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

Dear Representatives Morikawa and Au Belatti, and Members of the Committees:

**SUBJECT:** HB 612 – Making an Appropriation for the Aging and Disability Resource Center.

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **SUPPORTS HB 612**. The purpose of the bill is to provide funding to support the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC).

The Council was a member of the State ADRC Advisory Board back in April 2006, as a result of the Executive Office on Aging (EOA) receiving a Federal grant to embark on establishing a one-stop single entry point for older adults and persons with disabilities. Since then, the project has established a one-stop center on the Islands of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui, and is in the process of developing the Honolulu site. The Council has a Memorandum of Agreement between the Hawaii County Office of Aging, ADRC, which defines the partner roles and responsibilities related to services provided by ADRC and the Council.

As a systems advocacy agency responsible for statewide planning, coordination, monitoring, evaluation, and advocacy on behalf of individuals with DD and their families, we support a streamlined and user-friendly process for older adults and individuals with disabilities to receive information and be able to navigate the service system to access services and supports. The Council, as well as individuals with disabilities, advocates, public and private service providers, and other stakeholders, need to be continually involved with the planning and implementation of the ADRCs. We believe identifying and engaging partnerships with all stakeholders will contribute to a seamless approach of accessing long-term services and supports in a manner that respects individual choice and desire, is person-centered, promotes independence and dignity, and provides individual control over the person's life.

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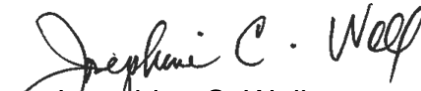
The Council defers to EOA regarding the appropriation amount needed to support the ADRC.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **supporting HB 612.**

Sincerely,

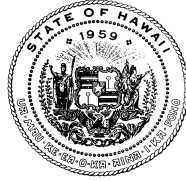


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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB0612**  
**Making an Appropriation for the Aging and Disability Resource Center**

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

Hearing Date: February 8, 2017,  
9:00 a.m.

Room Number: CONF. ROOM 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 budget request.
- 4 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure appropriates funds in the amount of \$1,710,000 for FY18 for
- 5 the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC).
- 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 \$1,710,000 for EOA's
- 8 base budget for ADRC bringing the total to \$3,110,000. The ADRC helps individuals and their
- 9 families identify their long-term services and support needs based on a person centered process,

1 understand options including the publicly funded services such as Kupuna Care, and develop and  
2 implement a comprehensive support plan. The request for an additional \$1.71 million will build  
3 capacity for EOA and the four county based Area Agencies on Aging to operate their ADRC  
4 sites, to implement and sustain statewide fully functional status in accordance with federal  
5 requirements, and integrate participant directed supports as a function of the ADRC. During  
6 SFY 2016, a total of 24,537 calls were made to the ADRC statewide, an 18% increase in call  
7 volume from SFY2015. The ADRC linked 7,254 older adults to publicly funded (federal and  
8 state) long term services and supports.

9 During the 2016 legislative session, Act 138 was passed requiring EOA to evaluate the  
10 effectiveness of the ADRC. The report included 1) alignment with federal criteria for a fully  
11 functional ADRC, 2) timeliness of responses by the ADRC, 3) caller satisfaction, and 4) number  
12 and percentage of kupuna and caregivers who were linked to a service or resource.

13 It is important to note that the Counties of Maui and Kauai met all 10 criteria thresholds for fully  
14 functional status with the City and County of Honolulu meeting 9 of the 10 criteria thresholds.  
15 Hawaii County met 6 of 10.

16 For the study on the ADRC's responsiveness to inquiries, EOA examined first-time requesters of  
17 Kupuna Care funded services during a 10-week period beginning August 15, 2016 and ending  
18 October 25, 2016.

19 During the 10 week timeframe, 22,856 units of service were provided to 1,768 unduplicated  
20 persons statewide. 626 of the 1,768 were requesting Kupuna Care funded services for the first  
21 time. Of the 626 "new" clients, 506 (81%) completed an assessment, 476 (76%) completed a  
22 support plan and 466 (74%) were authorized services. Part of the reason for the falling numbers

1 from assessment to service authorization is the window for processing customers was smaller for  
2 those who contacted the ADRC later in the 10-week study period.

3 Our study found that, statewide, of those who received a service authorization, at least 50% (the  
4 median) received their authorization 8 calendar days after contacting the ADRC. Of those who  
5 received an assessment, at least 50% received it within 5 calendar days of their initial inquiry  
6 and, of those who had a service plan, 50% had a plan 6 calendar days after their service inquiry.  
7 Finally, at least half of those who received services got their service within 16 calendar days  
8 from their initial contact.

