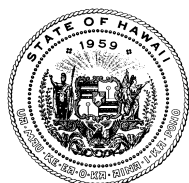


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Testimony in SUPPORT of HB1878
Relating to Aging

REPRESENTATIVE DELLA AU BELATTI, CHAIR
REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD P. CREAGAN, VICE CHAIR
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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

Hearing Date: FEBRUARY 10, 2016 Room Number: 329
8:30 A.M.

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 FY16 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 **Recommendations:** EOA respectfully requests your consideration of the following
12 recommendation:

- 13 1. PART II, Section 3 (page 2). Verbiage request on line 7 to strike out "navigational tool"
14 and replace with a "person centered process" to read, "The legislature further finds that
15 the State's Aging and Disability Resource Center is a person centered process intended to
16 navigate and streamline access to long term services and supports for older adults,
17 individuals with disabilities, and family caregivers."

18 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



HB 1878

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The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services
and
The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection,
and Health
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Chun Oakland, Senator Baker and Members of the Committees:

SUBJECT: SB 2085 – Relating to Aging

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **SUPPORTS THE INTENT OF SB 2085, specifically Part II of the bill.** The purpose of Part II is to provide funding to support the State's Kupuna Care Program and 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.

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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.

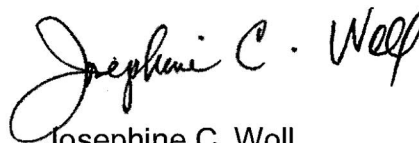
The Council defers to EOA regarding the appropriation amount needed to support the ADRC.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **supporting the intent of SB 2085.**

Sincerely,



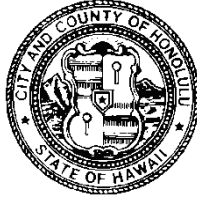
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Wednesday, February 10, 2016, 8:30 a.m.
Conference Room 329

HOUSE BILL 1878, RELATING TO AGING

Position: SUPPORT

TO: The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair
The Honorable Richard P. Creagan, Vice Chair
and Members of the Committee on Health

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:

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. Therefore, we support the allocation of \$1,710,000.00 for the ADRC for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

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. The \$32,000.00 being requested will allow for the further development of fall prevention interventions statewide.

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 Health to support funding of these vital programs. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



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Members, House Committee on Health

FROM: Scott Fuji, Executive Director PHOCUSED

HEARING: **Wednesday February 10th, 2016 at 8:30am in Conf. Rm. 329**

Testimony in Support of HB 1878 RELATING TO AGING

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **strong support** of HB 1878 which appropriates funding to programs serving Hawaii's Kupuna. PHOCUSED is a non-profit membership based advocacy group for the health and human service sector.

With Hawaii's Kupuna population continuing to grow and projected to increase intensely over the coming years it is important to continue to provide for the needs of today's senior's as well as planning ahead for tomorrows.

PHOCUSED especially asks for your support for Kupuna Care Services that are all designed to keep seniors in the community which is what seniors want and is the most cost-effective option whenever the senior can be safe and supported without higher levels of institutional care. By ensuring that adequate types and amounts of services are available for seniors to enable them to "age in place", this also supports caregivers. The \$5.1 million dollars in Kupuna care are a sound investment for preventing higher costs in the future.

Once again, PHOCUSED strongly urges your support of this bill. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact PHOCUSED at 521-7462 or by e-mail at admin@phocused-hawaii.org.

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HB1878

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Testimony for HLT on Feb 10, 2016 08:30AM in Conference Room 329

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kelly Penn	Alzheimer's Association Aloha Chapter	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chairwoman Au Belatti and Committee Members: Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB1878. I am pleased to extend my 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. I've been working with individuals with Alzheimer's for 15 years now in the capacity of a Director of Therapeutic Recreation. I modify and create activities that support their mind, body and soul. This helps individuals with Alzheimer's disease relieve stress and feel more useful. I feel HB1878 is the next step in providing the necessary care for our kupuna with Alzheimer's. We need to open up the lines of communication and provide more opportunities for those in need of services. This bill will encompass many of those needs. 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. Early detection and diagnosis are essential to providing the best medical care and outcomes for those at any stage of the disease. Even without a way to cure or slow the progression of dementia, an early formal diagnosis offers the best opportunities for intervention and better outcomes. Thus, a public awareness campaign on the warning signs and the importance of early detection is so critical as it will ensure that individuals

will obtain an early and appropriate diagnosis. Furthermore, we believe that the amount requested of \$200,000 for the campaign is appropriate to conduct an effective campaign that will utilize various media sources to provide awareness of the disease and of resources available within the state of Hawaii. While it is important for individuals to get the early diagnosis, it is also equally important that there be appropriate resources in the community to assist a family once a diagnosis has been made. Although the Alzheimer's Association provides numerous services to family caregivers, there are still many services that are needed beyond what we provide. There are many entities, governmental and private, who provide an array of services, however, it is not cohesive and the general public is often not aware of what is available. Coordination of such services will allow for the successful care and support for families affected by the disease. Thus, having a Dementia Services Coordinator, whose role is to coordinate services is necessary to ensure that families receive the help that is needed. 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 can not 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. I appreciate the opportunity to comment on this legislation and applaud your leadership in bringing it forward. Sincerely, Kelly Penn Co-Chair, "Walk to End Alzheimer's" Oahu 2016 Alzheimer's Association Aloha Chapter

