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February 15, 2017

TO: The Honorable Dee Morikawa, Chair  
House Committee on Human Services

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **HB 1514 – RELATING TO SOCIAL SERVICES**

Hearing: Wednesday, February 15, 2017, 9:00 a.m.  
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

**DEPARTMENT'S POSITION:** The Department of Human Services (DHS) appreciates the intent of this bill, and offers comments. As currently drafted, passage of this measure will create a deficit in the State Supplemental Payment (SSP) appropriation. As a result, the Adult Protective and Community Services Branch Operating Funds will be required to cover the deficit. An increase in the SSP appropriation by the proposed Personal Needs Allowance (PNA) amount may also adversely impact priorities identified in the Governor's Executive Budget.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this bill is to increase the monthly PNA paid under section 346D-4.5 (a), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), from \$50 per month to \$75 per month. The SSP comprises of payments for domiciliary care, as specified in section 346-53 (c), HRS and clients residing in settings specified in section 346D-4.5 (a), HRS.

The State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2017 SSP budget is \$17,810,955. The Maintenance of Effort (MOE) agreement with the United States Social Security Administration (SSA) requires an annual minimum expenditure of \$16,785,143.91 in SSP payments, as specified in 20 Code of Federal Regulation (C.F.R.) section 416.2096 (a). This leaves a budget balance of approximately, \$1,025,811.09.

In addition, administrative fees and nursing home patient PNA payments totaling \$459,118.72 further reduce the balance to \$566,692.37.

Increasing the PNA from \$50 to \$75 for approximately 2,548 (SFY 2016 average enrollment) clients in domiciliary homes will increase the annual expenditure by \$764,400.

Also increasing the PNA from \$50 to \$75 for approximately 190 patients in nursing homes adds \$57,000 to the \$764,400, thus the total additional expenditure will be \$821,400 per year, with a grand total of SSP expenditure of \$18,065,662.

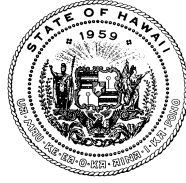
The proposed increase will exceed the SSP appropriation by \$254,708, and create a budget deficit.

In comparison, increasing the PNA from \$50 to \$70 for approximately 2,548 clients in domiciliary homes will increase the annual expenditure by \$611,520. Also increasing the PNA from \$50 to \$70 for approximately 190 patients in nursing homes adds \$45,600 to the \$611,520, thus the total additional expenditure will be \$657,120 per year. This additional expenditure will exceed the SSP appropriation by \$90,427.63.

However, increasing the PNA from \$50 to \$65 for approximately 2,548 clients in domiciliary homes will increase the annual expenditure by \$458,640. Also increasing the PNA from \$50 to \$65 for approximately 190 patients in nursing homes adds \$34,200 to the \$458,640, thus the total additional expenditure will be \$492,840 per year. This additional expenditure will result in a budget balance of \$73,852.37. The current appropriation is able to cover an increase from \$50 to \$65, but should there be an increase of four (4) clients over the projected client population of 2,738, expenditures will exceed the SSP appropriation.

We are cautious of a proposed increases in SSP expenditures that will exceed the current SSP appropriation. If the proposed measure passes as drafted, the APCS Operating budget will be negatively affected in providing its array of protective crisis intervention services, and DHS will likely require a request for an emergency appropriation. Adding a general fund appropriation at this point would affect budget priorities identified in the Governor's Executive Budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this bill.



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**Testimony COMMENTING on HB1514  
SOCIAL SERVICES**

REPRESENTATIVE DEE MORIKAWA, CHAIR  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Hearing Date: February 15, 2017

Room Number: 329

1 **Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Health, Developmental Disabilities Division defers to  
2 the Department of Human Services on the fiscal implication of this bill.

3 **Department Testimony:**

4 The purpose of this bill is to increase the “needs allowance” also known as “personal needs  
5 allowance” or “PNA” from \$50 per month to \$75 per month for individuals living in facilities or  
6 settings specified in §346D-4.5, HRS.

7 The Department of Health, Developmental Disabilities Division (DDD) respectfully submits the  
8 following comments. DDD provides services and supports to eligible individuals with I/DD but  
9 this assistance does not include expenditures for personal needs (e.g., haircuts, clothing, bus fare,  
10 etc.). This bill will give individuals an additional \$25 dollars’ worth of greater choice in what  
11 they do day-to-day and DDD is supportive of individuals’ with I/DD goals to live more self-  
12 determined lives.

13 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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The Honorable Dee Morikawa, Chair  
House Committee on Human Services  
Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
State Capitol  
State of Hawaii  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Morikawa and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: HB 1514 – Relating to Social Services

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities **STRONGLY SUPPORTS HB 1514**. The purpose of the bill is to establish a personal needs allowance (PNA) for individuals residing in foster homes, care homes, domiciliary homes, and other long-term care facilities from \$50.00 per month to \$75.00 per month.