9 We measured consumer satisfaction by providing all new consumers the opportunity to give  
10 feedback of their experiences with the ADRC. Of those who responded, 90% of the ADRC  
11 consumers agreed or strongly agreed that they were satisfied.

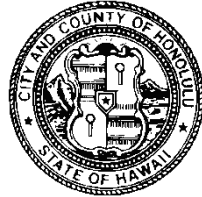
12 Without the additional ADRC funds, the ADRC sites will not be able to maintain fully functional  
13 status, manage the anticipated increase in the volume of calls to the ADRC sites, or take on  
14 additional responsibilities being considered for the ADRC as it relates to HB0607 for the Kupuna  
15 Caregiver program.

16 **Recommendation:** EOA favors an increase in the base budget for ADRC, but humbly requests  
17 that HB0612 be advanced in the event that supplemental funding is necessary.

18 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR HB 612, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE  
AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

The Elderly Affairs Division (EAD) is Honolulu's designated Area Agency on Aging and operates in accordance with the Older Americans Act of 1965 to coordinate, advocate and improve services to assist older persons in leading independent, meaningful and dignified lives in their own homes and communities for as long as possible. We also serve as the designated Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) for Honolulu.

This bill includes funding for the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC), a program that provides older adults, their caregivers, and persons with disabilities with a single access point to information, and improves access to and the utilization of community-based long term services and supports. The funding included in this bill is essential to maintain the health and welfare of our most vulnerable seniors and their caregivers, and provides a streamlined process for those we serve. We strongly support funding for HB 612.

The ADRC is outlined in the Federal Older Americans Act (OAA) as amended in 2006. Its vision is "to have Aging and Disability Resource Centers in every community...where people of all incomes and ages can turn for information on the full range of long-term support options and a single point of entry for access to public long-term support programs and benefits." EAD operationalized the ADRC model on July 1, 2015, and has provided over 17,000 options counseling sessions to older adults, caregivers, their family members and the general public.

Last year, concerns were raised regarding the implementation and readiness of the

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Honolulu ADRC, the timeliness of assessments being completed and consumer satisfaction. Therefore, in response to a requirement by the Legislature, the State Executive Office on Aging conducted an independent review of each County, a total of four ADRC's.

In regards to the implementation and readiness assessment, Honolulu met 9 of the 10 criteria evaluated. EAD in partnership with our service provider agencies, accomplished this level of compliance within our first year of implementation.

During the period of EOA's review (August 15<sup>th</sup> 2016 through October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016), EAD conducted 387 assessments for new consumers. Of those assessments, 97 were completed within 1 day of contacting EAD and 50% or 194 consumers within 6 days.

In addition, over ninety percent of Honolulu ADRC consumers agreed or strongly agreed that they were satisfied with their ADRC experience. The comments and feedback received will assist in improving our ADRC operations.

The funding provided by this bill will allow EAD to continue to serve as the single access point for information on long-term services and support. EAD supports the allocation of funds for the ADRC for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

We urge the committees on Human Services and on Health to support funding of this vital program. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

**todd2 - Chloe**

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**HB612**

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Wednesday, February 8, 2017 9:00 A.M.

Conference Room 329

## HB 612, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

Good morning, Chairs Morikawa and Belatti, Vice Chairs Todd and Kobayashi, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection & Health, and Human Services Committees.

Lanakila Pacific supports **HB 612** to fund the Aging and Disability Resource Center which provides kupuna and individuals with disabilities with a single point of entry for information and long-term care options. The Honolulu ADRC, which was operationalized less than two years ago, continues to build capacity. Funding is necessary to fully realize the growing demand for services, and to provide training for the staff to deal with the increasingly complex needs of the senior population.

The Executive Office on Aging submitted its report on the effectiveness of the ADRCs in each county. A briefing on the data and its analysis would be helpful in understanding the areas in need of improvement.

Lanakila Pacific has served Hawaii's communities for over 77-years. As an Aging and Disability Resource Center service provider, Lanakila Meals on Wheels served more than 2,500 Hawaii kupuna last year. More than 45% of the kupuna who responded to our 2016 survey reported the meal they received from Lanakila Meals on Wheels was the only meal they ate that day. More than 50% reported our staff or volunteer was the only person they saw that day.