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

TO: Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
Representative Richard P. Creagan, Vice Chair
Committee on Health

FROM: Jerry Rauckhorst, President and Chief Executive Officer

DATE: Wednesday, February 10, 2016 (89:30 a.m., Room 329)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of HB 1878, 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, 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. 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



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Testimony by
Hawaii Government Employees Association
February 10, 2016

H.B. 1878 RELATING TO AGAING

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO supports the general concept of H.B. 1878, which appropriates funds to various Kupuna Care programs; however, we respectfully request that Part V of the bill be amended. The Kupuna Care program was established in 1999 to address the needs of the aging population and we fully support the continuation of the program, the aging and disability resource centers, and the appropriations for fall prevention, early detection services, and the healthy aging partnership program.

We respectfully request that Part V, Section 10 of H.B. 1878, which creates an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator position, be amended so as not to exempt the position from civil service law, Chapter 76, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The use of the exempt employees, which are considered "at will" by the state, is completely contrary to the principles of civil service. Exempt employees do not have the same rights and benefits of civil service employees and that is inherently unfair. We have consistently opposed the creation of more exempt positions in state government for over a decade, while simultaneously advocating for civil service reform.

Funding these programs will send a clear message of support to our aging population. Thank you for the opportunity to support H.B. 1878, with the proposed amendment to Part V., Section 10 of the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

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Honorable Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
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RE: HB1878 Relating to Aging

Dear Chairwoman Au Belatti and Committee Members:

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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
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Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair

Rep. Richard P. Creagan, Vice Chair

State Capitol, Conference Room 329

Wednesday, February 10, 2016; 8:30 a.m.

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

The ILWU Local 142 **strongly supports** H.B. 1878, which appropriates funds 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" will soon be upon us. All of the programs proposed for appropriations will help prevent costly institutionalization and medical and 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. Thank you for considering our views.



THE QUEEN'S HEALTH SYSTEMS

To: The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair, Committee on Health
The Honorable Richard P. Creagan, Vice Chair, Committee on Health
Members, Committee on Health

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

Date: February 5, 2016

Hrg: House of Representatives, Committee on Health; Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 8:30 AM in Room 329

Re: **Support for HB 1878, 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, 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 provides for the funding of 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.

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To: Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
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From: Howard S. Garval, President & Chief Executive Officer
Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2016 (8:30 a.m., Room 329)

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RE: In Support of HB 1878, Relating to Aging

Child & Family Service (CFS) has a long history of providing services to kupuna including senior case management, caregiver support, services to at-risk seniors, and health maintenance services all designed to help seniors age in place and support their caregivers. We operate several evidence-based models without our services to seniors.

I am writing in **support of HB 1878** that provides funding for many important services for our rapidly growing aging community here in Hawaii. These services include: Kupuna Care, Aging & Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs), fall prevention and early detection services, the Healthy Aging Partnership, and Alzheimer's Disease and related dementia coordinator and public awareness.

CFS especially asks for your support for Kupuna Care Services that are all designed to keep seniors in the community which is what seniors want and is the most cost-effective option whenever the senior can be safe and supported without higher levels of institutional care. By ensuring that adequate types and amounts of services are available for seniors to enable them to "age in place", this also supports caregivers. CFS, through its senior case management program which is funded in part with Kupuna Care funds, often helps kupuna and their loved ones navigate the system of elderly services which can be overwhelming for both seniors and caregivers. Because of our experience in case management we understand the need for all of the services that are funded under Kupuna Care.

CFS supports the proposed additional funding of \$5.1M to be added to the base funding for Kupuna Care Services.

CFS also asks for your support for the proposed \$1.71M for Aging & Disability Resource Centers (ADRC's).

ADRC's are serving as a one-stop-shop concept for seniors and the disabled. For seniors, the ADRC's serve as the sole entry point for seniors to become eligible for Kupuna Care services.

We can serve a higher number of seniors and their caregivers in their own homes and communities to sustain the senior's quality of life for as long as possible at lower cost compared to the annual cost for one senior in a nursing home which is \$124,830.

CFS is asking for your support of HB 1878 that will provide badly needed funding to support services to our kupuna and their caregivers.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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**February 10, 2016 at 8:30 AM
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House Committee on Health

To: Chair Della Au Belatti
Vice Chair Richard P. Creagan

From: George Greene
President and CEO
Healthcare Association of Hawaii

**Re: Testimony in Support
HB 1878, 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 Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Creagan and members of the House Health Committee for the opportunity to testify in **support** of HB 1878, 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.



