

SB2591

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.

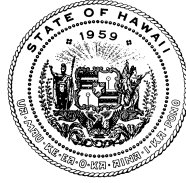
Companion: [HB1916](#)

Package: Kupuna Caucus

Current Referral: CPH/HMS, WAM

Introducer(s): IHARA, S. CHANG, HARIMOTO, KIM, NISHIHARA, RUDERMAN, TOKUDA, English, Espero, Gabbard, Green

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Testimony COMMENTING on SB2591
Relating to Health

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Testimony of Terri Byers
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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, would like to provide comments on SB2591. We support the intent of this measure
3 provided that its enactment does not reduce or replace priorities within the Administration's
4 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

1 hours of unpaid care each year. While the *Hawaii 2025: State Plan Alzheimer's Disease and*
2 *Related Dementias* identifies strategies in addressing the multifaceted issues in dealing with the
3 disease, the services and activities needed requires leadership and coordination at a systemic
4 level. Resources are needed to better facilitate and coordinate the collaborative activities to
5 implement and update the Alzheimer's disease and related dementias state plan as well as fulfill
6 the new reporting requirements.

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

11 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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RE: SB2591 – ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS; EXECUTIVE
OFFICE ON AGING; APPROPRIATION

Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 2591. I am pleased to testify in full support for SB2591, 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.

My wife was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s dementia in 2012 and has progressed to the moderate-to-severe stage that requires more personal care daily than I can provide. Although we currently reside in an assisted living licensed facility where my wife receives daily assistance for many of her activities of daily living (ADLs), I know many others who need the same kind of services which are not available to them.

Alzheimer’s disease is a growing 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 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. SB2591 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 are left to pay hefty costs for the care of individuals with dementia.

Mahalo nui loa,

Lawrence M.G. Enomoto

Retired US Air Force Officer & Retired Federal Employee

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Submitted on: 2/3/2018 3:16:40 PM

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

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

Comments:

Aloha. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in full support of Senate Bill 2591, which requires the Executive Office of Aging to update the State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias with a necessary appropriation for its implementation and update.

The State Plan of Alzheimer's Disease was released by the Department of Health in 2014 and has been virtually ignored. Despite various dementia services available in the community, there are still many 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. SB2591 offers a next step in terms of implementing the recommendations identified by 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 SB2591. Although there are many important issues to address in our state, we cannot continue to ignore the vital needs of families affected by Alzheimer's disease or related dementias. The individuals affected will only continue to grow as the baby boomers continue to age. The increase in individuals affected will continue to take an extreme toll on the family and on our community as we are left to pay huge costs for the care of individuals with dementia.

Mahalo,

Elaine Aotaki

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Ellen Ebata		Support	No

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My sister and I are caregivers for our 96-year-old mother. It is, as you know, a daunting task. Managing her

health/crises and daily activities requires consulting with healthcare professionals, making decisions with no guarantees but having far-reaching ramifications, planning as her needs change, managing

caregivers after interviewing and hiring, etc. And on top of all of this, daily meals have to be planned

and prepared with an eye towards dietary requirements and preferences. Her vascular dementia/

Alzheimer's disease serve to complicate caregiving exponentially. Hire caregivers, without whom

we could not survive, assist us with her care and household tasks. CAREGIVERS NEED

MORE HELP WITH OUR GARGANTUAN RESPONSIBILITIES !!!

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Thank you,

Ellen Ebata

Koloa, HI

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Calvin M. Hara	Manoa Cottage	Support	No

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Critical information is necessary for care providers to know, for program planning, what the needs are for the citizens of Hawaii. As is known throughout the state, there is a shortage of caregivers. The State of Hawaii must fulfill the charge of the State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias.

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Executive Director and Administrator

Manoa Cottage