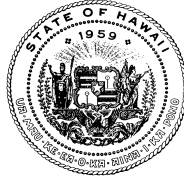


# HB465 HD1

Measure Title:	RELATING TO AGING.
Report Title:	Kupuna Caucus; Kupuna Care; Appropriation (\$)
Description:	Makes an appropriation to the department of health to provide full funding for the kupuna care program. Requires Executive Office on Aging to adopt rules for administration and disbursement of funds. (HB465 HD1)
Companion:	<a href="#">SB1023</a>
Package:	Kupuna Caucus
Current Referral:	CPH, WAM
Introducer(s):	TAKAYAMA, AQUINO, BROWER, CACHOLA, CREAGAN, DECOITE, ELI, HAR, HASHEM, HASHIMOTO, HOLT, ICHIYAMA, KITAGAWA, C. LEE, LOWEN, MATAYOSHI, MATSUMOTO, MCKELVEY, MIZUNO, MORIKAWA, NAKAMURA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, PERRUSO, SAY, TARNAS, THIELEN, WARD, WILDBERGER, WOODSON, YAMASHITA

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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB0465 HD1**  
**Relating to Kupuna Care**

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH  
SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR  
SENATOR STANLEY CHANG, VICE CHAIR

Testimony of Caroline Cadirao  
PSM Manager, Executive Office on Aging  
Attached Agency to the Department of Health

Hearing Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 Room Number: 229  
9:00 AM

- 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 base budget.
- 4 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure appropriates funds in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for SFY2020
- 5 and SFY 2021 for the Kupuna Care program.
- 6 **Purpose and Justification:** EOA notes that the appropriation in this bill is a priority of the Ige
- 7 Administration. Governor Ige's budget request for the Kupuna Care program is for \$8,731,368
- 8 per year from SFY2020 and SFY2021.
- 9 As Hawaii's aging population continues to grow, the need for long term services and supports
- 10 will increase. The growing number of older adults is likely to put a severe strain on the State's

1 resources for long term services and supports. The health care cost for persons age 65 and older  
2 was estimated to be five times larger than the cost for persons younger than age 65.

3 Kupuna Care assists frail adults, age 60 and older to lead independent, meaningful, and dignified  
4 lives, by providing a continuum of home and community-based services and supports to target  
5 the needs of the frail and vulnerable. Its aim is to allow for aging in place, thus preventing or  
6 delaying the need for restrictive levels of care. In SFY 2018 Kupuna Care served 5,643 older  
7 adults statewide at a cost of \$8,604,459.00. The annual average cost per person is \$1,524. If  
8 there was an appropriation of \$9,000,000, it would allow the state to maintain its support for  
9 5,643 older adults and allow for partial expansion of an additional 262 participants. These funds  
10 would enable EOA to target and triage additional participants according to their vulnerability  
11 utilizing the comprehensive person-centered intake and assessment tools, developed statewide  
12 for targeting public supports to persons with greatest need. Funding is critical as the population  
13 over age 60 is increasing rapidly.

14 Kupuna Care is comprised of nine core services that support individuals who need assistance to  
15 perform some of the basic Activities of Daily Living (transferring from bed to chair, moving  
16 about in the home, bathing, dressing, toileting, and/or eating) or Instrumental Activities of Daily  
17 Living (preparing a meal, shopping, managing medications, laundry, using the telephone,  
18 managing money, housekeeping, and transportation). Core services include: personal care,  
19 homemaker, chore, home delivered meals, adult day care, case management, assisted  
20 transportation, regular transportation, and attendant care. In addition, Kupuna Care clients may  
21 select services from a contracted provider or have the option for a participant directed approach  
22 to home and community-based services. An individual that is assessed and deemed eligible for

1 Kupuna Care core services will have services authorized based on the needs identified within  
2 their individual support plan. In the participant directed (PD) model, an individual exercises  
3 decision-making authority to use an allotment of public funds to purchase and manage a wider  
4 array of supports that meet the individual's unique needs that compliments the on-going efforts  
5 of family caregivers and the individual's personal and financial resources.

6 **Recommendation:** Kupuna Care is a part of the Administration's base budget request. We  
7 support advancing this measure, provided that its enactment does not reduce or replace priorities  
8 within the Administration's base budget.

