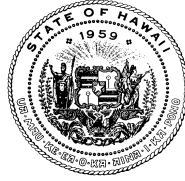


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Testimony in SUPPORT of HB0465 HD1 SD1
Relating to Kupuna Care

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
SENATOR DONOVAN DELA CRUZ, CHAIR
SENATOR GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, VICE CHAIR

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

Hearing Date: April 3, 2019
10:20 AM

Room Number: 211

- 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 \$9 Million for SFY2020
- 5 and the same sum for SFY 2021 to fully fund the Kupuna Care program.
- 6 **Purpose and Justification:** EOA notes that the appropriation in this bill is a priority of the Ige
- 7 Administration. If the intent of this measure is to provide full funding of \$9 Million for the
- 8 Kupuna Care program and shall be in addition to and not supplant any portion of the base budget
- 9 of EOA, then the correct appropriation amount should be changed to \$4,145,695. EOA's base
- 10 budget in HB2 is \$4,854,305.

1 As Hawaii's aging population continues to grow, the need for long term services and supports
2 will increase. The growing number of older adults is likely to put a severe strain on the State's
3 resources for long term services and supports. The health care cost for persons age 65 and older
4 was estimated to be five times larger than the cost for persons younger than age 65.

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

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

1 select services from a contracted provider or have the option for a participant directed approach
2 to home and community-based services. An individual that is assessed and deemed eligible for
3 Kupuna Care core services will have services authorized based on the needs identified within
4 their individual support plan. In the participant directed (PD) model, an individual exercises
5 decision-making authority to use an allotment of public funds to purchase and manage a wider
6 array of supports that meet the individual's unique needs that compliments the on-going efforts
7 of family caregivers and the individual's personal and financial resources.

8 **Recommendation:** Kupuna Care is a part of the Administration's base budget request. We
9 strongly support this measure that will fully fund this important program. Since EOA's base
10 funding in HB2 is \$4,854,305 for the biennium, an additional \$4,145,695 is needed to fully fund
11 the Kupuna Care program at \$9 Million for SFY 2020 and SFY 2021.

12

13 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

HB-465-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/29/2019 6:44:32 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/3/2019 10:20:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
GARY SIMON	Testifying for Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA)	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

I am Gary Simon, Chair 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 SD 1.

The KÅ«puna Care Program is a core program for home- and community-based support services.

We support EOA’s funding request of \$9,000,000 per year for FY 2019 – 2020 and FY 2020 – 2021.

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

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

Thank you for seriously considering the bill.

Very sincerely,

Gary Simon

Chair, Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA)



CGPTA
Chinatown Gateway Plaza
Tenant Association
Since 2006

To: Committee on Ways and Means (WAM)
From: Chinatown Gateway Plaza Tenant Association (CGPTA)
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2019, 10:20 AM
Place: Conference Room 211, State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

Re: Strong Support for HB465 HD1 SD1, Relating to Aging.

Aloha e Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee on WAM,

My name is Steve Lohse, I'm a resident of Chinatown Gateway Plaza (CGP), a city-owned affordable housing community in Chinatown, 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 SD1**.

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, 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! **Please, pass HB465 HD1 SD1** and generously fund the Kupuna Care Program. Thank you!

Aloha no,
Steve Lohse, Chair
Chinatown Gateway Plaza Tenant Association (CGPTA)
CGP.Tenant.Association@gmail.com



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

TO: Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Betty Lou Larson, Legislative Liaison

DATE: Wednesday, April 3, 2019 (10:20 a.m., Room 211)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of HB 465, HD1, SD1 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, SD1 to fully fund Kupuna Care services at \$9M for each of 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, SD1. For more information or questions, please feel free to email Diane Terada, Division Administrator, at diane.terada@catholiccharitieshawaii.org or call her via phone at 527-4702.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.





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**HB 465hd1,sd1 RELATING TO AGING
Sen WAM Decision Making Hearing
Wednesday, April 3, 2019 – 10:20 am
Room 211
Position: Support**

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Sen WAM 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, sd1 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.

Testimony in Support by Zonta Club Of Hilo for Kupuna Caucus Bills (HB 465, HD 1, SD 1; HB 467, HD 1, SD 1; HB 468, HD1, SD 1
Hearings Before the Ways and Means Committee

April 3, 2019; Wed; 10:20 a.m; State Capitol Conference Room 211

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz; Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran Vice-Chair, and Committee Members

The Zonta Club of Hilo supports the requested appropriation to fund fully the Kupuna Care, Kupuna Caregivers without the daily cap, Healthy Aging, which bills are being heard together on April 3, 2019. We support the Aging and Disability Resource Centers Network HB 466, HD1; and the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Coordinator bills, as well. Zonta is an international organization of business and professional women whose mission advances the status of women and girls worldwide.

