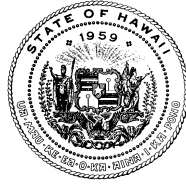


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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB0611
Making an Appropriation for the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia
Services Coordinator Position**

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
REPRESENTATIVE DEE MORIKAWA, CHAIR
REPRESENTATIVE CHRIS TODD, VICE CHAIR

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

Hearing Date: February 15, 2017
9:00am

Room Number: 329

- 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 executive biennium budget.
- 4 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure appropriates funds for FY18 for the Alzheimer's Disease
- 5 and Related Dementia services coordinator position in the amount of \$80,000.
- 6 **Purpose and Justification:** Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the
- 7 United States and it affects 27,000 Hawaii residents, a number that will increase by more than
- 8 40% percent by the year 2025. An estimated 65,000 unpaid caregivers in Hawaii provide
- 9 74,000,000 hours of unpaid care each year. There is a need for a coordinated and prepared
- 10 support system to address issues arising from addressing the disease. While the *Hawaii 2025:*
- 11 *State Plan Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias* identifies strategies in addressing the
- 12 multifaceted issues in dealing with the disease, the services and activities needed requires

1 coordination at a systemic level through an Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia services
2 coordinator.

3 **Recommendation:** This position is not part of the Administration's budget request. We support
4 advancing this measure provided that its enactment does not reduce or replace priorities with the
5 Administration's budget request.

6 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Testifier's Name: Gary Simon
Member
Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA)

Testimony Is Directed To: House Committee on Human Services

Measure: HB611
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE
ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIA
SERVICES COORDINATOR POSITION.

Date & Time of Hearing: Wednesday, February 15, 2017, 9:00 a. m.

Location: State Capitol Conference Room 329

Position: The Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs strongly
supports HB611.

Dear Chair Morikawa, Vice Chair Todd, and Honorable Members of the House
Committee on Human Services:

I am Gary Simon, member of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs
(PABEA), which is an appointed board tasked with advising the Executive Office
on Aging (EOA).

I am testifying as an individual who has worked in healthcare for over thirty years,
and I am offering testimony on behalf of PABEA.

My testimony does not represent the views of the EOA but of PABEA.

PABEA wholeheartedly supports HB611.

The bill makes an appropriation for the Alzheimer's disease and related
dementias coordinator

Alzheimer's disease and related dementias have become a major cause of death
in the older population. Alzheimer's disease and other dementia patients
frequently require extensive care in the home or in an institutional setting. The
Hawaii Executive Office on Aging published *Hawaii 2025: State Plan on
Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias* to address this critical issue, which
may ultimately affect as many as half of the 85 and over population.

The State Plan is a blueprint created to greatly improve the way individuals with
ADRD and their families will live in and be served by their communities.

A coordinator is needed to develop an implementation work plan specifying the tasks required for fulfilling the blueprint.

Funding the coordinator is imperative to execute the State Plan and is based upon good policy (enhancing the well-being of older adults). Continuing appropriations to fund the coordinator will benefit residents throughout the State.

We urge you to support HB611 and to recommend its passage, and we thank you for seriously considering the Bill.

Very sincerely,

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Honorable Representative Dee Morikawa, Chair
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RE: HB 611 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIA SERVICES COORDINATOR POSITION

On behalf of the Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter, I am pleased to extend our full support for House Bill 611, which provides funding for a Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services Coordinator position.

Despite the growing number of individuals affected by the disease (26,000 individuals with the disease and the 64,000 caregivers of someone with the disease) in the state of Hawaii, there is still a substantial lack of resources for families affected by the disease. Although the Alzheimer's Association provides numerous services to family caregivers, there are still many services that are needed beyond what we provide. Some of those gaps and resolutions for such have been identified in the *Hawaii Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias State Plan* which was released in 2014 by the Department of Health. Implementation of the plan and the activities to fill those gaps in services require coordination and this highlights the importance of funding the Dementia Services Coordinator position as this position will conduct such activities.

