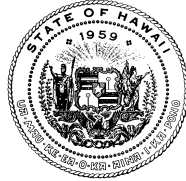


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Testimony in SUPPORT of HB 1878
Relating to Aging

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Testimony of Terri Byers
Director, Executive Office on Aging
Attached Agency to the Department of Health

Hearing Date: March 1, 2016 Room Number: 308
3:00pm

1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department
2 of Health, supports this measure provided that its enactment does not reduce or replace priorities
3 within the Administration's supplemental budget request.

4 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure appropriates funds for FY17 for the following:

- 5 1. The Kupuna Care Program and the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC);
- 6 2. Fall Prevention and Early Detection services coordinator position;
- 7 3. Healthy Aging Partnership;
- 8 4. Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia (ADRD) services coordinator; and
- 9 5. ADRD Public Awareness Campaign.

10 **Purpose and Justification:** EOA notes that two of the appropriations in this bill are priorities of
11 the Ige Administration. These priorities include (1) \$1,700,000 for the continued development of

1 the ADRCs statewide, and (2) a \$4,145,695 million increase in EOA's base budget for Kupuna
2 Care.

3 Regarding the funding for the Fall Prevention and Early Detection services coordinator
4 position, the Healthy Aging Partnership, the Alzheimer's' Disease and Related Dementia
5 (ADRD) services coordinator, and the ADRD Public Awareness Campaign, these items are not
6 part of the Governor's budget request. Should there be a surplus of funds available for these
7 measures, we would be supportive as we agree with the concept of this initiative as it is
8 consistent with EOA's goals and objectives. If the Legislature deems these programs necessary,
9 EOA respectfully requests that the Legislature provide the appropriate resources, rather than
10 supplant existing resources, for this proposal.

11 Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments.



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The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Committee on Finance
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State Capitol
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Dear Representative Luke and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: HB 1878 HD1 – Relating to Aging

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **SUPPORTS THE INTENT OF HB 1878 HD1, specifically Part II of the bill.** The purpose of Part II is to provide funding to support the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC).

The Council was a member of the State ADRC Advisory Board back in April 2006, as a result of the Executive Office on Aging (EOA) receiving a Federal grant to embark on establishing a one-stop single entry point for older adults and persons with disabilities. Since then, the project has established a one-stop center on the Islands of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui, and is in the process of developing the Honolulu site. The Council has a Memorandum of Agreement between the Hawaii County Office of Aging, ADRC, which defines the partner roles and responsibilities related to services provided by ADRC and the Council.

As a systems advocacy agency responsible for statewide planning, coordination, monitoring, evaluation, and advocacy on behalf of individuals with DD and their families, we support a streamlined and user-friendly process for older adults and individuals with disabilities to receive information and be able to navigate the service system to access services and supports. Most of the focus thus far in establishing and implementing the ADRCs has been targeted to the aging population.

The Council respectfully suggest the following amendment for your consideration:

Page 2, Part II, Section 3, lines 6-10: Amend the sentence to reflect person-centered process rather than a navigational tool. Deleted language is stricken and new language is underscored. “The legislature finds that the State's aging and disability resource center is a ~~navigational tool~~ person-centered process intended to navigate and streamline access to long-term supports

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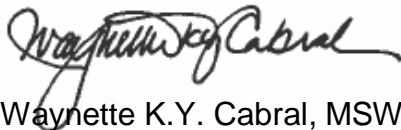
and services for older adults, individuals with disabilities, and family caregivers.”
The above amendment would be consistent with language in the companion
measure, SB 2085 SD1- Relating to Aging.

The Council, as well as individuals with disabilities, advocates, public and private
service providers, and other stakeholders, need to be involved with the planning and
implementation of the ADRCs. We believe identifying and engaging in partnerships with
all stakeholders will contribute to a seamless approach of accessing long-term services
and supports in a manner that respects individual choice and desire, is person-
centered, promotes independence and dignity, and provides individual control over the
person’s life.

