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State Capitol, Conference Room 016
Wednesday, February 1, 2017; 2:45 p.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ~~ILWU LOCAL 142~~ ON S.B. 533
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE
AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER**

The ILWU Local 142 ~~strongly supports~~ S.B. 533, which makes an appropriation for the Aging and Disability Resource Center.

The Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) in each county are “one-stop shops” to assist caregivers and the elderly and disabled themselves to navigate and access needed services and resources. The ADRCs are run by the Area Agencies on Aging and may operate differently on each island, but the intent is to provide information and referral services for elderly and disabled individuals who need assistance to continue to live at home.

The ILWU strongly urges passage of S.B. 533. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

February 1, 2017/2:45 p.m.
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To: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair (CPH)
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair (CPH)
Senator Josh Green, Chair (HMS)
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair (HMS)

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

Re: SB533 – ~~Testimony in Support~~

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, and the state's largest health care provider and non-governmental employer. Hawai'i Pacific Health is committed to providing the highest quality medical care and service to the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific Region through its four hospitals, more than 50 outpatient clinics and service sites, and over 1,600 affiliated physicians. Hawai'i Pacific Health's hospitals are Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children, Pali Momi Medical Center, Straub Clinic & Hospital and Wilcox Memorial Hospital.

I am writing in support of SB 533 which appropriates funds for the aging and disability resource center.

The State of Hawai'i's Aging and Disability Resource Center is an important program that streamlines access to resources essential for older adults, individuals with disabilities, and family caregivers. Hawai'i Pacific Health supports SB 533 which enables the Aging and Disability Resource Center to continue and expand its important work to provide community based solutions to older adults and individuals with disabilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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From: Howard S. Garval, President & Chief Executive Officer
Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2017 (2:45 p.m., Room 016)

RE: In [REDACTED] SB 533, Making An Appropriation For The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)

[REDACTED] has a long history of providing services to kupuna including senior case management, caregiver support, services to at-risk seniors, and health maintenance services all designed to help seniors age in place and support their caregivers. We operate several evidence-based models within our services to seniors.

I am writing in support of SB 533 that provides an appropriation of \$1,710,000 for the ADRC.

CFS receives referrals directly from the Oahu ADRC for Kupuna Care and other Senior services that are all designed to keep seniors in the community which is what seniors want and is the most cost-effective option whenever the senior can be safe and supported without higher levels of institutional care. CFS, through its senior case management program which is funded in part with Kupuna Care funds, often helps kupuna and their loved ones navigate the system of elderly services which can be overwhelming for both seniors and caregivers.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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TO: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair, Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair
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FROM: Sarah Yuan
~~Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs~~

SUBJECT: SB 533 Making an Appropriation for the Aging and Disability Resource Center

HEARING: Wednesday, February 1, 2017, 2:45pm
Conference Room 016

POSITION: PABEA **strongly supports** SB 533 which appropriates \$1,710,000 for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the same amount for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC).

The PABEA (Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs) has a statutory obligation to advocate on behalf of the senior citizens of Hawaii. While we advise the Executive Office on Aging, we do not speak on its behalf.

The ADRC is a statewide single-access point for information on long-term support options and benefits. It helps individuals and their families to identify their long-term support and service needs, understand their support options (including public and privately funded programs), and develop and activate long-term support and service plans. The EOA has delegated the Area Agencies on Aging to develop and operate the ADRC in their respective counties, using specific standardized tools and processes.

Recent EOA data show that the ADRCs received an average of 159 contacts per day through walk-ins, and inquiries by telephone and website. Of these contacts, about 5% (or 9 older adults per day) were assessed to need a Kupuna Care service(s) for the first time. Almost half (47%) of them were assessed to be at high nutritional risk, about one third (31%) were living alone, and half had 2 or more limitations in performing daily living activities. Over ninety percent of ADRC consumers were satisfied with their ADRC experience.

EOA also reported a recently completed independent assessment that two ADRCs—Maui and Kauai—were fully functioning, meeting all 10 criteria set forth by federal guidelines. Honolulu met 9 of 10 criteria, since it began phasing in the ADRC system in July 2015, and Hawai'i County met 6 criteria and was on track to incorporate new operations. When an ADRC becomes fully functional, it will qualify for additional financial support from various federal programs such as Medicare, the Affordable Care Act, and Medicaid.

The ADRC's base budget is \$1.4 million per year. The appropriation of \$1.7 million is much needed for the further development of the resource centers.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.