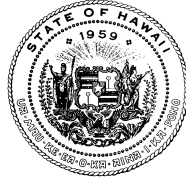


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Testimony in SUPPORT of HB0608
Relating to Aging

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
REPRESENTATIVE DEE MORIKAWA, CHAIR
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Testimony of Terri Byers
Director, Executive Office on Aging
Attached Agency to the Department of Health

Hearing Date: February 15, 2017, Room Number: 329
9:00 AM

- 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 budget request.
- 4 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure appropriates funds in the amount of \$4,145,695 for FY18
- 5 and the same for FY19 for the Kupuna Care Program.
- 6 **Purpose and Justification:** EOA notes that the appropriation in this bill is a priority of the Ige
- 7 Administration. Governor Ige's budget request proposes an increase of \$4,145,695 for EOA's
- 8 base budget for Kupuna Care, bringing the total to \$9 million.
- 9 By including this amount in the base budget, Area Agencies on Aging can efficiently plan and
- 10 continuously procure kupuna care services rather than waiting to see if a separate appropriation

1 is approved. In addition, the contracted service providers will have continual funding to address
2 workforce capacity issues.

3 As Hawaii's aging population continues to grow, the need for long term services and supports
4 will increase. The growing number of older adults is likely to put a severe strain on the State's
5 resources for long term services and supports. The health care cost for persons age 65 and older
6 was estimated to be five times larger than the cost for persons younger than age 65.

7 Kupuna Care assists frail adults, age 60 and older to lead independent, meaningful, and dignified
8 lives, by providing a continuum of home and community based services and supports. Its aim is
9 to allow for aging in place, thus preventing or delaying the need for more expensive and more
10 restrictive levels of care. Funding is critical as the population over age 60 is increasing rapidly.

11 Kupuna Care is comprised of nine core services namely personal care, homemaker, chore, home
12 delivered meals, adult day care, case management, assisted transportation, regular transportation,
13 and attendant care. These services support individuals in performing activities of Daily Living
14 (personal hygiene, dressing, eating, toileting, transferring). In FFY 2015, Kupuna Care services
15 was provided to 4,872 individuals at an average cost of \$8,619,000 or \$1,769.00 per person per
16 year. If the budget request is denied, we would have to reduce the number of clients served
17 statewide from 4,872 to 2,744, a reduction of 44%.

18 **Recommendation:** EOA favors an increase in the base budget for Kupuna Care, but humbly
19 requests that HB0608 be advanced in the event that supplemental funding is necessary.

20 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

February 15, 2017 / 9:00a.m.
Conference Room 329

House Committee On Human Services

To: Representative Dee Morikawa, Chair (HUS)
Representative Chris Todd, Vice Chair (HUS)

From: Michael Robinson
Vice President – Government Relations & Community Affairs

Re: HB608 – Testimony in Support

My name is Michael Robinson, Vice President, Government Relations and Community Affairs at Hawai'i Pacific Health (HPH). Hawai'i Pacific Health is a not-for-profit health care system, and the state's largest health care provider and non-governmental employer. Hawai'i Pacific Health is committed to providing the highest quality medical care and service to the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific Region through its four hospitals, more than 50 outpatient clinics and service sites, and over 1,600 affiliated physicians. Hawai'i Pacific Health's hospitals are Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children, Pali Momi Medical Center, Straub Clinic & Hospital and Wilcox Memorial Hospital.

I am writing in support of HB608 which makes an appropriation to the department of health for the Kupuna care program.

The kupuna care program is an alternative to traditional long-term care options to safety net for all Kupuna and their caregivers. This act will enable the Executive Office on Aging to target and triage additional clients according to each individual's vulnerability by utilizing the comprehensive person-centered intake and assessment tools. The most successful programs for aging-in-place are community based and build upon providing access to integrated health and social services and a personalization of services.

