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Committee on Government Operations

Committee Hearing on **SB 3070 – Relating to Grants**

Friday, February 26, 2016

9:45 a.m., Conference Room 211

Chair Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Vice-Chair Senator Les Ihara, Jr., and committee members of Government Operations

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **support of Parts I and II of SB 3070**. I am Sunday Kamai-Eguires, Program Director of the Moiliili Senior Center. I am testifying in **favor** of this measure specifically Parts I and II relating to Grants.

We appreciate the opportunity to offer comments on SB 3070, which would establish legislative policies regarding the Grant in Aid process:

- (I) *To make appropriations for grants during regular session of each odd-numbered year for the ensuing fiscal biennium, but still permit the legislature to add new or amend or repeal existing grant appropriations during the regular session of an even-numbered year or a special session.*

Comment: We are in **support** of this measure as this will allow organizations to extend a Grant in Aid with additional funding for a two –year period, giving programs sufficient time frames to assess and adjust programming needs and plan ahead.

- (II) *To appropriate funds for not more than one grant for each grant recipient during a fiscal biennium.*

Comment: We are in **support** of this measure as it allows more recipient’s access and opportunity to Grant in Aid funding.

- (III) *To place low priority on requests to fund general and administrative expenses.*

Comment: We would ask that you **not** exclude funding of overhead costs as **part** of a program request. The Moiliili Senior Center program assists the senior to remain independent at home and in their community; a cost saving alternative to being institutionalized. The programs overhead costs are a part of being able to provide these essential and successful services on a continual basis.

I urge you to please consider amending the proposed language in Section 42F(c) to allow for reimbursement of the costs that nonprofits incur when providing critical services on behalf of the State of Hawaii and its residents.

Thank you very much for your kind attention and consideration.

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