The Zonta Club **voted recently to support Kupuna Caucus bills relating to Aging**, including Kupuna Care, Kupuna Caregivers Support, Healthy Aging, Alzheimer and Dementia Coordinator, and a "one-stop resource center" for aging and disability services (ADRC),). 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



O'ahu County Democrats
oahudemocrats.org



Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

RE: H.B. 465 HD1 SD1, Relating to the Kupuna Caregivers Program.

The O'ahu County Democrats write in support of House Bill 465, House Draft 1, Senate Draft 1.

This measure allows for full funding of the kupuna caregivers program, as administered by the Department of Health (SD1).

Hawai'i is an aging state with some of the largest densities of seniors in the country: our need for caregivers is acute, and we Democrats recognize that their work is too often undervalued. This measure provides greater flexibility in the use of the funds.

We thank Representative Takayama for introducing this measure. Members, please vote 'aye' on H.B. 465 HD1 SD1.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "DP Armstrong". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

DYLAN P. ARMSTRONG, VICE CHAIR
O'AHU COUNTY COMMITTEE, O'AHU COUNTY DEMOCRATS



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Senate
Committee on Ways and Means
Wednesday, April 3, 2019
10:20 a.m.
Conference Room 211

To: Senator Dela Cruz; Chair
RE: Support for HB465, HD1, SD1, Relating to Aging

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz 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, SD1, 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 full \$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, SD1.

The Thirtieth Legislature
Regular Session of 2019

THE SENATE

Committee on Ways and Means

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

State Capitol, Conference Room 211

Wednesday, April 3, 2019; 10:20 a.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON H.B. 465, HD1, SD1
RELATING TO AGING**

The ILWU Local 142 **supports** H.B. 465, HD1, SD1, which makes an appropriation to the Department of Health to provide full funding for the Kupuna Care program.

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, SD1 removed the requirement for the Executive Office on Aging to adopt rules by 2022 for the administration and disbursement of funds. We supported 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 would mean fewer seniors will receive services, but we believe it would also demonstrate the scope and extent of the problems that Kupuna Care hopes to address.

Although we supported the administrative rules that were dropped from SD1, we believe the funding, as proposed in this current draft of the bill, is vital to the services that allow seniors to remain independent and living in their own homes.

The ILWU urges passage of H.B. 465, HD1, SD1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

TO: Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Wednesday, April 3, 2019 (10:20 a.m., Room 211)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of HB 465, HD1, SD1, Relating to Aging**

I am 73 years old and use Catholic Charities Hawai'i's Transportation Services, which is partially funded through Kupuna Care. Please provide **FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE** services so seniors, like me, can remain independent and avoid expensive institutional care.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICE is important to me because:

Convenience
Safety
Driver's friendliness, helpfulness

Please support Kupuna Care funding for seniors, like me, so we can continue to live well in the community! Mahalo.

Print Name: FAITH NAKASONI

City & Zip Code: Wahukoua 96786

TO: Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Wednesday, April 3, 2019 (10:20 a.m., Room 211)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of HB 465, HD1, SD1, Relating to Aging**

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TRANSPORTATION SERVICE is important to me because:

EXERCISE is good for my bones
necessary because of osteoporosis
there is no bus where I am going -
so I really appreciate you,
Thank you

Please support Kupuna Care funding for seniors, like me, so we can continue to live well in the community! Mahalo.

Print Name: Michelle AHINA

City & Zip Code: Pearl City 96782

TO: Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

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TRANSPORTATION SERVICE is important to me because:

I don't have transportation to and from doctor-shopping and other things.

Please support Kupuna Care funding for seniors, like me, so we can continue to live well in the community! Mahalo.

Print Name: PEANGKAO HOWARD

City & Zip Code: WAIANA'E, 96792

TO: Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Wednesday, April 3, 2019 (10:20 a.m., Room 211)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of HB 465, HD1, SD1, Relating to Aging**

I am 85 years old and use Catholic Charities Hawai'i's Transportation Services, which is partially funded through Kupuna Care. Please provide **FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE** services so seniors, like me, can remain independent and avoid expensive institutional care.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICE is important to me because:

I HAVE NO CAR & I DEPEND ON THIS FOR GROCERY SHOPPING,

Please support Kupuna Care funding for seniors, like me, so we can continue to live well in the community! Mahalo.

