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Measure Title: URGING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE IMPACTS OF AN AGING POPULATION IN HAWAII.

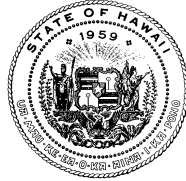
Report Title: Executive Office On Aging; Impact Study on Aging Population

Package: None

Current Referral: CPH/LBR, WAM

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Testimony COMMENTING on SCR0083
Relating to Aging

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Testimony of Terri Byers
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Hearing Date: March 21, 2018
9:00 a.m.

Room Number: 229

- 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.
- 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
7 services that will be needed; and 3) recommendations on what is needed to prevent adverse
8 impacts of an 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

1 increase. The growing number of older adults is likely to put a severe strain on the State's
2 resources.

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

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for CPH on 3/21/2018 9:00:00 AM

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Leimomi Khan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I believe a study as called for in this resolution is necessary as the Legislature considers the closure of Leahi and Maluhia hospitals and/or other alternatives for their use in addressing the needs of the senior population.