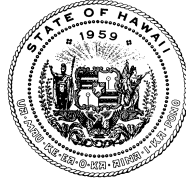


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**Testimony COMMENTING on HB1916, HD1  
Relating to Health**

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Hearing Date: March 1, 2018  
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- 1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department  
2 of Health would like to provide comments on HB1916, HD1. We support the intent of this  
3 measure provided that its enactment does not reduce or replace priorities within the  
4 Administration's executive biennium budget.
- 5 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure appropriates funds for FY19 for the Executive Office on  
6 Aging to update the state plan on Alzheimer's disease and related dementias in the amount of  
7 \$175,000.
- 8 **Purpose and Justification:** Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the  
9 United States and it affects 27,000 Hawaii residents, a number that will increase to 35,000 by the  
10 year 2025. In addition, an estimated 66,000 unpaid caregivers in Hawaii provide 74,000,000  
11 hours of unpaid care each year. While the *Hawaii 2025: State Plan Alzheimer's Disease and*  
12 *Related Dementias* identifies strategies in addressing the multifaceted issues in dealing with the

1 disease, the services and activities needed requires leadership and coordination at a systemic  
2 level. Resources are needed to better facilitate and coordinate the collaborative activities to  
3 implement and update the Alzheimer's disease and related dementias state plan as well as fulfill  
4 the new reporting requirements.

5 **Recommendation:** Funding for updating the Alzheimer's disease and related dementias state  
6 plan is not a part of the Administration's budget request. We support advancing this measure  
7 provided that its enactment does not reduce or replace priorities with the Administration's  
8 budget request.

9 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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To: Committee on Finance  
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Date: March 1, 2018

RE: HB 1916 HD 1– ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS;  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING; APPROPRIATION  
Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT

On behalf of the Alzheimer’s Association, Aloha Chapter, we **STRONGLY SUPPORT** HB 1916 HD1 that requires the Executive Office on Aging to update the State Plan on Alzheimer’s Disease and related dementias with a necessary appropriation for its implementation and update.

Alzheimer’s Disease and related dementias has become an urgent public health issue in America and Hawaii.

- The burden is large as there are approximately 5.5 million people in America, or 1 in 10 Americans aged 65 and older; with about 27,000 in Hawaii living with the disease. By 2025 the burden grows larger as it is projected that 35,000 Hawaii residents will have the disease.
- There is a major impact on the community as there are approximately 66,000 unpaid family caregivers of the disease in Hawaii. These caregivers provide an estimated 20 hours per week of care and 75 million hours per year. The Medicaid costs for caring for Hawaii residents in 2017 is estimated at \$196 million.
- It is the sixth leading cause of death in the nation. 1 in 3 Hawaii kupuna will die from the disease. The number of people affected will continue to rise as the baby boomers grow older.
- Intervention is possible, but largely has not happened. The issues were identified in the Hawaii Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias State Plan released by the Department of Health in 2014.

Unfortunately, the State Plan has been sitting on the shelf for four years. The next step is to implement the Plan by translating the recommendations into actual policies and see that it is carried out. Hawaii will need to enact legislation and develop regulations to improve dementia capability. The last step focuses on executing the programs and enforcement of policies outlined in the State Plan and mandated through legislative and regulatory change.

We urge you to pass this bill. Doing so will allow the Executive Office on Aging to enact legislation, develop regulations, and execute programs. The alternative is to do

nothing and wait to the absolute last minute when the sheer number of people with dementia and Alzheimer's overwhelms Hawaii.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C Payne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter