

SB 276

Measure Title:	RELATING TO ELDER AND VULNERABLE ADULTS.
Report Title:	Hawaii Kupuna Trust Fund
Description:	Creates the Hawaii kupuna trust fund, which comprises public and private funding for meeting the outstanding and future needs of the elder and vulnerable adult population.
Companion:	
Package:	None
Current Referral:	HSH, WAM
Introducer(s):	CHUN OAKLAND, BAKER, ENGLISH, GALUTERIA, GREEN, HARIMOTO, KAHELE, KEITH-AGARAN, KIM, Ihara, Ruderman, Shimabukuro

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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 276

February 5, 2015

RELATING TO ELDER AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

Senate Bill No. 276 proposes to create a new chapter called Hawaii Kupuna Trust Fund to meet the outstanding and future needs of the elder and vulnerable adult population. The intent is to strengthen elderly and vulnerable adult care by the award of grants from the trust fund for the purposes which include, but is not limited to, prevention of elder abuse and neglect, prevention of financial exploitation and assistance of residents of elderly housing.

As a matter of general policy, the Department of Budget and Finance does not support the creation of any trust fund which does not meet the definition of a trust fund as defined by Section 37-62, HRS, and does not demonstrate the capacity to be financially self-sustaining. In regards to Senate Bill No. 276, although the purpose of the bill is well-intentioned, it is difficult to determine whether the Kupuna Trust Fund meets the definition of a trust fund and will be self-sustaining.

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Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

Re: **SB 276, RELATING TO ELDER AND VULNERABLE ADULTS**

Chair Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Green, and members of the committee:

I am Joshua Wisch, AARP Hawaii Director of Advocacy. AARP is a membership organization of people fifty and over with nearly 148,000 members in Hawaii alone. AARP advocates for issues that matter to Hawaii families, including the high cost of long-term care; access to affordable, quality health care for all generations; providing the tools needed to save for retirement; and serving as a reliable information source on issues critical to people over the age of fifty.

AARP Hawaii supports SB 276, Relating to Elder and Vulnerable Adults. This bill would create the kupuna trust fund, which comprises public and private funding for meeting the outstanding and future needs of the elder and vulnerable adult population.

We support the purpose of the trust fund to strengthen elderly and vulnerable adult care by the award of grants for purposes that include but are not limited to:

- The prevention of elder vulnerable adult abuse and neglect;
- The prevention of financial exploitation of the elderly and vulnerable adults;
- The prevention of injuries to the elderly and vulnerable adults that are caused by falling;
- The assistance of residents of elderly housing;
- The assistance of the elderly and vulnerable adults with transportation and mobility needs;
- The promotion of aging and disability resource centers; and
- The meeting of future needs of the elderly and vulnerable adults.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.