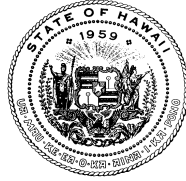


# SB2588

Measure Title: RELATING TO AGING.  
Report Title: Kupuna Caucus; Kupuna Care; Appropriation (\$)  
Description: Makes an appropriation to DOH for the kupuna care program.  
Companion: [HB1913](#)  
Package: Kupuna Caucus  
Current Referral: CPH/HMS, WAM  
Introducer(s): IHARA, S. CHANG, ENGLISH, HARIMOTO, KIM, NISHIHARA, RUDERMAN, TOKUDA, Espero, Gabbard, Green, Riviere, Taniguchi

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**Testimony COMMENTING on SB2588**  
**Relating to Aging**

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH  
SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR  
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Testimony of Terri Byers  
Director, Executive Office on Aging  
Attached Agency to the Department of Health

Hearing Date: February 5, 2018,  
3:10 PM

Room Number: 016

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 \$4,145,695 for FY19 for  
5 the Kupuna Care program.

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 proposed an increase for the Kupuna Care  
8 program of \$3,877,063 bringing the total of the base budget to \$8,731,368.

1 The Governor's package will include his funding request in the base budget, allowing the Area  
2 Agencies on Aging to efficiently plan and continuously procure Kupuna Care services rather  
3 than waiting to see if a separate appropriation is approved and released. In addition, the  
4 contracted service providers will have continual funding to address workforce capacity issues.  
5 As Hawaii's aging population continues to grow, the need for long term services and supports  
6 will increase. The growing number of older adults is likely to put a severe strain on the State's  
7 resources for long term services and supports. The health care cost for persons age 65 and older  
8 was estimated to be five times larger than the cost for persons younger than age 65.

9 Kupuna Care assists frail adults, age 60 and older to lead independent, meaningful, and dignified  
10 lives, by providing a continuum of home and community based services and supports. Its aim is  
11 to allow for aging in place, thus preventing or delaying the need for more expensive and more  
12 restrictive levels of care. Funding is critical as the population over age 60 is increasing rapidly.

13 Kupuna Care is comprised of nine core services namely personal care, homemaker, chore, home  
14 delivered meals, adult day care, case management, assisted transportation, regular transportation,  
15 and attendant care. These services support individuals in performing Activities of Daily Living  
16 (personal hygiene, dressing, eating, toileting, transferring). In SFY2017, Kupuna Care services  
17 was provided to 5,367 individuals, a 10% increase since FFY2015. The cost to serve 5,367 was  
18 \$7,401,365.00 or \$1,379 per person per year. Based on the Governor's budget request, the State  
19 could serve an additional 965 individuals.

20 **Recommendation:** EOA favors an increase in the base budget for Kupuna Care but humbly  
21 requests that SB2588 be advanced in the event that supplemental funding is necessary.

22 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**SB-2588**

Submitted on: 2/4/2018 9:31:16 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/5/2018 3:10:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities	Support	No

Comments:

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**Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health**

To: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair

**Senate Committee on Human Services**

To: Senator Josh Green, Chair  
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

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

**Re: Testimony in Support of SB 2588, Relating to Kupuna Caregivers Program**

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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 with over 70 locations statewide including medical centers, clinics, physicians and other caregivers serving Hawai'i and the Pacific Region with high quality, compassionate care. Its four medical centers – Kapi'olani, Pali Momi, Straub and Wilcox – specialize in innovative programs in women's health, pediatric care, cardiovascular services, cancer care, bone and joint services and more. Hawai'i Pacific Health is recognized nationally for its excellence in patient care and the use of electronic health records to improve quality and patient safety.

I am writing in support of SB 2588 which authorizes the executive office on aging to develop and establish the Kupuna Caregivers Program to assist community members who are providing care for elders.

Family caregivers play a major role in the State's health care system by providing long-term care to the elderly. According to the AARP, there are 154,000 unpaid family caregivers in Hawai'i. Numerous studies show that caregivers report higher levels of psychological distress and that caring for elderly family members over extended periods of time without compensation can lead to chronic stress. While family caregivers play a critical role in health care delivery, it is of equal importance that they take care of themselves and have necessary supports and services to sustain their own health as well as the health of the family member for which they are providing.