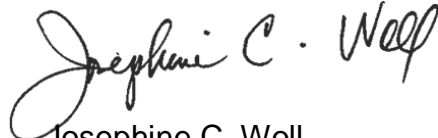
The Council defers to EOA regarding the appropriation amount needed to
support the ADRC.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **supporting the intent of
HB 1878 HD1.**

Sincerely,



Waynette K.Y. Cabral, MSW
Executive Administrator

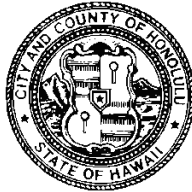


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TESTIMONY OF GARY K. NAKATA, DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Tuesday, March 1, 2016, 3:00 p.m.
Conference Room 308

HOUSE BILL 1878, HD1, RELATING TO AGING

Position: SUPPORT

TO: The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
The Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
and Members of the Committee on Finance

The Elderly Affairs Division (EAD) is the designated Area Agency on Aging for Oahu. In accordance with the Older Americans Act of 1965, it is one of over 600 area agencies on aging nationwide. Our mission is to develop a comprehensive and coordinated system of services to assist older persons in leading independent, meaningful, and dignified lives in their own homes and communities. As an Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC), we also serve as a highly visible and trusted source, a place where people of all incomes and ages can turn to for information.

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 HB1878, HD1:

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 older adults who cannot live at home without adequate assistance from family members or formal supports. They include services such as attendant care, case management, chore, home-delivered meals, homemaker, personal care, and transportation. Each year the population continues to grow and their needs grow exponentially.

Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) The ADRC as outlined in the federal Older Americans Act (OAA), amended in 2006, aspires "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 provides limited federal funds to develop,

implement, or sustain this venture and therefore support from the State is greatly appreciated and needed.

As of July 1, 2015, Honolulu began its efforts to implement the components associated with serving as an Aging and Disability Resource Center. A few of the components already implemented in compliance with the requirements set forth by the Executive Office on Aging include the provision of a centralized intake process using consistent tools across the State, authorization of services, provision of options counseling, and the continued provision of information and assistance. In order to move towards becoming a fully functional ADRC, funding is needed for personnel, program coordination, management of the information system required by the State Executive Office on Aging (EOA), and marketing of the new ADRC process. For the system to be effective, our capacity must be such that it matches the demand and need for services by our growing senior population. Without this support there will be increased delays in service coordination, implementation, and delivery.

Falls Prevention Falls are among the leading causes of hospitalization and severe injury among the elderly. This often preventable occurrence can seriously affect the quality of life for the elderly individual and also impacts healthcare costs for the community at large.

The Falls Prevention Consortium has implemented a number of programs in the past, including: securing/developing a form of tai chi, which can be done in a seated position and supporting training of instructors statewide; working with Pharmacies, OT/PTs, and other organizations to provide balance screening and medication reviews to prevent falls from occurring; developing a video, public service announcements, and coordinating programming via television and radio on providing public awareness on fall prevention.

Healthy Aging Partnership Program In the past, EAD actively participated in the Healthy Aging Partnership, and supported the implementation of the Stanford University's Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CDSMP). An evidence-based program, CDSMP provides education, training, and support groups to persons with chronic conditions to assist them in managing their own care. In addition, EnhanceFitness is an exercise program and focuses on strength, flexibility, and balance to maintain the health and functioning of older adults. The results of both programs have been overwhelmingly positive.

Other evidence-based self-management programs have also been introduced for arthritis and diabetes. We urge the committee to fund these programs in light of the rising healthcare costs associated with the rapidly growing elder population in Hawaii.

Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders EAD recognizes the need to develop services to meet the needs of the rapidly growing population of individuals diagnosed with this condition. EAD supports the appropriation contained in this bill to establish an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator and for the development of a public awareness program.

Over the last year we have noticed an increase in individuals and family members who contact our agency looking for services and support. Having a designated position that will focus on this growing area is key in our State and demonstrates a clear commitment to our seniors and their family members.

