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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:

To the Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair; the Honorable J. Kalani English, Vice-Chair and the Members of the Committee on Labor:

To the Honorable Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair; the Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Vice-Chair and the Members of the Committee on Higher Education:

To the Honorable Josh Green, Chair; the Honorable Stanley Chang, Vice-Chair and the Members of the Committee on Human Services:

Good afternoon, my name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee ("OCC") on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on **SCR149 / SR 94** relating to a Working Group; and In-Home Care Services.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of **SCR149 / SR 94** and supports its passage.

SCR149 / SR 94 is in alignment with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it requests the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) and the University of Hawaii (UH) Center on Aging to convene a working group to: (1) Review the provision of in-home care services in Hawaii; (2) Make recommendations that will improve the quality of care; and (3) Include its review and recommendations in a report to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the Regular Session of 2019.

Specifically, the Platform of the DPH provides that "Access to health care is a basic human need. Our citizens and visitors have an inherent right to high quality, high standard health care. The state legislature and the federal government should take all appropriate steps to create and support a health care system of public, for-profit, and nonprofit hospitals and other medical facilities that follow best practices to enhance and protect and preserve life.

We support the development of long-term care financing solutions, better pay and working conditions for all healthcare providers, parity of mental and physical health coverage, and appropriate regulation of health care delivery systems. We also support the development of empirically validated prevention programs targeted at major public health issues." (Platform of the DPH, P. 7, Lines 361-369 (2016)).

Given that **SCR149 / SR 94** requests the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) and the University of Hawaii (UH) Center on Aging to convene a working group to: (1) Review the provision of in-home care services in Hawaii; (2) Make recommendations that will improve the quality of care; and (3) Include its review and recommendations in a report to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the Regular Session of 2019, it is the position of the OCC Legislative Priorities Committee to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,
/s/ Melodie Aduja

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Cynthia J. Goto	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Strong support for this much needed service. As a caregiver for my parents living at home, we are often dependent upon agencies and services to help us. Please help us keep our families safe.

Mahalo,

Cynthia J. Goto, M.D.