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10 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



**March 13, 2019 at 9:00 am**  
**Conference Room 229**

**Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health**

To: Chair Rosalyn H. Baker  
Vice Chair Stanley Chang

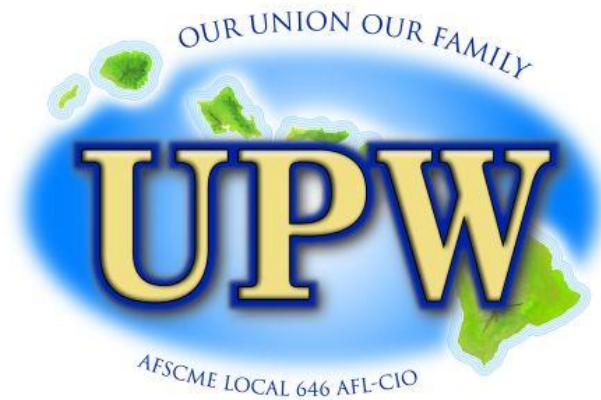
From: Paige Heckathorn Choy  
Director of Government Affairs  
Healthcare Association of Hawaii

Re: **Testimony in Support**  
**HB 465 HD 1, Relating to Aging**

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH), established in 1939, serves as the leading voice of healthcare on behalf of 170 member organizations who represent almost every aspect of the health care continuum in Hawaii. Members include acute care hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies, hospices, assisted living facilities and durable medical equipment suppliers. In addition to providing access to appropriate, affordable, high quality care to all of Hawaii's residents, our members contribute significantly to Hawaii's economy by employing over 20,000 people statewide.

We would like to thank the committee for the opportunity to **support** HB 465 HD 1, which provides appropriations for the Kupuna Care program. Strong funding for home- and community-based services will be very important as the population of Hawaii ages. Since 1999, this important program has helped seniors and their families access integral services, such as personal care, home delivered meals and attendant care. The availability of these resources for the past years has been essential to ensuring that kupuna in Hawaii are able to access the care they need to live more fully and independently, and support working families. This funding is also critical to our entire continuum of care, making sure that patients receive appropriate in the home- and community-based setting.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.



THE HAWAII STATE SENATE

The Thirtieth Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

Date of Hearing: Wednesday, March 13, 2019  
Time of Hearing: 9:00 a.m.  
Place of Hearing: Conference Room 229

**TESTIMONY ON HB465, HD1 RELATING TO AGING**

By DAYTON M. NAKANELUA,  
State Director of the United Public Workers,  
AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO ("UPW")

My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua, State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO (UPW). The UPW is the exclusive bargaining representative for approximately 14,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 01 and institutional, health and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and four counties. The UPW also represents about 1,500 members in the private sector.

HB465, HD1 recognizes the problem hundreds of Hawaii families are confronted with in caring for their elderly loved ones. This bill and several others that support Hawaii's elderly are greatly appreciated. HB465, HD1 provides funding for the Kupuna Care program and requires rules for the administration and disbursement of funds.

The UPW **strongly supports** this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.



**HB-465-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/8/2019 2:26:17 PM

Testimony for CPH on 3/13/2019 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
GARY SIMON	Testifying for Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA)	Support	Yes

Comments:

Dear Chair Baker and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Affairs, and Health:

I am Gary Simon, Chairperson of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA), which is an appointed board tasked with advising the Executive Office on Aging (EOA).

I am testifying as an individual who has worked in healthcare for over thirty years, and I am offering testimony on behalf of PABEA.

My testimony does not represent the views of the EOA but of PABEA.

PABEA wholeheartedly supports HB 465 HD 1.

The Kāpuna Care Program is a core program for home- and community-based support services. We support EOA's funding request of \$9,000,00 per year for FY 2019 – 2020 and FY 2020 – 2021.

The requested funding will ensure the continuation of these critical services for our kāpuna and their families.

We urge you to support HB 465 HD 1 and to recommend its passage.

We thank you for seriously considering the Bill.