There is currently an Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (ADRD) State Plan Collaborative that consists of over 70 government and private entities that have been working on implementing the ADRD State Plan. However, without dedicated resources and a dedicated leader of this effort, the progress has been slow and minimal. The Dementia Services Coordinator would lead this charge and work with the various public and private entities to leverage what they are already doing.

There is a sense of urgency to address this issue as Alzheimer's disease is currently the sixth leading cause of death in the nation. 1 in 3 of our kupuna will die from the disease. Furthermore, 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 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,



Christine Payne
Executive Director
Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter



House of Representatives
Committee on Human Services
Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2017
9:00 a.m.
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To: Representative Dee Morikawa, Chair

RE: HB 611 APPROPRIATION FOR AN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIA SERVICES COORDINATOR POSITION

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.

HB 611 appropriates funds for the Alzheimer's Disease and related dementia services coordinator position.

AARP **strongly supports** HB 611.

Dementia is the most costly chronic diseases in the nation. It is estimated that the total societal cost for dementia care is between \$159 and \$215 billion. By 2025, the Alzheimer's Association has projected 34,000 people or 10% of Hawai'i's residents age 65 and over will be diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. These estimates do not reflect people who are undiagnosed, or those with early onset who are under age 65. The Hawaii 2025: State Plan on Alzheimer Disease and Related Dementia (ADRD) was created to improve the way Hawai'i addresses this serious health problem. Through the Executive Office on Aging, this plan was written with the culmination of recommendations and discussions from the Hawaii ADRD Task Force, caregiver and key informant surveys, interviews with Hawaii experts and leaders, and recommendations from the National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease. This bill provides the appropriation for a coordinator to oversee and coordinate this State Plan as developed by the community.

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. 611
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE
AND RELATED DEMENTIA SERVICES COORDINATOR POSITION**

The ILWU Local 142 **supports** H.B. 611, which makes an appropriation for the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Services Coordinator position.

Alzheimer's Disease and dementia are extremely costly. The cost of care for patients with Alzheimer's and dementia are astronomical in terms of dollars as well as emotional and physical costs for the family caregiver. Hundreds of thousands of hours are spent each day by family caregivers, resulting in the likelihood of diminished economic security for their own retirement.

The impact of Alzheimer's Disease and dementia may be mitigated with medical treatment and medication for the patient and information and education for the family. A dedicated coordinator to provide information and resource referrals may help families cope with the ongoing stress and strain of caring for family members with Alzheimer's or dementia.

The appropriation being sought is a nominal outlay of public funds to address such a huge public health need. The ILWU urges passage of H.B. 611.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on this measure.



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February 13, 2017

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RE: HB 611 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIA SERVICES COORDINATOR POSITION

On behalf of Manoa Cottage and Manoa Cottage Kaimuki kupuna, thank you the opportunity to submit testimony on HB 611. 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 611. I am pleased to testify in full support of HB 611, which makes an appropriation to the Department of Health of \$80,000 to fund the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (ADRD) Services Coordinator position. This position will coordinate and prepare support systems to address issues related to the disease. The ADRD Services Coordinator will accomplish such by working with both government and private partners to implement the Hawaii Alzheimer's State Plan.

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. Recently, a husband for lack of information and resources, resorted to a hospital emergency room for immediate care for his wife with Alzheimer's disease. Fortunately, Manoa Cottage Kaimuki, a 27 bed skilled nursing facility specializing in Alzheimer's care was able to immediate admit his wife. Such situations occur often and more services are needed in our community relative to dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

The key points are:

- Alzheimer's Disease is a growing epidemic and is now the sixth leading cause of death in the nation.
- More than 26,000 individuals in the state of Hawaii have Alzheimer's disease.
- There are more than 66,000 unpaid family caregivers in the state of Hawaii.
- This position will help coordinate and implement recommendations of the Alzheimer's State Plan.

