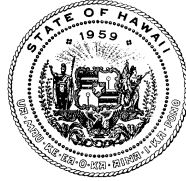


SB2085

Measure Title:	RELATING TO AGING.
Report Title:	Kupuna Caucus; Kupuna Care Program; Aging and Disability Resource Center; Fall Prevention and Early Detection Services for Elderly; Healthy Aging Partnership; Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Services Coordinator and Public Awareness; Appropriation (\$)
Description:	Part I: Appropriates \$5,100,000 for the kupuna care program. Part II: Appropriates \$1,710,000 for the aging and disability resource center. Part III: Appropriates \$32,000 for fall prevention and early detection services for the elderly. Part IV: Appropriates \$485,880 for the healthy aging partnership program. Part V: Appropriates \$70,000 for an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator position and appropriates \$200,000 for an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia public awareness program.
Companion:	HB1878
Package:	Kupuna Caucus
Current Referral:	CPH/HMS, WAM
Introducer(s):	CHUN OAKLAND, GALUTERIA, GREEN, IHARA, Baker

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Testimony in SUPPORT of SB 2085
Relating to Aging

SENATOR SUZANNE CHUN-OAKLAND, CHAIR
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

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

Hearing Date: FEBRUARY 4, 2016 Room Number: CONF. ROOM 016
1:15 P.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.

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SB 2085 RELATING TO AGING

Testimony of Deborah Stone-Walls
Executive on Aging, Maui County Office on Aging (MCOA)

Thursday, February 4, 2016; Conference Room 016; 1:15 pm

MCOA's Position: Maui County Office on Aging (MCOA) is in **strong support** of SB 2085 that appropriates funds for the Kupuna Care Program (KC), Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC), Fall Prevention and Early Detection Services for the Elderly, the Healthy Aging Partnership (HAP) Program, the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia (ADRD) Services Coordinator, and the ADRD Public Awareness Campaign. MCOA supports appropriation for Kupuna Care and the statewide ADRC through the vehicle of the base budget, HB 1700.

Purpose and Justification: Census projections indicate that the senior population in Hawaii will almost double between the period between 2010 and 2020 with the highest percentage increase occurring in those over the age of 85. In order to minimize the potential **financial strain** of the burgeoning aging population on the State, **proactive** efforts are required now. ***Keeping seniors healthy and at home is the most cost-effective manner*** to address the needs of one of our most valuable societal resources,

and SB 2085 will ensure that state funds are utilized to provide assistance in the community at a much lesser financial drain than institutional services.

Kupuna Care: MCOA supports appropriation of at least \$9.9M for FY 2017. Each County Area Agency on Aging (AAA) oversees a variety of home and community-based service areas designed specifically to ensure that elders have the care they need in the least restrictive, and often most economical, setting as possible in order to assist Hawaii's kupuna to lead independent, meaningful, and dignified lives. These state funds are targeted to those who are frail and vulnerable and who do not have access to other services. AAAs have consistently succeeded in reaching the objective to prevent and/or delay the need for more restrictive levels of care. Moving the full amount of Kupuna Care appropriation to the base budget will allow for a more consistent contracting and service delivery system. When funds are released at varying times throughout the year, the process of planning for steady service delivery to frail elders is more difficult. AAAs must wait for the release of funds not appropriated through the base budget; therefore, service delivery cannot be planned in a reliable, steady manner. Knowing on July 1 of each year the exact amount of appropriation for these vital services will allow AAAs to more effectively plan for and meet the needs of eligible seniors.

Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC): MCOA, likewise for the reasons stated above, supports the appropriation of ADRC funding through the base budget, HB1700. MCOA agrees with the Executive Office on Aging request for at least \$1,710,000 in FY 2017. Implemented on Maui on April 16, 2012, the ADRC has allowed MCOA to improve efficiency and effectiveness in working with elders and family caregivers across a broad spectrum of functional abilities and financial standing. The ADRC is designed to serve as a highly visible and trusted resource agency where people with disabilities of all ages can find information on the full range of long-term support options and can access a single point of entry to public long-term support programs and benefits. Benefits of the ADRC include but are not limited to:

- Efficient Screening and Referral: The HI ADRC Intake process provides a concise indication of individual functional needs supports as well as personal resources available to assist in meeting functional needs.