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



March 1, 2016

House Finance Committee
Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair
Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

Re: **HB 1878 HD1 – RELATING TO AGING**

Chair Luke, Vice-Chair Nishimoto and Members of the Committee:

I am Barbara Kim Stanton, State Director of AARP Hawaii. AARP is a membership organization for people age 50 and over with nearly 150,000 members in Hawaii alone. AARP serves as a trusted source on issues critical to people over the age of 50 and their families, and advocates on issues that matter to Hawaii's families – including support for family caregivers, access to affordable health care for all generations, and providing the tools needed to save for retirement.

AARP strongly supports HB 1878 HD1, which appropriates funds for critical aging programs and services in Hawaii, including Kupuna Care, Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC), fall prevention and early detection services, Healthy Aging Partnership, and Alzheimer's disease and related dementia coordinator and public awareness.

Kupuna Care provides vital home and community services to enable our seniors to age-in-place. We support the full funding of \$5.1 m supplemental request and that it be part of the base budget to ensure future stability and a quicker release of funds to reduce delays in services. The \$5.1 m reflects an inflation adjustment of 10% which is necessary as the amount has not been adjusted for several years.

The Aging and Disability Resource Center serves as a statewide single point of entry to connect to long term support programs and benefits. The full \$1.71 m is needed to help complete the statewide buildout.

The Healthy Aging Partnership was unfortunately cut in 2015 for this proven program. The \$485,880 requested will help to restore this valuable program which includes a chronic disease management program and a physical fitness program for the at-risk elderly.

Falls Prevention and Early Detection: We support the \$32,000 for falls prevention and early detection services for the elderly as efforts to prevent falls will enhance the quality of life for our seniors.

Alzheimer's Program Support. Caregivers for family members who have Alzheimer's disease tend to experience an especially high level of stress due to their continuous and complex needs. The funds for the Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator of \$70,000 is needed to execute the Executive Office on Aging's Alzheimer's Plan. The \$200,000 for the public awareness campaign will help individuals receive early diagnosis of the disease.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

The Twenty-Eighth Legislature
Regular Session of 2016

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Committee on Finance
Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair
Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
State Capitol, Conference Room 308
Tuesday, March, 1, 2016; 3:00 p.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON H.B. 1878, HD1
RELATING TO AGING**

The ILWU Local 142 **strongly supports** H.B. 1878, which appropriates funds for Kupuna Care, the Aging and Disability Resource Center, fall prevention and early detection services for the elderly, the Healthy Aging Partnership program, and an Alzheimer's Disease and related dementia services coordinator and public awareness program.

The need for all of these services and programs is well-documented. Hawaii's population is aging and the "silver tsunami" is already upon us. All of the programs proposed for appropriations will help prevent costly institutionalization, medical care, and inpatient hospital care.

Kupuna Care provides home-delivered meals, bathing and chore services, transportation, and case management to help seniors remain in their own homes. The **Aging and Disability Resource Centers** in each county are "one-stop shops" to assist caregivers and the elderly and disabled themselves to navigate and access needed services and resources. **Fall prevention** is vitally important to reduce the need for medical services and inpatient admissions. The **Healthy Aging Partnership** is a program that facilitates evidence-based chronic disease management and exercise and fitness programs for the elderly to maintain their health. **Alzheimer's Disease** and related dementia are a rapidly growing concern among the elderly and, unless addressed soon, will account for a considerable portion of the resources needed for long-term services and supports.

The ILWU strongly urges passage of H.B. 1878, HD1. Thank you for considering our views.



March 1, 2016 at 3:00 PM
Conference Room 308

House Committee on Finance

To: Chair Sylvia Luke
Vice Chair Scott Y. Nishimoto

From: George Greene
President and CEO
Healthcare Association of Hawaii

Re: **Testimony in Support**
HB 1878 HD 1, Relating to Aging

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH), established in 1939, serves as the leading voice of healthcare on behalf of 180 member organizations who represent almost every aspect of the health care continuum in Hawaii. Members include acute care hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies, hospices, assisted living facilities and durable medical equipment suppliers. In addition to providing access to appropriate, affordable, high quality care to all of Hawaii's residents, our members contribute significantly to Hawaii's economy by employing over 20,000 people statewide.