Very sincerely,

Gary Simon

Chairperson, Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA)



**Testimony in Support by Zonta Club Of Hilo for Kupuna Caucus Bills (HB 465, HD 1; HB 466, HD1; HB 467, HD 1; HB 468, HD1**

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Senator Rosalyn Baker, Senator Stanley Chang Vice-Chair, and Committee Members

**The Zonta Club of Hilo supports** the requested appropriation to fund fully the Kupuna Care, Aging and Disability Resource Centers Network, Kupuna Caregivers without the daily cap, Healthy Aging, and the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Coordinator. Zonta is an international organization of business and professional women whose mission is to advance the status of women and girls worldwide.

The Zonta Club **voted recently to support Kupuna Caucus bills relating to Aging**, including Kupuna Care, a "one-stop resource center" for aging and disability services (ADRC), Kupuna Caregivers Support, Alzheimer and Dementia Coordinator, and Healthy Aging. As an organization, we realize that aging issues disproportionately impact women for two main reasons; 1) greater social, medical and economic costs associated with longer life-expectancies for women; and 2) women still bear most of the responsibilities of elder caregiving. Many Zontians are "Baby Boomers" who understand the challenges of being an "elder."

To reduce economic and social costs facing the elders, disabled, and their caregivers, we need collaborative, comprehensive implementation of "best practices." The practices must include a government and community "support net" through adequate funding and user-friendly access.

The Kupuna Caucus funding proposals would reduce the overall societal and economic costs by allowing the elders to age-in-place, surrounded by social supports, and avoiding costly institutional care and caregivers' burnout.

The funding will be helpful for Hawaii County, which has the challenge of being the largest county with strained infrastructure. Our super-rurality makes any delivery of services for elders and disabled more challenging. We continue to have the unfortunate status of being the county with the most "challenging" economic and social negative social indicators, including inadequate public transportation and insufficient primary health care services. Hawaii County's growing elder and disabled population is outpacing the current resources. Over 21% of the population is over 60. The Kupuna Caucus funding bills give us hope.

Thank you for your expected support and opportunity to testify. Charlene Iboshi



**CGPTA**  
**Chinatown Gateway Plaza**  
**Tenant Association**  
**Since 2006**

**To: Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health (CPH)**

**From: Chinatown Gateway Plaza Tenant Association (CGPTA)**

Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2019, 9:00 AM

Place: Conference Room 229, State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

**Re: Strong Support for HB465 HD1, Relating to Aging.**

Aloha e Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and Members of the Committee on CPH,

My name is Steve Lohse, I'm a resident of Chinatown Gateway Plaza (CGP) and chair of the CGP Tenant Association (CGPTA), organized by residents in 2006 to keep ourselves informed and engaged in matters of concern to our community. On behalf of the CGPTA, thank you for this opportunity to submit written testimony in **Strong Support of HB465 HD1**.

We have a number of kupuna in our CGP affordable housing population. I'm pushing 70, myself. Over the years, I have watched many of my friends and neighbors grow feeble, possibly start to wander, and eventually be moved on from CGP. I always think, sooner or later, there I go, too. In fact, sooner or later, there we all go.

What kind of care will we move on to? Please, let's fund Kupuna Care generously, so our frail elderly and vulnerable seniors in need are assured of receiving basic care. It is unimaginable that we would do less for our kupuna in Hawaii Nei.

The Kupuna Care we fund today will be our care tomorrow! We are trusting in you to do the right thing. **Please, pass HB465 HD1** and generously fund Kupuna Care. Thank you!

Aloha no,  
Steve Lohse, Chair  
Chinatown Gateway Plaza Tenant Association (CGPTA)  
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**HB 465hd1, RELATING TO AGING**  
**Sen CPH Hearing**  
**Wednesday, March 13, 2019 – 9:00 am**  
**Room 229**  
**Position: Support**

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and Members of the Sen CPH Committee:

I am Gregg Pacilio, PT and Board President of the Hawaii Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association (HAPTA), a non-profit professional organization serving more than 300 member Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants. Our members are employed in hospitals and health care facilities, the Department of Education school system, and private practice. We are human movement specialists and are part of the spectrum of care for Hawaii, and provide rehabilitative services for infants and children, youth, adults and the elderly. Rehabilitative services are a vital part of restoring optimum functioning from neuromuscular and musculoskeletal injuries and impairments to improve and enrich quality of life.

