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COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES Representative Dee Morikawa, Chair Representative Chris Todd, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 15, 2017 9:30 am Room 329

HCR 35, TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO ASSESS CURRENT ELDER AND KUPUNA CARE SERVICES IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THOSE SERVICES AND MEET ANTICIPATED DEMAND

Good Morning, Chair Morikawa, Vice Chair Todd, and members of the Human Services Committee. Lanakila Pacific supports the resolution to convene a task force to assess the current elder and kupuna care services to improve those services and meet anticipated demand.

We all know that the senior population and demand for services continue to grow; however, we lack sufficient data to understand and plan for future needs.

As a Kupuna Care service provider serving more than 2,500 participants per year, Lanakila Pacific has seen the demand for meals steadily increase to more than 360,000 meals per year. The community requires the information outlined in this reso to plan and prepare to address the future needs of kupuna.

Lanakila Pacific fully supports HCR 35 and the resources required to fulfill its requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian E. Tsuji President & CEO Lori Lau Director, Meals on Wheels



House of Representatives
Committee on Human Services
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Conference Room 329

To: Representative Dee Morikawa, Chair Representative Chris Todd, Vice-Chair

# RE: HCR 35 REQUESTING TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO ASSESS CURRENT ELDER AND KUPUNA CARE SERVICES AND ANTICIPATED DEMAND FOR SERVICES

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.

HCR 35 requests the University of Hawaii, Center on Aging to convene a task force to assess current elder and kupuna care services and the anticipated demand for those services in order to improve those services and meet anticipated demand.

AARP Hawaii testifies in support of HCR 35 and appreciates the opportunity to participate in this task force.

As Hawaii's older population continues to grow rapidly, there will be a growing demand for services to help keep our kupuna healthy and independent so that they can remain at home as long as possible. This means Hawaii must develop a workforce to take care of this aging population especially the Baby Boom generation. There will not be enough family members - the backbone of our long term system, to care of the increasing number of older adults. In 2010, there were 6.1 potential family caregivers for every 80 or older. By 2030, that ratio will fall to less than 3 to 1, and will further drop to 2 to 1 in 2050.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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# **UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM**

Legislative Testimony



Testimony Presented Before the House Committee on Human Services Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

By

Noreen Mokuau, Dean Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

HCR 35 – REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII CENTER ON AGING TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO ASSESS CURRENT ELDER AND KUPUNA CARE SERVICES AND THE ANTICIPATED DEMAND FOR THOSE SERVICES IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THOSE SERVICES AND MEET ANTICIPATED DEMAND.

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

As Dean of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM) Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work, I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Center on Aging's (COA) role in convening a task force to assess the current state of services for elders and kupuna as well as the anticipated future demand for the services. The COA's mission is to enhance the well-being of older adults through interdisciplinary and collaborative efforts in research, educational programs and service to the community. Its focus is often on applied, translational and community engaged research with attention on the multicultural populations of Hawai'i and the Asia Pacific Region. Among its priorities the Center seeks to provide state-of-the art information to policy makers, program managers, clinicians and the general public.

The Center would be pleased, as directed in HCR 35, "... to convene a task force to review the current elder and kupuna care services situation and anticipated demand for those services and determine requirements for adequate training, workforce expansion, service expansion, and financing to correct the current situation and meet anticipated demand."

With support from the legislature, the UHM COA can take a leading role in building capacity to respond to these elder and kupuna care issues. Potential members of the task force have been identified in HCR 35 and represent the leading figures in the State of Hawai'i's aging network. Based on this initial assessment of services, the COA and members of the task force will determine requirements for adequate training, workforce expansion, service expansion, and financing to address any current gaps in the system and meet anticipated demand. A final report on findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation will be provided.

I recommend the following **amendments** for your consideration:

- The addition of the Dean of the Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work or the Dean's designee to the task force membership.
- Allocation of \$150,000 to support one fulltime researcher and associated research costs.