Hawai'i Pacific Health supports SB 2588 which begins the process of establishing a program to provide resources to a workforce of caregivers who provide critical health care to so many elders in Hawai'i.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony in support of SB 2588.

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**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON S.B. 2588  
RELATING TO AGING**

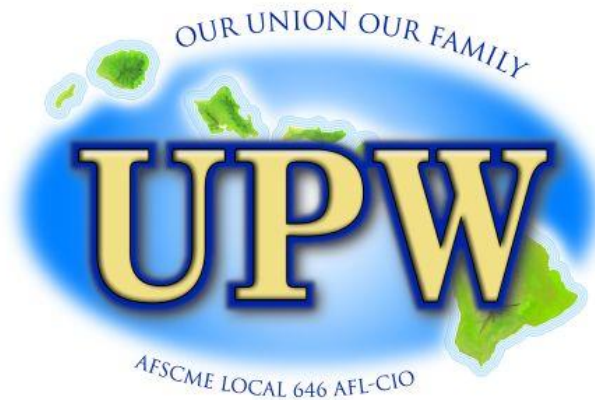
The ILWU Local 142 **supports** S.B. 2588, which makes an appropriation to the Department of Health for the Kupuna Care program.

Kupuna Care has been recognized as an effective program to keep seniors living at home (as most of them prefer) for as long as possible. By providing Kupuna Care services such as personal care, homemaking, chores, home-delivered meals, adult day care, case management, assisted transportation, regular transportation, and attendant care, the State is able to assist kupuna to remain in the community and avoid institutionalization, which can be costly for the elderly person and his/her family as well as for the State.

Most people who are forced to live in institutions like nursing homes are not able to afford the huge cost of such care, which can run \$11,000 a month or more. When their financial resources are exhausted, they end up applying for Medicaid. Taxpayers bear the burden for Medicaid costs, which are shared by both federal and state governments. As Hawaii's aged population continues to grow and more require institutional care, Medicaid costs will eat into State funding sources that could be used for other programs and needs.

Kupuna Care is a cost-effective and humane program that recognizes both the needs and desires of the kupuna themselves.

The ILWU urges passage of S.B. 2588. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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DATE OF HEARING: Monday, February 5, 2018  
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415 South Beretania Street  
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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB2588 RELATING TO AGING**

By DAYTON M. NAKANELUA,  
State Director of the United Public Workers (UPW),  
AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO

My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua, State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO. The UPW is the exclusive bargaining representative for approximately 12,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 01 and institutional, health and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and four counties. The UPW also represents about 1,500 members of the private sector.

SB2588 appropriates \$4,145,695 for FY 2018-2019 for the Kupuna Care program in addition to any portion of the base budget of the Executive Office on Aging. This investment



is a recognition of the increasing need for elderly services for Hawaii's growing population of persons over sixty years old. The effort by the Legislature and the state Administration to provide critical funding resources cannot be totally or adequately expressed in words. The UPW strongly supports SB2588.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.



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SB 2588, Relating to Aging

Monday, February 5, 2018, 3:10 PM

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From: Marian Tsuji, President & CEO

Re: **Support for SB 2588**

Lanakila Pacific is in support of **SB 2588** which will provide \$4.1 million funding to the Kupuna Care program in addition to the appropriation in the base budget of the Executive Office of Aging. Lanakila Meals on Wheels is partially funded through this program.

However, we continue to have concerns that the Kupuna Care program, which was enacted in 1999, still does not have administrative rules. We would be willing to assist Executive Office on Aging in drafting the rules.

Lanakila Pacific Meals on Wheels is a Kupuna Care program provider servicing more than 2,500 kupuna each year. Our average recipient is an 83-year old female of Asian or Pacific Island descent who is limited in at least two activities of daily living. Along with serving more than 360,000 nutritious meals each year, Lanakila Meals on Wheels also provides wellness checks, education, and referrals to needed resources.