Again, I support HB 611 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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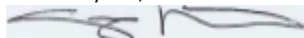
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**RE: HB611 Making An Appropriation For The Alzheimer's Disease And Related Dementia Services
Coordinator Position**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide individual testimony in strong support of House Bill 611. I am pleased to testify in full support of HB611, which makes an appropriation to the Department of Health of \$80,000 to fund the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (ADRD) Services Coordinator position. This position will coordinate and prepare support systems to address issues related to the disease. The ADRD Services Coordinator will accomplish such by working with both government and private partners to implement the Hawaii Alzheimer's State Plan.

I am the principal investigator of the Hawaii Alzheimer's Disease Initiative (HADI), a 3-year federal grant given to the University of Hawaii, Center on Aging. The grant is providing training to health professionals on the best practices in dementia care. It is also creating memory clinics, modeled after the memory clinic at Kokua Kalihi Valley, at three additional federally qualified health centers. We are privileged to have the Department of Health, Executive Office on Aging and Alzheimer's Association Aloha Chapter as partners in this effort to address such a critical need. When this grant ends in 2018, it will be imperative to have an Hawaii Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders (ADRD) Services Coordinator to facilitate and continue the work of both the ADRD state plan and our HADI trainings and services. Every day, I see the immense need of family caregivers for support, who have concerns about challenging behaviors and wandering. The more than 26,000 in the state with the disease and the more than 66,000 unpaid family caregivers deserve a services coordinator to advocate, educate, and expand dementia services in our state.

Thank you,



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Comments: Honorable Representative Dee Morikawa, Chair Committee on Human Services Hawaii State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street, Room 442 Honolulu, HI 96813 RE: HB 611 Making an Appropriation for a Dementia Services Coordinator I am pleased to testify in full support of HB 611. This position will coordinate and prepare support systems to address issues related to the disease. {Insert your personal story or connection to Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia. It doesn't have to be long...just a couple of sentences will be suffice} {Insert why you think it's important that they fund this bill. Again, it doesn't have to be long...just a couple of sentences will be suffice. If you'd prefer, you can use some of the talking points listed below: -Alzheimer's Disease is a growing epidemic and is now the sixth leading cause of death in the nation... -More than 26,000 individuals in the state of Hawaii have Alzheimer's... -There are more than 66,000 unpaid family caregivers in the state..... -This position will help coordinate and implement recommendations of the Alzheimer's State Plan ...} Thank you, Lynsey Capone-Smith

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February 12, 2017

To:
House Committee on Human Services
Dee Morikawa, Chair

RE: **HB 611** Making an appropriation for the Alzheimer's Disease and related dementia services coordinator position.

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

Most Honorable Chair Morikawa and Committee Members:

I support this measure to appropriate funds to the Executive Office on Aging to support the salaried position of a qualified dementia services coordinator within the Office of Aging.

According to the Alzheimer's Association, the disease afflicts over 5 million Americans and many more who are undiagnosed.

In Hawai'i, the estimate is 31,000, but this only takes into account those over age 65. According to the Alzheimer's Association, "Alzheimer's disease is the 6th leading cause of death. It costs the nation \$183 billion annually. While death rates have dropped for other major diseases like HIV, stroke and heart disease, deaths from Alzheimer's have risen 66 percent. Every 69 seconds someone in the United States develops Alzheimer's." One half of those ages 85 and over will get Alzheimer's disease or another form of dementia.

I ask you to support this measure – HB 611 - and thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on behalf of the seniors who have Alzheimer's disease who will benefit from quality coordination of services within the Office of Aging.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Olah
Honolulu Resident

TO: House Committee on Human Services, Representative Dee Morikawa, Chair
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017, State Capitol Conference Room 329, 9:00 a.m.
RE: HB611 Appropriation for the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Services
Coordinator Position

To Chair Morikawa and Members of the Committees

I am writing to you in support of HB611, requesting an appropriation for the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Services Coordinator Position. My name is Paul Nishimura, and I am a 59 year old resident of Waipahu. Dementia is the most costly chronic disease in the US. This problem is going to get worst as our citizens live longer lives. It is estimated that one in ten people over the age of 65, will be diagnosed will be diagnosed with Alzheimers by 2025.