- Better care for seniors and ease of access for family caregivers: The ADRC is designed to serve as a highly visible and trusted resource agency where people with disabilities of all ages can find information on the full range of long-term support options and can access a single point of entry to public long-term support programs and benefits.
- Comprehensive **individualized** interventions: The HI ADRC Assessment Tool provides in-depth information regarding individual circumstances, needs, and appropriate interventions in twenty-seven (27) Clinical Assessment Protocols (CAPS). When a CAP is “triggered,” there is a clear indication not only that assistance is likely needed, but also **what type of intervention is most appropriate**. For instance, if the Falls CAP is triggered, MCOA staff can determine the likely reason for the risk for a fall and speak with the elder and/or family member regarding appropriate interventions. If the risk of fall is most likely due to poor lighting, for instance, a plan to increase light in poorly illuminated areas would result. Prior to the ADRC tool implementation, MCOA knew that seniors in general were at risk for falls, but we had no way to clearly identify which senior risked a fall and what intervention would most likely result in reducing that risk of a fall. This type of data allows MCOA to better focus interventions. In short, the ADRC Assessment tools allows MCOA personnel to **effectively target interventions** resulting in a much **more efficient use of public funds**.
- Increased AAA capacity to target services to those most at need: Through the Intake and Assessment process, MCOA gathers functional and financial data that assists employees in effectively and efficiently identifying those individuals who demonstrate the greatest need. The HI ADRC Assessment process allows the identification of those individuals at the lowest income and highest risk. The Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended in 2006 tasks Area Agencies on Aging to target services to older individuals with: greatest economic need; greatest social need; those at risk for institutional placement; low-income minority older individuals; older individuals with limited English proficiency; and older individuals residing in rural areas. The ADRC tools allow us to easily comply with

this federal requirement and thereby utilize public funds in the most efficient manner.

- Ease of access to Quality Improvement Information: Through the ADRC information system, MCOA now has a means to track the actual success of services in helping seniors remain at home. For example, the Assessment tool identifies those individuals who have a CAPS trigger for Institutional Risk. AAAs using the ADRC system can now quantify the number of individuals who continue to live in the community through support of home and community-based services. This ability to objectively quantify the effectiveness of service delivery in order to ensure the best use of public funds has not been present in Hawaii previously.

Falls Prevention and Early Detection: MCOA supports the statewide approach to not only reduce the impact of falls on individuals and the community as a whole but to also work towards increasing the emphasis on prevention and early detection. This issue is costly not only to seniors in terms of overall health status, but to our society.

Healthy Aging Program (HAP): MCOA supports appropriation for the statewide HAP in the amount of at least \$485,880 for FY 2017. MCOA assists seniors and individuals over the age of 55 to improve overall health through two evidence-based programs—Better Choices, Better Health (using Stanford’s Chronic Disease Self-Management—CDSMP—and Diabetes Self-Management—DSMP—Programs) and EnhanceFitness™ (EF). Because our population is aging rapidly and funding amounts for home and community-based services cannot keep pace with this increase, MCOA believes that efforts to improve overall health of seniors and their family caregivers is paramount to ensuring independence and dignity. In Maui County, Better Choices, Better Health (BCBH) and EF assisted over 400 seniors and individuals over the age of 55 to improve overall health in FY15. Over 400 people have engaged in evidence-based exercise programs through EF since the inception of this program on Maui. Successful implementation of these programs will eventually lead to MCOA’s ability to directly bill Medicare for each participant, thereby lessening the State and County burden to provide these important interventions. Funding for the HAP appropriated by this bill will support direct services to seniors statewide that have been proven to improve health, increase self-management of chronic illness, increase strength and flexibility, and

generally assist seniors in living at home in a more healthy manner. While we cannot ignore those who need assistance with the basic functions of daily living, we must also work diligently to assist our aging citizens and their family caregivers to live as healthily as possible for as long as possible in the most cost effective manner as possible.

Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders (ADRD) Coordinator: The increasing numbers of the aging population means that the incidence of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders will also rise. In order to effectively plan and implement statewide services to seniors and caregivers, coordination at the state level is necessary to avoid duplication and to maximize resources.

ADRD Public Awareness Campaign: MCOA believes a coordinated, statewide effort to highlight the importance of preparedness with regard to ADRD is critical. As the population increases, the incidence of ADRD will increase. Early detection and accurate diagnosis will only occur to the extent to which the public is aware of this critical health issue.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding this measure.

TO : SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION
AND HEALTH
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
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FROM: Eldon L. Wegner, Ph.D.,
Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition (HFCC)

SUBJECT: **SB 2085 Relating to Aging**

HEARING: 1:15 pm Thursday, February 4, 2016
Conference Room 016, Hawaii State Capitol

POSITION: The Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition **strongly supports SB2085**, which requests appropriations for the programs of the Executive Office on Aging. These programs offer the critical infrastructure of Long Term Services and Supports which enable frail elders to age in place which support family caregivers.

RATIONALE:

I am offering testimony on behalf of the Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition (HFCC), which is a coalition of agencies and individuals committed to addressing the needs and improving the ability family caregivers to provide quality care for their frail and disabled loved ones.