We would like to thank the committee for the opportunity to **support** HB 1878 HD 1, which, among other things, appropriates funds for the Kupuna Care program and the Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs). The ADRCs have proven to be a valuable resource in streamlining access to long-term supports and services for our seniors and their caregivers. Providing this program with an additional \$1.7 million in funding would enable it to expand its reach further into the community, particularly on Oahu.

We are appreciative of efforts to maintain and strengthen needed community resources, and would request that your committee favorably report this legislation. Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

TO: Honorable Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Honorable Representative Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Members of Committee on Finance

DATE: Tuesday, March 1, 2016

TIME: 3:00 PM

PLACE: State Capitol, Conference Room 308

SUBJECT: Testimony in support of HB 1878, HD 1 – Relating to Aging

Chair Luke, and Committee Members on Finance,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a written testimony in support of HB 1878, HD 1- Relating to Aging.

As Administrator of Project Dana, a volunteer caregivers program serving Hawaii's older adults for 27 years, I am in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HB 1878, HD 1.

Funding for the Kupuna Care Program, Aging and Disability Center, fall prevention and early detection services for the elderly, Healthy Aging Partnership Program, an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator position, and an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia public awareness program are **CRUCIAL AND NECESSARY** for older adults to live independently in their homes in Hawaii's community.

Please support HB 1878, HD 1.

Thank you very much.

Rose Nakamura
Project Dana

From: sandymccul@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2016 4:03 PM
To: FINTestimony

I represent the Hawaii Alliance for Retired Americans (HARA), Legislative Committee. Our committee is in strong support of HB1878 that will be heard on Tuesday March 1 in room 306 at 9AM. This is the major bill requesting for aging programs. It is very important to keep these these programs properly funded for our seniors. The 2015 Legislature GUTTED this same bill and thereby did a disservice to our seniors. Please do not let this happen this year.

Bruce McCullough Chair, HARA Legislative Committee

Testimony in Support, Zonta Club Of Hilo, for HB 1878, HD 1, Relating to Aging

Hearing before the Finance Committee

Tuesday, March 1, 2016; State Capitol Conference Room 308

Representative Sylvia Luke, and Committee Members

My name is Charlene Iboshi. **The Zonta Club of Hilo supports HB 1878.** Zonta is an international organization of business and professional women whose mission is to advance the status of women and girls.

We **voted recently to support this Kupuna Caucus bill, HB 1878**, relating to aging. As an organization, we realize that aging issues disproportionately impact women for two main reasons; 1) greater social, medical and economic costs associated with longer life-expectancies for women; and 2) women still bear most of the responsibilities of elder caregiving. Many of our members are "Baby Boomers" or of the "Great Generation;" we understand the challenges of being an "elder."

We fully support HB 1878, Relating to Aging, which reflects the needed funding to address the growing social and economic challenges facing the elders. We ask that you support the funding levels as requested.

This omnibus funding bill with the specific amounts were recommended by the Kapuna Caucus, PABEA (Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs) and your Committee on Health. These funding requests were fully vetted and a product of well-researched and responsible recommendations. We support the items at the requested funding levels: Part I: Appropriates funds for the kupuna care program, which maintains the current program in spite of the growing elder population in need of the Kupuna Care services; Part II: Appropriates funds for the Aging and Disability Resource Centers throughout the state; Part III: Appropriates funds for fall prevention and early detection services for the elderly, which could prevent the major reason of hospital costs and residential care placements of the elderly; Part IV: Appropriates funds to support the healthy aging partnership programs, which have shown positive results for healthier elders; Part V: Appropriates funds for an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator position and public awareness program to complete the initial work done with prior year's funding.

Since my retirement as the Hawaii County Prosecutor, I have involved myself in organizations, such as the Zonta Club of Hilo, which support a healthy and safe community, especially for women and children. To reduce economic and social costs facing the elders, disabled and their care-givers, a plan with collaborative, comprehensive implementation of "best practices" are critical. The plan must include a government and community "support net."

The funding proposals in HB 1878, as recommended by your Committee on

Health, would reduce the overall societal and economic costs by using prevention measures and avoiding costly institutional care.