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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health  
Senate Committee on Human Services  
Monday, February 5, 2018  
3:10 a.m.  
Conference Room 16

To: Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair  
Senator Josh Green, Chair  
Re: S.B. No. 2588, Relating to Aging

Dear Chairs Baker and Green, Vice-Chairs Tokuda and Chang, and Members of the Joint Committee,

My name is Kerry M. Komatsubara and I am the Advocacy Director for AARP Hawaii. AARP is a membership organization of people age fifty and over with about 150,000 members in Hawaii. AARP advocates for issues that matter to Hawaii families, including the high cost of long-term care; access to affordable, quality health care for all generations; and serving as a reliable information source on issues critical to people over the age of fifty.

AARP Hawaii strongly supports S.B. No. 2588 which appropriates \$4,145,695 to the Kupuna Care Program and we ask that the Legislature characterize this funding as part of the base budget.

The Kupuna Care Program helps older adults continue living at home by providing services such as transportation, personal care, home-delivered meals, case-management and attendant and home-maker care which support their daily needs to remain healthy and independent as possible.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of S.B. No. 2588.





**February 5, 2018 at 3:10 PM**  
**Conference Room 16**

**Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health**  
**Senate Committee on Human Services**

To: Chair Rosalyn H. Baker  
Vice Chair Jill N. Tokuda

Chair Josh Green  
Vice Chair Stanley Chang

From: Paige Heckathorn  
Senior Manager, Legislative Affairs  
Healthcare Association of Hawaii

Re: **Testimony in Support**  
**SB 2588, Relating to Aging**

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH), established in 1939, serves as the leading voice of healthcare on behalf of 170 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** SB 2588, which provides appropriations for the Kupuna Care program. Strong funding for home- and community-based services will be very important as the population of Hawaii ages. Since 1999, this important program has helped seniors and their families access integral services, such as personal care, home delivered meals and attendant care. The availability of these resources for the past years has been essential to ensuring that kupuna in Hawaii are able to access the care they need to live more fully and independently, and support working families. This funding is also critical to our entire continuum of care, making sure that patients receive appropriate in the home- and community-based setting.

We humbly request your continued support of this program. Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.



**SB 2588, Relating to Aging  
Senate CPH/HMS Committee Hearing  
Monday, Feb. 5, 2018 – 3:10 pm  
Conference Room 016  
Position: Support**

Chairs Baker and Green, and Members of the Joint CPH and HMS Committee:

I am Gregg Pacilio, PT and Board President of the Hawaii Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association (HAPTA), a non-profit professional organization serving more than 300 member Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants. Our members are employed in hospitals and health care facilities, the Department of Education school system, and private practice. We are movement specialists and are part of the spectrum of care for Hawaii, and provide rehabilitative services for infants and children, youth, adults and the elderly. Rehabilitative services are a vital part of restoring optimum functioning from neuromuscular and musculoskeletal injuries and impairments.

HAPTA supports the request for funding for the Kapuna care program to improve the quality of life of our aging kapuna by providing access to alternative options to traditional long-term care to provide a continuum of home and community based supports to encompass all kapuna and their caregivers.

As physical therapists who work directly with Hawaii's kapuna, we see the daily need for assistance with activities of daily living (ADL's) and instrumental activities of daily living (IADL's) that is not always addressed. This bill will give allow the resources necessary for all required services, including physical therapy, to reach the appropriate individuals, allowing for continued independence and improved function.

Your support of SB2588 is appreciated. Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Please feel free to contact Abi Leddy, HAPTA's Elder Care Chair at (214) 883-8329 for further information.



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TO: Senator Roz Baker, Chair  
Senator Josh Green, Chair  
Members of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health and Committee on Human Services

FROM: Ryan Kusumoto, Vice Chair, PHOCUSED

SUBJECT: **Testimony in Support of SB 2588 Relating to Aging**

Hearing: Monday, February 5, 2018  
3:10 pm  
Room 016

Chair Baker, Chair Green, and Members of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health and Committee on Human Services, thank you for the opportunity to testify in **strong support of SB 2588 Relating to Aging**.