With the anticipated growth and demand to care for Hawaii's kupuna, we urge you to advance HB 612. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian E. Tsuji  
President & CEO

Lori Lau  
Director, Meals on Wheels

February 8, 2017/9:00 p.m.  
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**House Committee on Human Services  
House Committee on Health**

To: Rep. Dee Morikawa, Chair (HUS)  
Rep. Chris Todd, Vice Chair (HUS)  
Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair (HLT)  
Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair (HLT)

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

**Re: HB612 – Testimony in Support**

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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 HB612 which appropriates funds for the aging and disability resource center.

The State of Hawai'i's Aging and Disability Resource Center is an important program that streamlines access to resources essential for older adults, individuals with disabilities, and family caregivers. Hawai'i Pacific Health supports HB612 which enables the Aging and Disability Resource Center to continue and expand its important work to provide community based solutions to older adults and individuals with disabilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



The House  
Committee on Human Services  
Committee on Health  
Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2017  
9:00 a.m.  
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To: Rep. Dee Morikawa, Chair  
Rep. Della Belatti, Chair

RE: **HB 612 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER**

I am Audrey Suga-Nakagawa, Advocacy Director for AARP Hawaii. AARP is a membership organization of people age fifty and over with more than 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 612 appropriates \$1,710,000 for the Aging and Disability Resource Centers which are operated by the county area agencies throughout the State. It serves as a single entry point to long term care support and services.

AARP Hawaii **strongly supports HB 612**. The ADRC provides a critical access for the public to obtain needed information and resources for their long term care services and support. This one-stop shop helps people identify and navigate the available community resources, understand the different options, and obtain the appropriate care that best meet their needs.

We support that the ADRC be fully funded to continue the statewide buildout for all four counties.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support.



**February 8, 2017 at 9:00 AM**  
**Conference Room 329**

**House Committee on Human Services**  
**House Committee on Health**

To: Chair Dee Morikawa  
Vice Chair Chris Todd

Chair Della Au Belatti  
Vice Chair Bertrand Kobayashi

**Re: Testimony in Support**  
**HB 612, Making an Appropriation for the Aging and Disability Resource Center**

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 committees for the opportunity to **support** HB 612, which would provide an appropriation to continue their implementation of a statewide aging and disability resource center (ADRC) that ensures that the body is fully functional and serves as a single entry point for individuals and families seeking long-term supports and services. The ADRCs that have been established across the counties have proven to be an invaluable resource in streamlining access to long-term supports and services for our seniors and their caregivers. Ensuring adequate funding for this project is important because it will help to connect users with the full menu of services available in the continuum of care, in particular home- and community-based services that help seniors live more full, independent lives.

We humbly ask for your support on this matter. Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.



## CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

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

Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair  
Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair  
Committee on Health

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

DATE: Wednesday, February 8, 2017 (9:00 a.m., Room 329)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of HB 612, Making an Appropriation for the Aging and Disability Resource Center**

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 612**, to provide funding for the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC).

Aging & Disability Resource Centers (ADRC's) are being developed to serve as single entry points for individuals who need information about long term support services. The role of the ADRC's is critical, especially as they serve as the sole entry point to become eligible to receive Kupuna Care services.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i is a current provider of Kupuna Care transportation and homemaker services for frail elders. Both of these services require that elders must be assessed and authorized through the Honolulu ADRC in order to initiate or continue services. Catholic Charities Hawaii supports funding for the ADRCs in order to help them continue to work toward effectively meeting the needs of kupuna and their caregivers.

**Catholic Charities Hawai'i supports funding of \$1.71M for Aging & Disability Resource Centers.**

- We recommend that some of the funding from HB 612 be used for additional training of ADRC staff so that they may continue to improve their skills and knowledge to help them in conducting assessments and referrals.
- We also hope that an informational briefing will be scheduled for the Executive Office on Aging's report to the Legislature, "Pursuant to HB 1878, Act 138 Requiring the Executive Office on Aging to Evaluate the Effectiveness of the Aging and Disability Resource Centers in Each County and to Report on the Implementation of the Federal No



Wrong Door/Aging and Disability Resource Center Network Implementation Grant” so that we may learn more about the progress of the ADRC’s.

<http://health.hawaii.gov/opppd/files/2016/10/Act-138-EOA-Annual-Report-111416.pdf>

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.<sup>i</sup>
- The funding requested in HB 612 will provide **services for THOUSANDS of kupuna and their caregivers.**
- **The same amount of funding would only pay for nursing home care for 13 individuals.**

Catholic Charities Hawai`i asks for your support of HB 612. For more information or questions, please contact Diane Terada, Division Administrator, at 527-4702.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

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

**TO :** HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES  
Rep Dee Morikawa, Chair  
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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
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**FROM:** Eldon L. Wegner, Ph.D.,  
Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition (HFCC)

**SUBJECT: HB 612 Making an Appropriation of \$1,710,000 in the 2017 and 2018 Budget years for the Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC's)**

**HEARING:** 9:00 am Wednesday , February 8, 2017  
Conference Room 329, Hawaii State Capitol

**POSITION:** The Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition **strongly supports HB 612** which proposes an appropriations for the Aging and Disability Resource Centers.