Print Name: PATRICIA TODD

City & Zip Code: KANEHOE 96744

TO: Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Wednesday, April 3, 2019 (10:20 a.m., Room 211)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of HB 465, HD1, SD1, Relating to Aging**

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TRANSPORTATION SERVICE is important to me because:

It take me to and from the senior center, medical run, field trips, shopping and doctors.

Please support Kupuna Care funding for seniors, like me, so we can continue to live well in the community! Mahalo.

Print Name: RAMONA K CARTER

City & Zip Code: KAPOLEI, 96907

TO: Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

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TRANSPORTATION SERVICE is important to me because:

Very grate full to Catholic Charities transportation as it provides my way to Doctors' appts, grocery shopping, to the malls, to restaurants - very important for me as a senior, as I don't drive and therapist for me mentally and physically! Thank you for providing me with transportation!

Please support Kupuna Care funding for seniors, like me, so we can continue to live well in the community! Mahalo.

Print Name: Nancy G. CABRAL

City & Zip Code: EWA BEACH, HI 96762

TO: Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Wednesday, April 3, 2019 (10:20 a.m., Room 211)

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TRANSPORTATION SERVICE is important to me because:

I am disabled and need it to take me shopping for food and pick up medication. I live on a fixed income and it helps me out great by

Please support Kupuna Care funding for seniors, like me, so we can continue to live well in the community! Mahalo.

Print Name: Wilma Oshiro

City & Zip Code: Wahiawa 96786

TO: Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

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TRANSPORTATION SERVICE is important to me because:

SHOPPING ^{BY} ~~AT~~ CITY BUS IS HARD
WHEN I NEED BULKY AND

HEAVY ITEMS: MILK
BLEACH
LIQUID LAUNDRY DETERGENT
PAPER TOWELS

Please support Kupuna Care funding for seniors, like me, so we can continue to live well in the community! Mahalo.

Print Name: FLORENCE KINA

City & Zip Code: HONOLULU 96822

TO: Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Wednesday, April 3, 2019 (10:20 a.m., Room 211)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of HB 465, HD1, SD1, Relating to Aging**

I am 82/60* years old and use Catholic Charities Hawai'i's Transportation Services, which is partially funded through Kupuna Care. Please provide **FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE** services so seniors, like me, can remain independent and avoid expensive institutional care.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICE is important to me because:

NO MO CAR
* NO DRINK

Please support Kupuna Care funding for seniors, like me, so we can continue to live well in the community! Mahalo.

* BARRY LUKE
Print Name: VICTOR R. TANIGONAN
* Hon 96825
City & Zip Code: Hon. 96819

TO: Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Wednesday, April 3, 2019 (10:20 a.m., Room 211)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of HB 465, HD1, SD1, Relating to Aging**

I am 90 years old and use Catholic Charities Hawai'i's Transportation Services, which is partially funded through Kupuna Care. Please provide **FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE** services so seniors, like me, can remain independent and avoid expensive institutional care.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICE is important to me because:

I am able to get out of the house + see my friends at the senior citizens group + I use it to go shopping.

Please support Kupuna Care funding for seniors, like me, so we can continue to live well in the community! Mahalo.

Print Name: JUANITA MANUEL

City & Zip Code: 96791 WAHIAWA, HAWAII

TO: Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Wednesday, April 3, 2019 (10:20 a.m., Room 211)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of HB 465, HD1, SD1, Relating to Aging**

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TRANSPORTATION SERVICE is important to me because:

*They take me to the District park
in Waiānāe area.
They also take me shopping and also
to bowling, which they provide ride for
me.*

Please support Kupuna Care funding for seniors, like me, so we can continue to live well in the community! Mahalo.

Print Name: EMMALINE VILLANUEVA

City & Zip Code: WAIANAE, HI 96792

TO: Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
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TRANSPORTATION SERVICE is important to me because:

It help the senior who can't or able to pay to get around to do alot of stuff and things they need. it help keep them to be independed in themself. & Medical appointment too

Please support Kupuna Care funding for seniors, like me, so we can continue to live well in the community! Mahalo.

Print Name: Kathleen M. Moore

City & Zip Code: Wahiawa 96786

HB-465-SD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2019 9:53:58 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/3/2019 10:20:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Raelene Tenno	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide this online testimony in SUPPORT of this bill.

I unexpectedly provided support to my aging Uncle and Aunty. It ended up being a caregiver!

My Uncle was legally blind, my Aunty never learned to drive, I became their driver and after Uncle passed, I became Aunty's care giver. I did not realize she had dementia and it was not a fun experience. Her temperment was not good only increased my blood pressure.

