

HB1916 HD2

Measure Title: RELATING TO HEALTH.

Report Title: Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias;
Executive Office on Aging; Appropriation (\$)

Description: Requires the Executive Office on Aging to annually update the state plan on Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. Appropriates funds. (HB1916 HD2)

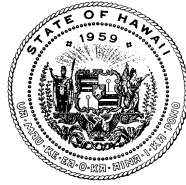
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Testimony COMMENTING on HB1916, HD2
Relating to Health

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
SENATOR JILL N. TOKUDA, VICE CHAIR

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

Hearing Date: March 20, 2018
9:00 am

Room Number: 229

- 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, HD2. 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 an unspecified level of funds for FY19 for the
6 Executive Office on Aging to update the state plan on Alzheimer's disease and related
7 dementias.
- 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.



St. Francis

HEALTHCARE SYSTEM OF HAWAII
A Legacy of Caring for Hawaii's People

Testifier's Name: Gary Simon
Director of Corporate Affairs and Advocacy
St. Francis Healthcare System

Testimony Is Directed To: Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection,
and Health

Measure: **HB 1916 HD 2**
Requires the Executive Office on Aging to annually update
the *State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease and Related
Dementias*. Appropriates funds.

Date & Time of Hearing: Tuesday, March 20, 2018, 9:00 a. m.

Location: State Capitol Conference Room 229

Position: St. Francis Healthcare System strongly supports **HB 1916
HD 2.**

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Tokuda, and Honorable Members of the Senate
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health:

I am Gary Simon, Director of Corporate Affairs and Advocacy for St. Francis Healthcare
System of Hawaii.

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

St. Francis Healthcare System wholeheartedly supports HB 1916 HD 2.

The bill requires the Executive Office on Aging to annually update the state plan on
Alzheimer's disease and related dementias and appropriates funds for EOA to do so.

My wife and I have been caring for her 102 year old mother, who has had progressive
dementia since 1994, i. e. the last twenty-four years. Needless to say, my wife has over
the last two plus decades become a beleaguered, but compassionate and loving
caregiver.

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.

In 2014, the 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.

Sadly, the State Plan has been "stuck in the mud".

An array of dementia services is available in our Hawaiian Islands. However, numerous gaps in vital services exist. Many of these gaps and resolutions already have been identified in the ADRD State Plan. Implementation of the plan and the activities to fill those gaps in services require coordination and resources. HB 1916 HD 2 offers a next step in terms of implementing the recommendations identified by more than forty key stakeholders and executing the actions that would make Hawaii more dementia capable and friendly. The act would allow EOA to enact legislation, develop regulations and plan and implement essential programs.

We must make the needs of families affected by Alzheimer's disease and related dementias a State-wide priority. The current number of individuals affected will only continue to rise as the baby boomers continue to age. This increase in the number of individuals affected by dementia and related disorders will continue to beleaguer our families and our community. We will pay immense costs for the care of individuals with dementia.

The State Plan can guide us to spend private and public funds efficiently and wisely. It can assist us with ensuring that our programs are planned, implemented, operated, and coordinated well and are based upon good policy

We urge you to support HB 1916 HD 2 and to recommend its passage, and we thank you for seriously considering the Bill.

Very sincerely,

Gary Simon 03/16/2018
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To: Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, & Health
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Date: March 16, 2018

RE: HB 1916 HD 2– RELATED TO HEALTH
Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT

On behalf of the Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter, we **STRONGLY SUPPORT** HB 1916 HD2 that requires the Executive Office on Aging to implement and update the State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias with a necessary appropriation to do such.

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 28,000 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.

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Christine Payne
Executive Director
Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter



March 18, 2018

To: COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair

Re: **Strong Support for HB1916 HD2**

Hrg: March 20, 2018 at 9:00am at Conference Room 229

The Hawaii Public Health Association is a group of over 600 community members, public health professionals and organizations statewide dedicated to improving public health. HPHA also serves as a voice for public health professionals and as a repository for information about public health in the Pacific.