**RATIONALE:**

I am offering testimony on behalf of the Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition (HFCC), which is a coalition of agencies and individuals committed to addressing the needs of family caregivers and improving the ability of family caregivers to provide quality care for their frail and disabled loved ones.

- The request of \$1,710,000 for **ADRC development** is also included in the Governor's budget.
- The funds will be distributed to each of the four counties to continue to implement the Executive Office on Aging's statewide plan to achieve fully functioning ADRC's in the four counties.
- These centers provide the one-stop access to families facing the crisis of disabling conditions to receive needs assessment, information and referral to programs and resources. The ADRC's in Hawaii have shown to be a significant help to families and our vulnerable elderly. Their development also includes many improvements to standardizing protocols and data collection, making possible closer monitoring of programs and systematic evaluation of outcomes.
- The ADRC's statewide are making strong progress for reaching federal recognition of meeting criteria for full-functioning. Maui was the first to reach this goal and has benefitted from additional Affordable Act funds, Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements, and eligibility for federal grants. Kauai has also achieved federal recognition and is benefiting from this status. The Honolulu ADRC has made rapid progress and the Hawaii County is also close to being fully functioning, but need continued appropriations to achieve completion.

The Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition urges you to approve this appropriation.  
Thank you.





TO: House Committee on Human Services, Rep. Dee Morikawa, Chair and Committee on Health, Rep. Della Belatti, Chair

FROM: Barbara Dove, 1720 Ala Moana Blvd. #1406A, Honolulu

DATE: Feb. 8, 2017 at 9 a.m in Conference Room 329

RE: HB612 Aging and Disability Resource Center

Chairs Morikawa and Belatti and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support for HB612, requesting continued funding for the Aging and Disability Resource Center. **I strongly support this bill and would appreciate your support.**

It is very difficult to find the right source of help in the community when you need it. Our kupuna, disabled and family caregivers may not be able to “surf the internet” to find the support and services they may need. A single source of information is best for providing information on long-term care options.

My name is Barbara Dove and I am a concerned resident of Hawaii. Although I have lived in Hawaii over 20 years, I wouldn't know where to start looking for information about long-term care options. I am comfortable using the internet to do research, but it would be great to know there is one resource center, supported by the State of Hawaii, that could give me the best and most current information. It can be overwhelming “surfing the net” and you just don't know what organization or company you may be looking at from a fraud prospective. Continuing to have a State of Hawaii resource center would be must more beneficial and reassuring.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to submit my testimony and I urge you to support HB612.

Sincerely,

Barbara Dove

Waikiki

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William Beadle  
1720 Ala Moana, 1406A  
Honolulu, HI 96815

To: House Committee on Human Services, Rep. Dee Morikawa, Chair and Committee on Health, Rep. Della Belatti, Chair

Date: February 8, 2017, 9 a.m., Room 329

RE: HB612

The purpose of this correspondence is to express my **strong support for HB612**, which provides funding for the Aging and Disability Resource Centers. ADRCs are a vital one stop shop for persons seeking information and advice about services for themselves or loved ones. The ability to make one phone call to a resource center and be directed to the right agency or program is a time and money saver for both client and provider. ADRCs provide a smooth entrance into the support systems necessary for our elderly and disabled populations, speeding access to services.

I am in support of HB612, because ADRCs are an efficient way to steer clients to service providers.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for HB612.

Aloha,

Bill Beadle

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To: House Committee on Human Services and Committee on Health

Date: February 8, 2017

Re: HB 612- Relating to the Aging and Disability Resource Center

Chairs: Rep Dee Morikawa; Rep. Delta Belatti and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HB 612 Relating to Aging and Disability Resource Center. My name is Chalintorn N. Burian, Ph.D. and I am a retiree. I live in Paauli-Mauka on the Big Island. The passage of this bill is vital as:

- Relating to Aging: The Kupuna Care program provides a safety net for the "gap group" that has thousands of aging Hawaii residents who can't afford to pay for services but do not qualify for Medicaid and other resources. There are 277,000 people over age 60, and this program is a cost-effective way to prevent the majority of seniors from falling into poverty, from being placed in a nursing home and allows them to age in place at home with their loved ones. More funding is needed for Kupuna Care program, so that more people can benefit from it.