Hawai'i Pacific Health supports HB608 which enables the department of health to maintain and enhance these programs which are critical for our vulnerable elders.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



February 15, 2017 at 9:00 AM
Conference Room 329

House Committee on Human Services

To: Chair Dee Morikawa
Vice Chair Chris Todd

From: Paige Heckathorn
Senior Manager, Legislative Affairs
Healthcare Association of Hawaii

Re: **Testimony in Support**
HB 608, Relating to Aging

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH), established in 1939, serves as the leading voice of healthcare on behalf of 160 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 the committee for the opportunity to **support** HB 608, which provides appropriations for the Kupuna Care program. Strong funding for home- and community-based services will be very important as the population of Hawaii ages. Since 1999, this important program has helped seniors and their families access integral services, such as personal care, home delivered meals and attendant care. The availability of these resources for the past years has been essential to ensuring that kupuna in Hawaii are able to access the care they need to live more fully and independently, and support working families. This funding is also critical to our entire continuum of care, making sure that patients receive appropriate in the home- and community-based setting.

We humbly request your continued support of this program. Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

TO: Rep. Dee Morikawa, Chair
Rep. Chris Todd, Vice Chair
Committee on Human Services

FROM: Sarah Yuan
Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs

SUBJECT HB 608 Relating to Aging

HEARING: Wednesday, February 15, 2017, 9:00am
Conference Room 329

POSITION: PABEA **strongly supports** HB 608 which appropriates \$4,145,695 for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the same for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the Kupuna Care program, provided that any funds appropriated pursuant to this section shall be in addition to and shall not supplant any portion of the base budget of the Executive Office on Aging.

The PABEA (Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs) has a statutory obligation to advocate on behalf of the senior citizens of Hawaii. While we advise the Executive Office on Aging, we do not speak on its behalf.

Kupuna Care helps older adults continue living at home at a small fraction of the costs of nursing home care. Kupuna Care is funded by the State of Hawaii to provide services such as transportation, attendant care, case management, home-delivered meals, homemaker, and personal care services. In the two most recent legislative sessions (FY16 and FY17), Kupuna Care was funded for \$7.8 million/year. However, \$3 million of the funding for FY17 is non-recurring: the base budget reverts to \$4.85 million for FY18. Furthermore, the program was allocated \$9 million/year for several years prior to FY16. These losses in program funding occurred at the same time that the older population, and need for services, was and is growing. The base budget for Kupuna Care (\$4.85M) has not increased since 2001 while the demand for home-and community-based supportive services has continued to rise in the past decades. With the appropriation of \$4.15 million, Kupuna Care can serve up to an additional 3,600 frail and vulnerable Kupuna for a year (compared to 34 people in the nursing home setting).

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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February 15, 2017

To: Representative Dee Morikawa, Chair
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House Committee on Human Services

From: Howard S. Garval, President & Chief Executive Officer

Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 (9:00 a.m., Room 329)

RE: In Support of HB 608, 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 within our services to seniors.

I am writing in **support of HB 608** that provides funding for Kupuna Care.

CFS 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 \$4,145,695 to be added to the base funding 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 608 that will provide badly needed funding to support services to our kupuna and their caregivers, especially since last year the funding was reduced by over \$1 million and this could result in reduced services in FY '18.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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February 9, 2017

Honorable Representative Dee Morikawa, Chair
Committee on Human Services
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 442
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: HB 608 Relating to Aging

The Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter, is in full support of House Bill 608, which provides funding for the Kupuna Care Program. Through this funding, individuals with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia, will have access to services such as transportation, personal care services, respite care, adult day care, etc.

In Hawaii, there's an estimated 26,000 individuals affected by the disease. According to the most recent results of the Hawaii 2015 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) survey, about 50% of survey respondents that reported having memory issues stated that their memory problems have created "functional difficulties". About 41% of those surveyed who reported having memory problems stated that due to their memory problems, they gave up day-to-day activities and 28% said that they need assistance with day-to-day activities. More alarming, about 21.5% of those surveyed who had memory problems indicated that they live alone.