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HB 1878 Relating to Aging

Good morning, Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Creagan, and members of the Committee on Health.

Lanakila Pacific **strongly supports** HB 1878, 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 the spike in the 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 continue 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.

The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) program. We are in support of the ADRC which is the resource directory for the growing needs of Hawaii's senior population and individuals with disabilities.

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.

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,

Marian E. Tsuji
President & CEO

I am a senior citizen and a resident of House District 19 and Senate District 9. I am an active member of the CARE Coalition and an active member of AARP, Kokua Council and the Hawaii Alliance of Retired Americans.

I strongly support HB1878 which 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. The Kupuna Care appropriation has been in the base budget at \$4.8M and has been supplemented every year. Please vote to include the supplement in the base budget. As the aging populations 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.

The cost of falls among the elderly is high, both in human and financial terms. Many who fall never fully recover. Funds are needed to continue to develop a coordinated statewide solution to this problem.

The Healthy Aging partnership with Better Choices Better Health (a chronic disease self-management program and EnhanceFitness have shown improvements in the lives of participants. are proven

Lastly, the number of individuals with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders is growing exponentially on the mainland and in Hawaii.

Funds are needed for a coordinator and also to promote education and awareness of this disease

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Comments: Dear Chairwoman Au Belatti and Committee Members: Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB1878. I am pleased to extend my full support for House Bill 1878, 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. Alzheimer's disease is a growing epidemic and is now the nation's 6th leading cause of death and 1 in 3 elderly people 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. Early detection and diagnosis are essential to providing the best medical care and outcomes for those at any stage of the disease. Even without a way to cure or slow the progression of dementia, an early formal diagnosis offers the best opportunities for intervention and better outcomes. Thus, a public awareness campaign on the warning signs and the importance of early detection is so critical as it will ensure that individuals will obtain an early and appropriate diagnosis. Furthermore, we believe that the amount requested of \$200,000 for the campaign is appropriate to conduct an effective campaign that will utilize various media sources to provide awareness of the disease and of resources available within the state of Hawaii. While it is important for individuals to get the early diagnosis, it is also equally important that there be appropriate resources in the community to assist a family once a diagnosis has been made. Although the Alzheimer's Association provides numerous services to family caregivers, there are still

many services that are needed beyond what we provide. There are many entities, governmental and private, who provide an array of services, however, it is not cohesive and the general public is often not aware of what is available. Coordination of such services will allow for the successful care and support for families affected by the disease. Thus, having a Dementia Services Coordinator, whose role is to coordinate services is necessary to ensure that families receive the help that is needed. 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 can not 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. I appreciate the opportunity to comment on this legislation and applaud your leadership in bringing it forward.

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Support of HB 1878- Relating to Aging

Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Creagan, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Amanda Kamakea. I am currently a Graduate Student at the University Of Hawaii School Of Social Work completing my practicum with the Child and Family Service Senior Case Management Program.

I am writing to state my support of HB 1878, Relating to Aging, which appropriates much needed funds to benefit our kūpuna and their caregivers.

Over the last year, I have learned more about the many problems that our elder population face, such as: depression, isolation, nutrition, and issues with physical, cognitive and mental health. I have had the pleasure of working with several kūpuna who desire to remain independent in their own homes; however, they require some assistance to do so. Unfortunately, many service providers are unable to help everyone who is in need of services. This is particularly concerning, as those known as the “baby boomers” have begun to edge into the aged 65 and older population.

With the increase in those aged 65 and older, as well as an increase in life expectancy, the ability to provide services to our kūpuna has never been so vital. It is important for service providers to be able to provide the best possible care to our kūpuna in order to help them to age in place with a high quality of life. Providing such services requires finances, as outlined in this bill. I urge the Committee to support the passage of this bill, which would appropriate the funds needed to help Hawaii’s service providers and families to provide our kūpuna with the services they need, as well as the lifestyles they desire.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 1878.

Sincerely,

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Lynn Murakami-Akatsuka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support HB 1878. It is about time that we put our money into assisting families navigating services for their elder parents and into programs and services that can help prevent and create awareness for fall prevention and early detection services for the elderly and increase public awareness for an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia program. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 1878.

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

Sincerely,

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Chaplain Bill	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I encourage you to pass this bill and fund this important need for a Coordinator to help keep this disease in the "public awareness" here in Hawaii, for the sake of our Kupuna. There is a cure out there, and continued research will find a way, and the Federal budget is almost \$500 million now to get the job done. Here in Hawaii we need your help now to get this bill passed, and later funded. Please support this legislation and make it happen. You and I may benefit when this disease is cured! I have been watching my 95 year old retired Naval Officer father decline over the last year, and it is sad. Please help make sure this does not happen to us, by helping educate and inform the public so that early diagnosis and prevention is at the forefront. Mahalo!

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