The Legislature should adopt the Kupuna Caucus and PABEA recommendations to support the economic and social vitality of our growing elder populations. This support is especially helpful to women, who do the caregiving primarily, then become the cared for elder as they become frail and unable to take care of themselves because of their longer life expectancies.

The funding will be helpful for Hawaii County, which has the challenge of being the largest county with strained infra-structure. Our super-rurality makes any delivery of services for elders and disabled more challenging. Collaboration is our strength, but we continue to have the unfortunate status of being the county with the most "challenging" economic and social negative social indicators, including inadequate public transportation and insufficient primary health care services. Hawaii County's growing elder and disabled population is outpacing the current resources. Over 21% of the population is over 60.

Please pass this bill to fund self-help strategies. You will provide "one stop" access through the ADRCs, strengthen our community through healthy aging, maintain cost-effective elder services, such as Kupuna Care for aging without institutional care, and create a dementia/alzheimer coordinator, and falls prevention and dementia awareness campaign, which would reduce the economic and social costs.

Thank you for your expected support and opportunity to testify.

Charlene Iboshi, Zonta Club of Hilo

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto and committee members:

I am a senior citizen and a resident of House District 19 and Senate District 9.

I'm testifying in strong support of HB1878 on behalf of the Policy Board for Elderly Affairs (PABEA), which is an advisory board to the Executive Office on Aging. PABEA also advocates for senior needs. This testimony reflects the views of PABEA and not necessarily those of the Executive Office on Aging.

HB1878 is a series of measures to benefit seniors. Kupuna Care serves a gap group who do not qualify for Medicaid nor are they able to afford the home health care and related services to enable them to age in place and avoid the high cost of nursing home care. As the aging population increases, it is incumbent upon all of us to care for our frail elderly and enable them to remain in their own homes as long as possible.

Strong support is also sought for funds for the Aging and Disability Resource Center. This one-stop shop serves those who are looking for resources to keep their aging loved ones at home.

Healthy Aging partnerships includes evidence-based programs (Better Choices, Better Health and EnhanceFitness, which have demonstrated the importance to seniors of an active life style and an appropriate diet.

Treatment of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias is costly; the diseases are neither preventable nor curable. Hawaii must fund a coordinator position and support education and awareness of this all-too-common condition.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Tuesday, March 1, 2016, 3:00pm
Room 308

HB 1878, HD 1 Relating to Aging

Good afternoon, Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto and members of the Committee on Finance.

Lanakila Pacific **strongly supports** HB 1878, HD1, Relating to Aging, as it provides critically needed services for our most vulnerable elderly neighbors. Although our preference is that ongoing support be provided in the base budget, this measure provides essential supplemental funding for the Kupuna Care services which are designed to prevent more costly institutional care.

The Kupuna Care program funding is necessary because the need for services far exceeds current resources due to over a decade of flat funding ~~that hasn't kept pace with inflation, let alone combined with the spike in the growing~~ elderly population. The base budget for Kupuna Care services of \$4.85 million has not been increased since 2002, while Hawaii's senior population has increased by 30% and the costs of living in Hawaii continues to rise. Supplemental funding is requested every year; however, it should be and has been requested as part of the budget of the Executive branch.

In addition to funding, the shrinking resources combined with the growing need require more transparency in how funds are allocated and program efficacy evaluated. We encourage the Executive Office on Aging to develop the Administrative Rules for the Kupuna Care program.

The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) program. We are in support of funding for the ADRC which is the resource

directory for the growing needs of Hawaii's senior population and individuals with disabilities.



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However, in allocating ADRC resources to the counties, the Executive Office on Aging should take into consideration not only the needs of each county, but also resources each county brings to the ADRCs.

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As a Kupuna Care service provider, Lanakila Meals on Wheels serves more than 2,000 Hawaii seniors every day or more than 250,000 meals each year. Our average meal recipient is a woman of Asian or Pacific Island descent, 83 years old with an income of less than \$1,000 per month. Our staff and volunteers deliver much more than a nutritious meal, as they may be the only person that our Kupuna will spend time with each day.