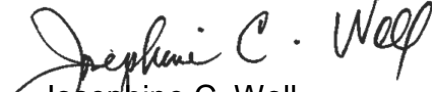
The PNA is intended for residents spend at their discretion on clothing, shoes, toiletries, bedding, towels, wash cloths, furniture, transportation (other than medical visits), personal postage costs, snacks, a meal out with friends, movies, recreational activities, hobbies, reading materials, and other incidental expenses of day-to-day living (cable, internet, cards/presents to send to family/friends, sun screen, lotion, etc.). Federal regulations prohibit long-term care facilities from charging residents' PNA for services that are included in Medicaid payments such as toothpaste, toothbrush, tissues, shampoo, and incontinence products.

Act 96, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007 increased the personal needs allowance from \$30.00 to \$50.00 a month. That increase amounted from \$1.00 per day to \$1.66 per day. The passage of HB 1514 would increase the PNA from \$50.00 per month to \$75.00 per month or from \$1.66 per day to \$2.50 per day. The last increase in the PNA was seven years ago and has not kept up with Hawaii's high cost of living. This amount can barely buy a decent cup of coffee.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **strong support of HB 1514**.

Sincerely,

  
Waynette K.Y. Cabral, MSW  
Executive Administrator

  
Josephine C. Woll  
Chair

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michele Ku	Arc of Kona	Support	Yes

Comments: The Arc of Kona supports HB1514 which would increase the monthly needs allowance paid under section 346D 4.5(a), HRS, from \$50 per month to \$75 per month.

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Self-Advocacy Advisory Council	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Thank you so much for your support Representative Morikawa. For listening to and supporting our Kauai Chapter of Self-Advocates. This bill will help everyone in the state residing in licensed and certified homes and facilities. Please pass this bill with the \$75 a month. Thank you

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

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Shane Follosco	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Hello I am Shane and I like playing with my friends and showing them the toys, action figures that I take to ADH. I think that HB 1514 will help my friends and I be able to sometimes to bowling and watch movies together, because we may have a little extra money after the bills are paid. Thank you

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Tamara Paltin	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michelle Muralt	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Thank you so much for this! I live in a foster home and I need the money for so many things to do in the community! Thank you

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Sol Ray Duncan	Individual	Support	Yes

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Crystal Aquinaldo	Individual	Support	No

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Shirley Shimatsu	Individual	Support	No

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lena nelson	Individual	Support	No

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Tula Kahea	Individual	Support	No

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Nida Guirao	Individual	Support	No

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Roberta Eiben	Individual	Support	No

Comments: There is no way on Kauai you can have a quality of life with only \$50 a month to spend. You cannot even get around. It is important to increase this to \$75 or more. Thank you

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Theresa Octavio	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you for this opportunity from Kauai to support the increase to \$75. This will help my friends who live in group homes and foster homes.

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Maxie Camelo	Individual	Support	No

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Marion Mizuno	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you Representative Morikawa for helping us on Kauai

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Mark Madrid	Individual	Support	No

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Lea Ruiz	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kurt Nagata	Individual	Support	No

Comments: With bus fair we really need that \$75 a month. Thank you for passing this bill

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Jerry Carneo	Individual	Support	No

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Deborah Remigio	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you Representative Morikawa

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Danny Del Santos	Individual	Support	No

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Barry Cummilang	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you Representative Morikawa for hearing this bill. It will help us a lot. Please keep it at least \$75

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Archie Lanning	Individual	Support	No

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Angela Uechi	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Andrew	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you for hearing this bill and helping use on Kauai

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Abraham Jimenez	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you for your help Representative Morikawa

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Alice Kamaka	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I use to live in a group home. I had to pay for my own diet coke, applesauce, V8, almond milk, fish, poi, sardines, orange juice (not from concentrate), apple bananas, coffee, cream, and honey. These are just a few items called "luxury" or "personal" items. I also had to pay for my own presents, clothes, lotion, sun screen, mouth wash, floss, my preferred Japanese wash cloth, a cotton top sheet, hypo-allergenic pillow (I have severe allergies and asthma). During that time of month, I had to buy ask that. They provided a belt and pad, but seriously who uses that any more? Please help my friends and increase the money to \$75 a month

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Ronson Mole	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I use to live in a foster home. I NEVER had enough money and got into a lot of trouble because of that. Once my foster caregiver helped me get an apartment with a friend I was able to save money and go on dates. I am now married. Please help others go out and meet new people, please increase their allowance to \$75 this will help. Thanks