HPHA strongly supports HB1916 HD2, which 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 is a growing public health epidemic and is now the nation's sixth leading cause of death. Here in Hawaii, more than 27,000 individuals live with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia and 1 in 3 kupuna will die from the disease. In addition, there are over 66,000 unpaid family caregivers within our state, and the numbers will grow exponentially as our population ages.

We must intervene before it's too late; The State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease was released by the Department of Health in 2014 and has essentially been sitting on the back burner. Despite the array of dementia services available in the community, there are still numerous gaps in services. Many of these gaps and resolutions have already been identified in the ADRD State Plan. Implementation of the plan and the activities to fill those gaps in services require coordination and resources. HB1916 offers a next step in terms of implementing the recommendations identified by more than 40 key stakeholders and carrying out actions that would make Hawaii more dementia capable. The act would allow EOA to enact legislation, develop regulations and execute much-needed programs.

We strongly urge you to pass this bill. Although we currently have many worthy and important issues to address in the state, we can not continue to neglect the needs of families affected by Alzheimer's disease or related dementias. 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 our families and on our community as we are left to pay hefty costs for the care of individuals with dementia.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on important health issues affecting people in Hawaii'i.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Holly Kessler'.

Holly Kessler, Executive Director
Hawaii'i Public Health Association

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Testimony for CPH on 3/20/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susannah Woolway	Testifying for Ohana Home Health LLC	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha from Kauai,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 1916 HD2. I am pleased to testify in full support for HB1916 HD2, which requires the Executive Office on Aging to implement and update the State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias with a necessary appropriation to do such.

As the owner and administrator of a Medicare home health agency on Kauai, I have first hand knowledge of the struggles families go through when dealing with a loved one with Alzheimers. I receive calls, almost on a daily basis, from families who are desparate and struggling to keep their family member home and safe. I don't believe that anyone wants to put their parent, siblings, spouse, friend in a skilled nursing facility. The burden placed on families, when dealing with the day-to-day challenges of a loved one who has this terrible diagnosis, can be, and often are catastrophic, both emotional and financially.

Despite the array of dementia services available in the community, there are still numerous gaps in services. Many of these gaps and resolutions have already been identified in the ADRD State Plan. Implementation of the plan and the activities to fill those gaps in services require coordination and resources. HB1916 offers a next step in terms of implementing the recommendations identified by more than 40 key stakeholders and carrying out actions that would make Hawaii more dementia capable. The act would allow EOA to enact legislation, develop regulations and execute much-needed programs. Living on an Outer Island such as Kauai, only amplifies the need for more support services.

Hawaii is renowned nationwide for its love of O'hana. We cannot put off any longer the need to update and support the State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease. Our community and family need more supports put in NOW. 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.

Please support HB1916 with your full backing. Feel free to contact me either through email or by phone if there is anything I can do to help move this Bill along,

Respectfully submitted,

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Submitted on: 3/19/2018 7:59:06 AM

Testimony for CPH on 3/20/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

To the Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair; the Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health:

Good morning, my name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee ("OCC") on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii ("DPH"). Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on **HB1916 HD2** relating to Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias; Executive Office on Aging; and an appropriation.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in support of **HB1916 HD2** and is in favor of its passage.

HB1916 HD2 is in accord with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it requires the Executive Office on Aging to annually update the state plan on Alzheimer's disease and related dementias; and appropriates funds.

Specifically, the DPH Platform provides that "[w]e support the establishment of adequate mental health and statewide drug rehabilitation programs set up in conjunction with policing policies aimed at enabling all that seek assistance to obtain whatever support assistance is needed to allow them to remain free of drug dependence." (Platform of the DPH, P. 7, Lines 382-384 (2016)).