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Providing Kupuna Care Services, which enables seniors to stay in their homes and avoid costly institutionalization, can be the difference between less than \$200 for a month of home delivered meals vs. \$9,000 for a month in a semi-private room in a nursing facility.

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While more long-term support is needed to meet the growing needs with one of the fastest growing senior populations and the longest life expectancies 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. Aging network providers cannot meet the current and growing demand for services when faced by years of flat or reduced State and Federal funding.

We urge you to support Hawaii's Kupuna by supporting ongoing funding for Kupuna Care and ADRC as it provides essential services for the most vulnerable senior citizens in Hawaii.

Respectfully submitted,

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TO: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Committee on Finance

FROM: Jerry Rauckhorst, President and Chief Executive Officer

DATE: Tuesday, March 1, 2016 (3:00 p.m., Room 308)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of HB 1878, RHD1, 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 HB 1878, HD1, which will provide funding for many vital aging resources, including Kupuna Care, Aging & Disability Resource Centers (ADRC's), fall prevention and early detection services, Healthy Aging Partnership, and Alzheimer's disease & related dementia coordinator and public awareness. In particular, CCH would like to comment on the following:

KUPUNA CARE SERVICES

Catholic Charities Hawai'i is a current provider of Kupuna Care transportation and homemaker services for frail elders. Through Kupuna Care, CCH Transportation and Homemaker Services also provide relief for caregivers, especially working caregivers who would otherwise have to take time off from work to provide transportation or homemaker assistance for their elderly relatives.

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 Hawai'i supports the additional funding of \$5.1M to increase the base funding for Kupuna Care services. We recommend that this amount become part of the base funding for Kupuna Care services going forward.

AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER (ADRC)

Aging & Disability Resource Centers (ADRC's) are being developed to serve as single entry points for individuals who need information about long term support services. The role of the ADRC's is critical, especially as they serve as the sole entry point to become eligible to receive



Kupuna Care services. As a provider of Kupuna Care services in the C&C of Honolulu, Catholic Charities Hawaii supports funding for the Honolulu ADRC, which is working to become more effective to meet the needs of kupuna and their caregivers.

Catholic Charities Hawai`i supports funding of \$1.71M for Aging & Disability Resource Centers. We recommend that this amount become part of the base funding for ADRC's going forward.

CLOSING SUMMARY

Helping kupuna remain in their own homes, and helping caregivers to care for elderly relatives at home, is **priceless** in term of quality of life. It is also **cost effective** when you compare:

- The current cost of nursing home care for ONE individual in Hawaii at **\$124,830** per year.¹
- The total amount of funding requested in HB 1878) will provide **services for THOUSANDS of kupuna and their caregivers.**
- **The same amount of funding can only provide nursing home care for 61 individuals.**

Catholic Charities Hawai`i asks for your support of HB 1878, HD1. For more information or questions, please contact Diane Terada, Division Administrator, at 527-4702.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

¹ Genworth 2015 Cost of Care Survey Hawaii:
https://www.genworth.com/dam/Americas/US/PDFs/Consumer/corporate/cost-of-care/118928HL_040115_gnw.pdf



THE QUEEN'S HEALTH SYSTEMS

To: The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
The Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Members, Committee on Finance

From: Paula Yoshioka, Senior Vice President, The Queen's Health Systems

Date: February 29, 2016

Hrg: House of Representatives Committee on Finance Hearing; Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 3:00 PM in Room 308

Re: **Support for HB 1878, HD1, Relating to Aging**

My name is Paula Yoshioka, and I am a Senior Vice President at The Queen's Health Systems (QHS). I would like to express my **strong support** for HB 1878, HD1, which would fund integral community-based programs that coordinate services for individuals who require post-acute care services.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify in support for legislation that helps our seniors age in place. In particular, we are pleased that HB 1878, HD1 provides for the Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) and the Kupuna Care Program. One of the major goals of the *Affordable Care Act (ACA)* was to encourage a better balance in the continuum of care, especially between community-based long term care services and institutional care. ADRCs play a critical role in this continuum, by allowing seniors to avoid costly hospitalizations and to recover in the home, which is more cost-effective and comfortable for families.