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John Espiritu	Individual	Support	No

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Emy Espiritu	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I am a foster caregiver and I strongly support HB1514. The State encourages me to take out my residents, to go shopping, movies, bowling, grooming. But with \$50 a month, its makes it very hard. I take them out. But they get upset when they cannot buy something or go to a new movie they see on TV. We can only afford the cheaper Tues night movie. I want to spend my own money, but was told I cannot because we are suppose to report everything to Social Security. It is difficult, if I give my residents money or gifts, we must report it to Social Security then their SSI will down, their needs allowance goes down. We really need your help! Please increase their needs allowance to \$75! Thank you

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Pili Teo	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I use to live in a group home. I could not afford a cellular phone, computer, internet, cable. I am diabetic and my allowance went to special snacks for me. Finally I was able to move into a rental. I always have some spending money. I am lucky. \$50 is not enough to do things or to stay home and chat on line, interact with friends. Please increase it to \$75 for my friends. Thank you

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Joshua Bounty	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I support this bill very much because I use to live in a foster home and only got \$35 a month because my caregiver had to safe \$15 a month for my internet, clothes, shoes, birthday and christmas present. I had to pay for my own presents, cake. Also my shaving supplies and haircuts. I know my caregivers paid for a lot for me, they took me to the movies and out to eat every week. I was lucky I didn't have to pay for that even though my friends do. Please pass this bill to \$75 a month. I don't think this is enough but it helps. Thank you

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Raynell Mole	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I moved from Kauai, I don't live in a foster home any more but I have friends who do and \$50 a month is not enough to go bowling and have lunch once a week like we like to do. Please increase it for my friends.

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Charmaine Padua	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I help my sister with her Adult Foster Home. The residents like to go to the movies, out to dinner. We go to garage sales on the weekends. But, \$50 a month is not enough. It is very limiting. But we are trained to implement the Final Rule and My Choice My Way. This isn't fair to the clients though, we tell them they have choices to do things in the community and encourage them to be a part of their community. But with less than \$2 a day, how can they? Thank you so much for hearing this bill

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Carrie Fujikawa	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I live in a foster home and my caregiver asked me if I wanted \$25 more a month and why. Yes! Because I like to go out and shop, go movies, eat a Big Mac, buy watches, buy puzzles. Thank you

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Shelsea Starling	Individual	Support	Yes

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Elizabeth Lopes	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I am in strong support to increase my personal needs allowance from \$50 to \$75 a month. I live in a foster home, but I have adult children and grand children. I cannot even afford to send my grandkids a card and birthday and christmas money. Thank you for increasing my allowance to \$75 a month

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Carol Quiambao	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I have a foster home for adults with developmental disabilities and I am in strong support of HB1514. \$50 a month is not enough to access the community, go out to eat once or twice month, and to contribute at church. Thank you for hearing this bill and for your help and support

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tammy Evrard	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jan Burdett	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I would like to support this bill as \$50 is not enough allowance for them monthly. With the cost of living going up, I think they need to increase their monthly allowance to \$75. Mahalo, Jan

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kendrick Larm	Individual	Support	No

Comments: \$50 is not enough. Please increase this monthly allowance to \$75.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ronald Gonzales	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill because we need more than \$50 allowance monthly.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Edward Goodson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill because \$50 is not enough allowance as living cost has gone up. Please increase the allowance to \$75

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Shawn Damo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this increase as cot of living has risen and our monthly allowance has not gone up.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kinau Schlegel	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this increase from \$50 to \$75 because we need more spending money as we have not gotten a raise in a long time and the cost of living continues to rise.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
John McCombe	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I would like to support this bill for an increase in residential allowance from \$50 to \$75. I will be moving into a residential home and will need more than \$50 in spending money to be able to take care of my personal hygiene expenses and to be able to do recreational activities such as going to the movies.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Bathey Fong	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I am in strong support to increase the needs allowance for people like me living in a Domiciliary Home. The federal government has mandated us who get supports from Medicaid to be in the community, doing things productive. Its called the Final Rule, My Choice My Way and I am a member on the committee to make sure agencies are supporting people like me. But when I don't have money, I cannot participate. It is shameful not to be able to afford to donate to my church, or buy fundraiser from a friend. I cannot afford to eat out. I have to bring my lunch and sometimes it gets smashed. Please pass this bill! Thank you

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Iris Xiao	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I live on Maui, Wailuku Heights and I cannot be there today. I think it is very important to be able to take care of ourselves, we cannot always ask our family and friends for money. But \$50 is not enough for one month. Please increase this to at least \$75 so we can do more for ourselves and also so we can have fun with our friends. Like going to the movies, fun factory, and get a snack. Or even eat lunch with some friends.

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