Access to the services provided through the Kupuna Care Program will greatly assist individuals with Alzheimer's or a related dementia by providing them with the support needed to carry out daily life activities such as eating, bathing, toileting, etc. To not provide these basic human needs for individuals with the disease is cruel and inhumane. Therefore, we request your support for this bill.

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

With best regards,



Christine Payne
Executive Director
Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

TO: Representative Dee Morikawa, Chair
Representative Chris Todd, Vice Chair
Committee on Human Services

FROM: Terrence L. Walsh, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer

DATE: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 (9:00 a.m., Room 329)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of HB 608, 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 608, to provide additional funding for 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.

During the 2016 Legislative Session, the supplemental funding for Kupuna Care services was reduced by over \$1M. The impact of this reduction will not be seen until FY2018 (effective July 1, 2017). We are concerned and waiting to learn how this reduction will impact on services for elders in the coming year. The requested amount of \$4,145,695 in SB 528 will return funding to previous levels. This is critical since the demand for services continues to increase as the aging population increases.

We also hope that Administrative Rules will soon be available for public review. This will add greater clarity and direction for the Kupuna Care program.

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 **\$129,575** per year for a semi private room.ⁱ
- The funding requested in SB 528 will provide additional **services for THOUSANDS of kupuna and their caregivers.**
- **The same amount of funding would only pay for nursing home care for 32 individuals.**

Catholic Charities Hawai`i asks for your support of HB 608. For more information or questions, please contact Diane Terada, Division Administrator, at 527-4702.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

ⁱ Genworth 2016 Cost of Care Survey: <https://www.genworth.com/about-us/industry-expertise/cost-of-care.html>

**TO: House Committee on Human Services
Representative Dee Morikawa, Chair
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017
State Capitol Conference Room 329pm**

RE: HB608 Relating to Kupuna Care.

Chair Morikawa and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB608 Relating to Aging. My name is Linda Dorset and I am a concerned aging resident and live in the Wailuku area. The passage of this bill is vital because so many of our adults over the age of sixty are living on Social Security and cannot afford long-term care and therefore rely on Kupuna Care. This appropriation would allow the elderly whose incomes cannot cover the hiring of services providers to help with the activities of daily living and help to provide alternatives to nursing homes. Wouldn't you prefer to live out your life in your own home – so would they; so would I.

Please allow this bill to move forward out of committee.



House of Representatives
Committee on Human Services
Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2017
9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 329

To: Representative Dee Morikawa, Chair

RE: **HB 608 RELATING TO AGING**

AARP is a membership organization of people age fifty and over with nearly 150,000 members in Hawaii. AARP advocates and provides information on issues that matter to our kupuna and their families, including affordable, accessible, quality healthcare, financial resiliency, and livable communities.

HN 607 appropriates funds to the Kupuna Care Program. The Kupuna Care program helps older adults continue living at home by providing services such as transportation, personal care, home-delivered meals, case-management and attendant and home-maker which support their daily needs to remain healthy and independent as possible.

AARP Hawaii **strongly supports HB 608** that \$9 m be appropriated for the FY 2018-2019 biennium and that the entire amount is included in the base budget to ensure future stability and quicker release of funds to reduce delays in services.

In the FY 2016 legislative session, funding for this vital safety net program was reduced to \$7.8 million, over the biennium, a loss of \$1.2 million at a time that the need for services continues to grow.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

The Twenty-Ninth Legislature
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Committee on Human Services
Rep. Dee Morikawa, Chair
Rep. Chris Todd, Vice Chair
State Capitol, Conference Room 329
Wednesday, February 15, 2017; 9:00 a.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON H.B. 608
RELATING TO AGING**

The ILWU Local 142 **supports** H.B. 608, which makes an appropriation to the Department of Health for the Kupuna Care program.

Kupuna Care has been recognized as an effective program to keep seniors living at home (as most of them prefer) for as long as possible. By providing Kupuna Care services such as personal care, homemaking, chores, home-delivered meals, adult day care, case management, assisted transportation, regular transportation, and attendant care, the State is able to assist kupuna to remain in the community and avoid institutionalization, which can be costly for the elderly person and his/her family as well as for the State.