As **HB1916 HD2** requires the Executive Office on Aging to annually update the state plan on Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, and appropriates funds, it is the position of the OCC Legislative Priorities Committee to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Melodie Aduja

Melodie Aduja, Chair, OCC Legislative Priorities Committee

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March 19, 2018

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RE: HB 1916 HD 2 – RELATING TO HEALTH

Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 1916 HD2. I am pleased to testify in full support for HB1916 HD2, which requires the Executive Office on Aging to implement and update the State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias with a necessary appropriation to do such.

At Manoa Cottage Kaimuki, we specialize in the care of residents with Alzheimer's and other dementias. I see that there is an immediate need for proactive action by the Executive Office of Aging is necessary to help the citizens with Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias.

Alzheimer's disease is a growing epidemic and is now the nation's sixth leading cause of death. Here in Hawaii, more than 28,000 individuals live with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia and 1 in 3 kupuna will die from the disease. In addition to such, there are over 66,000 unpaid family caregivers within our state. And the numbers will grow exponentially as our population ages.

We must intervene before it's too late. The State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease was released by the Department of Health in 2014 and has essentially been sitting on the back burner. Despite the array of dementia services available in the community, there are still numerous gaps in services. Many of these gaps and resolutions have already been identified in the ADRD State Plan. Implementation of the plan and the activities to fill those gaps in services require coordination and resources. HB1916 offers a next step in terms of implementing the recommendations identified by more than 40 key stakeholders and carrying out actions that would make Hawaii more dementia capable. The act would allow EOA to enact legislation, develop regulations and execute much-needed programs.

We strongly urge you to pass this bill. Although we currently have many worthy and important issues to address in the state, we can not continue to neglect the needs of families affected by Alzheimer's disease or related dementias. 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.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Calvin M. Hara
Executive Director and Administrator

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Testimony for CPH on 3/20/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lynda Barry	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 1916 HD2. I am pleased to testify in full support for HB1916 HD2, which requires the Executive Office on Aging to implement and update the State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias with a necessary appropriation to do such.

My father was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease four years ago, and the decline in his mental health and cognitive abilities has been both rapid and alarming. Even in that short time he has reached he stage where he frequently cannot recognize his own children.

Alzheimer's disease is a growing epidemic and is now the nation's sixth leading cause of death. Here in Hawaii, more than 28,000 individuals live with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia and 1 in 3 kupuna will die from the disease. In addition to such, there are over 66,000 unpaid family caregivers within our state. And the numbers will grow exponentially as our population ages.

We must intervene before it's too late. The State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease was released by the Department of Health in 2014 and has essentially been sitting on the back burner. Despite the array of dementia services available in the community, there are still numerous gaps in services. Many of these gaps and resolutions have already been identified in the ADRD State Plan. Implementation of the plan and the activities to fill those gaps in services require coordination and resources. HB1916 offers a next step in terms of implementing the recommendations identified by more than 40 key stakeholders and carrying out actions that would make Hawaii more dementia capable. The act would allow EOA to enact legislation, develop regulations and execute much-needed programs.

We strongly urge you to pass this bill. Although we currently have many worthy and important issues to address in the state, we can not continue to neglect the needs of families affected by Alzheimer's disease or related dementias. 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.

Thank you,

Lynda Barry

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Testimony for CPH on 3/20/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elaine Aotaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Re: HB1916 HD2-Relating to Health

Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 1916 HD2. I am pleased to testify in full support of HB1916 HD2, which requires the Executive Office on Aging (EOA) to implement and update the State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias with a necessary appropriation to do such.

Alzheimer's disease is now the nation's sixth leading cause of death. Here in Hawaii, more than 28,000 individuals live with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia and 1 in 3 kupuna will die from the disease. There are also over 66,000 unpaid family caregivers within our state. The numbers will increase tremendously as our population ages.

We must intervene before it is too late. HB1916 offers a next step in terms of implementing the recommendations identified by more than 40 key stakeholders and carrying out actions that would make Hawaii more dementia capable. The act would allow EOA to enact legislation, develop regulations and execute much needed programs.