PHOCUSED is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to increasing the safety for, visibility of, and investment in the children and adults in Hawaii who are marginalized, impoverished, and under-served. Our organization has been a leading voice in advocating for our kupuna since our formation, as the membership of PHOCUSED and our Board of Directors represent many of the major health and human service providers and peer organizations dedicated to serving the vulnerable populations across our state. As such, PHOCUSED is proud to strongly support this measure.

The purpose of SB 2588 is to make an appropriation of \$4.1M for FY 2018-19 for the Kupuna Care Program in addition to the base budget for kupuna care in the Executive Office on Aging.

The Kupuna Care Program was enacted in 1999 to help frail and vulnerable older adults remain in their homes and provided a continuum of home and community-based services to the kupuna and their families.

PHOCUSED is a membership and advocacy organization for health and human services in Hawaii, which works together with community stakeholders to collectively impact program and policy change for the most vulnerable in our state. Our commitment to the people is reflected in our name – Protecting Hawaii's 'Ohana, Children, Under-Served, Elderly, and Disabled. We are guided by the shared commitment of our members to protect the interests of Hawaii's people and the sector which seeks to provide them with quality programs and services.



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The base budget for the Kupuna Care Program is \$4.85M a year and has not increased since 2001. However, we know that number of elderly continues to rise and the demand for home and community based services continues to increase. The appropriation of \$4.1M for FY 2018-19 in addition to the base budget for the Kupuna Care Program will help an additional 3,600 kupuna and their families.

PHOCUSED supports adding the \$4.1M to the Executive Office on Aging's base budget so that the Area Agencies on Aging who are contracted to provide Kupuna Care services can continue to provide services without having to wait each year for the additional appropriation. Furthermore, they will have the confidence of hiring workers knowing that their funding is secure.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **support of SB 2588**.

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## CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

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

Senator Josh Green, Chair  
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

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

DATE: Monday, February 5, 2018 (3:10 p.m., Room 016)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2588, Relating to Aging**

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 SB 2588**, to provide additional funding for Kupuna Care services.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i is a current provider of Kupuna Care Transportation Services for frail elders. Through Kupuna Care, CCH Transportation Services also provide relief for caregivers, especially working caregivers who would otherwise have to take time off from work to take their elderly loved ones to medical and benefit appointments, do grocery shopping, pick up medications, and more.

Kupuna Care services addresses the overall community goal of helping seniors remain independent in the community and prevent more costly institutional care – as well as supporting caregivers. Kupuna Care services provide a safety net for all kupuna and their caregivers who cannot afford to pay for in-home and community based services and are unable to receive these services through other means.

The requested amount of **\$4,145,695** in SB 2588 will return funding to previous levels. This is critical since the demand for services continues to increase as the aging population increases.

And we also ask that consideration be given to put this funding amount into the base budget of the Department of Health, Executive Office on Aging (HTH904).

Catholic Charities Hawai'i asks for your support of SB 2588. For more information or questions, please feel free to email Diane Terada, Division Administrator, at [diane.terada@catholiccharitieshawaii.org](mailto:diane.terada@catholiccharitieshawaii.org) or call her via phone at 527-4702.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.





TO: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair  
Committee on Commerce, Consumer  
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RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2588, Relating to Aging**

I am 83 years old and receive Transportation Services through Catholic Charities Hawai'i. Please provide **more funding for Kupuna Care** services so seniors, like me, can remain independent and avoid expensive institutional care.

**Transportation Service is important to me because:**

It is important because I cannot walk that far to grocery store or to appointments. I have difficulty walking long distances.

***Please support Kupuna Care funding for seniors, like me, so we can continue to live well in the community! Mahalo.***

Print Name: NOBUKO CHING

City & Zip Code: Honolulu, HI, 96814 #511

TO: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
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RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2588, Relating to Aging**

I am 90 years old and receive Transportation Services through Catholic Charities Hawai'i. Please provide **more funding for Kupuna Care** services so seniors, like me, can remain independent and avoid expensive institutional care.