Many people who are forced to live in institutions like nursing homes are not able to afford the huge cost of such care, which can run \$11,000 a month or more. When their financial resources are exhausted, they end up applying for Medicaid. Taxpayers bear the burden for Medicaid costs, which are shared by both federal and state governments. As Hawaii's aged population continues to grow and more require institutional care, Medicaid costs will eat into State funding sources that could be used for other programs and needs.

Although the Kupuna Care program could serve many more seniors with additional funding, the \$4,145,695 for each of the next two fiscal years will at least help to restore needed funding for the program. The Legislature may want to consider including Kupuna Care funding in the base budget to offer offer much-needed stability to the program.

The ILWU urges passage of H.B. 608. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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February 13, 2017

Honorable Representative Dee Morikawa, Chair
Committee on Human Services
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 442
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: HB 608, Kupuna Care

On behalf of Manoa Cottage and Manoa Cottage Kaimuki kupuna, thank you the opportunity to submit testimony on HB608. Although we currently have many worthy and important issues to address in Hawaii, we cannot continue to neglect the needs of families affected by Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 608. I am pleased to testify in full support of HB 608, which appropriates \$4.145 Million to the base budget so that there is \$9 Million for Kupuna Care. Nearly 30% of the State will be over 60 by 2035, and this group wants to remain at home longer. This is a "Safety Net" program for those that are unable to otherwise get help for everyday activities such as bathing, toileting, dressing, feeding, and safely transferring to avoid falls.

Weekly, I hear directly from residents in our communities about their need for more information, resources and help in the care for a loved one with. HB608 assures that a "safety net" is there for in need seniors. I often hear from seniors and their adult children that their kupuna needs help with basic activities of daily living. When the senior moves in to Manoa Cottage, we often find the adult children in relief that their loved ones would be cared for around the clock, thus assuring that the activities of daily living are provided.

Again, I support HB 608 and seek your support. If I may be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Calvin M. Hara
Executive Director and Administrator

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February 10, 2017

Hearing Date: Feb. 15, 2017, Conf. Room 329, 9:00AM

House Committee on Human Services, Rep. Dee Morikawa, Chair

RE: HB 608 Relating to Aging

Most distinguished Chair Morikawa and members of the committee:

I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB 608

AND request the Committee on Human Services recommend the appropriation of funds for the support of Kupuna Care, per this bill.

These facts of Senior Living in Hawaii are constant:

- Hawaii's life expectancy is longer than any other state
- Assisted-Living care costs increase annually
- Current family-caregivers are retiring, and their replacements are not available in equal number

There is a real need to support the Kupuna Care Program.

Please vote affirmatively on this bill to allow the successful 'Aging in Place' of Hawaii Seniors.
Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Olah
Honolulu Resident

TO: Senate Committee on Human Services, Representative Dee Morikawa, Chair
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017, State Capitol Conference Room 329, 9:00 a.m.
RE: HB 608 RELATING TO AGING

To Chair Morikawa and Members of the Committee,

I strongly support HB 608, Relating to Aging to restore the level of funding for the kupuna care program to what it was a couple of years ago. My name is Paul Nishimura and I am a resident of Waipahu. The kupuna care program allows our growing senior population to age in place by providing them essential services if they can't afford them. It is far more cost effective to support a person at home, where they prefer to be anyway, versus placing that person in a nursing home.

