purpose and intent of S.B. 2434. We fully recognize the importance of establishing an Alzheimer's Disease and related dementia services program, along with a coordinator position. This is an important public health initiative that can make a significant difference in protecting our aging community and helping to reduce health care costs.

We prefer this bill to S.B. 2228 because the coordinator position maintains its coverage under civil service and collective bargaining. The change proposed in S.B. 2228 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 position should remain subject to Chapters 76 and 89, HRS. We appreciate the opportunity to testify in support of S.B. 2434.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Randy Perreira  
Executive Director



**HPCA**

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 2434**  
**Relating to Health**  
**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 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.

The Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
Regular Session of 2014

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

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON S.B. 2434  
RELATING TO HEALTH**

The ILWU Local 142 supports S.B. 2434, which establishes an Alzheimer's Disease and related dementia services program under the Executive Office on Aging to expand support for people with Alzheimer's Disease and their families.

Hawaii's aging population continues to grow at a faster rate than younger populations. With aging come the issues associated with aging, including the growing numbers of individuals developing Alzheimer's Disease and dementia. With these conditions, the costs are huge. Not only are there medical issues to deal with but, more importantly, custodial care issues that health plans generally do not cover. In addition, families of those with Alzheimer's Disease and dementia must deal with their own needs as caregiver, including respite and financial and emotional support.

As complex as Alzheimer's and dementia are, and even as the numbers of patients increase, very few services are available for both patients and caregivers. S.B. 2434 will help to coordinate services and provide support that patients and family members need to cope with the issues of Alzheimer's and dementia.

The ILWU urges passage of S.B. 2434. Thank you for considering our testimony.



# Community Alliance for Mental Health

February, 4, 2014

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To: Senate Committee on Human Services

Re: SB 2434

Aloha Sen. Chun-Oakland 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.

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.

Scott Wall  
VP/Legislative Advocate  
Community Alliance for Mental Health

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

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

Re: SB 2434 - Relating to Alzheimer's Disease

Chair Chun Oakland and Committee Members:  
Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of SB 2434 Relating to Alzheimer's Disease.

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. The passage of this bill is vital since so many of our Kupuna and their families are being affected by Alzheimer's Disease and related dementia. This bill is a positive step in the right direction to bring help to victims of Alzheimers as well as their families.

We have watched the struggles of dear friends whose mother is suffering in very dramatic ways with Alzheimer's Disease and the effect on the family is devastating.

I strongly urge you to support our Kupuna and their families by voting yes on SB 2434.

Michael B. Sumja  
North Kohala/Big Island of Hawaii



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Submitted on: 1/30/2014

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
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