**Transportation Service is important to me because:**

I AM NOT AS MOBIL AS I USED TO BE.  
THE DRIVERS ARE HELPFUL IN ASSISTING IN ACCESS TO  
OFF & ON THE VAN.  
SEATS ARE GUARANTEED.

*Please support Kupuna Care funding for seniors, like me, so we can continue to live well in the community! Mahalo.*

Print Name: WAKI FURUMOTO

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RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2588, Relating to Aging**

I am 78 <sup>11 1/2 months old.</sup> years old and receive Transportation Services through Catholic Charities Hawai'i. Please provide **more funding for Kupuna Care** services so seniors, like me, can remain independent and avoid expensive institutional care.

**Transportation Service is important to me because:**

IT makes Life easier for me, since I Left Knee was causing pain, and arthritis, osteoporosis and neuropathy cause problems with my feet and legs.  
Thank you so much for this service to me that you supply.

*Please support Kupuna Care funding for seniors, like me, so we can continue to live well in the community! Mahalo.*

Print Name: Rena M Blank

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RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2588, Relating to Aging**

I am 94 years old and receive Transportation Services through Catholic Charities Hawai'i. Please provide more funding for Kupuna Care services so seniors, like me, can remain independent and avoid expensive institutional care.

Transportation Service is important to me because:

*To go shopping.*

*Please support Kupuna Care funding for seniors, like me, so we can continue to live well in the community! Mahalo.*

Print Name: Jean Karawawa

City & Zip Code: 96734

TO: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
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I am 94 years old and receive Transportation Services through Catholic Charities Hawai'i. Please provide **more funding for Kupuna Care** services so seniors, like me, can remain independent and avoid expensive institutional care.

**Transportation Service is important to me because:**

CONVENIENT, SECURED, FEEL SAFER, <sup>EASIER</sup> GETTING OFF & ON THE VAN.  
RECENTLY DEVELOPED ARTHRITIS ON MY HANDS & LEGS. IT'S A BLESSING TO HAVE SERVICE AS CATHOLIC CHARTY. & HELPFUL ALL STAFF MEMBERS I ENCOUNTERED ARE PLEASANT, TOO.

*Please support Kupuna Care funding for seniors, like me, so we can continue to live well in the community! Mahalo.*

Print Name: HATSUE ASATO

City & Zip Code: HONOLULU, 96814

TO: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
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RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2588, Relating to Aging**

I am 83 years old and receive Transportation Services through Catholic Charities Hawai'i. Please provide **more funding for Kupuna Care** services so seniors, like me, can remain independent and avoid expensive institutional care.

Transportation Service is important to me because:

I use my transportation to get to work. I can't get around without it. My car is VITAL to me. I just heard the Gov. say funding care was important.

*Please support Kupuna Care funding for seniors, like me, so we can continue to live well in the community! Mahalo.*

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Ruth Kiana

City & Zip Code:

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TO: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
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RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2588, Relating to Aging**

I am 74 years old and receive Transportation Services through Catholic Charities Hawai'i. Please provide **more funding for Kupuna Care** services so seniors, like me, can remain independent and avoid expensive institutional care.

**Transportation Service is important to me because:**

I cannot walk for more than 2 blocks and I use the Catholic Charities bus, which I'm happy for the service, and I also use it to take my self and my husband to the doctor's office, I used the Catholic bus for my Friday shopping. I really love the transportation service.

**Please support Kupuna Care funding for seniors, like me, so we can continue to live well in the community! Mahalo.**

Print Name: KWOK SAU LIN

City & Zip Code: HONOLULU HI. 96814-2257

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

Senator Josh Green, Chair  
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

DATE: Monday, February 5, 2018 (3:10 p.m., Room 016)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2588, Relating to Aging**

I am 78 years old and receive Transportation Services through Catholic Charities Hawai'i. Please provide **more funding for Kupuna Care** services so seniors, like me, can remain independent and avoid expensive institutional care.