We must not forget our kupuna in these tight fiscal conditions. My wife and I were able to care for my father in-law as he got older and required dialysis. He was able to live a fairly normal life until his passing. I could not imagine what it would have been like for him had he not had anyone and was forced to go into a nursing home where strangers would make decisions for him. Our growing elderly population means that we need to address this issue now before it costs us even more.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Paul Nishimura
Waipahu

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| Jean Ishikawa | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: The Hawai'i Congress has always supported Kupuna Care, ergo, there is no reason it should not be fully supportive this year. I fully support HB608 as it serves the many thousands who need that little extra service to remain at home. Thank you, Jean Ishikawa, A Very Concerned Citizen of Hawai'i nei

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NOTICE OF HEARING
DATE: Wednesday, February 15, 2017
TIME: 9:00 A.M.
PLACE: Conference Room 329
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415 South Beretania Street

SUPPORT FOR HB 608 and HB 607 to support Kupuna Care

Dear Human Services Committee Chair Morikawa Vice-Chair Todd and Human Services Committee members,

My name is Barbara Yee. Thank you for the opportunity to speak as a private citizen who moved back to live with and provide care for my frail 91 year old father. I am also a gerontologist, Professor and Chair of Family and Consumer Sciences. Hawaii is experiencing a caregiving and gerontological crisis. The Gray tsunami is already here. Every citizen of this state has, had, or will have an elderly relative, friend, or neighbor who will need a great deal of help to cope with the physical, emotional or cognitive frailties of aging. Hawaii families highly desire to take care of their frail relatives themselves, but put their families and the State of Hawaii in economic peril. For the large majority of Hawaii's citizens, quitting their job or jobs, will put their families in financial jeopardy. Financial and other caregiver support services will help families. Creative elder care strategies, with the development of a gerontological professional and workforce infrastructure is badly needed in Hawaii. The Center on Aging will provide the infrastructure needed to address this Gray tsunami in education and training of aging workforce, provide research and evaluation strategies for high performing aging services, and provide consultation for the aging networks in Hawaii.

Hawaii needs to IMMEDIATELY prepare 2-4 future generations of gerontological professionals. There is already massive retirements in the aging workforce and Hawaii is NOT prepared. As important, our elderly caregivers are not prepared for the enormous responsibility for our parents, grandparents, and elderly relatives, or neighbors who need our support each and everyday. I strongly urge you to provide family caregiver financial support and caregiver services to address the needs of kupuna and their families.

Respectfully,
Barbara Yee
Honolulu, HI 96816

Honorable Representative Dee Morikawa, Chair
Committee on Human Services
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 442
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Representative Morikawa:

RE: *HB 611 Making an Appropriation for a Dementia Services Coordinator and HB 608 Kupuna Care*

~~I am pleased to testify in full support of House Bill Numbers 611 and 608.~~
This position will coordinate and prepare support systems to address issues related to the disease.

I am personally affected by these bills and would like them seen through. Alzheimer's runs in my family. Two of our kupuna have passed away from this disease recently (one being my father) and we have two others currently living with severe dementia. The care of people with Alzheimer's or dementia is a daunting task, and our community needs access to support and assistance in the form of providing information, education, assistance and services.

Funding of this bill is critical, as our elderly population continues to grow. Let's help keep our families together. If we fall short in providing information, education, assistance and services, we will have a health emergency in the coming years. We need to support people so they may be able to better help our kupuna, keep them safe, as healthy as possible, and not on the streets.

Please support HB 611 and HB 608.

Most Sincerely,



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TO: Representative Dee Morikawa, Chair
Representative Chris Todd, Vice Chair
Committee on Human Services

DATE: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 (9:00 a.m., Room 329)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of HB 608, Relating to Aging**


I am 76 years old and receive Transportation Services. I urge you to provide funding for Kupuna Care services and to make sure that these vital services can be provided for Kupuna, like me, so we can remain independent in our homes for as long as possible.

Transportation Service is important to me because:

I have to go to many Dr
Apptment & I cant see well
UVitts both eyes, wif blindness
this is the only way at this
time to get around -
This service is so needed by
me and other Kupuna's to get
around. All services are needed
to keep our freedom to get about

Please support Kupuna Care funding for all Kupuna who wish to remain in the community and avoid costly (and unwanted) institutional care! Mahalo.