HAPTA supports the appropriation of moneys to implement and support the Kupuna Caregivers Program statewide to improve the support and care for the elderly. Improving this program will allow caregivers to continue to have their kupuna at home while remaining in the workforce, leading to less institutionalization of kupuna as well as fewer family members from having to stop working to take care of their loved ones. When caregivers are also elderly themselves, this program may help decrease injury to the caregivers through this support.

Physical therapists are part of the interdisciplinary team of the growing elderly population, and it is our stance that allowing them to remain in the home with support will maintain the strength, functional mobility, and quality of life. This support will allow family to care for their loved ones for a longer time, staving the need for additional medical care, thus decreasing cost to the state in the long term.

Your support of HB465hd1 is appreciated. Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Please feel free to contact Nick Bronowski, HAPTA's Aging Adult Chair at (808) 546-0937 for further information.



## CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

TO: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair  
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

FROM: Betty Lou Larson, Legislative Liaison

DATE: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 (9:00 a.m., Room 229)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of HB 465, HD1, Relating to Aging**

Catholic Charities Hawai'i (CCH) is a tax exempt, non-profit agency that has been providing supportive home and community based services to elders since 1973 and currently serves over 4,000 older persons each year.

**CCH supports HB 465, HD1** to fully fund Kupuna Care services at \$9M for Fiscal Years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i is a current provider of Kupuna Care Transportation Services for frail elders, helping them to get to needed services such as doctor appointments, grocery markets, congregate dining programs, and more. Kupuna Care services addresses the overall community goal of helping seniors remain independent in the community and prevent more costly institutional care – as well as supporting caregivers. Kupuna Care services provide a safety net for all kupuna and their caregivers who cannot afford to pay for in-home and community based services and are unable to receive these services through other means.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i asks for your support of HB 465, HD1. For more information or questions, please feel free to email Diane Terada, Division Administrator, at [diane.terada@catholiccharitieshawaii.org](mailto:diane.terada@catholiccharitieshawaii.org) or call her via phone at 527-4702.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.



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Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

State Capitol, Conference Room 229

Wednesday, March 13, 2019; 9:00 a.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON H.B. 465, HD1  
RELATING TO AGING**

The ILWU Local 142 **supports** H.B. 465, HD1, which makes an appropriation to the Department of Health to provide full funding for the Kupuna Care program and requires the Executive Office on Aging to adopt rules for administration and disbursement of funds.

Kupuna Care is widely recognized as an effective program to keep seniors living at home (as most of them prefer) for as long as possible and avoiding institutionalization that is costly to seniors and their families as well as the State (e.g., increased Medicaid costs).

H.B. 465, HD1 also requires the Executive Office on Aging to adopt rules by 2022 for the administration and disbursement of funds. We support this requirement as a means of making the implementation of the program as transparent as possible and encouraging a wider audience for these limited funds. Some may say that opening up the program to many more will mean fewer seniors will receive services, but we believe it will also demonstrate the scope and extent of the problems that Kupuna Care hopes to address.

The ILWU urges passage of H.B. 465, HD1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



State of Hawaii Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health  
The Honorable Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair  
The Honorable Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

Hawaii State Legislature  
Wednesday, March 13, 2019, 9:00 am  
Room 229

**HB 465, Makes an appropriation to the Department of Health to provide full funding for Kupuna Care.**

Good morning Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang and Members of the Committee:

Lanakila Pacific strongly supports HB 465 to provide full funding for Kupuna Care and to require the Executive Office on Aging to adopt Hawaii Administrative Rules to ensure some of Hawaii’s most vulnerable kupuna have access to services that allow them to age in place. Lanakila Pacific’s Lanakila Meals on Wheels Program is Hawaii’s largest and only island-wide home delivered meal provider for homebound kupuna and other individuals with disabilities. We have witnessed first-hand the increased need for resources to serve Hawaii’s rapidly growing kupuna community.

Home delivered meals funded through Kupuna Care are provided to kupuna who have been in-home assessed and deemed eligible by the City & Counties. Many of these kupuna report they do not have access to other sources of healthy and nutritious food beyond what Lanakila Meals on Wheels delivers to them. When we deliver the meals, we often see kupuna living all alone, with empty pantries and refrigerators. In a 2018 survey, 99.2% of the kupuna responded the meals are important to them and help them feel more secure. In addition to the meal, the staff or volunteers may be the only person the kupuna will spend time with that day. The friendly visits and wellness checks contribute to kupuna being able age in place for as long as they can and avoid costly institutionalization. In the same 2018 survey, 97.5% of the kupuna responded the meals help them be independent and continue living at home. Kupuna aging in place results in savings in Medicare spending and is also the preference of the majority of the kupuna we serve.