I strongly urge you to pass this bill. Although we currently have many worthy and important issues to address in the state, we cannot continue to neglect the needs of families affected by Alzheimer's disease or related dementias. 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 left to pay hefty costs for the care of individuals with dementia.

Mahalo,

Elaine Aotaki

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Testimony for CPH on 3/20/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melany Melakea	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I completely support HB1916 HD2. The Executive Office on Aging must update and carry out the State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease (and other dementias) and approve funds to fulfill that task.

The ADRD plan published four years ago was a good start. Without implementation, though, it is just hollow promises. The recommendations already submitted must be coordinated and carried out. We have about a 100,000 people in Hawaii who either have dementia or are caregiving. Many have had to quit their jobs to tend to a family member. Programs can be created to fill gaps in services and can also help us to better utilize resources that are already available. Let's handle this situation while we still can. Our population is aging and the numbers of Alzheimer's patients will steadily increase.

As a facilitator of a caregivers' support group for eight years, I have seen so much need and confusion in families that are suddenly thrown into frightening emotional and financial turmoil while trying to understand how to care for their loved one with this terrible disease.

Please pass HB1916 HD2.

Thank you for your attention and service to the people of Hawaii.

Melany Melakea

HB-1916-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2018 8:17:12 PM

Testimony for CPH on 3/20/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Althea Chinen Childs	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Senator Roz Baker

Re: HB1916 HD2

Mahalo for the opportunity to send in my testimony in full support of HB1916 HD2 which requires the Executive Office on Aging to implement and update the State plan on Alzheimer's disease and related dementia with the necessary appropriations do do such.

My mother was diagnosed with early onset of the Alzheimer's disease at age 59. Upon hearing the news my sister and I decided that we would care for mother until she passed on. Next month we will be celebrating her 82nd birthday with her, she has been living with the disease for 21 years. We have made a huge commitment and great many sacrifices in order to keep mother at home. Although she no longer remembers us her 3rd generation of grandchildren are able to see their Tutu and know a part of her through our eyes and stories we share with them. I have also been blessed to have positive sibling support from my sister & her husband.

Since the disease I have become more conscious of the many kupunas, eg, my mother's siblings, cousins and friends who have passed away from either Alzheimer's or related dementia. I have been in discussions with individuals who have shared the difficulty of caring for their loved one and not being able to afford respite support for themselves; For one, as the sole caregiver, she ended up passing on before her parent. Caregiving is a stressful responsibility and should not be looked at lightly.

The future requires that we take a hard look at the effects aging Kupunas will have on their families and the community if there is a lack of supportive programs to assist future generations of caregivers.

I urge you to support this bill so EOA can move forward to develop & implement much needed programs Mahalo for your time.

Aloha. Althea Chinen Childs

Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair

Hearing Date: March 20, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., Conference Room 229

RE: HB1916 H.D. 2 - Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias; Executive Office on Aging; Appropriation

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of HB1916, H.D. 2. My name is Lyn Moku. I am testifying as a family caregiver and an advocate for our Kupuna and family caregivers.

The *National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease*, signed into law by President Obama in January 2011, set forth five goals, including the development of effective prevention and treatment approaches for Alzheimer's disease and related dementias by 2025. This is a national plan, not a federal one, because reducing the burden of Alzheimer's will require the active engagement of both the public and private sectors.

The Hawaii 2025: State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease & Related Dementias dated December 2013 was the result of a group of community stakeholders collaborating since 2011 to identify challenges and barriers and seek solutions for the ever-increasing threat of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias in Hawaii. The Hawaii Executive Office on Aging provided staff support and coordination and was committed to continue to prioritize the implementation of Hawaii's first plan. The plan was released by the Executive Office on Aging and endorsed by Governor Abercrombie and former Executive of Aging director Wesley Lum.