There needs to be a coordinated effort to develop the services and support needed to tackle this pervasive disease. The disease affects not only those with Alzheimers but those who care for them.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Paul Nishimura
Waipahu

To: House Committee on Human Services
Representative Dee Morikawa , Chair
Representative Chris Todd, Vice-Chair

Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Conference Room 329

Re: HB 611 Making an Appropriation for the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia
Services Coordinator Position

Chair Morikawa , Vice-Chair Todd and Members of the Committee:

My name is Esther Ueda, and I am writing in SUPPORT of HB 611 which makes an appropriation for an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator position in the Office of Aging.

My father suffers from advanced Alzheimer's. It is a very devastating disease. It is so sad to see your loved ones who were once so successful and competent slowly fade away and lose all their memories. I am happy that my father still remembers who I am, but I know that one day soon even that will slip away.

The proposed position would provide additional support for those who are dealing with this devastating disease by providing a position within the Executive Office on Aging to coordinate the services and activities related to this disease.

Please support HB 611.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Sincerely,

Esther Ueda
Pearl City, Hawaii

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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Honorable Representative Dee Morikawa, Chair
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Dear Representative Morikawa:

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

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this disease recently (one being my father) and we have two others
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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: House Committee on Human Services, Representative Della Belatti, Chair

Date: Feb 15, 2017

Room 329

Time: 9:00 a.m.

RE: HB 611 Relating to Aging

Chair Balitta and Committee members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HB 611 Appropriation for the Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Coordinator.

My name is Geoffrey Casburn and I am a retired Civil Engineer. My wife and I live in Hilo.

We have a number of friends who are living with or caring for relatives suffering from either dementia or Alzheimer's. All of them have commented on the positive impact that outreach programs have had on their ability to care for and relate to these relatives. Programs that explain to care giver what to expect and what community resources are available have been very important.

A program coordinator would maximize the reach of this important program.

Thank you,

Geoffrey Casburn
District of Hilo

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 a member of AARP, Kokua Council, the Hawaii Alliance of Retired Americans and the Legislative Committee of PABEA.

I'm testifying in strong support of HB611, an appropriation for the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia services coordinator position.

Alzheimer's disease is the 6th leading cause of death in the United States. While other leading causes of death (like cancer, diabetes and heart disease) are declining (thank goodness!), Alzheimer's numbers are increasing (nearly 40% from 2000 to 2010).

Hawaii has a comprehensive State Plan regarding Alzheimer's Disease. The logical next step is to have a coordinator to ensure that the plan goes into effect.

Please pass HB611 to ensure that the ADRD is funded so that our most vulnerable kupuna get the care that they deserve.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Barbara J. Service

**TESTIMONEY IN SUPPORT OF HB 611
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND
RELATED DEMENTIA SERVICES COORDINATOR POSITION.**

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 611, Relating to the Alzheimer's Disease Services Coordinator Position. My name is Anna Filler and I retired two years ago at the age of 75. I have two immediate family members and other friends' relatives who suffered from Alzheimer's and dementia chronic diseases for many years.

Dementia is the most costly chronic disease in the nation. By 2025, 34,000 people or 10% of Hawaii's residents age 65 and over will have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. There is a need for the coordinator position to coordinate the issues concerning Alzheimer's.

Alzheimer's Disease Coordinator position requests funds of \$80,000 for one full-time position in the Executive Office on Aging office to implement the State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias.

I urge you to support Hawaii's growing senior population by supporting HB 611.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to submit my testimony in support of HB 611.

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