Kupuna Care has been a lifeline in Hawaii since 1999, and now, more than ever, needs to be fully supported in the base budget to ensure it can continue to serve kupuna who depend on it. The Kupuna Care program will also greatly benefit from having Hawaii Administrative Rules to regulate and guide it so we can continue to successfully deliver services over the next twenty years.

Thank you for recognizing the needs of older Americans in the State of Hawaii by voting in favor of fully funding and establishing Hawaii Administrative Rules for Kupuna Care.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Lau  
Director, Lanakila Meals on Wheels

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Senate  
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health  
Wednesday, March 13, 2019  
9:00 a.m.  
Conference Room 229

To: Senator Baker, Chair;  
RE: Support for HB465, HD1 Relating to Aging

Aloha Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Jessica Wooley and I am the Advocacy Director for AARP Hawaii. AARP is a membership-based organization of people age fifty and over with about 150,000 members in Hawaii. AARP advocates for issues that matter to Hawaii families, including the high cost of long-term care, access to affordable, quality health care for all generations and serving as a reliable information source on issues critical to people over the age of fifty.

AARP Hawaii strongly supports HB465, HD1 to fully fund the Kupuna Care program for the fiscal year 2019-2020 and the same for 2020-2021 -- to provide services to frail, vulnerable and older adults who lack access to comparable services (e.g., adult day care, assisted transportation, attendant care, house-keeping/homemaker, respite and home-delivered meals).

Moving forward, we are hopeful the \$9 million in funding for these critical services will be included in the base budget each year.

Mahalo for your work to maintain this important program and for providing the opportunity to testify in support of HB465, HD1.

**HB-465-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/12/2019 11:29:51 AM

Testimony for CPH on 3/13/2019 9:00:00 AM

**LATE**

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ann S Freed	Testifying for Hawaii Women's Coalition	Support	No

Comments:



Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang and members,

The Coalition is in strong support of this measure. Kupuna Care is a women's issue as we tend to be the primary caregivers in our families. Robust funding of the program is needed to allow our elders to age-in-place and to allow caregivers to keep their, jobs, their health and sanity.

Mahalo,

Ann S. Freed

Co-Chair, Hawaii Women's Coalition





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**Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health**

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Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

**HB 465, HD1 RELATING TO AGING**

Testimony of Deborah Stone-Walls  
Executive on Aging, Maui County Office on Aging (MCOA)

**Hearing Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Room Number: Conf. Room 229**

**MCOA's Position:** Maui County Office on Aging (MCOA) is in **strong support** of **HB 465, HD 1 RELATING TO AGING.**

**Purpose and Justification:** Census projections indicate that the senior population in Hawaii will almost double between the period between 2010 and 2020 with the highest percentage increase occurring in those over the age of 85. In order to minimize the potential **financial strain** of the burgeoning aging population on the State, **proactive** efforts are required now. ***Keeping seniors healthy and at home is the most cost-effective manner*** to address the needs of one of our most valuable societal resources, and funding the EOA at the following levels will ensure that seniors across the state receive supports and services that ease the financial strains on individuals, families, and the State as a whole than would institutional care.

MCOA requests funding for Kupuna Care in the amount of **\$9,000,000**. Of utmost importance is that the funding is provided through the **base budget** of the Executive Office on Aging (EOA) for disbursement directly to the four counties on July 1, 2019. If

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To promote and protect the well-being of the Older Americans in Maui County.

the funding amount is separated with a portion in the base budget and a portion through a supplemental bill, services to seniors could very well be interrupted on July 1, 2019.

Allowing for the full amount of funding appropriated for these vital services to be included in the EOA base budget ensures a more consistent contracting and service delivery system. When funding has been allocated fully by the State base budget, MCOA has been able to better plan for consistent service delivery throughout the year. Conversely, when funds are released at varying times throughout the year, the process of planning for steady service delivery to frail elders is more difficult. Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) must wait for the release of funds not appropriated through the base budget for several months; therefore, service delivery cannot be planned in a reliable, steady manner. Knowing on July 1st of each year the exact amount of appropriation for these vital services will allow AAAs to more effectively plan for and meet the needs of eligible seniors.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding this matter.