Thank you in Advance

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TO: Representative Dee Morikawa, Chair
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DATE: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 (9:00 a.m., Room 329)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of HB 608, Relating to Aging**

I am 78 years old and receive Transportation Services. I urge you to provide funding for Kupuna Care services and to make sure that these vital services can be provided for Kupuna, like me, so we can remain independent in our homes for as long as possible.

Transportation Service is important to me because:

It is hard ^{for me} to carry heavy groceries because of balance problems and nerve damage to my legs. Also it enables me to get to medical appointments when I am not able to go on my own. So Catholic Charities van is not a luxury but a necessity. Thank you.

Please support Kupuna Care funding for all Kupuna who wish to remain in the community and avoid costly (and unwanted) institutional care! Mahalo.

Print Name: Rena Blank

City & Zip Code: Hon. HI 96813

TO: Representative Dee Morikawa, Chair
Representative Chris Todd, Vice Chair
Committee on Human Services

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RE: **IN SUPPORT of HB 608, Relating to Aging**

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Transportation Service is important to me because: I am disabled.
NEED TO CARRY ^{Fragile} medium to large products that
will be damaged on the bus.
NEED TO GO TO AKA MAANA FOODMART, DON QUIXOTE,
TIMES, KUKA'AO MAPOKAI + LOWE'S FOR TX + MILK
PRODUCE. DOWN TO BATH IS A MUST FOR MY BLD.PR. +
MILD DIABETES.

Please support Kupuna Care funding for all Kupuna who wish to remain in the community and avoid costly (and unwanted) institutional care! Mahalo.

Print Name: CHANELLE AILAMINE

City & Zip Code: HAWAII 96813

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Representative Chris Todd, Vice Chair
Committee on Human Services

DATE: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 (9:00 a.m., Room 329)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of HB 608, Relating to Aging**

I am 95 years old and receive Transportation Services. I urge you to provide funding for Kupuna Care services and to make sure that these vital services can be provided for Kupuna, like me, so we can remain independent in our homes for as long as possible.

Transportation Service is important to me because:

without this service, I would ~~be~~ at a loss to get my shopping done w/o anyone to help.

Please support Kupuna Care funding for all Kupuna who wish to remain in the community and avoid costly (and unwanted) institutional care! Mahalo.

Print Name: Mollie Robinson

City & Zip Code: Honolulu HI 96803

TO: Representative Dee Morikawa, Chair
Representative Chris Todd, Vice Chair
Committee on Human Services

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RE: **IN SUPPORT of HB 608, Relating to Aging**

I am 91 years old and receive Transportation Services. I urge you to provide funding for Kupuna Care services and to make sure that these vital services can be provided for Kupuna, like me, so we can remain independent in our homes for as long as possible.

Transportation Service is important to me because:

cc Van provides the only mode of transportation to my doctor appointments, grocery shopping and social activities I enjoy at Lanakila Multi Purpose Senior center... otherwise I would be stuck at home or be dependant on others... **RECLUSIVITY** is not my bag!

Please support Kupuna Care funding for all Kupuna who wish to remain in the community and avoid costly (and unwanted) institutional care! Mahalo.

Print Name: Alice Sasano

City & Zip Code: Hon. - 96826

Aloha Chair Morikawa, Vice Chair Todd and committee members.

I am a senior citizen and a resident of House District 19 and Senate District 9. I am an AARP volunteer and a member of Kokua Council, the Hawaii Alliance of Retired Americans and PABEA's legislative committee.

I'm testifying in strong support of HB608, an appropriation to The Department of Health for the Kupuna Care program.

In FFY 2015 (the last figures available), the program served over 4800 individuals with homemaker services, chore services, congregate meals, (or home delivered meals), transportation, legal services, etc., so that they can age in place and avoid the high cost of nursing care.

The Base Budget includes approximately \$4.8M for this program annually and it used to be supplemented about \$4.2, for a total of \$9M. For the past two years, however, the supplement was only \$3M.

Hawaii has more per capita seniors than any other state and the number is increasing rapidly. 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.