**Transportation Service is important to me because:**

I USE IT FOR  
① Eye Doctor in Kapahulu AND Doctor's office AT <sup>1</sup> ~~Queen's~~ <sup>1</sup> MEDICAL CENTER  
② Shopping  
③ Excursion's once a month with THE LADIES OF "KISTAKIA LIST"  
AND THE SERVICE OF "CATHOLIC CHARITIES ARE VERY GOOD  
WHEN I NEED HELP OR TO GO SOMEWHERE, THE STAFF ARE  
HELPFUL.

***Please support Kupuna Care funding for seniors, like me, so we can continue to live well in the community! Mahalo.***

Print Name: ROSALINDA SAN MIGUEL

City & Zip Code: HONOLULU 96814



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

Senator Josh Green, Chair  
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

DATE: Monday, February 5, 2018 (3:10 p.m., Room 016)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2588, Relating to Aging**

I am 82 years old and receive Transportation Services through Catholic Charities Hawai'i. Please provide **more funding for Kupuna Care** services so seniors, like me, can remain independent and avoid expensive institutional care.

**Transportation Service is important to me because:**

When I go food shopping I'm glad to ride the Catholic Charities transportation because all the foods that I buy are heavy and having the van ride is a plus.

***Please support Kupuna Care funding for seniors, like me, so we can continue to live well in the community! Mahalo.***

Print Name: Mitsuko Suzuki

City & Zip Code: HONOLULU, 96814

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

Senator Josh Green, Chair  
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

DATE: Monday, February 5, 2018 (3:10 p.m., Room 016)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2588, Relating to Aging**

I am 69 years old and receive Transportation Services through Catholic Charities Hawai'i. Please provide **more funding for Kupuna Care** services so seniors, like me, can remain independent and avoid expensive institutional care.

**Transportation Service is important to me because:** I have congestive heart failure, diabetes II, Asthma, lymphedema bum ankles + bad left knee. Sometimes have trouble walking, get tired very easily. Need to go to doctors + shopping.

***Please support Kupuna Care funding for seniors, like me, so we can continue to live well in the community! Mahalo.***

Print Name: Gayle M. Tanoura

City & Zip Code: Hon., HI 96814

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

Senator Josh Green, Chair  
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

DATE: Monday, February 5, 2018 (3:10 p.m., Room 016)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2588, Relating to Aging**

I am 87 years old and receive Transportation Services through Catholic Charities Hawai'i. Please provide **more funding for Kupuna Care** services so seniors, like me, can remain independent and avoid expensive institutional care.

**Transportation Service is important to me because:**

*(my legs are very weak and -  
I have no confidence to go shopping my self,*

*Thank you  
Very much,*

***Please support Kupuna Care funding for seniors, like me, so we can continue to live well in the community! Mahalo.***

Print Name: KIM KIMIKO UEHARA

City & Zip Code: HONOLULU, HI 96814

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

Senator Josh Green, Chair  
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services

DATE: Monday, February 5, 2018 (3:10 p.m., Room 016)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 2588, Relating to Aging**

I am 83 years old and receive Transportation Services through Catholic Charities Hawai'i. Please provide more funding for Kupuna Care services so seniors, like me, can remain independent and avoid expensive institutional care.

My legs are getting weak now + I am more depending on!  
Transportation Service is important to me because:

1. I am able to do my food shopping weekly.
2. Am able to enjoy the periodic luncheon outings with ladies here.
3. Enjoy the benefit of Holiday shopping with the ladies here.
4. This transportation service is most important in enabling us Kupuna to continue our life in our waning years to live with our independence and pride & honor, which is most important to us.
5. We are also grateful for the drivers of the van who are so caring + helpful always in their duties.