**HB-465-HD-1**

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Testimony for CPH on 3/13/2019 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
matilda antone	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

3/11/19

Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health

Senator Rosalyn H, Baker, Chair

Senator Stanley Chang Vice Chair

Aloha Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair and Vice Chair Senator Stanley Chang, I write you in support of bill HB465. The Elderly population In Hawaii has increased tremendously and is in great support of this funding to help with service needed in support of their daily life.

The Kupuna Care Program allows the elderly population to have access to much needed services to maintain a support system they may other-wise not have. Many Kupuna wants to be able to age in their own homes with their caregivers support.

I was fortunate enough to take great care of my aging grandfather who past-away 9 years ago from Alzheimer's. At the time of his care I was unaware of services that could help care for him. We, his family promised not to put him in a care home and supported his wish of wanting to age in his own home. Eventually, the disease got worse and my grandfather didn't remember any of us not even his own daughter, but we carried out his wish to stay in his home.

Unfortunately, we were unaware of these services and I don't want any caregiver find that they need to do every-thing on their own. There is some relief out there to help support your elderly loved one that chooses to stay in the home.

Our aging population in Hawaii is very important and deserve to have the peace of mind to be able to have their wishes respected. I ask you to please continue the support of the Kupuna Care program and appropriate the funding needed to continue to care for our kupuna.

Thank you

Matilda Antone (Hina)

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair  
Wednesday, March 13  
9:00 am  
Room 229

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and Members of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of [HB 465](#), Relating to the Kupuna Care Program. My name is Linda Dorset and I am a concerned aging resident living in the Wailuku area.

Our *kupuna* rely upon the many critical services funded by *Kupuna* Care, from Adult Day Care to Meals on Wheels to vital personal care, to transportation assistance, all which enable our *kupuna* to remain in their homes (where they prefer to live) rather than in institutions (where it is more expensive).

Research shows that state support for home- and community-based services can help lower the cost of elder care and preserve the safety net for future generations. According to a recent profile of long-term care and independent living trends by AARP's Public Policy Institute, on average, home-based services like Kupuna Care can serve three older people or adults with disabilities for the same amount of money it costs to take care of one resident in a nursing home.

The state's support for home and community based long-term care services is important, because Hawaii's nursing homes are the fifth most expensive in the country. Moreover, our nursing homes have the highest occupancy in the country – leaving precious few beds for people who need care.

Without these invaluable services and programs, the State of Hawaii, our *kupuna* and their families would be paying much more in alternative institutional care while enjoying their golden years much less.

Please continue, at the very least, current funding levels to maintain these programs and services for our cherished *kupuna*.

**HB-465-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/12/2019 12:46:11 AM

Testimony for CPH on 3/13/2019 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jean Ishikawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Funding must be continued for Kupuna Care as it serves a need for our Kupunas. I fully support HB465 HD1.

**HB-465-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/12/2019 8:12:36 AM

Testimony for CPH on 3/13/2019 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
lenny	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair  
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

DATE: Wednesday, March 13, 2019

TIME: 9:00 P.M.

PLACE: Conference Room 229

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Aloha mai kakou, first of all I would like to mahalo Senator Rosalyn Baker and Senator Stanley Chang for introducing this bill. I am in full support on this House Bill 465 in regards to kupuna care, my experience caring for my grandma was hard at times. I believe that our kupunas should be in their homes with their 'ohana and still get the quality care as needed as they would if they were in a care home. It is important that we care for them as much as they cared for us.

**HB-465-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/12/2019 8:52:16 AM

Testimony for CPH on 3/13/2019 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Barbara J. Service	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please approve full funding for Kupuna Care in the amount of \$9M for each FY20 and FY21.

Kupuna Care services keep thousands of seniors in their own homes and out of costly and undesirable nursing home care, which costs Hawaii millions in medicaid dollars.

The number of seniors is rapidly increasing, while the funding to help them has remained flat or even been reduced in recent years.

Please pass this bill.