Please support raising the supplement for Kupuna Care to its previous level of approximately \$9M and include the supplement in the Base Budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Barbara J. Service

To: House Committee on Human Services, Representative Della Belatti, Chair

Date: Feb 15, 2017

Room 329

Time: 9:00 a.m.

RE: HB 608 Relating to Aging

Chair Balitta and Committee members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HB 608 Relating to Aging.

My name is Geoffrey Casburn and I am a retired Civil Engineer. My wife and I live in Hilo and we are former in-home caregivers.

The passage of this bill is vital in order to support the needed in-home care for kupuna. Care givers are challenged both physically and emotionally in providing the needed in-home care for their loved ones. Assistance from this program addresses both these challenges! A smiling face and help with the physical tasks is priceless.

Thank you,

Geoffrey Casburn
District of Hilo

**TESTIMONEY IN SUPPORT OF HB 608
RELATING TO AGING**

To: Representative Dee Morikawa, Chair, Committee on Human Services, and
Committee Members

Hearing Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017; 9:00 a.m.; CR 329

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in **strong support** of **HB 608**, Relating to aging. My name is Anna Filler and I retired two years ago at the age of 75. I was a caretaker for my father who passed away at the age 97. I first retired at the age of 62 and worked several temporary jobs to help take care of my father which I shared with my younger sister.

This bill (part of the Kupuna Care Program) will provide services to help elder adults to continue to live at home, and for those who cannot afford a nursing care home, or may not qualify for Medicaid and other resources.

Relating to Aging requests additional funding due to the increase of our rapidly growing senior population.

I urge you to support Hawaii's growing senior population by supporting HB 608.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to submit my testimony in support of HB 608.

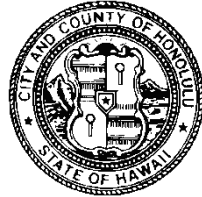
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TO: THE HONORABLE DEE MORIKAWA, CHAIR
THE HONORABLE CHRIS TODD, VICE CHAIR
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

FROM: NALANI AKI, COUNTY EXECUTIVE ON AGING
ELDERLY AFFAIRS DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR HB 608, RELATING TO AGING

The Elderly Affairs Division (EAD) is the designated Area Agency on Aging and the Aging and Disability Resource Center for the island of Oahu. EAD operates in accordance with the Older Americans Act of 1965 and develops comprehensive and coordinated systems of care that assist older persons in leading independent, meaningful, and dignified lives in their own homes and communities.

House Bill 608, Relating to Aging, includes funding for important services that are essential to maintaining the health and welfare of our most vulnerable seniors and their caregivers. Therefore, we strongly support funding for HB 608.

The Kupuna Care program provides services that support the needs of the increasing older adult population in Hawaii. EAD coordinates advocacy efforts on behalf of elders, encourages partnerships to improve and expand services, and contracts with agencies to provide services to seniors and their caregivers. These services assist frail older adults who cannot live at home without adequate help from family or formal services. Services include adult day care, attendant care, case management, chore, home-delivered meals, homemaker, personal care, and transportation.

Annually, EAD serves an estimated total of 2,600 seniors, with at least one Kupuna Care service. There are approximately 208,000 older adults age 60 years and older residing on Oahu, representing 21.1% of the population. From 2009 to 2015, Oahu's older adult population grew 18.5%, with an annual growth rate of 2.32%. Further, 27,000 older adults are 85 years and older, with 55% reportedly having two to four health conditions. By 2030, the State's Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism projects that the population of 85 years or older, which has the highest rate of debilitating medical conditions, will increase by 35.6% to 40,000.

The supplemental State funds EAD has received have not kept pace with the growing

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THE HONORABLE CHRIS TODD, VICE CHAIR
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population of frail elders residing on Oahu. Although we are grateful for the support provided by the Legislature, we are equally concerned with the growing need of our seniors and the significant decreases in funding allotments. Currently, there are 327 seniors waiting for meals and 178 waiting for homemaker assistance. Help for our *kupuna* is needed now more than ever.

We ask the Committee on Human Services to support funding of this vital program.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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