SB 2085 is the omnibus aging bill proposed by the Kupuna Caucus. The bill requests appropriates for long-established programs which have demonstrated their Successful impact on both frail elders and their caregivers. Unfortunately, the 2015 session reduced or eliminated the requested appropriations, creating a current funding crisis for these programs and making passage of these requests of utmost importance. The Governor has included some of the appropriations in his requested budget, especially for Kupuna Care and for the Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC's).
Brief comments by section:

- 1) The bill proposes an appropriation of \$5,100,000 for the Kupuna Care program. The Kupuna Caucus added 10% to the Governor's request since the budget for these services has not adjusted in many years, while inflation and the number of older persons needing these services is increasing.
- 2) The request of \$1.710,000 for ADRC development is also included in the Governor's budget. The funds will be distributed to each of the four counties. These centers provide the one-stop access to families facing the crisis of disabling conditions to receive needs assessment, information and referral to programs and resources. The ADRC's are statewide making strong progress for reaching federal recognition of meeting criteria for full-functioning. Maui was the first to reach this goal and has benefitted from additional Affordable Act funds, Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements, and eligibility of federal grants. 3) The state plan for Fall Prevention was completed several years ago. The request is to provide for resources for a statewide, multidisciplinary, and coordinated program of fall

prevention, which would have an important impact in reducing health care expenditures and disability among the older population

- 4) The Healthy Aging Program is a public-private partnership to provide two programs which positively impact the health and well-being of the older population, a chronic disease management program and a physical fitness program for the at-risk elderly. The programs are based on evidence based research, and ongoing evaluation by the University of Hawaii has documented reduced hospitalizations, and emergency room use and improvements in fitness and indices of health.

Unfortunately, programs only reach a limited number of persons who could benefit and more resources are needed. However, the 2015 session provided no funding for this prize-winning program, with the result that funds ran out and some programs had to be discontinued this past Fall. **The proven value of the Healthy Aging Partnership to the health and well-being of seniors as well as its benefits in reducing health care costs should make this a high priority for the requested appropriation of \$485,880 in the 2016 Legislative Session.**

- 5) Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Services Coordinator. The bill appropriates \$70,000 to EOA who in partnership with the Alzheimers Association will hire a statewide coordinator to implement the recommendations of the state plan which was completed by the taskforce and Executive Office on Aging in Fall 2014. Alzheimers and other dementias are increasing and pose complex needs for care. We urge the Legislature to pass this request so that we can take the needed steps to assist family caregivers and give the best quality care to these individuals.

I urge you to pass this much needed bill. Thank you for allowing me to offer testimony.



February 4, 2016 at 1:15 PM
Room 016

Senate Committee on Human Services
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

To: Chair Suzanne Chun Oakland
Vice Chair Gil Riviere

Chair Rosalyn H. Baker
Vice Chair Michelle N. Kidani

From: George Greene
President and CEO
Healthcare Association of Hawaii

Re: Testimony in Support
SB 2085, 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.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of SB 2085, 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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February 1, 2016

Honorable Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
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Senate Committee
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RE: SB2085 Relating to Aging

Dear Chairwoman Chun Oakland and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB2085. On behalf of the Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter, I am pleased to extend our full support for Senate Bill 2085, 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.

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.

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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.

With best regards,



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February 2, 2016

To: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
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Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, & Health

From: Howard S. Garval, President & Chief Executive Officer
Date: Thursday, February 4, 2016 (1:15 p.m., Room 016)

RE: In Support of SB2085, 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 SB2085** 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 SB2085 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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Testimony by
Hawaii Government Employees Association

February 4, 2016

S.B. 2085 – RELATING TO AGING

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO supports the general concept of S.B. 2085, 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 S.B. 2085, 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 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 S.B. 2085, with the proposed amendment to Part V., Section 10 of the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Perreira,
Executive Director



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Thursday, February 4, 2016, 1:15pm
Room 016

SB 2085 Relating to Aging

Good afternoon, Chairs Chun Oakland and Baker, Vice Chairs Riviere and Kidani and members of the Committees on Human Service and Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health.

Lanakila Pacific **strongly supports** SB 2085, 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.

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

Testimony in Support, Zonta Club Of Hilo, for SB 2085 Relating to Aging

Hearing before the Committees on Human Services and Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health

Thursday, February 1, 2016 1:15 pm; State Capitol Conference Room 016

Senators Chun Oakland and Roslyn Baker, Chairs, and Committee Members

My name is Charlene Iboshi. **The Zonta Club of Hilo supports SB 2085.** 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, SB 2085**, 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 SB 2085, 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 and PABEA (Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs). 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 inspire 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 SB 2085 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



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
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FROM: Jerry Rauckhorst, President and Chief Executive Officer

DATE: Thursday, February 4, 2016 (1:15 p.m., Room 016)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2085, 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 SB 2085, 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 SB 2085) 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 SB 2085. 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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Comments: I am testifying in favor of bill SB2085 to support Kupuna and their families preserve home and community based care. As the aging population continues to increase in Hawaii, it is imperative that members of our community are prepared to properly manage the care for our seniors. In addition to establishing more resources for Kupuna through Kupuna Care, I strongly urge the implementation of a public awareness campaign for Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (ADRD) and an ADRD coordinator to address the unique needs of persons with ADRD and their families. Thank you for your consideration.

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