- Relating to Aging and Disability Resource Center: ADRCs help caregivers and individuals as it's like a "one stop shop" for information about long-term care and caregiving options. On the Big Island, we are fortunate to have an ADRC in Hilo. We need more ADRCs in other locations, and to make sure that potential users know about this service, which will help reduce the frustration in navigating Hawaii's complicated long-term care system.

I urge you to support caregivers by voting **YES** on HB 612

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**TESTIMONEY IN SUPPORT OF HB 612:  
APPROPRIATION FOR THE AGING AND  
DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER**

**To:** Representative Dee Morikawa, Chair, Committee on Human Services, and Committee Members; Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair, Committee on Health and Committee Members

**Date:** Feb 8, 2017

**RE: Hearing, Wednesday, February 8, 2017; 9:00 a.m.; CR 329**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in **strong support** of HB 612 Relating to Making an Appropriation for the Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs). My name is Anna Filler and I retired two years ago at the age of 75.

**Purpose:** (1) ADRCs provide people with access to needed information to navigate the available community resources and services and obtain the appropriate care that they need; (2) Critical component of the long term care system infrastructure in linking people to needed services; and (3) Reduces duplicity and increases better coordination to services and care.

**Aging and Disability resource Centers** are one stop shops for long term care information and resources. Helps individuals and their families to identify their long-term supports and service needs, understand their support options (including public and privately funded programs), and develop and activate long-term support and service plans. It is operated by the County Area Agencies on Aging in all 4 counties.

There is concern whether the Honolulu ADRC is operating effectively and efficiently, and making progress. Additional funding is needed to continue the ADRCs in the future due to the increasing number of aging seniors that will need assistance.

I urge you to support Hawaii's growing senior population by supporting HB 612.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

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TO: House Committee on Human Services, Representative Dee Morikawa, Chair  
House Committee on Health, Representative Della Au Bellati, Chair  
Date: Wednesday, February 8, 2017, State Capitol Conference Room 329, 9 am  
RE: HB612 APPROPRIATION FOR THE AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

To Chair Morikawa, Chair Bellati and Members of the Committees,

I am writing in support HB612, appropriation for the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) because individuals and families need a source for information on their long term care services and supports. My name is Paul Nishimura and I am a 59 year old resident of Waipahu. The ADRC provides a one stop shop to help navigate available community resources and appropriate care.

I heard numerous times that people did not know about all the services that were available through government and non-profit providers. People need a resource they can go to that will match them up with the appropriate provider when time is critical. It is a waste of time and an unneeded source of stress form them to go from agency to agency in search of information.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Paul Nishimura  
Waipahu

Joint Committees: House Committee on Human Services, and  
Committee on Health

Chairs: Rep Dee Morikawa, Chair and Rep Della Belatti, Chair

Date: Feb 8, 2017

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Room: 329

**RE: HB 612 Relating to the Aging and Disability Resource  
Center**

Chair Morikawa, Chair Belatti and Committee members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in  
**STRONG SUPPORT** of HB 612 Relating to the Aging and  
Disability Resource Center.

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 needed to provide coordinated and  
knowledgeable advice to our seniors and in-home caregivers on  
the available and needed health programs and services. Limited  
kupuna mobility is a serious issue. A single point of contact is  
very important.

Thank you,

Geoffrey Casburn  
District of Hilo

Aloha Chair Morikawa, Vice Chair Todd, Chair Belatt, Vice Chair Kobayashi 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 serve on the PABEA Legislative Committee.

I'm testifying in strong support of HB612, an appropriation for the Aging and Disability Resource Center.

The ADRC's are the one stop shop for individuals to access services so vital to our aged and disabled residents.

The Centers are fully functioning on Maui and Kauai. Service identification and delivery continue to improve on the Big Island and Honolulu.

Please support the recommended supplement of the ADRC program and adding that supplement to the Base Budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Barbara J. Service



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**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON H.B. 612  
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE  
AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER**

The ILWU Local 142 **supports** H.B. 612, which makes an appropriation for the Aging and Disability Resource Center.

The Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) in each county are “one-stop shops” to assist caregivers and the elderly and disabled themselves to navigate and access needed services and resources. The ADRCs are run by the Area Agencies on Aging and may operate differently on each island, but the intent is to provide information and referral services for elderly and disabled individuals who need assistance to continue to live at home. Without funding for the ADRCs, those needing assistance will have to fend for themselves and may or may not be successful in finding appropriate resources. The alternative may be institutionalization, which is costly for the individual, and may involve Medicaid, which is costly for the State.

The ILWU urges passage of H.B. 612. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.