

SB532

Measure Title: MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIA SERVICES COORDINATOR POSITION.

Report Title: Kupuna Caucus; Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Services Coordinator; Appropriation (\$)

Description: Makes an appropriation for the Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator position.

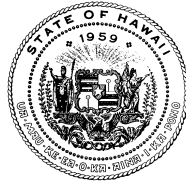
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**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB0532
Making an Appropriation for the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia
Services Coordinator Position**

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
SENATOR CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, VICE CHAIR

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

Hearing Date: February 8, 2017
9:00am

Room Number: 229

- 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 executive biennium budget.
- 4 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure appropriates funds for FY18 for the Alzheimer's Disease
- 5 and Related Dementia services coordinator position in the amount of \$80,000.
- 6 **Purpose and Justification:** Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the
- 7 United States and it affects 27,000 Hawaii residents, a number that will increase by more than
- 8 40% percent by the year 2025. An estimated 65,000 unpaid caregivers in Hawaii provide
- 9 74,000,000 hours of unpaid care each year. There is a need for a coordinated and prepared
- 10 support system to address issues arising from addressing the disease. While the *Hawaii 2025:*
- 11 *State Plan Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias* identifies strategies in addressing the
- 12 multifaceted issues in dealing with the disease, the services and activities needed requires

1 coordination at a systemic level through an Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia services
2 coordinator.

3 **Recommendation:** This position is not part of the Administration's budget request. We support
4 advancing this measure provided that its enactment does not reduce or replace priorities with the
5 Administration's budget request.

6 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



The Senate
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health
Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2017
9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 229

To: Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair

RE: **SB 532 APPROPRIATION FOR THE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED-DEMENTIA SERVICES COORDINATOR POSITION**

I am Audrey Suga-Nakagawa, Advocacy Director for AARP Hawaii. AARP is a membership organization of people age fifty and over with more than 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.

SB 532 appropriates \$80,000 for an Alzheimer's Disease and related dementia services coordinator position.

AARP Hawaii **strongly supports** SB 532.

Dementia is the most costly chronic diseases in the nation. It is estimated that the total societal cost for dementia care is between \$159 and \$215 billion. By 2025, the Alzheimer's Association has projected 34,000 people or 10% of Hawai'i's residents age 65 and over will be diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. These estimates do not reflect people who are undiagnosed, or those with early onset who are under age 65. The Hawaii 2025: State Plan on Alzheimer Disease and Related Dementia (ADRD) was created to improve the way Hawai'i addresses this serious health problem. Through the Executive Office on Aging, this plan was written with the culmination of recommendations and discussions from the Hawaii ADRD Task Force, caregiver and key informant surveys, interviews with Hawaii experts and leaders, and recommendations from the National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease. This bill provides the appropriation for a coordinator to oversee and coordinate this State Plan as developed by the community.

We support that the Alzheimer's Disease coordinator position be funded. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support.



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RE: SB 532 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIA SERVICES COORDINATOR POSITION

On behalf of the Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter, I am pleased to extend our full support for Senate Bill 532, which provides funding for a Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services Coordinator position.

Despite the growing number of individuals affected by the disease (26,000 individuals with the disease and the 64,000 caregivers of someone with the disease) in the state of Hawaii, there is still a substantial lack of resources for families affected by the disease. Although the Alzheimer's Association provides numerous services to family caregivers, there are still many services that are needed beyond what we provide. Some of those gaps and resolutions for such have been identified in the *Hawaii Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias State Plan* which was released in 2014 by the Department of Health. Implementation of the plan and the activities to fill those gaps in services require coordination and this highlights the importance of funding the Dementia Services Coordinator position as this position will conduct such activities.

There is currently an Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (ADRD) State Plan Collaborative that consists of over 70 government and private entities that have been working on implementing the ADRD State Plan. However, without dedicated resources and a dedicated leader of this effort, the progress has been slow and minimal. The Dementia Services Coordinator would lead this charge and work with the various public and private entities to leverage what they are already doing.