I eventually had to quit my job as the stress of dealing with her temperment and all the things related to a person with Dementia. How many times she accused me of stealing her panties, clothes etc to the point her medical provider instructed me to call 911 to report her accusations and I had to give them a copy of the police report! Luckily the responding officer's own mother was going thru the same thing but he went thru the procedures and filed the report.

Upon quitting my job, I put a back seat to my own well being and financial well being. I still had a mortgage and maintenance fee to pay! That just added to the stress. Who gets paid 1st, the Mortgage or Maintenance fee? Even now with all the AOAO's using non judicial foreclosure process, they can foreclose on me faster than the Mortgage servicer. Immense stress!

Having a way to provide the needed assistance to our Kupuna is crucial so that a care giver can continue to work so that they can pay their own larger financial obligations such as mortgage, property taxes and AOAO fees (if any)

I STRONGLY URGE THAT THIS BILL BE PASSED!

Thank you again for allowing Online testimony.

Raelene Tenno

April 1, 2019

To : Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

RE: HB465 HD1 SD1: Relating to Aging (Kupuna Care)

Hearing: April 3, 2019 – 10:20am, Conference Room 211

Most Honorable Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

Please vote in SUPPORT of HB465 HD1 SD1, Kupuna Care

- ✓ Vote to support the full funding request of \$9 Million for the next two fiscal years, as stated in the bill.

This successful program serves the great population of the kupuna in Hawaii who have care needs they are unable to do independently.
It allows kupuna to maintain their *independence in their own home setting*.

I am in full support of this bill for your kupuna constituents.
Please continue your support and full funding of this measure.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Olah
Honolulu Resident

HB-465-SD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2019 10:29:16 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/3/2019 10:20:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Amber K. K. Souza	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Amber Souza and I am a social work graduate student at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. I write this testimony with full support for HB 465. Hawaii has a responsibility to care for our rapidly increasing kupuna population and the caregivers involved with maintaining their well being. Without the proper funding and support, the beneficiaries of this program would struggle to complete daily tasks we take for granted, such as prepping a meal or getting out of bed. I support the necessary appropriation of funds to the department of health in order for the kupuna care program to continue their services and grow in unision with Hawaiis aging population.

HB-465-SD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2019 11:42:17 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/3/2019 10:20:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jenalyn Camagong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Jenalyn Camagong and I am a social work student at the Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. My testimony is reflective upon my perspectives and I do not speak on behalf of the University or the School of Social Work.

I support the intent of HB465 HD1 SD1 since it will provide the continuum of care for the elderly while allowing them to live independently and provide the support they need for their activities of daily living and personal care. This bill looks into the best interest of the senior citizens and their family caregivers by providing access to affordable and quality care. For these reasons I support HB465 HD1 SD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted on: 4/2/2019 9:20:46 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/3/2019 10:20:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Morgan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and fellow committee members,

I am giving testimony in support of HB465. As our population ages there becomes a high demand to ensure that our seniors are living comfortably and with as little stress as possible. Making sure that all members of the aging population receives access to kapuna care resources is one of the best ways to make that happen. Kapuna care will provide them with the ability to be served at home for as long as possible instead of being relocated to foreign and costly out of home living.

It is our duty to give our seniors more than just adequate care in their final years. Please vote in support of HB465.

Thank you,

Morgan Barrett

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HB-465-SD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2019 10:29:04 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/3/2019 10:20:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kevin Dusenbury	Testifying for Maui County Office on Aging	Support	No

Comments:

The Maui County Office on Aging strongly supports HB465 HD1 SD1.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this proposed bill.

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

Wednesday, April 3, 2019
10:20AM
Conference Room 211

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF:
HB467, HD1, SD1, RELATING TO THE KUPUNA CAREGIVERS PROGRAM
HB465, HD1, SD1, RELATING THE KUPUNA CARE PROGRAM
HB468,HD1, SD1, RELATING TO THE HEALTHY AGING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

My name is Linda Dorset, and I am writing to express my support all of the above-mentioned bills. I'm sure you've already heard ad nauseum everything I would say at this point. This is just to show that those in favor are still watching hopefully.

The Kupuna Caregivers program needs you to support the language of #350.00 per week so that the Executive Office on Aging is able to negotiate more freely with vendors and be able to provide more services.

Kupuna Care needs funding to continue to take of our parents and grandparents.

Healthy Aging Partnership is needed to help Seniors remain healthy and off public assistance as long as possible.

Just think, at some point most of us will either be caregivers or need care.