The State Plan laid the foundation for all sectors of our state to "...increase early and accurate diagnosis of dementia, support research efforts, improve treatment after diagnosis, support our family caregivers, improve healthcare delivery systems, expand access to crucial home and community-based services, and provide housing, financial and legal services that are affordable and accessible to all."

As noted in the *Next Steps: Discussion* of the Hawaii 2025: State Plan, "...The Hawaii Executive Office on Aging will continue to provide staff support to keep implementation moving forward, convene groups, set agendas and identify champions. Additionally, Executive Office on Aging and strategic partners will collaborate to: celebrate and publicize the state plan; inventory existing statewide services and gaps to being dementia capable; and, seek funding and partners for a public awareness campaign." It is a good plan, but it needs to be implemented and annual progress reported.

HB1916, H.D. 2 addresses the need for additional resources for the Executive Office on Aging to take the lead and implement the state plan; to solicit input from task forces and work groups formed, families affected by Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, and members of the medical community. Like the national plan, our state plan will require the efforts from all sectors. One agency or group cannot accomplish the goals of this plan. We need to work together. We need to collaborate, improve communications and be transparent in our dealings with each other.

Within three years of being diagnosed with early dementia, my mother was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and I became her primary caregiver. I was also working full-time and became her legal guardian. As the disease progressed and she required 24/7 supervised care we had to place my mother in a foster home. Within ten years her mind and body were destroyed by Alzheimer's disease and she passed away. I know how devastating dementia and Alzheimer's disease can be for the person, their families and

friends, and for family and professional caregivers. The financial, emotional, mental and physical cost to care for someone with this disease is more than most people can afford, and there are not enough services to meet the needs of our growing aging population.

Implementation of the *State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease & Related Dementias* is critically important. HB1916, H.D.2 would enable the Executive Office on aging to enact legislation and work collaboratively to meet the growing needs of people throughout the state affected by Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

In the same way that we will all become a caregiver and a care recipient, we will all be affected by dementia and Alzheimer's disease in some way. Please support HB1916, H.D.2.

Respectfully submitted,
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Testimony for CPH on 3/20/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nancy Rose	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
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RE: HB 1916 HD 2 – RELATING TO HEALTH

Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT

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My father endured a ten year decline into dementia and was cared for by his wife at home until he became too violent for her to care for. His options for professional care were limited to facilities with locked dementia units willing to take someone with violent displays.

Alzheimer’s disease is a growing epidemic and is now the nation’s sixth leading cause of death. Here in Hawaii, more than 28,000 individuals live with Alzheimer’s disease or a related dementia and 1 in 3 kupuna will die from the disease. In addition to such, there are over 66,000 unpaid family caregivers within our state. And the numbers will grow exponentially as our population ages.

We must intervene before it's too late. The State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease was released by the Department of Health in 2014 and has essentially been sitting on the back burner. Despite the array of dementia services available in the community, there are still numerous gaps in services. Many of these gaps and resolutions have already been identified in the ADRD State Plan. Implementation of the plan and the activities to fill those gaps in services require coordination and resources. HB1916 offers a next step in terms of implementing the recommendations identified by more than 40 key stakeholders and carrying out actions that would make Hawaii more dementia capable.

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Mahalo for your consideration,

Nancy Rose

HB-1916-HD-2

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Testimony for CPH on 3/20/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jessanie Marques	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

A year ago my husband at age 72 was diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's disease. His family history include father, auntie, uncle and grandparents. I'm in support of the five goals of the state plan on Alzheimer's and related dementia because as a caregiver, spouse and retired nurse implementation is extremely critical.

The annual update of the state plan, requiring the EOA to include a work plan and appropriating funds for the EOA would not only help prepare for the expected increase in individuals affected by Alzheimer's disease and related dementia, but it would benefit caregivers and families .

Thank you for this opportunity to share my personal experience and sincerely ask for your support of HB1916 HD2.

Sincerely,

Jessanie Marques