There is a sense of urgency to address this issue as Alzheimer's disease is currently the sixth leading cause of death in the nation. 1 in 3 of our kupuna will die from the disease. Furthermore, 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. Providing funding for the Dementia Services Coordinator will allow for our community to lessen the negative impact that this disease poses if left unaddressed.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on this legislation and applaud your leadership in bringing it forward.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C Payne". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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RE: SB 532 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIA SERVICES COORDINATOR POSITION

On behalf of Manoa Cottage and Manoa Cottage Kaimuki kupuna, thank you to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health for their support of the Kupuna Caucus bills SB 528 and SB 534. Although we currently have many worthy and important issues to address in Hawaii, we cannot continue to neglect the needs of families affected by Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 532. I am pleased to testify in full support of SB532, which makes an appropriation to the Department of Health of \$80,000 to fund the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (ADRD) Services Coordinator position. This position will coordinate and prepare support systems to address issues related to the disease. The ADRD Services Coordinator will accomplish such by working with both government and private partners to implement the Hawaii Alzheimer's State Plan.

Weekly, I hear directly from residents in our communities about their need for more information, resources and help in the care for a loved one with. Recently, a husband for lack of information and resources, resorted to a hospital emergency room for immediate care for his wife with Alzheimer's disease. Fortunately, Manoa Cottage Kaimuki, a 27 bed skilled nursing facility specializing in Alzheimer's care was able to immediately admit his wife. Such situations occur often and more services are needed in our community relative to dementia and Alzheimer's disease.


The key points are:

- Alzheimer's Disease is a growing epidemic and is now the sixth leading cause of death in the nation.
- More than 26,000 individuals in the state of Hawaii have Alzheimer's disease.
- There are more than 66,000 unpaid family caregivers in the state of Hawaii.
- This position will help coordinate and implement recommendations of the Alzheimer's State Plan.

Again, I support SB 532 and seek your support. If I may be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Calvin M. Hara". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and "H".

Calvin M. Hara

Executive Director and Administrator

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Gertrude Hara	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Chair: Senator Rosalyn Baker My name is Gertrude Hara-Williams and appropriation for the purpose of this Act is to support Alzheimers disease and related dementia services coordinator position. In order to provide more detailed information to patient's family or a close friend who don't have any parents nor living parents. My father had this disease and I'm an only child. Was able to see and be with him before ICU room. St. Francis Hospital was then had received services. They were very helpful and assisted me what they did daily. Appreciate and support this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony of SB532. Gertrude Hara-Williams Upper Kalakaua Avenue/Precinct 26

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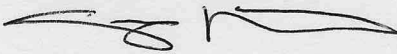
February 6, 2017

RE: SB 532 Making An Appropriation For The Alzheimer's Disease And Related Dementia Services Coordinator Position

Thank you for the opportunity to provide individual testimony in strong support of Senate Bill 532. I am pleased to testify in full support of SB532, which makes an appropriation to the Department of Health of \$80,000 to fund the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (ADRD) Services Coordinator position. This position will coordinate and prepare support systems to address issues related to the disease. The ADRD Services Coordinator will accomplish such by working with both government and private partners to implement the Hawaii Alzheimer's State Plan.

I am the principal investigator of the Hawaii Alzheimer's Disease Initiative (HADI), a 3-year federal grant given to the University of Hawaii, Center on Aging. The grant is providing training to health professionals on the best practices in dementia care. It is also creating memory clinics, modeled after the memory clinic at Kokua Kalihi Valley, at three additional federally qualified health centers. We are privileged to have the Department of Health, Executive Office on Aging and Alzheimer's Association Aloha Chapter as partners in this effort to address such a critical need. When this grant ends in 2018, it will be imperative to have an Hawaii Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders (ADRD) Services Coordinator to facilitate and continue the work of both the ADRD state plan and our HADI trainings and services. Every day, I see the immense need of family caregivers for support, who have concerns about challenging behaviors and wandering. The more than 26,000 in the state with the disease and the more than 66,000 unpaid family caregivers deserve a services coordinator to advocate, educate, and expand dementia services in our state.

