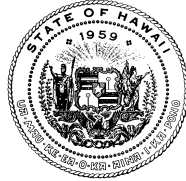


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Testimony COMMENTING on SCR0083, SD1
Relating to Aging

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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 SCR0083, SD1.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** This bill is unfunded. It places unknown staffing and operating expenses
4 on the Executive Office on Aging.

5 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose of this bill is to conduct a study to include: 1) the
6 impacts of the aging population on the State's unfunded liabilities; 2) future government services
7 that will be needed; and 3) recommendations on what is needed to prevent adverse impacts of an
8 aging population in the State of Hawaii.

9 As Hawaii's aging population continues to grow, the need and demand for both long term
10 services and supports (LTSS) and a well trained work force to provide these services will
11 increase. The growing number of older adults is likely to put a severe strain on the State's
12 resources.

1 We appreciate the intent of this resolution, but do not have the resources necessary to complete
2 the request. If resources are provided to support this critical endeavor, the Executive Office on
3 Aging would be willing to facilitate such a study to have a more accurate understanding of the
4 impacts that the aging population will have in Hawaii. However, we cannot support yet another
5 unfunded mandate. Thank you for the opportunity to share our concerns with you.