ADRCs play a key role in helping promote coordination between hospitals and the elderly support programs offered within the community. The additional \$1.7 million in funding for ADRCs, would strengthen the ability of the program to reach more of our seniors.

We would ask for your strong support in funding post-acute care services for our seniors, especially through the ADRCs. Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

The mission of The Queen's Health Systems is to fulfill the intent of Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV to provide in perpetuity quality health care services to improve the well-being of Native Hawaiians and all of the people of Hawai'i.

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To: Committee on Finance
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair

Date: March 1, 2016, Conference Room 308, 3:00 p.m.

Re: **HB 1878 HD1 – RELATING TO AGING**
Testimony in Strong Support

Chair Luke and Committee Members:

I **strongly support** HB1878 HD1, and in particular the provisions relating to the appropriation of \$70,000 for an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator position and \$200,000 for an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia public awareness program.

Families rarely talk about how Alzheimer's disease is impacting them. But I am compelled to provide this testimony in memory of my father and on behalf of the literally thousands of individuals and unpaid family caregivers that are affected by Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. There are currently 26,000 Hawaii residents living with Alzheimer's disease and that is expected to increase by 35% to 35,000 in 2025.

As a caregiver for my father, I learned first-hand that there is no cure for Alzheimer's and it is the most expensive disease in America. My father passed away from Alzheimer's about 2 years ago. I personally saw how the disease robbed my father of his ability to control his emotions; behavior; mobility; bodily functions, and ultimately his ability to speak and show his love and appreciation to my mother. He passed away one week short of my parent's 60th wedding anniversary.

Alzheimer's is devastating as it destroys the brain. People are so terrified of the disease that they fear even thinking about it, much less planning for the possibility of getting the disease. But Hawaii cannot hide from Alzheimer's as it affects 1 in 9 people over age 65, and 1 in 3 people over age 85.

While there is not yet a cure or even a way to slow Alzheimer's, the quality of life for those living with the disease can be improved and associated costs decreased. The first step is to pass legislation to fund an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia service coordinator position and a public awareness program.

The 2015 legislature almost appropriated funds for the coordinator position and a public awareness program, but it failed to pass on the last day of Conference Committee last year. However, your committee has the opportunity to take a strong a proactive stand by passing the Alzheimer's provisions of this bill. This first step will make a huge difference in the lives of the thousands of individuals, caregivers, and families in Hawaii struggling with this disease. Alzheimer's has already devastated too many Hawaii families, it is a ticking time bomb, and the legislature cannot ignore the burden and impact of the disease any longer.

I urge you to pass the Alzheimer's provisions in this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Sincerely,

Steve Tam
Hawaii Kai

Dear Chairwoman Tokuda and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 1878. I am pleased to testify **in strong support for HB1878**, which provides funding for an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services Coordinator position, a Public Awareness Campaign on Alzheimer's disease, the Kupuna Care Program, the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) and the Healthy Aging Partnership.

I have personal and professional experience working with individuals with dementia. As a graduate student at the Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work, I have learned the importance of community resources for dementia caregivers. While my family values caring for our kupuna, I can tell you that being a dementia caregiver is often emotionally, physically, and mentally exhausting. This has been my experience with my kupuna and I have seen the toll it takes on others in our community.

As you likely know, the number of older adults in Hawai'i is expected to significantly increase in the coming years. With the aging baby boomers comes the possibility of many more cases of Alzheimer's and related dementia. Alzheimer's disease is a growing epidemic and is now the nation's sixth leading cause of death and unfortunately, 1 in 3 kupuna die from the disease. Here in Hawaii, more than 26,000 individuals live with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia. In addition to such, there are over 64,000 individuals within the state of Hawaii who are caregiving for these individuals.