Thank you,



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**TESTIMONEY IN SUPPORT OF SB 532
ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE COORDINATOR POSITION.**

To: Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair, Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health

Date: Feb 8, 2017

RE: Hearing, Wednesday, February 8, 2017; 9:00 a.m.; CR 229

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in **strong support** of SB 532 Relating to the Alzheimer's Disease Services Coordinator Position. My name is Anna Filler and I retired two years ago at the age of 75. I have two immediate family members and other friends' relatives who suffered from alzheimers and dementia chronic disease for many years.

1. Dementia is the most costly chronic disease in the nation.
2. By 2025, 34,000 people or 10% of Hawaii's residents age 65 and over will have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease,
3. The State Plan is a blueprint created to improve the way Hawaii deals with this serious health problem.

Alzheimer's Disease Coordinator position requests funds of \$80,000 for one full-time position in the Executive Office on Aging office to implement the State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias.

I urge you to support Hawaii's growing senior population by supporting SB 532.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

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The Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health, Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair

Date: Feb 8, 2017

Time: 9:00 p.m.

Room: 229

RE: SB 532 Appropriation for the Alzheimer 's Disease and Dementia Coordinator

Chair Baker and Committee members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of SB 532 Appropriation for the Alzheimer 's Disease and Dementia Coordinator.

My name is Geoffrey Casburn and I am a retired Civil Engineer. My wife and I live in Hilo.

We have a number of friends who are living with or caring for relatives suffering from either dementia or Alzheimer's. All of them have commented on the positive impact that outreach programs have had on their ability to care for and relate to these relatives. Programs that explain to care giver what to expect and what community resources are available have been very important.

A program coordinator would maximize the reach of this important program.

Thank you,

Geoffrey Casburn
District of Hilo

Aloha Senator Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara and committee members
I reside in Senate District 9 and House District 19. I am a member of AARP, Kokua Council, the Hawaii Alliance for Retired Americans and I serve on the Legislative Committee of PABEA.

I am urging strong support of SB 532, an appropriation for the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Services coordinator position.

Alzheimer's Disease is the 6th leading cause of death in the United States. Yet, it receives a fraction of the funding given for Heart Disease, Cancer and HIV. One in four over the age of 85 will be affected.

People live longer in Hawaii than anywhere else. A few years ago, Hawaii developed a plan to deal with the Alzheimer's crisis. But there needs to be funding to carry out this plan.

Please fund the coordinator position for Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Barbara J. Service

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RE: SB 532 Making an appropriation for the Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator position

I thank this committee for supporting Kupuna Caucus bills SB 528 and SB 534. Among the many important issues in Hawaii, we must address the needs of families affected by Alzheimer's disease or dementia.

I am testifying in full support of SB532, which makes an appropriation to the Department of Health of \$80,000 to fund the Alzheimer's disease and Related Dementias (ADRD) Services Coordinator position. This position will coordinate and prepare support systems to handle issues related to the disease. The ADRD Services Coordinator will work with government and private partners to implement the Hawaii Alzheimer's State Plan.

For the past six years, I have volunteered as a facilitator for a support group for caregivers of family members with Alzheimer's. The emotional and financial stress frequently causes massive health problems in the caregivers and affects entire families.

We will be seeing many more than the current estimate of 26,000 patients/loved ones in Hawaii with Alzheimer's. Taking on this caregiving is a 24/7 job and means enduring anguish that only those who have gone through it can understand. They need help. We have resources, but they need to be coordinated and executed with a plan for the increase of these patients our state will be facing.

Thank you,

Melany Melakea

To: Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Date: Wednesday, February 8, 2017

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Conference Room 229

Re: SB 532 Making an Appropriation for the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia
Services Coordinator Position

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Esther Ueda, and I am writing in SUPPORT of SB 532 which makes an appropriation for an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator position.

My father suffers from advanced Alzheimer's. It is a very devastating disease. It is so sad to see your loved ones who were once so successful and competent slowly fade away and lose all their memories. I am happy that my father still remembers who I am, but I know that one day soon even that will slip away.

The proposed position would provide an additional support system for those who are dealing with this devastating disease.

Please support SB 532 .

Thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony.

Sincerely,

Esther Ueda
Pearl City, Hawaii