*Please support Kupuna Care funding for seniors, like me, so we can continue to live well in the community! Mahalo.*

Print Name: Elaine E. Yuoa #608

City & Zip Code: Honolulu, HI 96814

**SB-2588**

Submitted on: 2/3/2018 9:05:50 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/5/2018 3:10:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Janice Bond	AARP	Support	No

Comments:

3920 Hunakai St.

Lihue, HI 96766

February 2, 2018

To: Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair

Senator Josh Green, Chair

Re: S.B. No. 2588, Relating to Aging

Dear Chairs Baker and Green, Vice-Chairs Tokuda and Chang, and Members of the Joint Committee,

My name is Janice S. Bond and I am the vice chair for the Kauai Elderly Affairs Advisory Council. We advocate for issues that matter to Kauai families, including the high cost of long-term care; access to affordable, quality health care for all generations; and serve as a reliable information source on issues critical to people over the age of fifty. We strongly support S.B. No. 2588 which appropriates \$4,145,695 to the Kupuna Care Program and we ask that the Legislature characterize this funding as part of the base budget.

The Kupuna Care Program helps older adults continue living at home by providing services such as personal care, home-delivered meals, transportation, case-management and attendant and home-maker care which support their daily needs to remain healthy and independent as possible.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of S.B. No. 2588.

Sincerely,

Janice S. Bond

**SB-2588**

Submitted on: 2/1/2018 8:04:06 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/5/2018 3:10:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Randolph Hack		Support	No

Comments:

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health

Senate Committee on Human Services

Monday, February 5, 2018

3:10 p.m., Conference Room 16

To: Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair

Senator Josh Green, Chair

Re: SB No. 2588, Relating to Aging

Dear Chairs Baker and Green, Vice-Chairs Tokuda and Chang, and Members of the Joint Committee

My name is Randolph Hack and I am an Advocacy Volunteer for AARP Hawaii, a membership organization for people age 50 and over with about 150,000 members. **I strongly support SB 2588** which appropriates about \$4.1 million dollars for the Kupuna Care program and I request that the Legislature include this funding as a part of the base budget.

Kupuna Care Program helps older adults continue living at home (known as aging in place) by providing necessary services such as transportation, personal care, home-delivered meals, case management, attendant and homemaker care. Many kupuna in Hawaii prefer to stay at home and live with their families with these services in place. This helps support their daily needs to remain healthy and independent as possible. Many of our local cultural traditions also support intergenerational living arrangements.

Sylvia Ching  
1611 Miller St., Apt. 304  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health

Senate Committee on Human Services

Monday, February 5, 2018

3:10 P.M.

Conference Room 316

To: Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair

Senator Josh Green, Chair

Re: S.B. 2588, Relating to Kupuna Care Program

Dear Chairs Baker and Green, Vice-Chairs Tokuda and Chang and Members of joint committees:

My name is Sylvia Ching and I strongly support S.B. 2588 which appropriates \$4,145,695 for the Kupuna Care Program and ask that the legislature characterize this funding as part of the base budget.

It is so important to adequately fund this program which provides essential services to seniors living at home. Recently I developed a painful stomach condition which rendered me home bound. Fortunately I recovered and was able to survive at home by receiving such services as home chore and laundry service, home delivery of meals, personal care and transportation. I know first hand how important these services are. There is such a great need for the Kupuna Care Program.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of S.B. 2588.



**SB-2588**

Submitted on: 2/4/2018 11:00:44 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/5/2018 3:10:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Javier Mendez-Alvarez		Support	No

Comments:

To: Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health  
Senate Committee on Human Services

Date: February 2, 2018

Re: SB 2588, Relating to Aging

Dear Chairs Baker and Green, Vice-Chairs Tokuda and Chang, and Members of Both Committees

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of SB 2588, Relating to Aging.

My name is Chalintorn N. Burian, Ph.D. and I am a retiree. I live in Paauilo-Mauka on the Big Island. The passage of this Bill is vital as it appropriates \$4,145,695 to the Kupuna Care Program, and I ask that the Legislature characterize this funding as part of the base budget.

The Kapuna Care Program helps older adults continue living at home by providing services such as transportation, personal care, home-delivered meals, case-management and attendant and home-maker care which support their daily needs to remain healthy and independent as possible.

I urge you to support Kupunas by voting **YES** on SB 2588. Mahalo!

Chalintorn N. Burian, Ph.D.

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