Despite the belief of many, Alzheimer's disease is not a normal part of aging. Memory deficits may occur as you grow older but memory loss that disrupts daily life is not a typical part of aging. It is usually contributed to some form of dementia. However, the lack of awareness on such, often results in minimal to no reporting of memory issues to one's physician. The lack of reporting these issues often lead to a failure to obtain an early and appropriate diagnosis.

According to data from the 2011 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), in Hawaii, 9.2% of those aged 60 and over report that they are experiencing confusion or memory loss. Furthermore, nearly 90% of those individuals have not talked to a health care professional about it – the highest among 22 states reporting the data.

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Despite the array of services available, there are still numerous gaps in services. Some of those gaps and resolutions for such have already been identified in the Hawaii Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias State Plan. Implementation of the plan and the activities to fill those gaps in services require coordination and this again highlights the importance of funding the Dementia Services Coordinator position as this position will conduct such activities.

Although we currently have many worthy and important issues to address in the state, we cannot continue to neglect the needs of families affected by Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia. The current number of individuals affected will only continue to rise as the baby boomers continue to age. The increase in individuals affected will continue to take a toll on the family and on our community as we are left to pay hefty costs for the care of individuals with dementia. Providing funding for both the Public Awareness Campaign and the Dementia Services Coordinator will allow for our community to lessen the negative impact that this disease poses if left unaddressed.

Thank you,
Cyan Curtis

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Both of my parents suffered from dementia in the last years of their lives and required care in a long term care facility on Oahu. All of their hard earned assets were spent on their care.

In 2015 26,000 Hawaii residents were diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias. With our rapidly aging state, this number is expected to grow to 35,000 by 2025. These figures do not include those who are undiagnosed or younger than age 65. As many as half of those who meet the diagnostic criteria for ADRC have not received a diagnosis from a physician. In Hawaii we must be prepared for this public health crisis.

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Thank you,

Mary Gadam

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Vicki R. Belluomini	Maui County Office on Aging	Support	No

Comments: The programs funded under HB1878 are thriving in Maui County and they result in long-term cost savings for both the county and the state. These programs remain critical to the ongoing support of Maui's senior population. We strongly support the bill.

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Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
House of Finance
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Dear Chair Luke and Committee Members:

Subject: House Bill No. 1878, HD1, Relating to Aging: Kupuna Care; Services and Programs for the Elderly (S); **Hearing Date: Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 3:00 pm in Conference Room 308**

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My interest in this matter is because I personally have a few relatives and friends' parents who have suffered or suffering now with the Alzheimer's disease. We need to know how to best support our families and their caregivers.

This effort is very important to educate ourselves to be more aware of what are the early signs of dementia and the Alzheimer's Disease so we can quickly get the best help and support for our families from the onset. A designated position could be instrumental to assist and educate anyone to know where to go for help and to know what is available in Hawaii and on each of our islands. It would be comforting to all caregivers to know that they have used all available resources to help their family member with this disease.

This entire bill would cover the support services of our present day and future kupunas, which may be a somewhat proactive approach to better take care of our kupuna who previously took care of us. I know that we would want to have the best available services for them as we may be one of them in need of it one day too.

Alzheimer's disease is a growing epidemic and is now the nation's sixth leading cause of death and unfortunately, 1 in 3 kupuna die from the disease. Here in Hawaii, more than 26,000 individuals live with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia. In addition to such, there are over 64,000 individuals within the state of Hawaii who are caregiving for these individuals.

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Sincerely,

Rona Sugibayashi Miura
(Alzheimer's Association Aloha Chapter
Kauai Committee Member)

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February 8, 2016

Honorable Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Committee on Finance
House Committee
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: HB1878 Relating to Aging

Dear Chairwoman Luke and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB1878. On behalf of the Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter, I am pleased to extend our full support for House Bill 1878, which provides funding for a Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services Coordinator position, a Public Awareness Campaign on Alzheimer's disease, the Kupuna Care Program, the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) and the Healthy Aging Partnership. We are in support of the bill in its entirety, especially in regards to the funding of a Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator and the Alzheimer's disease Public Awareness Campaign.

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

With best regards,



Christine Payne
Executive Director
Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter